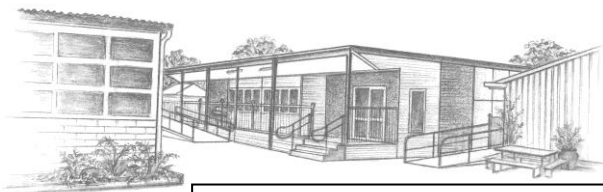
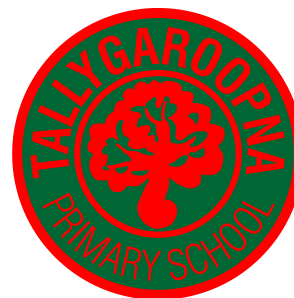


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone,

This is the last full edition of the school newsletter. As a result, there are a number of items in this edition which focus on End of Year programs along with items which focus on the beginning of the new school year. Please read all of these items carefully and don't hesitate to contact the school if you need any clarification.

Last Thursday was our annual End of Year Excursion and it was wonderful to see many parents come along and join in and have a great day at the Whittlesea Fun Fields. Apologies to the families who could not attend for a variety of reasons – we hope to offer a different activity next year after consulting with as many parents as possible. Your input is always valued.

The Christmas Concert / Graduation Night is also planned for next Thursday and we are offering an informal tea for any families who may be interested. Please complete the form attached to assist with catering ASAP. We are hoping to make this night a special one for obvious reasons, so it would be great if as many people came along as possible.

Our final Orientation Day for the year is on tomorrow and we again welcome our new Foundation students into our school. It won't be long until they are coming to our school 5 days a week, although they have split weeks for the month of February next year. We also welcome our 2 new teachers for 2016 – Ms Beer and Ms Triffett. I am sure your day will be enjoyable and rewarding as well.

Obviously, teachers are currently busily finishing testing and assessments in preparation for End of Year Reports which will be distributed to families on Monday 14th December in sealed envelopes. If any families wish to see staff before the end of the year, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Finally, a big thank you to the families that have been able to complete the surveys on the School Production and Chaplain Program. The feedback has been very positive. I have included another survey on **School Initiatives** which only takes about 2 minutes to complete and it has been wonderful to see about 20 responses so far with this. Your support is greatly appreciated. Feel free to complete these surveys whenever you get a spare moment.

Karen will be at school until Thursday this week to attend to any matters needed. I look forward to catching up with some parents during the week. Don't hesitate to contact me in regard to anything – my door is always open and I welcome any feedback – see email address above.

David Brodie (Teaching Principal)

THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE A MINI ONE. THIS WILL BE PUT ON TIQBIZ AND OUR SCHOOL

THE NEXT PLAYGROUP WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG FOR A CHAT.

A very big THANK YOU to the Fleming family for setting up the watering system for our raised garden beds over the weekend. It is very much appreciated!

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:

Tallygaroopna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 00907788

Please ensure you include family name and payment description as reference.

THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS A CASUAL DAY – NO CHARGE TO FAMILIES.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS WILL NOT ATTEND SCHOOL FOR EVERY WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY 2016

A morning tea will be held on Thursday, 28th January 2015 to welcome new and existing families into the new school year. This will be held in the new school kitchen straight after assembly from about 9.30am to 10am. Could families bring a plate to share if possible and tea and coffee will be provided.

ALL STUDENTS START ON THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016

Photos of the Week – End of Year Excursion



Photos of the Week – Sporting Schools (Ten Pin Bowling)



DA	KYLE	99	79	99	109	111
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	KYLE	3	49	69	89	99
	ASHLE	7	7	96	106	

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Photos of the Week – Sink or Swim Water Safety Program



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 4 / Week 8

All students received a certificate and also a free icy pole voucher to use this term.

Foundation / Grade 1 The Brilliant Bears Roseannah



Roseannah for the persistence she has displayed all week. We really like how Roseannah is trying hard in her Maths. Well done Roseannah.

Grade 2/3/4 Mrs H's Marshmallow Monsters Declan & Mathew



Declan for the awesome way he has been leading from the front. Declan has been showing excellent leadership skills.
Mathew for the way he has been persisting in his schoolwork especially in Maths. A fabulous effort Mathew.

Grade 5/6 The Tally Terrors Preston



Preston for his improved effort out in the playground and for the way he is developing his getting along skills.

Values Vault Winner for Week 8 was Zane

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 4 / Week 9

All students received a certificate and also a free icy pole voucher to use this term.

**Foundation / Grade 1
The Brilliant Bears
Lynn**

Lynn for the fabulous effort she put into her day at Whittlesea. I'm sure that Lynn went on every ride, especially the Pirate's Ship. Well done Lynn.

**Grade 2/3/4
Mrs H's Marshmallow Monsters
Zoe & Cohan**

Zoe Collins for the fantastic way she has persisted in her Maths & the awesome way she is so respectful to all.

Cohan Hall for the great way he has been so helpful to everyone.

**Grade 5/6
The Tally Terrors
Mikayla**

Mikayla for her improved effort and achievement with numeracy this semester and the way she has problem solved through specific tasks.

Values Vault Winner for Week 9 was Kelsie

1. Surveys (School Production / Chaplain Program / School Initiatives)

We are seeking some feedback on the School Production and the success of the Chaplain Program. It would really be appreciated if families could complete the following surveys ASAP. These surveys will close on Tuesday 8th December. Just cut and paste the following links into any browser.

Prod. 1- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZVTBQ7>

Prod. 2 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K5TKSB9>

Chaplain Program - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XD7JNK7>

I am also seeking some quick feedback in regard to school initiatives for 2015. Your feedback would be appreciated for my Professional Development Plan. The survey only takes about 2/3 minutes – just copy and paste the link below
David

School Initiatives Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NP5SSW>

2. Farm Visit

On Wednesday 9th December, Foundation and Ones will be visiting Mr Pedretti's farm. We are very excited to see his new dairy. We will be leaving at 9:00am and returning at approximately 11:00am. Parents are welcome to join us. Students will need gumboots or old shoes. We will take our fruit to eat there. Permission forms are due now – these went home last week and can be submitted on Tiqbiz.

3. Northerners Cricket

Cricket will again be held at the school oval this Friday. Games to be held at Tallygaroopna Primary School in the new year are: Friday 29th Jan, Friday 12th Feb and Friday 26th Feb.

4. School Council / Finance

The last meeting for the year has been re-scheduled for this Tuesday 8th December. Finance will not be needed because we had this last week. School Council will begin at 7.30pm as per normal. The draft Budget for 2016 will be presented at this meeting. A huge thank you to all members of School Council for 2015. Your input and support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to having another strong School Council next year. We are always on the lookout for fresh ideas so if you are willing to be a member of School Council in the future, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

The following dates have been sent for School Council for 2016. New School Council members will attend the AGM next year.

Term 1	17th Feb (W4)	23rd March (W9) - AGM
Term 2	4th May (W4)	8th June (W9)
Term 3	3rd August (W4)	7th Sept (W9)
Term 4	26th Oct (W4)	30th Nov (W9)

5. Graduation Night / Christmas Concert

A reminder that the Xmas / Graduation night will begin at 7pm on Thursday, 17 December and conclude at around 8pm. If families are intending to attend the informal BBQ contact the school ASAP for catering purposes. The BBQ will begin at about 6pm. A reminder about the envelope information that went home with the newsletter 2 weeks ago as well.

6. End of Term

The last day of the School Year will be held on Friday 18th of December. Early dismissal will occur at 2.25pm as per usual and the bus will still operate on this day. Outside School Hours Care will still be available for any interested families as well.

7. Start of School - 2016

Staff will begin school on Wednesday 27th of January and all students will begin the new year the following day on Thursday 28th January. During the month of February, students in Foundation (Preps) will not attend school on Wednesdays. Their first full week will begin in the week starting Monday 29th February.

8. Shirt Signing – Grade 6

Only Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to sign some of their school shirts if they have **written permission by their parents. This will need to be handed into Mr Brodie.** This will occur on the last day of school in the morning and all shirts to be signed should be placed in a plastic bag. The last day of the year is a Causal Day so no school uniforms will be required on this day. Please take into consideration if you would like to use these uniforms into the future. The day gives students the chance to take away a souvenir from their time at Primary School – not compulsory.

9. End of Year Excursion

A huge thank you to the many families who attended the Funfields excursion and helped with supervision. This was an enjoyable day overall. Consultation will take place early next year in regard to the 2016 excursion, but at this stage we hope to perhaps do something different. Feel free to give the staff any feedback in regard to the day and we will take this on board when we begin planning next year.

10. Specialist Programs

Next year, we will be increasing our Specialist subject program. We are very excited about these initiatives and look forward to all of these programs being engaging and enjoyable for all of our children.

Music – 1 ½ hours each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mr Davey)

Science – 1 ½ hours each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Woolley)

LOTE (Italian) - 1 ½ hours each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mr Giaccaria) – to be confirmed

P.E. – 45 minutes a week for each grade (Teacher – Mr Brodie)

Library – 1 hour each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Campbell) – to be confirmed

Art – 1 hour each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Hack)

Teachers will be taking their own computer classes next year with an emphasis on Cyber Safety.

11. School Reports

As stated previously, school reports will be distributed in sealed envelopes next Monday. If parents would like some more feedback about individual student performance at school feel free to contact class teachers to arrange an informal meeting once reports are distributed to families. Teachers spend a lot of valuable time putting these together so please take the time to read these before the school year ends. Remember that these reports can be placed in the green report folders which every student at school should have.

The report cards have:

- * a chart with an A-E rating, showing your child's current progress against the expected state-wide standard as well as the progress they have made since the previous year
- * a chart showing your child's level of effort and class behaviour
- * details about attendance
- * easy to understand comments from teachers outlining what your child knows and can do, any areas in which your child needs to be given further help or extended, and how this will be done

12. Grade 5/6 Class

Grade 5/6 students have decided to participate in Kris Kringle for Christmas. These will be handed out to students on the last day of school – Friday 18th December. Details are below:

- * Presents can be things you have at home, which you don't use but are wrapped and not opened. The other choice is to buy something.
- * Minimum limit of about \$10. You can spend more if you wish – personal choice.
- * Try and get something suitable for the person you have drawn – Mr Brodie has details about this.
- * Who you draw out should remain secret to add a little bit of fun.
- * You can tell them if you like when they receive their present.
- * You can add your own flavour to this – poem, photos, stories, funny moments
- * To make it fun as well – you can over the next couple of weeks give them little treats (small lollies, toys, treats). You will need to be sneaky and clever with this.

Our Final Spelling and Tables Test was held today and The Big Spelling Test will be held on Thursday 10th December in the morning. There will be no homework and tests for the last couple of weeks of school. Home Reading is still strongly encouraged.

Next week we will have our Class Party on Wednesday 16th of December (a movie will be included – either G or PG) and Grade 6's will have an opportunity to sign shirts for souvenirs on the Friday – last day of school.

13. Sporting Schools Program

Our Sporting Schools Program concludes this week. As per usual, sessions after school begin at 3.35pm and will finish at 4.35pm. Students receive a healthy snack before the program begins for all school sessions. Students need to be picked up immediately after each session. The Shepparton Ten Pin Bowling sessions will involve students catching a bus from school and then this will return back to school at about 5.20pm. If parents would like to come on the bus contact the school to see if room is available. Students can be picked up from Shepparton if needed – just let the school know ASAP please.

Ten Pin Bowling – all sessions after school Monday 7th December – Week 10 (Shepparton)	Baseball / T-Ball – all sessions after school. Tuesday 8th December – Week 10
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We have applied for funding for the 2016 Sporting Schools Program and hope to make some more formal announcements once this funding has been approved. We hope to implement the following programs for Semester 1 – beginning on Monday 1st February

Term 1 – Athletics (Monday) / Basketball (Tuesday)

Term 2 – AFL – footy (Monday) / Golf (Tuesday)

14. Student Teacher

We have been extremely fortunate to have the services of Josie Morrow as a student teacher the last few weeks. Unfortunately, it was Ms Morrow's last day today and we wish her luck in the future in regard to her teaching ambitions.

15. Orientation Program / Transition

The final Orientation Day for the year will be held on Tuesday 8th December. This is the State-wide Orientation Day with current Grade 6 students spending the whole day at their new Secondary School for 2015. At Tallygaroopna PS, all students for 2015 will spend the whole day in their new classes for next year. Therefore the new Grade structures will be implemented for the whole day. These are F/1, 2/3 and 4/5/6. Both Ms Beer and Ms Triffett will be at our school for duration of this program.

16. Bus Use for 2016

Thanks to the many families who have responded in regard to the Bus Roster, which has been put on Tiqbiz with regular updates from last Monday evening. Families not using the bus on specific days are in detail below. We are still in need of filling the Thursday afternoon spot, so if you can assist let the school know ASAP. Otherwise, we may have to set up a separate roster for Thursday afternoons. At present, there will be no Bus Meeting on Thursday night as planned.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Buckland x3	Rutten / Burgess	Montgomery / Castles	Rutten / Burgess	Montgomery / Castles
PM	Buckland x3	Walker x3	Mawson x2		Mawson x2

A reminder to all families that it is mandated that everyone joins the Bus Box on Tiqbiz for Emergency Management purposes and if any families are not using the bus on specific days other than above, they are to contact Mr Brodie (0411960164), no later than 7.30am so that families who have volunteered to go off the bus can gain this spot.

The following students will be utilising the bus in 2016 and all families will be mailed a formal envelope in the middle of January in regard to specific processes, rules and regulations in regard to the bus. There will be a number of forms which will need to be returned in order to use the bus.

Kyle Montgomery

Eloise Walker

Leah Collins

Ryan Voss

James Mawson

Tait Buckland – new F

Dan Klein

Lilly Walker

Zoe Collins

Beau Voss

Sienna Elliott

Lloyd Akers – new F

Jade Klein

Liv Burgess

Josh Collins

Jake Buckland

Lynn Rutten

Imogen Castles – new F

Harvey Walker

Daniel Collins

Lachie Mawson

Oscar Buckland

Gemma Thomas

17. Policies Reviewed –

At the last School Council of the year on Tuesday, the following policies will be reviewed and endorsed: E Smart, Student Engagement, Parent Payments & Sun Smart. All of these policies will soon be on our school website to view.

18. Religious Education – Break up

The final R.E. session for the year will be held on Thursday 10th December at 2pm. During this session all the children will have a cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday and our wonderful volunteers who teach R.E. will be handing out some small gifts as well. If any parents have any objections with this could you contact the school ASAP please. All parents are welcome to come along and join in as per usual.

We have received notification from the Department that from Term 1 2016, SRI may only be delivered during lunchtime, or before or after school for a maximum of 30 minutes. This means the program is no longer considered part of the core curriculum. We will only be able to consider this program if we have available instructors and staff available to supervise the program and enough interest from students and families. Contact the school if interested please.

19. Grade 6 Scholarship

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a Grade 6 Scholarship this year. This has been available during the last couple of years and we hope it may be available again in the near future for students leaving our school.

20. Outside School Hours Care

OSH Care (After School Hours Care) continues this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room. Each session begins at 3.25pm and concludes at 6pm. Prices are summarised below:

Permanent Enrolment \$18

Casual Enrolment - \$20

If collected before 4.30pm - \$11

21. Parent / Community Helpers

The staff would like to thank all parents and people from the community who assisted in the following areas during 2015:

Reading	School Council	Grounds	General Jobs
Transport	Classroom Projects	R.E.	Excursions
Book Covering	Munch & Crunch	General Maintenance	Parents Club
Working Bees	Fundraising		

Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support in 2016

22. Term Dates for 2015

These dates have now been confirmed at School Council. Please keep these in a handy spot as you may wish to book your family holidays during the school holidays. All staff at Tallygaroopna PS will be involved in CPR Training on Wednesday 27th January in the morning and in the afternoon all staff will be involved in a Planning Day for the start of the School Year. As a result, all students will start on the Thursday.

Term 1 – January 27th until 24th March (all students from F-6 to start on Thursday 28th January)

– 25th March is a Public Holiday

Term 2 – 11th April until 24th June

Term 3 – 11th July until 16th September

Term 4 – 3rd October until Tuesday 20th December

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

23. Follow up to Vandalism – Cars in School Car Park and in town

We have had a follow up from the local police who have informed our school about the vandalism that occurred a few months ago to cars at school and in town. The offender was from out of town and was in the care of people from Berry Street. This was a positive outcome to hear that no one from our School Community was involved and I am sure that it will give closure to a number of people who were unfortunate to be involved.

**LUNCH ORDERS WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY 4TH
FEBRUARY 2016**

Students in years 4 - 12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department. The scholarships open on Monday 16 November 2015 and range in value from \$300 to \$800. Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criteria. Students who are recipients of the Youth Allowance, or whose families are receiving Centrelink payments meet this criteria.

Applications for scholarships open on 16 November 2015 and close on 1 February 2016.

For further information please collect the flyer from the school office or visit the Student Scholarships website: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/

Second-hand Uniforms

If anyone has any small sized uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school.

Thank you Bev Montgomery (Uniform Coordinator)

Music Lessons 2016

Cliff Doorncamp will be conducting both guitar and keyboard lessons at the school again in 2016. Lessons are held each Monday with individual lessons lasting 20 minutes. The cost of the lessons is \$17 per session (payable at time of lesson). For more information, please contact Cliff on 5828 6395 or 0474 769 963.

**Tallygaroopna Children's Centre
2016 Fun Group Enrolments
Now Open**

Session Times: Monday 9am – 12noon

Aims of Fun Group:

For children to:

- Gain confidence in themselves and in relationships with others
- Grow in independence
- Explore, discover and experiment through play
- Learn with others
- Develop skills – physical, emotional, social and communication

Eligibility:

Children must be 3 years of age to attend a Fun Group program.



For more information or to enrol your child please
phone the service on 58 298 274

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL FOR INTERESTED FAMILIES.



**END OF YEAR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT &
GRADUATION NIGHT
TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



We have scheduled this night for Thursday 17th December beginning at 6.00pm with tea if families wish. This will be a very informal night with some Christmas Carols at 7pm and presentations to Grade 6 students at 7.15pm followed by Powerpoint presentations at 7.30pm. **A BBQ will be provided (sausages / hamburgers) on the night** – families will need to bring their own salad to share and drinks if they wish. Santa will be arriving on the night at about 8.00pm and we are hoping to invite new children and families who will be at our school next year. **Families should receive a small note about the night this week in a sealed envelope.**

For Catering Purposes could the following be filled in and returned to the office before Friday 11th December.

Our family.....will be coming to the Family BBQ night before the Christmas Concert / Graduation Night on Thursday 17th December. We will need to be catered for people.

Signed.....

TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 4 2015 & TERM 1 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 SS – Ten Pin Bowling Mini Newsletter	1 SS – Baseball Kinder Day Chaplain	2 OSH School Council	3 Kinder Day End of Year Exc. Library – to be changed Chaplain	4 Curric. Day – Report Writing	1 Newsletter SS - Athletics	2 SS – Basketball	3 OSH No F Students	4 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders	5 OSH Art - TBC
7 SS – Ten Pin Bowling Newsletter Music	8 SS – Baseball Kinder Day Orientation Day - Statewide Chaplain	9 OSH Kinder Day Farm Visit – F/1 (9- 11am)	10 OSH Kinder Day Chaplain	11 OSH Art Police in Schools Cricket at School	8 Mini Newsletter SS - Athletics	9 SS – Basketball Chaplain	10 OSH Info. Night - TBC No F Students	11 OSH Chaplain Library – TBC Playgroup Lunch Orders	12 OSH Cricket at School
14 Mini Newsletter Reports Home	15 Kinder Day Chaplain	16 OSH	17 OSH Kinder Day Xmas Concert Chaplain	18 OSH Dismissal – 2.25 Munch N Crunch Casual Day	15 Newsletter SS - Athletics	16 SS – Basketball	17 OSH Leadership Conf School Coun. 1 No F Students	18 OSH Pet Program Chaplain Lunch Orders	19 OSH Art - TBC
25 <div>JAN.</div>	26	27 Teachers 1 st Day Chaplain	28 Students 1 st Day Chaplain OSH	29 OSH Cricket at School	22 Mini Newsletter SS - Athletics	23 SS – Basketball Chaplain	24 OSH No F Students	25 OSH Chaplain Library – TBC Playgroup Lunch Orders	26 OSH Cricket at School

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