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School Reports and Attendance Information went home today. These should be stored in Student Profile Folders for future reference.

**Christmas Concert is scheduled for this Thursday 16th December
Santa will be coming on the night.
6.30pm Start
BYO Food & Drink**

**First Day for Students in 2011 is
Friday 4th February**

**Last Day of School is Friday 17th December.
Dismissal is at 2.30pm**

This day is also a CASUAL DAY.

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for the year. 2010 has been a very enjoyable one for everyone associated with Tallygaropna Primary School and there have obviously been many highlights throughout the year. On reflection, I would like to acknowledge our wonderful staff, students and parents who have made my first year at this school such a rewarding one and I cannot wait for what 2011 brings. Our new building along with our new ICT resources will enable us to do many things which we haven't been able to do in the past and the future is without doubt an exciting one. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas break and I look forward to catching up with everyone in the new year.

A reminder that our Bravehearts Personal Safety session is on tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. This session is very informal and entertaining and will give our students some general information about personal space and how to protect themselves. Details have been in past newsletters. I will be on a break from January 3rd until January 10th, but I will be in and out of school on most days monitoring our new building, security system and ICT upgrade. I will contact some families when some assistance might be needed in regard to setting up equipment and furniture if the need arises.

I am teaching until tomorrow but will be away on my last Paternity leave day on Wednesday. I will also be teaching on Friday, although this day will be mainly a clean up day for the students and teachers of the school. Karen will be at the school all week until Thursday to attend to any matters that arise.

David Brodie – Principal
“Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays”

Melbourne Zoo Trip – Photos

All the staff of the school would like to thank our wonderful students and parents for making the Melbourne Trip to the Zoo so successful and relaxing last Thursday. We were very fortunate to have a great day, weather wise, and everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the day. I have had some positive feedback already about the Train Trip and I will definitely be pursuing another trip on this scale next year. I am open to any suggestions for 2011 so please contact me if you have any ideas.

This year's trip was heavily funded from resources which will no longer be available in 2011 (Bingo Account, Drought Relief Funding). Therefore, next year if another end of year excursion was planned there would obviously be an increase in some costs. This will all play out in due course.



1. National Curriculum (<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Home>)

Last Wednesday, Federal, State and Territory Education Ministers took the historic step of endorsing and publishing the first four learning areas of the Australian Curriculum up to year 10. The Australian Curriculum sets out the core knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities important for all Australian students. The Australian Curriculum describes the learning entitlement of students as a foundation for their future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community. It makes clear what all young Australians should learn as they progress through schooling. It is the foundation for high quality teaching to meet the needs of all Australian students. The ACT will implement the new curriculum in 2011. Most other states will use 2011 as a year for familiarization and trialing

Education Services Australia (ESA) is currently linking digital resources for teachers and students to the new Australian curriculum. They will be accessible through the national e-learning portal by March 2011 and, in the following months, through the e-learning portals of NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Professional development programs will also be developed to prepare teachers for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Responsibility for these will rest with school authorities and the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

2. Staffing for 2011

Prep / Grade 1 – Mrs Wallace

Grade 2/3/4 – Mrs Haberfield

Grade 5/6 – Miss Bicknell (.8) / Mr Brodie (.2)

Specialist Program – P.E. & I.C.T. – Mr Brodie on Tuesday's (alternating each week)

School Business Manager – Mrs Armstrong

3. School Fees

At School Council a couple of weeks ago, we were able to approve our new school fees for 2011. There are obviously some changes that have occurred but we have made these still affordable and in line with other schools in the local area. Keep in mind that this year's fees for one student were \$150 - which included \$90 for Excursions and \$60 for fundraising. We have also been able to rely on our Bingo account and Drought Relief Funding to support excursions and programs in the past, both of these will not be available next year.

2011 School Fees Structure per student:

Subject Levy \$140

Excursion Levy \$45

Total of \$185 (increase of \$35)

The subject levy includes many programs which are implemented at school including MACC Van, MARC Van, Mathematics, etc.

The Excursion Levy includes the following (whole school activities):

Life Ed. Van

Cluster Days

* Term 1 – Aquamoves

* Term 2/3/4 – Cluster Days at other small schools

* Performance at Wanganui Park SC

* Athletics Sports

Please note that these fees are both compulsory fees. We have decided to not put Swimming under the umbrella of the Excursion Levy because of the cost associated with this program. Next year, this program will again be held at Aquamoves for 1 week in Term 3. The cost for this program is \$42 per student and families will have a choice in regard to whether their children participate in this program. Other excursions that happen throughout the year will not be whole school activities, so there will be a pay as you go policy implemented as well. Examples of these are Sailing, Kanga 8s and the Richmond Footy Clinic.

Parents are able to pay school fees in one payment or organise a plan which would involve partial payments throughout the school year. If you have any queries in regard to this please feel free to contact David or Karen at the office.

4. Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have had outstanding attendance and have been able to maximise their potential for learning. These awards will be handed out to students at assembly on Friday at 2.15pm.

Whole Year Stephanie Fleming, Brenton O'Brien, Ella Sidebottom

Semester 2 Stephanie Fleming, Preston Hall, Brenton O'Brien, Soraya Cannon, Ella Sidebottom, Emily Stivala

Term 4 Jhett Cannon, Stephanie Fleming, Preston Hall, Chrissie Karl, Alyssa Lindrea, Kyle Montgomery, Campbell Steigenberger, Brock Austin, Mollie Karl, Abby Klein, Brenton O'Brien, Skye Austin, Soraya Cannon, Ella Sidebottom, Emily Stivala

5. New Sport Shed

Today I met with Ben Florence from Outdoor Steel Solutions in Shepparton. We discussed the possibility of a new Sport Shed which will be built behind the existing library portable where the large tree was – before it was cut down. As a result, I am hoping that we can get this new building erected during the school holidays so that Sports Equipment and other furniture can be moved into it. The building is 8.40 metres by 5.04 metres wide, with a height of 2.4 metres. It is a Ranbuild Building and the cost for this will come out of our grant from the State Government – School Improvement Program.

6. School Kitchen

Last week, all of the staff met with Pop Design Studios from Shepparton to discuss the school kitchen. We are currently looking at renovating the Multi Purpose Room to include a new kitchen. This project will begin after our new building is complete but discussions have begun.

7. Building Project

Unfortunately, no building works occurred last week because of the wet weather. We are still hopeful that some action may occur either this week or next, but we need the site to dry up considerably before any further work can begin. I will monitor this on a regular basis and keep in contact with Coffey Projects and Grove builders over the holiday period and continue to endeavour to get our new building constructed as quickly as possible.

8. Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to our very capable Business Manager, Mrs Karen Armstrong. At the Australian Dancesport Championships held at Hisense Arena over the weekend, Karen competed in the Masters 1 Level 3 Latin and won. Well done!

9. Parent Helpers

The staff would like to thank all parents who assisted in the following areas during 2010:

Reading	School Council	Grounds	General Jobs
Transport	Swimming	Classroom Projects	R.E.
Excursions	Book Covering	Munch & Crunch	General Maintenance
Parents' Club	Sport		

Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support in 2011

10. Farewell to Year 6 Students

Our Year 6 students are now ready to move into the next phase of their education. Their primary years will come to an end in the next few days and then they will begin to move into the teenage world at secondary school. I have every confidence that they will be the best they can be and more importantly that they will continue to be good people. They will always be welcome at Tallygaroopna Primary School and we hope to see all of the kids again in the not too distant future.

11. 2011 Preps

During the month of February, students in Preps will not attend school on Wednesdays. The first full week will begin in the week starting Monday 28th February.

12. Coles Sports Vouchers

Our school collected 3950 Coles Vouchers. This is a fantastic effort by our whole school community and I will be purchasing new sports equipment this week. Deliveries will begin in February next year.

13. Orientation Day – whole day

Last Tuesday we had our 9 new Preps attend our school to experience the day as a new Prep. The children had an enjoyable day and we are sure that they will find Tallygaroopna Primary School a fun and enjoyable learning environment. Our four Grade 6 students also attended their new Secondary Schools and it was a great opportunity to meet some students from other schools and start to develop relationships which will assist their transition into a new school next year.

14. Christmas Concert

We have scheduled this night this Thursday 16th December starting at 6.30pm. This will be a very informal night with some Christmas Carols and presentations to some students leaving our school. After discussing the night at the Parents Club Meeting a few weeks ago, we decided that there will be no BBQ on the night but families can bring their own drinks if they wish. Santa will be arriving on the night and we are hoping to invite new children and families who will be at our school next year. **Hopefully all families have received a small note about the night.**

15. Active After School Communities Program

Touch Footy / Multi Sports will conclude tomorrow. This program continues to be very popular and we look forward to continuing to provide this service for our children in 2011. Next year's program will begin in week 3 in term 1 and more specific details will be in the first newsletter.

We are hopeful that the following sessions will be implemented in semester one In 2011.

Term 1 – TBC – Monday, Lawn Bowls – Tuesday Term 2 – Multi Skills – Monday, Dance - Tuesday

16. The Ultranet

Over the weekend, I noticed that student and staff photos have come on line on the Ultranet. This resource looks like being very successful next year so I recommend all parents come on line ASAP. Welcome letters would have expired for parents, so new ones will be reset and sent out next year.

If any parents need assistance logging onto the Ultranet, please contact the office and we will guide you through the process. I am planning to hold a Parent Information night early next year, once we begin implementing this tool into our everyday teaching.

17. Dates for 2011

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for next year are:

February 4th - Students first day
February 21st - School Photos
March 14th – Labour Day Holiday
April 26th – Anzac Day Holiday
May 10th > May 12th - NAPLAN
June 13th – Queens B'day Holiday
June 30th – Dance Festival (G. 5/6)
July 29th – Zone Footy & Netball

February 14th – AASC Program Begins
March 3rd – R.E. Begins
April 4th – Athletic Sports
May 4th – Interschool Cross Country
June 6th > June 8th - Urban Camp for Grade 5/6
June 28 – Dance Festival (G. 3/4)
July 25th > 27th – 15 Mile Creek Camp for Grade 3/4
October 17th – Zone Athletics

18. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

P/1 Harvey Walker for the persistence he shows in all areas of the curriculum and his great 'getting along' skills. Great work Harvey.

2/3/4 Mollie Karl for the fantastic effort she puts into her schoolwork and for the excellent 'getting along' skills she displays. Well done!

5/6 Ella Sidebottom for her persistence and organisation in her schoolwork and with her attitude. Well done Ella.



Funding for Parents – Aust Swim Course

In the past the school has funded any parents who are interested in completing an Aust Swim Course which would assist our school to run the Swimming Program. This would obviously reduce costs over the long haul. I have had a couple of parents express some interest in regard to this so if any parents are interested in completing such a course could they see either Karen or David at the office. I have contacted Kate Nichols and courses which she is offering for 2011 are listed below. Dates for Aust Swim 2011

* Benalla – January 15th & 16

* Shepparton – March 19th & 20th

E.M.A. – Processing Arrangements for 2011

For 2011, the annual consumer price index (CPI) increase will take the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) paid to parents/guardians of primary students from \$225 to \$230 and for parents/guardians of secondary students from \$450 to \$460.

- Parents will continue to have the option to receive the parent portion of the EMA paid by either direct deposit (EFT) into their nominated bank account or by cheque.
- The EMA web system for 2011 goes live on 1 February 2011. EMA administrators are able to start entering EMA applications for 2011 from this date onwards.

Critical Dates

- 1 February 2011 – eligibility date for the first instalment EMA payment
- 28 February 2011 – parent EMA application submissions close.
- 11 March 2011 – school submissions close. Schools have until this date to enter EMA applications into the EMA system.
- 15 March 2011 – first scheduled EMA payment run date (first instalment)
- Mid March 2011 – approximate date that parents choosing the EFT payment option will receive the first instalment EMA payment into their bank account
- Late March 2011 – first instalment EMA cheques expected to arrive at schools.

Keyboard & Guitar Lessons for 2011

Cliff Doorncamp would like to again visit our school next year on Mondays to teach interested students keyboard and guitar. Lessons will cost \$15 for a 20 minute private lesson. A student would need to own their own guitar to participate in guitar lessons (tuition guitars cost \$80 to \$90). Any interested families need to contact the Office as soon as possible so that we know there is enough interest.

Organ - Anyone Interested ?? The school has an old Viscount Fair Lady Delux Organ to give away if anyone is interested. It has been at the school, unused for many years, so it is time to hand it on to someone who may find more use of it.

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)

Possible Bus Travelers for 2011

I am currently in the process of organizing the new bus route for 2011. This takes some time to organize and I will be contacting families over the holiday period to inform them of specific times and drop off and pick up points. Currently, I have the following students probably using the bus for 2011.

Ebony Mills	Kyle Montgomery	Shae Montgomery
Kylie Moorfoot	Renae Moorfoot	Aimee Moorfoot
Shannon Keenes	Mollie Karl	Chrissie Karl
Campbell Steigenberger	Harri Ring	Abby Klein
Bill Klein	Harvey Walker	Eloise Walker <u>New Prep</u>
Liv Burgess <u>New Prep</u>	Daniel Collins <u>New Prep</u>	Leah Collins <u>New Prep</u>
Beau Ramadan <u>New Prep</u>	Daniel Ramadan <u>New Prep</u>	

If any of this information is incorrect, could you contact me ASAP so that the bus run can be finalized and organized without any problems.

Mr Brodie

Heard a rumour that on Christmas eve around
6pm Santa is calling in to Tally Township!!!



Parenting Tips from Michael Grose Michael is Australia's number one Parenting Educator The power of the kitchen table!!

"It's no coincidence that those countries with strong food cultures also have strong families. When people eat together they talk. You can't help but talk when your behind is anchored to a chair."

The kitchen table is a parent's best friend. It's where conversations occur. It's where thoughts are aired, compliments are given and food is shared. If you want to get a window into a child's world then you need to sit around the kitchen table with him or her. When I was a kid mum always made sure there'd be some food on the table when I came home from school. As soon as I came through the back door I'd throw my school bag in my room and come and sit down at the kitchen table to eat. Mum used to sit at the kitchen table and have a cuppa at the same time. My most vivid memories are sitting around the kitchen table with her. It's no coincidence that those countries with strong food cultures also have strong families. When people eat together they talk. You can't help but talk when your behind is anchored to a chair.

People attach emotions to locations.

People attach feelings to different places. I'd like to think my family links happy, joyous feelings to our kitchen table. After all we've had plenty of birthdays, Christmases, fantastic dinners, big breakfasts and countless other gatherings around our kitchen table. The kitchen table anchors my now adult kids back to their childhoods and gives them a sense of belonging. That's why the kitchen table is the first place they go to when they come home for a visit. They feel at home again. The power of the kitchen table is immense. Don't underestimate it or underuse it! You can build kids' confidence around it. You can build their character around it. You can build resilience too. Better still, you can build a family around the kitchen table and that's quite a feat.

Making mealtimes memorable

1. **Turn your evening meal into a night out at home.** Once a week dust off the best knives and forks and set the table in style complete with serviettes and candlesticks. Try waiting on your family restaurant style and impress on kids that they can use their best manners.
2. **Serve from the table.** Turn a simple meal into a communal activity by putting serving plates on the table, and plating up from the kitchen table. Kids usually stay longer when food is served this way.

3. **Any excuse for a celebration.** Look for reasons to celebrate with a sit down meal where everyone is expected to join in. Birthdays, term break-up days or a great school report are worth recognizing in this way

Game On - School Holiday Program

The **Shepparton Sports Stadium**, in conjunction with **Premier Soccer**, are running the popular 'Game On' school holiday program! This fun-filled program offers a variety of different sports and activities to all primary school aged children (5 - 12 years). Spaces are limited, so book now to ensure you don't miss out!

Children must bring a packed lunch, drink bottle and morning/afternoon tea.

COSTS: \$35 per child per day. **Discounts apply for enrolling more than one child**

For more information or to book, contact Council's Programs Coordinator Kyleigh Devine on 5832 9481, stadiums@shepparton.vic.gov.au or drop in to the



2010
Carols by
Candlelight

Sunday 19th December
Queens Gardens
Welsford St, Shepparton
Entertainment begins at
6.30pm
with a children's program
GMCU fireworks finale 9.30pm

Featuring Community
Christmas Choir, Shepparton
Brass Band and many
special guest artists. BBQ
and drinks available from
5.30pm. Carol books and
candles available for sale.
Proceeds go to local service
and arts groups.
For enquiries phone -
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