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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. OSH Care (Friday)** - School Council is currently considering not having OSH Care on a Friday because of limited places being utilised on the day. As always, we are striving to make this service financially viable for the school and we hope that it will continue to be supported for 2020. **If you would like a casual or permanent position for Friday's please contact the school ASAP. A reminder about OSH Care enrolment forms which must be filled in for families to use the service - this is mandated.**
- 2. BYOD Program** - Information was handed out this week to Grade 4/5 students for 2020 and information was in last week's full edition of the newsletter. Please make an appointment with Miss Lothian if you would like to discuss this program more before the end of term. An information session will be held early in 2020.
- 3. School Reports** - These will be handed out in sealed envelopes on Monday 16th December along with Individual Learning Plans which highlight progress.
- 4. Funfields Day** - Thanks to the staff and families who attended the end of year excursion day last Friday and assisted with supervision. Unfortunately, we didn't get an overly great day in regard to the weather, but it still sounds like everyone had a great time.
- 5. Policies Updated** - There were a number of policies reviewed and endorsed at School Council last week. These are all accessible to our families on our school website.
- 6. Traffic Update (School Crossing)** - There will be some work completed in regard to our school crossing hopefully before the end of the school year. This is a follow up from the meeting that was held a couple of weeks ago and more information will be in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 7. Muck Up Day** - On Thursday 19th December, the Grade 5/6 students will be having a Muck Up Day in the afternoon. This will involve some water fights and students can bring in water balloons, buckets, water pistols, etc for this. This will begin after lunch at 2pm and conclude at 2.45pm - more information was in last week's newsletter.
- 8. Shirt Signing** - 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 to Miss Lothian**. 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 casual day so no school uniforms will be required - more information was in last week's newsletter.
- 9. School Leaders** - The current Grade 5 students have decided that they would like to present their captains speeches before the end of the year, rather than at the beginning of the year as has been the process in the past. We welcome this change, as student voice is an area we are striving to improve across the school. The Grade 5s will give their speeches on Wednesday 18th December at 11.55am and all families are welcome to attend if they wish. Miss Lothian will record all speeches for families who are unable to attend. The current captains will present badges to the new captains at our last assembly on Friday December 20th at 2 pm. Students have started working on their speeches in class.
- 10. Orientation Program** - Our last day is on tomorrow and our new students will be with us for the whole day from 8.30am until 3.25pm. Students will be in 2020 classes.
- 11. Information Session (F)** - This will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm to conclude our final orientation day. All Foundation families should attend if possible and Grade 1 families in F/1 are welcome to attend if they wish. - apologies for the late notice.
- 12. English Online Interviews** - Timetables will be handed out tomorrow for this testing which is mandated for Foundation students.
- 13. Kluwell Reading Trial** - We will not be implementing this in 2020 - staff have decided to make up their own reading diaries for student and family use in the new year.
- 14. J.S.C. Bake Sale** - This will be held at the Christmas concert with money raised going towards the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. The J.S.C students will be involved in baking, packaging and selling the items. At this point in time we are planning on making chocolate balls, cupcakes and a small selection of slices. A list of specific ingredients will be supplied on the night. All items will be nut free and we will endeavour to provide low gluten options. Please bring cash money on the night and buy yourself a sweet treat to not only support bushfire victims but our fantastic Junior School Council students. If any parents are interested in helping the kids bake/ package goods or would like to donate any ingredients please contact Del Love.
- 15. OSH Care - fees** - Next year, there will be a slight increase in OSH Care costs - these will be \$25 for a full session and \$15 for a session up to 4.30pm. These costs were approved at School Council a couple of weeks ago.
- 16. Christmas Concert** - This will be held on Monday 16th December. All families received a formal letter about this evening a few weeks ago and it went on Flexibuzz also - please RSVP today to assist with catering. We currently don't have the prices that Tally Lions will charge for the BBQ and drinks on the night so please be prepared with change if you wish to partake of this. Please make sure you also open the special envelope and address the information inside as soon as possible.
- 17. Graduation Night** - Plans are in place for the Grade 6 Graduation Dinner. We will have this event at school in the Multipurpose Room on Tuesday 17th December and the dinner will involve Grade 6 students and current and long standing staff at Tallygaroopna PS. The tea will be provided by the Parents' Club and begin at 6pm (lasagne, salad and chips) and we hope that some of the Grade 5 students will be able to come to the evening and act as waiters (white shirt and black pants required). The formal Graduation Ceremony would begin in the Project Room at 7pm and the whole school community is invited to attend. We hope to wrap up the night by 8pm at the latest.
- 18. School Payments** - When making payment to the school bank account for multiple items, please make one direct deposit for the total amount with your family name listed and either email or Flexibuzz a message to the office detailing the breakdown of the payment.
- 19. Bus Costs for 2020** - Ineligible families who utilise the school bus on either Run 1 or Run 2 will have bus fares to pay again in 2020. These have increased slightly to 40% of normal bus fees and these were approved at School Council a couple of weeks ago. More specific information will be delivered to families during the Christmas holiday period as we have done previously.
- 20. School Uniform Reminder** - A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder to all families to reinforce this please.
- 21. School Fees** - School fees for 2019 are due. All families received individual student letters which documented parent payment charges for 2019 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated. **School fees for 2020 have been approved at School Council and will be Foundation - \$217, Grade 1/2 - \$170, Grade 3/4 - \$150, Grade 5/6 - \$155. A letter itemising these fees will go home early in 2020. These fees will be due at the end of February 2020.**
- 22. Absences** - Any students away from school must be accounted for. We would appreciate a formal note or phone call in regard to any absences that occur throughout the year (ie: late arrivals, morning / afternoon or whole day absences). Absences can be submitted via Flexibuzz as well. Thank you to the many families who have responded to the absences so far this year.
- 23. Readers Workshop** - A reminder that we begin the Readers Workshop at 9am and it would be appreciated if students are punctual at school each morning
- 24. Early Arrivals** - A reminder that supervision is not available until 8.30am. Any students arriving early are only to do so because of family work commitments and families must consult with myself in regard to this please - thanks to the couple of families who have done so already. No staff are at school until 8am.
- 25. Specialist Program** - This week we have Art and P.E on Wednesday, Science on Thursday and Music and Italian on Friday.
- 26. Playgroup** - This will be held on Thursday from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.
- 27. Swimming Certificates** - We are following up these with Aquamoves and hope to send these home to families in the next couple of weeks. We will make a copy for student files as always.
- 28. Men's Shed Visit** - This will be held for the last time on Friday as we try to squeeze in all of the children who have returned a permission form. Please contact the office if you need to check whether this form has been returned please.

David Brodie (Principal)

Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".