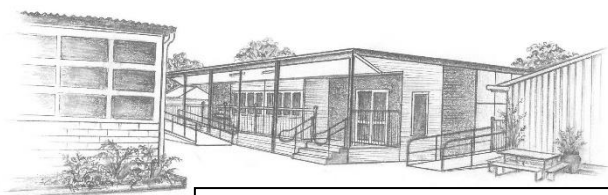


# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

This is the last edition of the school newsletter for 2019. As a result, there are a number of items in this edition, which focus on end of year programs along with items which address 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 – especially for new families.

I would also like to remind families that new boxes will be set up for Flexibuzz for 2020 over the holiday period. All of the 2019 boxes will be archived and all families will need to join the new 2020 boxes to allow for adequate communication to occur between home and school. If you need any help with this again – don't hesitate to contact me and I can assist.

Tonight is our annual Christmas Concert and we look forward to this evening being a great success. I am sure that many families from the school community will attend and we look forward to the Grade 6 Graduation Night being a rewarding experience as well tomorrow night. This is an open invitation for everyone – we will be in the Project Room on this night beginning at 7pm.

The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy and our trip to the Whittlesea Fun Fields and our Orientation Program are featured in this edition of the newsletter. Both of these activities were successful and we look forward to similar opportunities in the new year.

Last week, attendance awards were presented to a number of students and it was fantastic to see the vast majority of our children receive these for outstanding attendance (above 95%) for Term 4, Semester 2 and the whole year. This is an area which our school is highly regarded for and we look forward to this continuing in 2020. Students who have had 100% attendance for the whole year will be presented special certificates at Friday's assembly.

Finally, Semester 2 reports went home today - please read these carefully and don't hesitate to contact any staff if anything needs clarifying before the end of the year. A lot of time and effort goes into these reports, but we see reporting to families as being an ongoing process and we are aiming to continue with more formalised opportunities in the new year. This will again involve two Student Led Conferences which will be held in Term 1 and Term 3 in line with school reports which are sent home at the end of Terms 2 and 4.

I would personally, like to wish everyone a great Christmas break and thank all of our families for the support that we always receive at school. I look forward to catching up with everyone at the Concert tonight and the Graduation Ceremony tomorrow night.

David Brodie (Principal)

A reminder to get those 2020 OSH Care forms in ASAP – this is highly recommended for all families to assist with pickups if needed at the end of the day.

**Student work will start coming home this week. Could each student bring 2-3 plastic bags to assist with this please starting tomorrow.**

**Prices for school uniforms have increased. A new price list is available at the office.**

**HATS ARE NOW COMPULSORY AT SCHOOL.**  
**NEW HATS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM**  
**SCHOOL FOR \$15 IF NEEDED.**

**Can any unpaid excursions, fees....etc be paid**  
**for ASAP to help Karen with end of year**  
**processes please – your quick attention with**  
**this matter would be appreciated.**

**THE LAST ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR WILL BE HELD AT 1.50PM BECAUSE OF THE 2.25PM DISMISSAL – 1 HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL.**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER WILL BE A CASUAL DAY WITH NO THEME. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ALL FAMILIES COULD MAKE A GOLD COIN DONATION PLEASE. MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE NSW / QLD BUSHFIRES.**

**JSC WILL BE HAVING A BAKE SALE TYPE OF EVENT DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY – MORE DETAILS IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

## DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

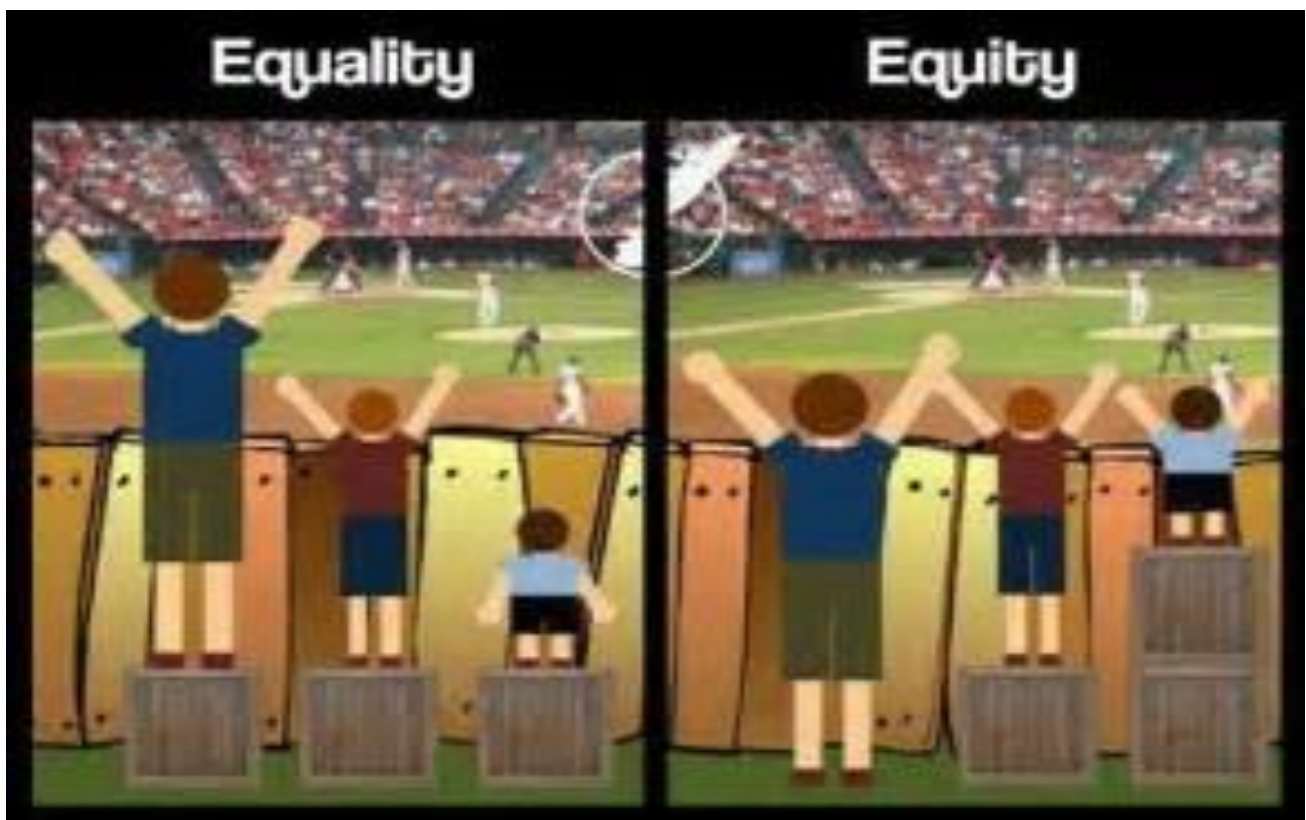
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Tallygaroopna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 0090 7788

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



The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards provide a framework for schools to review existing policies and practices and all other aspects of child safety, to ensure a 'zero tolerance' approach to any form of child abuse. You can access our policy on the school's website.

### **Save your lids!**

Hi Tallygaroopna Primary School parents, friends and community,

We are looking to create a recycled plastic lid art work soon, and we are asking that you save your plastic lids for this project. Lids that are suitable are pretty much any plastic lids, in the following photo you can see plastic lids from coffee, shower gel, hot chocolate, yogurt, milk, juice, mouthwash, marinated octopus, mayonnaise, water, sauce and carpet spray. It doesn't have to be just drink lids. Recycle ALL your plastic ♻️.

Please start saving as you can imagine we will need a lot of lids!

Mrs. H



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# Tallygaroopna & Congupna Community Christmas Break-up

Sat. 14th Dec. 2019  
Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve  
From 6:30pm till late

*All are invited to join in the festivities of this great event.*

*This promises to be a great evening out for the whole family.*

**BBQ Dinner with salad  
& dessert - \$10p/head  
or \$25p/family**

**Drinks at bar prices  
(Strictly no BYO)**

**Visit from Santa!  
Face Painting!  
Show Bags!  
Jumping Castle!  
Free Entry!  
Plus Major  
Raffle!**



**NEW! - Marshelvalifarm Animal Farm**

Show bags \$15 including activities and jumping castle or \$10 for activities and jumping castle





### **Contacting Staff out of School Hours**

Please be mindful of contacting staff outside of school hours (beyond 5pm). This may involve text messaging, phone calls, Class Dojo and Flexibuzz. There has been a big push from the Department of Education in regard to staff and principal health & wellbeing and it is important that we all have lives away from the busy school day. We will also make an extra effort to do the same for our families, so that after work time can be devoted to families. David

### **Communicating with Staff**

Please feel free to discuss any issues with myself or specific class teachers. At Tallygaroopna PS, we are accessible to parents and we value the importance of positive and constructive communication with all of our families. Please contact the school to make an appointment if needed – so that issues can be addressed at an appropriate time, which does not affect normal planning and learning time. David

## **Photos of the Week – Funfields**

Thanks to the many families who attended the end of year excursion and assisted with supervision. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind for us on this day – let's hope for a better day in 2020.



## Photos of the Week – Orientation Day



As our school community transitions to Greater Shepparton Secondary College (GSSC) next year, transport arrangements for some of our current Year 6 students will be different. We are committed to making these arrangements as straightforward as possible.

We continue to rely on parents, carers and families to be aware of the transport arrangements for their child for the coming school year.

From next year, all GSSC students will receive free travel during the transition phase. Travel details and Frequently Asked Questions will be published on the GSSC website in coming days with progressive updates up to the start of Term 1, 2020. All questions can be emailed to [contactus@gssc.vic.gov.au](mailto:contactus@gssc.vic.gov.au)



## SCIENCE PROGRAM

Science at Tallygaroopna Primary School in Term 4 has been all about the Physical Sciences. Grade 5/6 students have been looking at how light travels. Students have discovered how light travels and they can use what they know to make light go where they want it to. Grades 3/4 and 2/3 have been looking at forces. They have been discovering the forces acting on objects in everyday life. The Foundation and Grade 1 class have discovered forces by observing others using play equipment, playing musical statues and working out what parts of toys allow them to move.



# Echuca-Moama

## From Diagnosis to OAM

### Autism Talk

Featuring the perspectives of  
Daniel Giles OAM (Autistic Self-Advocate)  
and Daryl Giles (Parent)

**Suitable for families, educators & other professionals!**  
(educators can claim VIT or NESA PD)

**Thurs 27 Feb 2020**

Moama RSL, 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm

**Details & Tickets:** [www.trybooking.com/BHHIF](http://www.trybooking.com/BHHIF)



## FREE PARENTING SEMINAR



### Help your kids cope with life's ups and downs

Like to give your kids the skills and strategies they need to manage their emotions and overcome challenges? Triple P's *Raising Resilient Children* seminar can really help. Learn more about giving your kids the know-how to tackle problems, now and in the future. This life-changing 90 minutes is free for parents and carers of children aged up to 12 years and is packed with strategies to help make family life less dramatic – and more enjoyable!

#### Triple P's *Raising Resilient Children* seminar can help you:

- Teach kids to manage their emotions
- Develop your child's ability to bounce back from disappointments
- Show your children how to express strong feelings in a healthy way
- Raise kids who can deal with stress
- Encourage problem-solving and a positive attitude

#### **Raising Resilient Children**

DATE: Tuesday, 25 February, 2020

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

VENUE: School Library, Shepparton East Primary School

Proudly hosted by Shepparton East Primary School





ROTARY CLUB OF SHEPPARTON SOUTH INC.

President: Belinda Liggins

Secretary: Brian Pethybridge  
PO Box 1175  
Shepparton. 3632.

## **2019 Graeme Cross Memorial Scholarship**

Sponsored by the

Rotary Club of Shepparton South Inc.

Applications for a \$ 500.00 scholarship for a Year 6 Student

We are asking for HAND WRITTEN applications indicating

- School Participation- eg excellent attendance, role modelling caring attitude to fellow students or others in the community
- Musical, Artistic and Sporting Achievements
- Community and Charity activities- eg helping others in need, volunteering
- A copy of the latest available School report
- A reference from an adult who has known the student for at least two years.

Please do not send valuable original documents with your application. Photocopies are acceptable.

**Applications will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, and are to be forwarded to**

Secretary  
Rotary Club of Shepparton South  
PO Box 1175  
Shepparton 3632

## **Music Lessons – 2020**

Cliff Doornkamp is offering individual guitar and keyboard lessons to be held on a Monday morning next year. Each lesson runs for 20 minutes and will cost \$20.

Interested families should contact Cliff on 0474 769 963 for more information.



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### – Term 4 / Week 9

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

<p><b>Foundation / Grade 1 - Mrs H's Super Students</b> <b>Thomas &amp; Sofia</b></p> <div data-bbox="339 427 467 607"></div> <div data-bbox="534 427 662 607"></div>	<p>Thomas receives this award because of the great work he has been doing in class, especially in English. He jumped 6 levels in his reading last week! Wowzers, Thomas!</p> <p>Sofia gets this award for the awesome work she has been doing in class. I am happy to see Sofia really trying her hardest, especially in writing. Great work, Sofia!</p>
<p><b>Grade 2/3 - Mrs Fitz's Fantastic Flamingos</b> <b>Will</b></p> <div data-bbox="414 786 541 965"></div>	<p>Will receives this award for his enthusiasm and positivity these last few weeks towards being a kind class member.</p>
<p><b>Grade 3/4 - Miss Love's Loyal Labradors</b> <b>Zac</b></p> <div data-bbox="408 1077 542 1256"></div>	<p>Zac receives this award for his fantastic work in maths and with Mrs Tucker this week.</p>
<p><b>Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Leading Llamas</b> <b>Lachlan M</b></p> <div data-bbox="414 1373 542 1552"></div>	<p>Lachlan M receives this award for the effort he put into his maths game this week. Lachie responded well to feedback and worked hard during class to complete the task. Well done, Lachie!</p>
<p><b><u>Sport Awards</u></b></p> <p>Mathew C – for displaying some great golfing skills.</p>	<p>Caitlyn S – for showing great golfing skills – great putting, Caitlyn.</p>

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### – Term 4 / Week 10

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

<p><b>Foundation / Grade 1 - Mrs H's Super Students</b> <b>Abbie &amp; Bailey</b></p> <div data-bbox="303 465 434 636"></div> <div data-bbox="510 459 638 633"></div>	<p>Abbie receives this award for the awesome attitude she has been displaying this week. Well done, Abbie.</p> <p>Bailey receives this award for his positive attitude towards learning. He has shown great maturity in his ability to remain on task and complete set work. Well done, Bailey.</p>
<p><b>Grade 2/3 - Mrs Fitz's Fantastic Flamingos</b> <b>Charlie</b></p> <div data-bbox="411 799 539 974"></div>	<p>Charlie receives this award for his super effort and enthusiasm put into his learning this term. Well done on your progress!</p>
<p><b>Grade 3/4 - Miss Love's Loyal Labradors</b> <b>Owen</b></p> <div data-bbox="411 1111 539 1285"></div>	<p>Owen receives this award for his positive and resilient attitude. Well done!</p>
<p><b>Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Leading Llamas</b> <b>Beth</b></p> <div data-bbox="408 1411 536 1585"></div>	<p>Beth receives this award for her enthusiasm and positivity towards tasks over the last weeks of this term and for being a positive role model on Orientation Day. Well done on ending the year in such a positive way, Beth!</p>
<p><b><u>Sport Awards</u></b></p> <p>Liam G – for hitting a hole in one during Phys. Ed. That was amazing, Liam – well done.</p>	<p>Thomas S – for being so confident and having a great try at golf. It could be your game, mate!</p>



### **1. Attendance Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have had outstanding attendance for Term 4, Semester 2 and the 2018 school year (95% or above) and have been able to maximise their potential for learning. At Tallygaroopna PS, we are extremely proud of student's attendance rate and this speaks highly for the engaging and motivating programs which are implemented at school. These awards were presented at assembly on Friday.

Term 4 – 54 students (54 students in 2018)

F/1 (14 Students) – Braxton, Dan, Abbie, Ajay, Asora, Evie, Charlotte, Kealan, Ayla, Nathan, Bailey, Harry, Olivia, Sofia

2/3 (10 Students) – Fenn, Alira, Liam, Zoey, Brody, Jodie, Will, Tait, Hazel, Charlie

3/4 (14 Students) – Lloyd, Kaedyn, Zac, Ellie, Jimmy, Jai, Oscar, Peyton, Sienna, Callum, Ethan, Bohdi, James, Lynn

5/6 (16 Students) – Nate, Lachlan G, Declan, Lachlan M, Heather, Shawna, Roseannah, Beau, Lilly, Jake, Harmony, Sam, Tom, Jade, Nathan, Ashton

Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) 49 students (50 students in 2018)

F/1 (13 Students) – Bronte, Abbie, Ajay, Asora, Evie, Charlotte, Kealan, Diesel, Nathan, Bailey, Harry, Olivia, Sofia

2/3 (9 Students) – Alira, Liam, Kade, Zoey, Brody, Jodie, Will, Tait, Hazel,

3/4 (12 Students) – Lloyd, Kaedyn, Zac, Ellie, Jimmy, Jai, Oscar, Sienna, Callum, Ethan, James, Lynn

5/6 (15 Students) – Nate, Lachlan G, Declan, Lachlan M, Heather, Shawna, Roseannah, Beau, Lilly, Jake, Sam, Tom, Jade, Nathan, Ashton

Whole Year (Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4) 39 students (50 students in 2018)

F/1 (9 Students) – Ajay, Evie, Charlotte, Kealan, Diesel, Bailey, Harry, Olivia, Sofia

2/3 (8 Students) – Liam, Kade, Zoey, Brody, Jodie, Will, Tait, Hazel

3/4 (8 Students) – Kaedyn, Zac, Jimmy, Jai, Sienna, Callum, James, Lynn

5/6 (14 Students) – Joshua, Lachlan G, Declan, Lachlan M, Heather, Roseannah, Lilly, Jacinda, Jake, Sam, Tom, Jade, Nathan, Ashton

Congratulations also to Olivia, Bailey, Charlotte, James, Jimmy & Ashton who had 100% attendance for the whole year. This is an amazing effort and shows a lot of resilience.

### **2. Policies Updated**

A number of school policies have been updated at School Council this year. A reminder to families that these are all accessible on our school website. Some relevant policies that were updated at the last School Council meeting included:

- Child Safe Standards – 9 separate policies
- Mobile Phone Policy
- E Smart Policy
- Student Engagement Policy
- iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement
- Parent Handbook – OSH Care
- Medical Conditions – OSH Care

### **3. 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 on 58298264. A reminder about OSH Care enrolment forms which must be filled in for families to use the service - this is mandated.

These have already been distributed and are freely available on our website. We will be employing Toni Marie again for next year - she currently does a fantastic job and implements some fun and engaging activities with the children in the service.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/176/Outside-School-Hours-Care>

#### **4. Traffic – follow up**

Some members of School Council and the Parent Club had a meeting with Council and Regional Roads Victoria staff on the 11th November to discuss road safety issues in front of Tallygaroopna Primary School. From this meeting, Council will undertake the follow safety improvements:

- 1) Shift red and white posts on south side towards road to make them more conspicuous.
- 2) Shift No Parking signs on both side of the road on the east approach back near the existing time zone signs.
- 3) Shift No Parking signs on both side of the road on the west approach back near the existing time zone signs.
- 4) Install/update repeater signs for school symbol children/school signs.
- 5) Paint centre-of road barrier lines on both approaches to the school crossing.
- 6) Paint zig-zag lines on pavement on school crossing approaches
- 7) Paint “40” on pavement on school crossing approaches
- 8) Re-fresh school crossing lines at school crossing.

It was anticipated that these works will be performed in November / December – we are currently following this up.



#### **5. Christmas Concert – Bake Sale**

The J.S.C students will be holding a bake sale at the Christmas Concert on Monday the 16th of December. The students have chosen to raise money for recent New South Wales and Queensland bushfire victims through 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



## **6. OSH Care – Last family leaving the service**

In our Staff Handbook with OSH Care we have a number of Safe Work Practices. One of these focuses on our OSH Educator leaving the program at the end of the day. Can any families collecting the last student in the program each day assist with this please. Your support would be greatly appreciated – see below.

**“The educator must leave the program with the last adult/parent at the same time the last child is collected. It will therefore be necessary for the coordinator to complete any tasks normally done at the conclusion of the program prior to the last child's departure from the program.”**

## **7. Excursions - 2020**

We are looking into a whole school excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium in Term 2. This excursion would complement our Ocean Theme and more details will be available early next year. The Grade 5/6 students will also be attending the BioLab at Belmont (Geelong) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



## **8. Respectful Relationships**

As educators we share a common purpose – to provide our students with an education that gives each child the best start to a happy, healthy and prosperous life.

Victoria's Respectful Relationship initiative supports school leaders, educators and our school communities to promote and model respect and equality – and to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

The Royal Commission into Family Violence identified the critical role that schools have in creating a culture of respect to change the story of family violence for future generations. In 2016, respectful relationship education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from Prep to Year 12, and is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools.

We will be a partner school next year with support from our lead school – Shepparton East PS. We look forward to a positive association with this school and I am sure that some opportunities will be available to our school community through this partnership. We currently implement Bounce Back (which is our Social & Emotional Learning Program) and we look forward to Respectful Relationships complementing what we currently do at school.

### **DELIVERING THE RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS INITIATIVE**

The Victorian Government is implementing Respectful Relationships across Victorian schools and early childhood services through:

- A leading and partner schools initiative, providing intensive training and support to Government, Catholic and Independent schools to implement the whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships
- The Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships suite of teaching materials for Prep to Year 12
- A professional development program for early childhood educators
- A regional Respectful Relationships Workforce to support schools and early childhood education settings to implement respectful relationship education and strengthen referral and response to family violence.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/respectfulrelationships.aspx>

### **9. BYOD Program - 2020**

We will be offering families in Grade 5/6 the BYOD program again next year. We have plenty of information on our website so families may be able to make an informed decision by looking at the link below. Information available online is summarised as:

- iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement for 2019
- App List
- iPad Information
- iPad Information Night Presentation (VIMEO).

An updated Bring Your Own iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement (2020) was sent home a couple of weeks ago – return before the holidays if you can. However, families may wish to follow this up in the new year. Miss Lothian is planning to have a BYOD information night early in Term 1 next year – stay tuned.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/228/BYOD-Program---Grade-5/6>

### **10. School Leadership for 2020 (Captains / Vice Captains)**

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Students have started working on their speeches in class.

### **11. 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. 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.

### **12. Grade 5/6 Muck Up Day**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 beginning at 2pm and conclude at 2.45pm – enough time to dry off at the end of the day. This activity will be closely monitored by Miss Lothian and Mr Brodie and students will be invited to participate – depending on behaviour at school. If you would prefer for your child to not participate contact the school please.

### **13. School Council – meetings for 2020**

These are summarised below and are open to change if needed. These are held in weeks 3 and 9 of each term. We are mandated to have 8 meetings a year.

Term 1	Week 3: Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Week 9: Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March - AGM
Term 2	Week 3: Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 9: Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	Week 3: Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 9: Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Week 3: Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Week 10: Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December

### **14. Playground Upgrade – Soft fall**

We are having some major works on the playgrounds over the holiday break. This area will be roped off and out of bounds for everyone. Works will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please stay away from this area - we will be utilising our video cameras to ensure this area is left untouched during this time. Soft fall is being removed and playgrounds will be unsafe during this time.



## **15. Swimming Certificates**

Last week, the majority of the students received a swimming certificate. There were about 16 students who did not receive a certificate due to not completing the Beginning level. The Aquamoves Certificates mark completion of levels not participation so Aquamoves is unable to supply some students with one until they go beyond that point. All of these students are currently marked as D1 and will continue in that level for the next swimming program they attend with Aquamoves. Any queries - feel free to contact Aquamoves directly.

## **16. School Reports**

School reports were distributed in sealed envelopes today. 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 (Well Above the Expected Standard – Well Below the Expected Standard), 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.

### **What exactly do the A-E ratings mean?**

**A** indicates achievement that is **above the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting (12 months or more ahead of the standard expected at the time of reporting)

**B** indicates achievement that is **above the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child understands more complex ideas and has a broader range of skills than would normally be expected.

**C** indicates achievement that is **at the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child's learning is on track and that they understand and can apply the range of skills and knowledge expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

**D** indicates achievement that is **below the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that there are some skills and knowledge that your child has yet to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

**E** indicates achievement that is **well below the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means there are significant areas of knowledge and skills your child needs to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

### **Isn't a 'C' a disappointing result?**

No it is not at all. It is important to remember that if your child receives a 'C' on the report card it indicates that their *learning is on track* and they are achieving the statewide standard that *is expected of them* at the time of reporting.

In the past, a 'C' in some schools might have meant that the child was performing below the expected standard. This is no longer the case.

## **17. Students Arriving Early at School**

Parents are reminded that grounds supervision does not begin until 8.30am so please do not send students early to school for the sake of it or to play. This is documented in our staff supervision policy. We know there are a handful of families that do make early drop offs but these students are not be allowed outside until 8.30am or until supervision begins. Before 8.30am - these students will remain in the BER room instead of roaming around the school grounds unsupervised. Please reinforce this at home and only have children arrive early to school if absolutely needed (ie: early work commitments).

## **18. Student Borrowing**

This has concluded for the 2019 school year and invoices will be sent out to families with outstanding books for the MARC Van this week. Could any books outstanding please be returned to Congupna PS before the end of the year – this will be parent's responsibility.

## **19. 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.

## **20. Parent / Community Helpers**

The staff would like to thank all parents and people from the community who assisted in the following areas during 2019:

Reading	School Council	Grounds	General Jobs
Transport	Classroom Projects	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 2020.

## **21. Specialist Programs**

We can confirm that we will be having a high quality Specialist Program in 2020 to enable our students to reach their potential in a variety of learning opportunities.

Art (MACC Van servicing small schools in the local area) – Mrs Hack: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Library (MARC Van servicing small schools in the local area) – Mrs Campbell: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

P.E. – Mrs Montgomery: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Science – Mrs Starbuck: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Music – Mrs Tucker: sessions fortnightly on a Friday

Italian – Mrs Ceravola : sessions fortnightly on a Friday

Start dates are listed in the calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

## **22. School Term Dates**

These dates have 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 class teachers at Tallygaroopna PS will be involved in CPR training on Tuesday 28th January and will be setting up classrooms in the afternoon. As a result, all students will start on Wednesday 29th January. **Foundation students will not be at school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January while English Online Testing is completed – this is mandated with all schools. Foundation students will have a rest day on Wednesdays for the month of February (or longer if necessary) as they become accustomed to normal school life at Tallygaroopna PS.**

Term 1 – January 28th until 27th March (all students from F-6 to start on Wednesday 29th January)

Term 2 – 14th April until 26th June

Term 3 – 13th July until 18th September

Term 4 – 5th October until 18th December

Foundation – Rest Days (Wednesdays) – further Wednesday rest days can be negotiated if needed.

Week 2 – Wednesday 5th February

Week 3 – Wednesday 12th February

Week 4 – Wednesday 19th February

Week 5 – Wednesday 26th February

The first full week for Foundation students may begin on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

\* 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. We are taking the first of these at the start of the year - the remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school.

**If your plans for next year have changed or if you know of anyone moving into the area and considering enrolling at our school, please let the office know.**

**WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL.  
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES FOR FOLLOWING THESE UP VIA FLEXIBUZZ –  
YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

### **23. OSH Enrolment Forms – School Pick Ups (urgent)**

We have had some students being picked up late after school during the last couple of weeks. As a result, we would like some more enrolment forms in for OSH Care, so that students can go into this service straight after school if needed. Supervision with staff after school is from 3.25pm to 3.45pm and it is unfair for school staff to supervise children beyond this time because of specific commitments. Staff will not be supervising staff beyond 3.45pm - hence OSH is the preferred service.

We currently have only 24 enrolment forms in and we would prefer to have 81 - for all of the students in the school. A note to all families current and future has been distributed - reminding families of this along with OSH Care forms being distributed again (these need to be completed for each student).

These are readily available on our school website also

- <https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/176/Outside-School-Hours-Care>

Information regarding student collection is at the link below, but we would obviously prefer to not use these measures. However, we have a duty of care to do so if needed unfortunately. A big thank you to the families have been proactive so far and have handed in OSH Care enrolment forms - this makes our job a lot easier and is certainly appreciated.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/studentcollection.aspx>

### **24. Bus Costs Proposal**

Bus travellers should have received a formal letter from School Council regarding fees for bus use in 2020. Bus fees have been in place for the last few years and School Council has slightly increased fees for next year. The school makes a large financial contribution in supporting families, so some changes were necessary in line with increasing costs. If you did not receive this letter, contact the school and a new letter will be sent home.

If you have not paid fees for bus use for this year – can you contact the school ASAP please.

### **25. Class Teachers - 2020**

We have finalised classroom staffing for 2020 and these appointments are made in the best interests of our whole school.

#### **Junior Unit**

Foundation / Grade 1 – Mrs Claire Haberfield

Grade 1 / Grade 2 – Mrs Tahnee Fitzpatrick

#### **Senior Unit**

Grade 3 / Grade 4 – Miss Del Love

Grade 5 / Grade 6 – Miss Liss Lothian

We will begin the new year hopefully with 81 students which is a great result for our school. The grade structure for 2020 will be the following, but class numbers may change with any future alterations to enrolments.

#### **Junior School**

Foundation / Grade 1 – 17 students

Grade 1 / Grade 2 – 18 students

#### **Senior School**

Grade 3 / Grade 4 – 21 students

Grade 5 / Grade 6 – 25 students

We are pleased that we are able to retain our current staff. Many schools have issues with suitable applicants and for our school to be able to do this is a positive reflection on our whole school community.

### **26. 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). 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 will 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.



## **27. Christmas Concert**

This will be held on Monday 16th December. All families have received a formal letter about this evening. 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 partake of this. *Please make sure you also open the special envelope and address the information inside as soon as possible – **this was sent home a couple of weeks ago.***



## **28. Accident Insurance - reminder**

Our school does not have an accident insurance policy to cover student injuries or ambulance transport. A reminder to parents and guardians that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment and ambulance attendance/transport. We recommend all families arrange ambulance cover in case of emergency. There are also a variety of commercial insurance policies available that would cover accidents at school.

## **29. School Bus Travellers - 2020**

Below is the current list for next year, if this is incorrect can you contact the school immediately please – alterations will be ongoing depending on family needs. We are still working on arrangements for the bus service for 2020, but we anticipate having 2 runs again. All families will be updated via Flexibuzz on a regular basis.

### **Run 1 – 17 students**

Beau Voss	Oscar Buckland	Gemma Thomas	Tait Buckland
Alira Bux	Ryder Thomas	Max Grinter	Jai Brown
Mitchel Joy	Zoey Kotoulas	Savannah Thomas	Mason Brown - F
Ayla Kemp	Ethan Kemp	Nate Prossor – F	Heather Michelmores
Peyton Duggan			

### **Run 2 – 13 students**

Lilly Walker	Josh Collins	Lachie Mawson	James Mawson
Sienna Elliott	Lloyd Akers	Bailey Mawson	Toby Elliott
Olivia Akers – F	Bethany Grigg	Chelsea Zarb – F	Abbie Mannes
Nathan Mannes			

**We have been informed that Dyson's Bus Charters will be our new bus line in 2020.**

## **30. OSH Care Costs**

At School Council we decided to increase OSH Care fees for 2020. These have been simplified and will be \$25 for a full session and \$15 for a short session (finishing by 4.30pm). These increases were needed in order to make this service financially viable for the future and we hope that this service will be well supported by the school community.

### **31. Borrowing Agreement – MARC Van (Library)**

At the last School Council meeting, we again endorsed a borrowing agreement for 2020 and beyond. This relates to the prompt payment of lost or damaged resources by the required date, or a borrowing suspension will take place. As a result, all families will be asked to sign a borrowing agreement next year.

The MARC service to rural schools in our area provides a valued and important service to children in small schools. The service provides access to a wider range of learning resources than would otherwise be the case to both teachers and students and overcomes some of the disadvantages of size and rural isolation. Teaching sessions focus upon literature, information skills and technologies with access to a large school library.

Participating schools pay a per capita levy to the MARC Service for the purchase and maintenance of stock. The Committee of Management of the Congupna based MARC Van requires that individual schools take responsibility for the cost of books and materials that are lost or damaged.

This cost will be passed on to the families of students who have lost or damaged books.

\$25.00 Hardcover.

\$12.50 Softcover.

Teaching materials at cost value.

### **32. Chaplaincy – 2020**

We can confirm that we will be having Chaplaincy support (Welfare) in 2020 again after formally accepting an extension of 12 months this week. John Hosking has agreed to stay on in this role for Semester 1, which is terrific. We will be going through an application process to fill this position for Semester 2 in 2020 and more information will be available later in the new year.

### **33. School Fees**

School fees for 2019 are due. All school fee information for 2019 was summarised in our Parent Payment Charges letter which went home at the beginning of the year. Feel free to contact the office if any clarification is needed.

**School fees for 2020 have been approved at School Council. These will be itemised in a letter to be sent home early next year and will be due by the end of February, 2020. They are as follows:**

Foundation - \$217

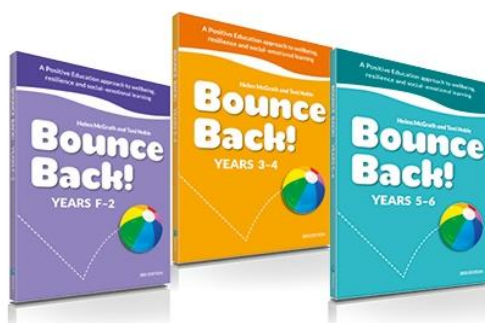
Grade 1/2 - \$170

Grade 3/4 - \$150,

Grade 5/6 - \$155

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# TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 4 2019 / TERM 1 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
25 Curric. Day – Pupil Free	26 OSH Chaplain	27 OSH Art / PE Orientation 4	28 OSH Chaplain Science Playgroup	29 OSH Music / Italian Cricket at School Men's Shed
2 OSH Newsletter - full Com. Plan Mtg.	3 OSH Chaplain	4 OSH Library / PE School Council 8	5 OSH Chaplain Science	6 Funfields Excurs. Cricket at School
9 OSH	10 OSH Chaplain Orientation Day - Statewide	11 OSH Art / PE	12 OSH Chaplain Science Playgroup	13 OSH Music / Italian Men's Shed
16 OSH Newsletter - full Reports Home Xmas Concert	17 OSH Chaplain Graduation Night	18 OSH PE Leaders Speeches	19 OSH Chaplain Science Muck Up Day G6	20 OSH Italian Shirt Signing – G6 End of Term 4
23	24	25	26	27
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27  <b>2020</b>	28 Term Starts Curriculum Day Chaplain	29 All Students Start OSH P.E.	30 OSH Chaplain No Preps – English Online	31 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music No Preps – English Online
3 OSH	4 OSH Chaplain	5 OSH Science / Art Prep – Rest Day	6 OSH Chaplain	7 OSH Assembly – 3pm Italian Cricket at School
10 OSH	11 OSH Chaplain Info Night / BBQ	12 OSH School Council 1 P.E. / Library Prep – Rest Day	13 OSH Chaplain	14 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music
17 OSH	18 OSH Chaplain	19 OSH Science / Art Prep – Rest Day	20 OSH Chaplain	21 OSH Assembly – 3pm Italian
24 OSH	25 OSH Chaplain	26 OSH P.E. / Library Prep – Rest Day	27 OSH Chaplain	28 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music Red Balloon Day

JANUARY / FEBRUARY