



Tallygaroopna Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4 #41 - December 18th 2023

1. Merry Christmas – On behalf of all of the staff at our school, we wish our students and families a very Merry Christmas and a restful period over the next few weeks. The thoughts, wishes and gifts that we have received from some families has been really appreciated and we look forward to another rewarding year in 2024. Keep safe and we will see you when the new school year begins again.

2. Attendance Awards – Congratulations to the following students who have had outstanding attendance for Term 4, Semester 2 and the 2023 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 handed out today and will be acknowledged at assembly on Wednesday

Term 4 – 22 students

F12 (6 Students) – Molly, Iluka, Lincoln, Reuben, Eliza H, Will

234 (7 Students) – Amelia, Tommy, Nate, Ivy, Archie S, Abbie, Lebron,

456 (9 Students) – Pippa, Evie, Charlotte, Nathan, Bailey, Nate S, Alira, Jodie, Ryder

Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) – 22 students

F12 (8 Students) – Molly, Reuben, Eliza H, Bronson, Will, Riley, Lachie S, Eleazar,

234 (7 Students) – Penny, Amelia, Tommy, Ivy, Archie S, Abbie, Lebron,

456 (7 Students) – Pippa, Evie, Nathan, Bailey, Nate S, Alira, Kade H,

Whole Year (Terms 1,2,3 and 4) – 12 students

F12 (3 Students) – Molly, Will, Riley,

234 (3 Students) – Amelia, Tommy, Abbie,

456 (6 Students) – Pippa, Charlotte, Nathan, Bailey, Nate S, Sofia,

3. School Reports – These will be distributed today along with Semester 2 goals in sealed envelopes. A lot of time and effort goes into these and we hope you find these informative.

4. Assembly – This will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday this week because of the end of term dismissal as per usual.

>> NOTES / PAYMENTS DUE <<

5. Casual Days – The last day of the year on Wednesday 20th December will be a casual day – there is no cost for this day.

6. Dismissal – School dismissal is at 2.25pm on Wednesday this week.

7. Graduation Night – This will be held on Monday 18th December with a tea for staff and Grade 6 students beginning at 6pm in the Multipurpose Room. This will be followed by a formal ceremony at the Outdoor Learning Space at 7pm. We have a number of Grade 5 students who have offered to act as waiters on the night. Could these students be dressed in a white shirt with black pants and arrive at about 5.50pm please. All family and friends of Grade 6 students are invited to attend this evening and some photos will be displayed in the Multipurpose Room during the evening.

8. School Captains 2024 – A number of current Grade 5 students presented their speeches on Thursday afternoon and all of these students should be commended for the way they presented themselves and spoke to the whole school. The current school captains will present badges to the new captains at our last assembly on Wednesday December 20th at 2pm.

9. BYOD Program – Grade 4 students and their families may wish to start thinking about iPads for 2024. Apple iPads are the preferred devices for our classroom but these are not compulsory as some will be provided for student use as per usual. [Other specific information is found here](#). Information has been sent home if participating (see Skool Loop)

10. Dates for 2024 – All students will start school on Tuesday 30th January 2024. The school office will be open at midday on Monday 29th January for families to address any beginning of the school year items. Class teachers will be involved in staff meetings and general organisation all day on this Monday.

11. Grade 3/4 Camp – Could expression of interest and the \$50 deposit be made by today please for the Grade 3/4 Camp for 2024. Please return the form that was sent home on Skool Loop.

David Brodie (Principal)

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

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school

[The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found here](#)

**RESPECT
HONESTY
INCLUSION**

12. Terrific Kids – This will be presented at assembly on Wednesday at 2pm. A junior and senior student will be kindly given a showbag from a representative from Kiwanis on this day.

Terrific kids demonstrate the following qualities – thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive and capable

13. Bus Travellers – 2024 – We are planning for our bus travellers for the new year. Below is a list of students who we think will utilise the bus in 2024. If you are thinking of not using the bus or are not on this list - contact the office ASAP.

Bus Run 1: Abbie, Nathan, Bailey, Penny & Britney (5 students)

Bus Run 2: Willow, Frankie, Ayla, Georgia, Eliza H, Mason, Nate P, Lincoln P, Henry, Will & Vera H, Jaxon & Mason H (13 students)

Bus Information will be sent home to families early in January – families will be informed via Skool Loop.

14. Science & Tutoring Positions – At present, we are trying to fill these positions after some changes taking place a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Melissa Beer who has made a valuable contribution to the TLI program (Tutor Learning Initiative) over the last couple of years. No doubt we will still see Mel around our school next year with some CRT work.

15. Parent Payment Arrangements for 2024 – These were approved at school council on 16th October, 2023 and are set at \$200 per student for 2024 to cover student supplies, online subscriptions and MACC & MARC costs. Payment can be made in 2024 by direct bank transfer, cash or cheque. Further details are now available on the school website and [can be found here](#).

16. Parents' Club Mtg. – The next Parents' Club Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th February 2024 straight after school. A huge thank you to all of our families who have helped out with Munch N Crunch, Fundraising and any other school based activities for the year. Special thanks to Jess Gavenlock and her team for stepping up and doing a great job throughout the year – the staff and students really appreciated your support.

17. Term Dates for 2024 – These are summarised below – please be aware of these if organising holidays or family trips. Attendance at school is of the utmost importance at Tallygaroopna Primary School.
Term 1: Tues 30th January to Thurs 28th March
Term 2: Mon 15th April to Frid 28th June
Term 3: Mon 15th July to Frid 20th Sept
Term 4: Mon 7th Oct to Frid 20th Dec

18. OSH Care (last day) – A reminder to families that our OSH Care program concludes at 5pm on the last day of the school year. Please be prompt with pick ups to assist Beck who has done a commendable job with our service this year.

19. OSH Care (enrolment forms) – At present, we don't have many of these returned for 2024. A reminder that no children will be allowed to utilise the OSH Care service unless enrolment forms are returned for each child. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions in regard to this.

20. Foundation Rest Days – New children at the school find that school is very rewarding but a busy place and extremely tiring. Therefore, we will continue with some Rest Days for 2024. These will be held on the following days:

Wednesday 31 st January	Wednesday 7 th February
Wednesday 14 th February	Wednesday 21 st February
Wednesday 28 th February	

Families may wish to have extra days – just consult with Miss McDonald in regard to this please.

21. MARC Van Invoices – Some families may receive invoices this week for MARC books which have not been returned to school – as per the borrowing agreement. Could this be addressed before the last day on Wednesday please.









22. English Online Testing – All Foundation / Grade 1 students will be involved in this assessment early in 2024. A timetable for families has been sent home and is available on Skool Loop – contact the office ASAP if any of these dates or times do not suit.

23. School Council – We are mandated to have 8 meetings a year. There are a couple of openings next year if anyone would like to join School Council – feel free to contact David for any clarification. Nominations for School Council need to be received by Monday 12th February. The 1st meeting is set for Monday 19th February

24. Curriculum Days – Each year schools receive four student-free days. These days are used for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting.

The first day of Term 1 each year is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. School councils have the flexibility to schedule the remaining three student-free days each year to meet local needs – these will be made available to families with plenty of notice.

Student of the Week

<p>Grade F/1/2 Miss M's Blossoming F/1/2's</p> 		<p>Reuben</p> <p>What an outstanding year you have had, Reuben! You are such a fantastic role model for your peers, in the way you complete all learning tasks to a very high standard. You have achieved great results in all subject areas due to your love of learning. Reuben, thank you for always listening, following directions and being an all round amazing student! Congratulations, you are a learning superstar!!</p>
<p>Grade 2/3/4 Miss P's Tremendous 2/3/4s</p> 		<p>Kateryna</p> <p>Kateryna has had a fantastic year in Grade 3! She has shown so much growth over the year. I've been extremely impressed by her persistence and determination to achieve her goals. Keep up the amazing work, Kat and you will find there is nothing you cannot achieve. Good luck in Grade 4!</p>
<p>Grade 4/5/6 Miss L's Effervescent Experts</p> 		<p>Alira</p> <p>Alira has had an amazing year! She has maintained a strong work ethic and positive attitude and has continued to apply herself well throughout the final weeks of Term 4. I was incredibly impressed by the fantastic letter she wrote recently, the growth in her writing has been great to see. You have been a brilliant role model in our classroom, Alira! Well done :)</p>
<p>SPORT AWARDS</p>	 	<p>Nate</p> <p>For his awesome concentrating of catching and throwing at the crazy catch. Good work, Nate.</p> <p>Olivia</p> <p>For playing a great tactical game of Capture the Cones - good running and good choices. Well done, Olivia.</p>
		<p>None for this week</p>
<p>GEM AWARD – Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness</p>		

Dear families of Tallygaroopna P.S

We're finally graduating!

Class of 2023



Monday,
December 18th,
6pm Tea & 7pm
Ceremony

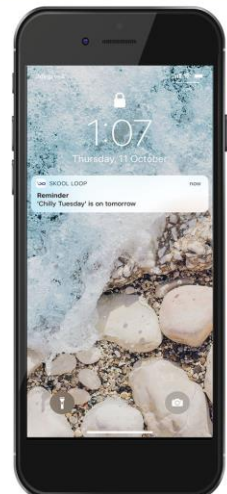
At Tallygaroopna
Primary School



Kind Regards,
The Graduation Committee

Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.



[Child Safety Training for School Volunteers can be accessed here](#)

School staff have a right to be safe at work

Safe and respectful school communities create a healthy and safe workplace for school staff and a better environment for students to thrive.

Professional, collaborative relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

The following behaviours are **not** acceptable in our school:

- ⓧ Threats
- ⓧ Violence
- ⓧ Rudeness
- ⓧ Harassment
- ⓧ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⓧ Aggression
- ⓧ Intimidation
- ⓧ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online platforms.

If you experience any of these behaviours, or are concerned about the risk of this occurring, please report in eduSafe Plus and inform your elected Health and Safety Representative:

For more information refer to: **Work-Related Violence Policy and Procedure.**

NEW SKOOL LOOP GROUPS WILL BE SET UP EARLY IN JANUARY – PLEASE UPDATE YOUR GROUPS ON YOUR DEVICES ASAP TO RECEIVE RELEVANT NOTIFICATIONS

TALLY P.S. CALENDAR

(all dates TBC)



Term 4 2023 / Term 1 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18 Reports Home Graduation Night	19 Chaplain	20 PE Last Day of 2023 – dismissal at 2.25pm	21	22
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD				
JAN 29 Teachers Start	30 Chaplain All Students Start	31 PE / Music & Science Foundation – Rest Day	FEB 1 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	2
5	6 Chaplain Safer Internet Day EOL Testing – F1	7 PE / Music / Art & Science Foundation – Rest Day	8 RR & RP Parents Club Mtg. Chaplain (1-3pm)	9
12	13 Chaplain Meet & Greet Night EOL Testing – F1	14 PE / Music / Lib & Science Foundation – Rest Day	15 RR & RP GRIP Conference Chaplain (1-3pm)	16
19 School Council 1 EOL Testing – F1	20 Chaplain	21 PE / Music / Art & Science Foundation – Rest Day	22 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	23
26	27 Chaplain EOL Testing – F1	28 PE / Music / Lib & Science Foundation – Rest Day	29 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	MARCH 1
4 EOL Testing – F1	5 Chaplain 15 MC Camp - 34	6 PE / Music / Art & Science 15 MC Camp - 34	7 RR & RP 15 MC Camp – 34 Chaplain (1-3pm)	8 15 MC Camp – 34
11 Labour Day - Holiday	12 Chaplain	13 PE / Music / Lib & Science Student Conferences	14 RR & RP NAPLAN Starts – 3&5 Chaplain (1-3pm)	15 Athletic Sports
18 Student Conferences	19 Chaplain	20 PE / Music / Art & Science	21 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	22
25 NAPLAN Ends – 3&5 School Council 2	26 Chaplain	27 PE / Music / Lib & Science Athletic Sports – Back Up Day	28 Term 1 Ends RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	29

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT - Account Name: Tallygaroopna Primary School
BSB: 063—527 / Account number: 0090 7788