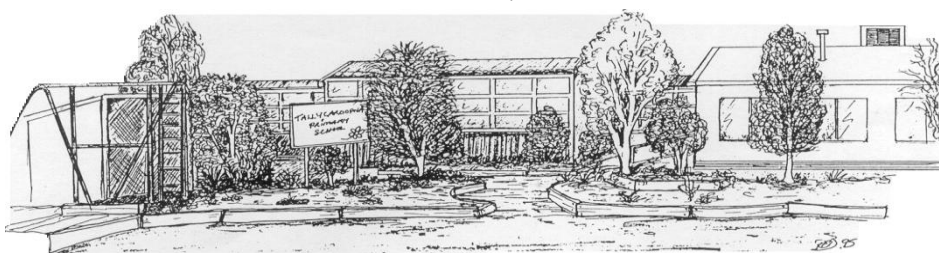


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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 NO.4 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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**It is DEECD policy that the school is notified when a student is absent from school. This can be done by phone or by written note.**

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.**

**All students need to please bring their green reader bags back to school ASAP as they will be used this year to hold their readers, homework, notes, etc.**

**The Annual General Meeting for the Parents Club will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at school.  
New Parents are welcome and needed.**

**Could Computer Use Agreements and Student Information Forms please be returned to the office ASAP.**

Dear Parents,

At our first School Council meeting of the year, a number of crucial decisions were made in regard to school times, the bus and homework. Information in regard to all of these items are summarised in this edition of the newsletter so I encourage you to read these carefully. We will be updating our homework policy at the next meeting so it would be great if we get some feedback from families about what they see as essential and positive homework.

Last week, we started our PING Music / IT Program and it was terrific to see the enthusiasm which was evident in the classes. All students have received passwords to access this Social Networking site, so parents will need to be mindful of this over the next few months and make sure that it is appropriately used. Teachers will be monitoring this as well.

This week, we have our first Cluster Day on Friday. This is at Aquamoves and we pray that we have fine weather on this day. All permission forms need to be returned before the day and any medication should be given to classroom teachers – Asthma puffers...etc.

I have a Sub Regional meeting at Shepparton on Thursday, but otherwise we have a normal week. Karen will be at the office to attend to any matters that need addressing until Thursday, as per normal. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

## School Captain Presentations / PING / New Building



### 1. School Times / Extended Bus Route

At the School Council meeting held on Wednesday night, the extended bus route was approved for the duration of 2011 or until further notice. In order to work this in with Zeerust Primary School with whom we share the bus, it is necessary to change the school hours with a view to disrupting families as little as possible. This is in line with the Department regulations which stipulate that all schools provide 5 hours of teacher delivery time per day. As a result the new school times that were endorsed by School Council are:

9am – 11am  
11am – 11.30am recess  
11.30 – 1.05pm  
1.05 – 1.15pm eat lunch  
1.15 – 2.00pm lunch time  
2.00 – 3.25pm

It is imperative that families who have children who are bus travellers contact the school if their children are not going on the bus in the afternoon. This will enable the bus to keep to the scheduled times. Mrs Haberfield will be the school contact for buses in the afternoon and parents will need to make contact with her using either notes or phoning the school. Alternatively, parents can text message Mrs Haberfield on 0400 879 206 but please DO NOT ring her mobile during class time. **The new school times are effective from today.**

### 2. Homework

This will continue throughout the year but it will only consist of mainly spelling and reading. The students in grades 5/6 will have tables as well to learn. Some worksheets will be sent home during the year, but this will not occur every week. We fully understand that families have busy lives and we are trying hard to make this a win-win for everyone involved. No homework is set over the weekend, but obviously we encourage children to continue with their love of reading if they wish. All projects will be conducted at school.

### 3. Supervisor – Active After School Communities Program

At present, Gillian O'Brien is doing a fantastic job as our supervisor for the Active After School Communities Program. If any other parents are interested in this role could they contact the office ASAP. There is a small financial payment made to school supervisors and their responsibilities can be summarised as:

- Take a roll call and keep records of all participating children
- Provide appropriate supervision until the completion of each session
- Assist with setup of equipment if necessary
- Provide feedback to Program Coordinator [deliverer?] on quality of program delivery
- Ensure the children are provided with afternoon tea
- Report any accidents to the Program Coordinator
- Ensure risk management policies are adhered to
- Ensure child protection policies are adhered to

AASC Participation Winners for Week 3 & 4 were – Chrissie, Olivia, Cohan, Preston, Brittany, Chelsea, Jack and Mitchell.

### 4. Cluster Day – Aquamoves

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having our first Cluster Day for 2011. This day is scheduled to be held at Aquamoves. On the day there will be a mix of outdoor and indoor activities commencing at 11am and finishing at 2.30pm. Therefore, we will travel by bus – leaving at 10.15am and returning to school at approximately 3.00pm. All children will need to wear school uniform on the day and bring along their lunch, snacks, drinks plus their bathers and a towel – the canteen will not be available so no money is needed.

**This excursion is paid for out of the School Fees for 2011. If you have not yet paid these or discussed a payment plan could you contact Karen at the office ASAP.**

### 5. World Maths Day

Tomorrow is World Maths Day. Parents are welcome to come along and have a look at some of the Maths activities which are going on in classes if they wish. On this day, students utilise Mathletics and play at home and at school against other students around the world in live games of mental arithmetic. Each game lasts for 60 seconds and students can play up to 100 games, earning points for their personal tally. Students can play beyond 100 games during the event, but points will only count to the World Maths Day Mathometer, not their personal point score. The students who answer the most questions correctly will appear on the Hall of Fame. There are 5 levels of play, 20 games on each level.

#### 6. Prep Photos

The Shepparton News will be taking Prep Photos for publication tomorrow at 11.20am. Can parents please contact Mrs Wallace if there are any queries in regard to this.

#### 7. Religious Education Program

This program begins on Thursday and all students are encouraged to participate in this program. Over the years, we have had some fantastic volunteers who have offered to run this program at school and it links in beautifully to the You Can Do It Social Skills program which we currently run at school. Our school values of inclusion, respect and honesty are frequently discussed during this time as well. Parents have an option to exclude their children from this program, if they wish. This should be clearly marked on the Green Student Information Sheet which was handed out early this year.

#### 8. Grade 6 Shirts

These uniforms are at Spectrum in Shepparton and I am expecting a phone call any day to pick these up. All uniforms which have been printed should be paid for before they are handed back to families. The cost for this was \$8 a print.

#### 9. Occupational Health & Safety Training

In order for our school to be compliant in regard to Worksafe, a member of our staff is needed to complete OH&S Training. The Department is committed to ensuring the safety, health and wellbeing of its employees, students and visitors through the provision of safe schools and workplaces. All workplaces require systems for managing health and safety. Having effective health and safety practices in the workplace will assist in identifying, eliminating or at the very least mitigating risk factors which can lead to injury or illness. Being proactive is the most effective way of preventing injury, which is why there is a need to place greater emphasis on the assessment and monitoring of operations and processes that may generate hazards in your workplace.

Mrs Armstrong has offered to do this over the next few weeks so obviously she will be unavailable at the office during this time. All of the days of training are on Thursday's – 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 10. Sport Shed

I have been informed that our new sport shed will start to be built on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This resource will be a great addition to the school and much of the equipment which is stored in the container will be moved into the sport shed. If any parents can assist with this shift contact the office.

#### 11. New Building

We had a busy week with the building, last week. Many subcontractors were at school during the week (roofing, plastering, electrical work) and things appear to be moving along smoothly at present. It was great to be able to show some parents through the building last week and we look forward to further developments in the next few weeks. STAY TUNED!!

#### 12. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 1 are:

March 1<sup>st</sup> – World Maths Day  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – R.E. Begins  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – Parents & Friends AGM  
March 16<sup>th</sup> – School Audit  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Council (AGM)  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – Munch N Crunch

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Prep Photos – Shepparton News  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – Aquamoves Day  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Holiday  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Anaphylaxis Update  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion

#### 13. Soccer Teams

Any children wishing to play soccer this year can leave their names at the office. The Northerners Club is hoping to have 3 teams this year for Under 6's, 7's and 9's (**no under 8's**). More information will be available soon.

#### 14. Working With Children Checks

WWC Checks are required for all non-teaching school based employees. This includes both current and new employees. It is an offence to engage in child-related work in educational institutions without a current assessment notice. WWC Checks came in to effect in April 2006 and are valid for 5 years. If cardholders intend to continue in 'child-related work', legislation requires them to renew their Checks after 5 years. Legislation also requires card holders to update their details. This should be done as a matter of priority at the cardholder's earliest convenience.



### 15. School Volunteers

One of the tasks for School Council at the start of the year is to approve the current list of volunteers working in the school and any additions to the list during the year. Therefore, we require any volunteers to leave their name at the Office and let us know if they have a current Working with Children Card. Information about getting a Volunteer's Working with Children Check (which incurs no cost) is available at the Office.

### 16. Asthma Management Plans

A few weeks ago, Asthma Management Plans went home. **Can this form be returned to school ASAP please – see Karen at the office if you require a new form.** In the Schools Reference Guide (4.5.10.3.2), it states that every student with asthma attending the school should have a written Asthma Action Plan, ideally completed by their medical/health practitioner, in consultation with the student's parent/carer. A *School Asthma Action Plan* should be offered annually to parents/carers whose children have asthma. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to convey clear instructions from the doctor to the school about the student's asthma medication requirements.

### 17. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for week 4 –

**P/1 Leah Collins** for the confidence she shows in her work and for the way she is always ready to start work on time.  
Great work Leah

**2/3/4 Zane Cannon** for the excellent way he has been persisting in his schoolwork and for his 'getting along' skill. Keep up the great effort Zane!

**5/6 – Shae Montgomery** for her wonderful demonstration of school values in the classroom and the playground; particularly honesty even in tough situations. Well done Shae!



### Tally Netball Team

Any children interested in playing Saturday morning competition (11 & Under) Registration Night is 21<sup>st</sup> March. Names need to be in to Bev Montgomery (ph 0400 914 464) before this date. Other children interested in playing netball please see Stadium notes or speak to Bev.

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### Homework Survey ( feel free to write your results on a separate piece of paper)

Family Name –

Do you consider homework important ? Yes / No

What do you find positive about homework ?

What concerns you about homework ?

What do you consider essential or positive homework ?

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## **Book Club**

Book Club Issue 2 order forms went home with students today. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form and return with payment to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. We expect Issue 1 orders to be at school sometime this week.

## **Northerners U/13 Cricket**

With another wash out at cricket we are fortunate to have finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder so therefore go straight in to the Grand Final next Sunday against Kialla.

Good luck boys & well done on making yet another cricket Grand Final.

## **Northerners Football**

Expressions of interest are invited for students who would like to play school age football for Northerners Football Club. Please contact Karen at Tallygaroopna Primary School and leave your name, date of birth and a contact number if interested.

## **Landcare-Cleanup Australia Day**

The Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group will be meeting at the Pony Paddock Park across the road from the Congupna Shop on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10am before leaving to pick up rubbish along the Shepp/Katamatite Road. Anyone is welcome to attend, please wear sturdy footwear and sun smart clothing.

Contact Trish Moss 58298255 or Rob Grant 58299206

## **JUNIOR STADIUM NETBALL**

NET-SET-GO AND NEW PLAYERS TO NETBALL AGED 7,8 AND 9.  
“LEARN AS YOU PLAY” PROGRAM. FRIDAYS FROM 4.00 O’CLOCK  
SHEPPARTON SPORTS STADIUM.

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM REGISTRATION \$45.00 TOTAL COST.

NEXT GAME FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH — COME JOIN THE FUN!  
ENQUIRES KYLIE 58212572 OR 0419 998190



# **FREE Parenting Telesummit to Help Children With Dyslexia, ADD and ADHD.**

A Panel of 8 Experts from Australia and Overseas have been generous enough to give their time to conduct 8 amazing separate interviews that you can be a part of, from your own home – March 7 to 11, 2011.

Have you always wanted to know how to:

- Help your child with fewer drugs?
- Find out how foods can affect your child?
- The importance of emotional intelligence in your child's development?
- Teach them, so that they learn and remember?
- Get them to sleep quickly and effectively?
- To become an effective parent?
- Use natural therapies to improve your child's mood and behaviour?
- Use Social Media as a way of joining with other parents and sharing ideas?

Then please visit <http://www.KinaLearn.com.au> and sign in on the right hand side, to register your interest in this *one of a kind* FREE event, OR email [diana@kinalearn.com](mailto:diana@kinalearn.com) for more details.

## **SHEPPARTON UNITED SOCCER CLUB** **PRE SEASON TRAINING**

Shepparton United Soccer Club  
has commenced pre season training  
for all grades. Training takes place on a  
Wednesday night at Central Park, Shepparton East.

Times are as below:

Under 10's (mixed) – 5.30pm

Under 12 Boys – 6.00pm

Under 14 Girls – 5.30pm

Under 14 Boys – 5.00pm

Under 16 Girls – 6.00pm

Under 16 Boys – 6.30pm

Senior Women – 6.00pm

Reserve/Senior Men – 6.30pm

Current and new players are invited to attend for all grades.  
For more information about playing soccer for Shepparton United SC  
please phone Vanessa Loverso on 0400 343 058 or  
email [sheppartonunited@bigpond.com](mailto:sheppartonunited@bigpond.com).

Parents and Carers of young people  
Aged 11–14 Years.  
*Would you like to know more about...*  
*The changes that take place in adolescence?*  
*Setting boundaries and consequences?*  
*Your child's need for increased independence?*  
*Dealing with risk taking behaviour?*

Then come along to:



**The ABCD: Parenting Young Adolescents Program**

This practical and enjoyable program will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and runs for four sessions, held once a week over four consecutive weeks. It aims to help parents and carers understand and cope better with the challenges of parenting and staying connected with their children as they move onto secondary school and adolescence.

**Venue:** 'The Morgan Room'  
Goulburn Valley Community Health Service  
399 Wyndham Street, Shepparton  
**Starting Date:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011  
**Time:** 12.30 - 3.00pm  
**Cost:** \$15.00 person/\$20.00 couple  
**Facilitator:** Meredith Plunkett

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Bookings are essential as places are limited.

**To Book and for more information:**  
Call Community Health on 58 233 200 and ask for Meredith.



### **Positive Parenting Telephone Service:**

**Are you the parent or carer of a child or children aged 2 – 10 years?**

**Are you looking for ways to have more positive communication  
With your child/ren?**

**Do you have other commitments that prevent you from attending regular group parenting courses?**

**Well, how about this?**

We are running a fantastic parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 – 10 years **that you can do from the comfort of your own home.**

It is called the Positive Parenting Telephone Service and you get a weekly telephone appointment at a time that suits you (day or evening) with a trained parent educator for 6 – 10 weeks.

Our program educators aim to assist you in developing a stronger and more positive relationship with your children, as well as offering some practical suggestions on how to manage everyday behaviour problems such as disobedience, temper tantrums and disruptive behaviours.

### **Interested?**

For more information or to enroll phone  
**FREECALL 1800 880 660**

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