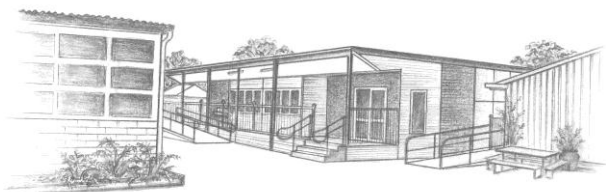


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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 NO.4 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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***Preps are not required at school on Wednesdays for all of February. Their first full week will begin on Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March.***

**Cluster Science Permission Forms are due back ASAP. This is held at Katandra West PS this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Fosbury Flop Forms are due. Athletics practice is on every Tuesday – good shoes are needed.**

**Book Club orders due back to school on Monday, March 11.**

Hi everyone,

Last week was a busy one at Tallygaropna PS with a number of important events taking place. On Tuesday, all of our staff completed our annual CPR / Anaphylaxis Update and it was pleasing to see a number of parents take up the invitation and attend this session as well. I was also pleased to be approached by members of the local netball club and members of this team will utilise our school facilities during the next few weeks after school, while some general maintenance takes place down at the Recreation Reserve. I take pride in Tallygaropna Primary School being a community school and I am thrilled that this relationship is building and progressing well in line with our Kidsmatter initiative.

Our Parents Club AGM was also held last week and information regarding this is included in this edition of the newsletter. The first Munch N Crunch will be held this Friday also and it will also be a Casual Day with a Summer Theme. This should be plenty of fun!!!

The Responsible Pet Program held last week was very relevant for our kids and it was great to see Stacey Sprunt (Alicia's Aunty) implement this program with our kids. Many questions were asked and I know the children will take this information on board with their own pets.

Finally, our first Cluster event is on Wednesday with the Science Cluster Day being held at Katandra West PS. Lots of planning has occurred in relation to this and I am sure that our kids will have a very engaging and enjoyable day and also renew acquaintances with many friends from other schools. Permission forms are due before Wednesday.

Thanks to all of those families who returned all of those forms promptly last week. If we could get them all in by the end of this week it will help us enormously. Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. I will be away on Friday at a Principals Network Meeting in Shepparton unfortunately. Have a great week everyone – if you can help out with the Bunnings BBQ it would be really appreciated.

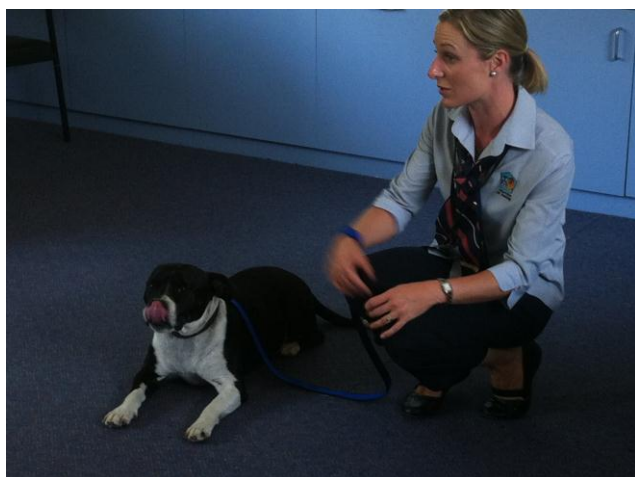
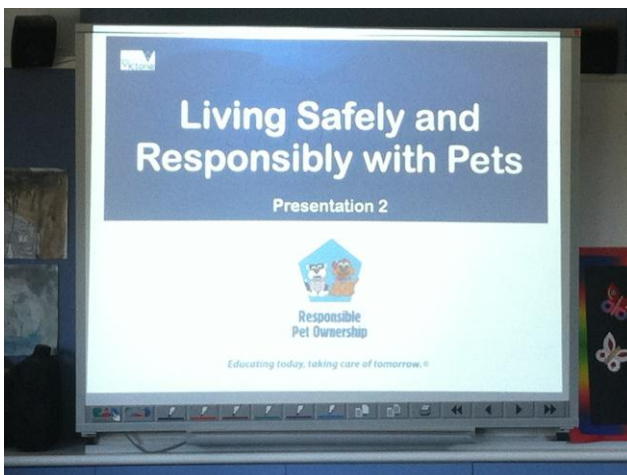
David Brodie  
Teaching Principal

## WHO MATTERS ? – OUR KIDSMATTER!!!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL – PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.  
THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

There is a late arrivals, early departures (students) and visitor's (parents) book that needs to be signed at the office counter on a regular basis if the need arises. This will aid our emergency management of the school.

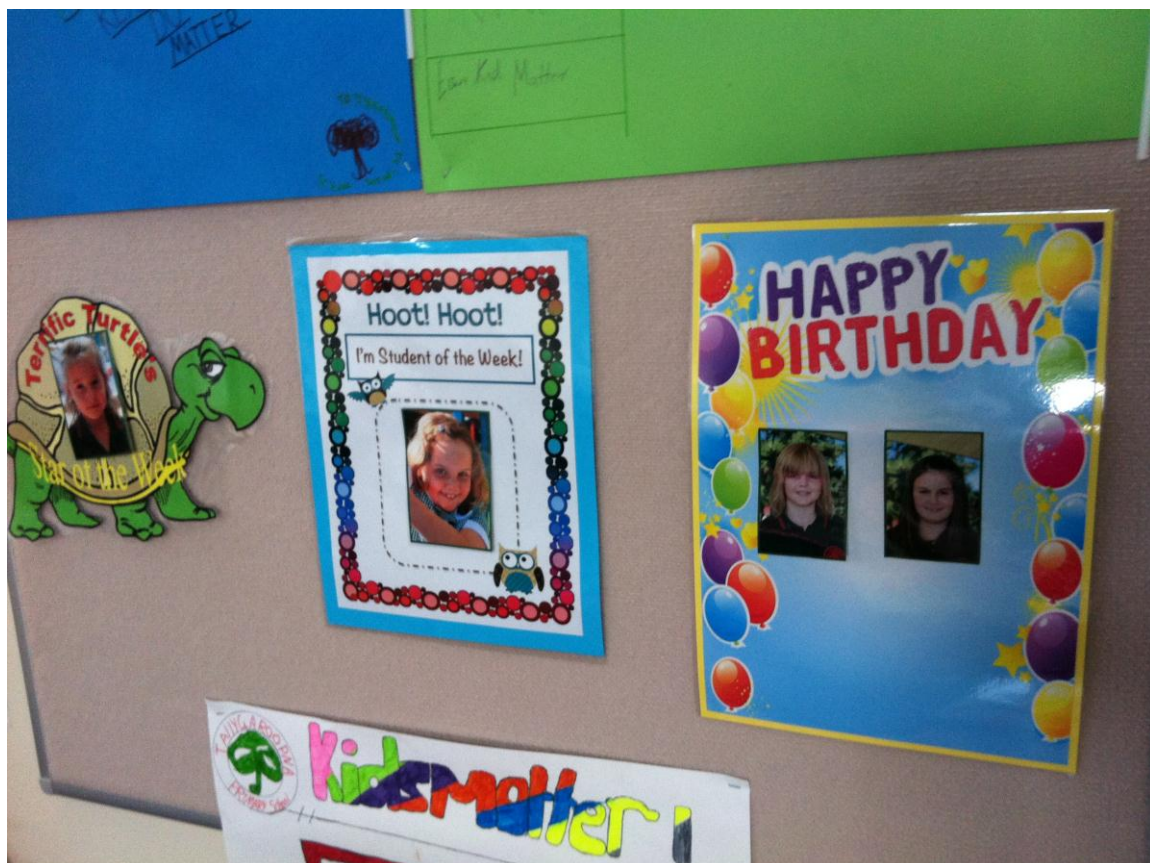
### Responsible Pet Program



### Casual Day - Summer Theme (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March)

At the last JSC meeting, it was decided to have a "Summer Day" theme to go with the parents Munch N Crunch. If the students wish they can come to school dressed in their 'boardies', bright T-shirt and wear their own large sun hat with a wide brim. The JSC is asking for a voluntary gold coin from each family to go towards the Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal.

## Kidsmatter Initiatives – Profile Wall, Student of the Week, Birthdays



# PINK PARENT SURVEY FORMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BRIGHTLY COLOURED BOX IN THE PROJECT ROOM.



## **1. Bunnings BBQ**

Attached to this newsletter is some important information relating to one of our major Fundraisers for the year – the BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We would love some school community support so if you can assist in any way or give up a couple of hours to assist with the BBQ, return the form or contact the office ASAP.

## **2. Parents Club**

Last Wednesday, the Parents Club AGM was held after school and the following office bearers were elected. The meeting was well attended and as always, we can expect our wonderful parents to continue to support and implement a number of fun days for our kids at Tallygaroopna. A number of fundraisers were discussed and these will be staggered throughout the school year to assist families. More details will be available soon.

Office Bearers for 2013

President – Lisa Newbound  
Treasurer – Hayley Meyland

Vice President – Kerry Brett  
Uniform Coordinator – Bev Montgomery

Secretary – Jill McFarlane

## **3. Grade 6 Shirts**

If Grade 6 students would like to have the back of their green school uniforms tops printed (shirts, jumpers), could they please have all of these named and placed in a plastic bag and given to Mrs Armstrong at the office by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. They will then be delivered to Spectrum in Shepparton for printing on the Thursday. The cost for each print will be \$8. Hence three prints would be \$24. Contact the office on 58298264 if you need to discuss payment options. This is not compulsory – students will still need to wear school uniform while the prints are being completed – please bring in a note if school shirts are not worn during this time.

## **4. Kinder Visit**

Next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, some of our children will go over to the Kindergarten for a quick visit at 11am. This will be very informal and will involve the students reading to the Kinder kids and playing out in their yard. No permission forms are necessary – this is covered in local excursions which was on the Green Student Information Sheet. If any families would prefer their children to not participate in this visit – contact the office ASAP.

## **5. Grade 5/6 Camp**

An expression of interest form has been sent home to all families for the Urban Camp which will be held from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Can this please be returned ASAP with a small deposit to assist with planning. At this stage, it is anticipated that the camp may be between \$200 - \$250. More details will be available soon.

Website - <http://www.urbancamp.org.au/home.htm>



## **6. Lifeguard Session**

Our whole school will be participating in a Water Safety Session in the Project Room at school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm until 3.20pm. SINK OR SWIM has been developed in direct response to an increased trend in drowning deaths of children aged 5-14 years and the need for inland waterway safety education in Victoria.

The program aims to enhance the student's knowledge and understanding of a range of aquatic environments but in particular; rivers, lakes, dams and creeks. SINK OR SWIM focuses on the student's relationship with water, while enhancing their capacity to make safer choices in aquatic environments, thereby preventing dangerous situations, accidents and drowning.

Website - <http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/www/html/1697-sink-or-swim.asp>

## **7. Cluster Science Day**

Our Science Cluster Day is scheduled for this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. This will be held at Katandra West PS and we will travel to and from the venue by bus, leaving school at 9am and returning at approximately 3pm. Permission forms went home last week for children in Grades 1-6 and will need to be returned before the day. There will be **no cost** for families for the bus – this will be paid directly from the Science Specialist Program Budget.

Specific details are below:

- ❖ The FFFFF stands for the Flowflyflashflickfloat and fun. [www.funshow.com.au](http://www.funshow.com.au)
- ❖ Schools will need to make their own transport arrangements – bus costs should be sent to your banker schools.
- ❖ Students will need to bring normal lunch, snacks, water bottles, hats etc.
- ❖ School uniform is still required for this day.
- ❖ Prior to day students will be divided into 8 groups –4 groups of 1/2/3, and 4 groups of 4/5/6.

	YEAR 1/2/3	Year 4/5/6
9:45 am	Assembly	
10:00 sharp	FFFFF Fun Show 90 minutes	Students rotate through 3 x 30 minute science activities.
11:30	Recess	
12:00 sharp	Students rotate through 3 x 30 minute science activities.	FFFFF Fun Show 90 minutes
1:30	Lunch	
2:00	Final group rotation	Final group rotation
2:30	Pack up	
2:50	Final Assembly and Schools leave when ready	

## **8. Prep Photos**

These will be taken by the Shepparton News on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 12.20pm. This is an annual event and will feature in the newspaper soon after. Any queries in regard to this, contact the office please.

## **9. Prep Information**

Throughout the month of February, children in Prep WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. There may be some Wednesday's where Mrs Wallace may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need. We will continue to implement a whole school buddy program on Friday afternoons, once every fortnight. The first full week for Preps will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

*Prep for Parents* - Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Prep for Parents email. You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx>

## 10. Fosbury Flop Forms

Last week, Fosbury flop forms went home for parents to fill out if they are happy for their children to perform this routine (landing on back) when completing the high jump. Over the next few weeks, we will complete a lot of practice with the high jump and are hopeful that the majority of students will be able to perform this routine safely. If students do not bring this form back they will need to perform the scissors routine (landing on feet). If the form is returned, they will have the option of both routines.



Athletic cards will be marked indicating which students are allowed to perform the Fosbury flop.

## 11. Student Information

During the first week of school, we sent home data indicating general information about each student currently held on Cases21 at the school. Could you please check, update if required, sign the forms and return them to school as soon as possible so that we can update our data base. The following forms also need to be filled out, signed and returned:

\* Green Confidential Student Information

\* Acceptable ICT Use

\* Engagement Policy

Some families will also receive 2 Bus Forms, School Asthma Action Plans and EMA forms – could these be returned promptly to the office also.

## 12. AASC Program

Our Active After-school Program began a couple of weeks ago with some positive numbers, which was encouraging to see. Please consider this free program because it is very worthwhile and promotes an active and healthy lifestyle. AFL (Football) is on a Monday and Aerobics will be held tomorrow. Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. If your child/ren are interested, please contact the office. Andrea Walker will be our school supervisor during both sessions and staff will fill in Andrea is unavailable. **Icy Pole Voucher was given to – Jacob (Week 4).**

**The session scheduled for Labour Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for more details..**

## 13. Term Dates

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

February 27<sup>th</sup> – Science Cluster Day – Kat. West PS

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Prep Photos (Shep News)

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Munch N Crunch 1

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Visit

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sink or Swim (Lifeguard Session)

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Holiday

March 13<sup>th</sup> – School Council 2 (AGM) – week 7

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Cluster Aquamoves Day

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Sports

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports Back Up Day

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Easter Raffle / Munch N Crunch 2

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 Concludes

## 14. Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week for week 4.

**Prep /1 – Terrific Turtles – Zane Brown** for the fabulous way he has fitted straight into our class. Zane is always willing to work and play with anyone in the room or the playground. Well done Zane.

**Grade 2/3/4 – Freaky Frogs – Jordan O'Brien** for the respect he awards everyone in the school regardless of if they are staff or students. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful way Jordan always puts 100% into everything he does here at school from his schoolwork to his running. An awesome effort Jordan!

**Grade 5/6 – Mad Monkeys – Tyson Clough** for the way that he has fitted in well to Tallygaroopna PS and the effort that he is putting in with homework – spelling/tables and reading



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

## **Values Vault winner – Ashleigh Moore**

**STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS SUNCREAM ON A REGULAR BASIS IF NEEDED.  
THIS SITS ON THE TABLE NEAR THE SINK IN THE PROJECT ROOM.**

**ONCE A WEEK, WE WILL BE SOUNDING OUR 2 ALARMS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO  
BECOME AWARE OF THESE IF THE NEED ARISES IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

### **Asthma**

School Asthma Action Plan forms have been sent home to families with students with asthma. Could these forms be completed and signed as soon as possible and returned to school. This is to ensure that the school has the student's most recent Action Plan on file.

### **Confidential Student Information**

A green Confidential Student Information form was sent home a couple of weeks ago. This form acts as a quick reference for the staff on excursions and ensures that the school has up-to-date information and signatures for a variety of issues and programs. Could this form please be filled out (please ensure both sides have been completed) and returned to the school Office as soon as possible.

#### **Spacers and Schools/Preschools: Reminder for Parents & Carers**

Schools/preschools in Victoria have been informed by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a student does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Some schools/preschools may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

**Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer is always available to school/preschool staff. Please make sure your child always brings a spacer with them to school, or has one that stays at school.**



For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

# Financial assistance available to parents with children commencing school in 2013

## **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery**. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is:

- **\$200** for prep students
- **\$150** for students in years 1 – 6.
- **\$300** for year 7 students
- **\$250** for students in year 8 – until age 16.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA.

**Closing Date:** Parents/guardians need to lodge an EMA application form by **28 February 2013**.

For more information about the EMA, visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm)

## **Schoolkids Bonus:**

From January 2013, a new payment called the 'Schoolkids Bonus' will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive:

- up to \$410 for each child in primary school
- up to \$820 for each child in secondary school.

For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit  
[www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/information/schoolkids-bonus](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/information/schoolkids-bonus)

## **Critical Dates**

- **28 February 2013:** Closing date for parents to lodge EMA application forms.
- **6 March 2013:** Closing date for schools to enter EMA applications onto the web system.
- **Mid-March 2013:** EFT payments (to either school or parent) will be deposited into bank accounts.
- **Late March 2013:** EMA cheques expected to arrive at schools.

Mooroopna Primary School is proud to present  
**“How to recognise Anxiety in Children”**  
with **Dr Natalie Flatt** Ph.D BSc., Post.Grad.Dip.Psych., M.Psych.,  
MAPS from **onPsych** [www.onpsych.com.au](http://www.onpsych.com.au)

On

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 9.30am to 11am.**

**at Mooroopna Primary School, O'Brien Street Mooroopna.**

**Dr Flatt** will be talking about how to identify anxiety in your child and some creative parent strategies on how to manage this. This session is suitable for parents, carers, professionals, welfare staff and school Principals.

**There is no cost but please let us know if you can make it by RSVP to: Wendy Fulton Ph 58252060 or [fulton.wendy.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:fulton.wendy.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

### NORTHERNERS SOCCER

Registration Night for 2013 soccer season will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm at Tallygaroopna Primary School. Any queries please phone Donna McNab on 0437 352 634



### **MUNCH N CRUNCH - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** **BEACH THEMED BBQ LUNCH**

***Parent's Club will be holding a BBQ lunch in conjunction with “Board Shorts out of uniform day” on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.***

For \$4 or \$5, students can order a cooked BBQ lunch of sausage/s in bread, frog in a pond jelly, and a prima drink.

Please see order form attached to newsletter, and return your order by next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you ☺.

If you can help out with setting up, cooking or serving on the day (somewhere between 12noon til 1.30pm) please let us know: Karen at the school office, or text Jill 0439 737 876.



**The Tallygaroopna Community Plan Committee  
Invites you & your family to our...**

**BYO  
Picnic,  
Drinks,  
and Chairs  
(or Rug)**

# **Flood Anniversary Community Picnic in the Park.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March**

**6pm onwards**

**at The RSL Hall & Larsen Reserve,  
Fowler Street, Tallygaroopna**

**Please come  
and share your  
Flood Story  
& Flood Photos  
(have them  
ready to be  
displayed in  
the Hall)**

**If you sing or play a musical  
instrument  
we would love for you to  
entertain the crowd!**

**In the hopes that we are ready to move  
forward we will be launching our  
"3 wishes for Tallygaroopna" campaign  
on the night.**

**For more information please contact  
Claire- 040879206 or Sue- 0408054233**

# OCCASIONAL CARE FRIDAYS

HELD AT

## **TALLYGAROPNA CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Children 0 – 3 Years	9am to 12 noon
Children 3 – 6 Years	9am to 12 noon or 9am to 3pm or 12 noon to 3pm
<i>Cost</i>	<i>3 hours - \$15</i>
	<i>6 hours - \$30</i>

Please contact the Tallygaroopna Children's Centre  
on **5829 8274** for more information



### Positive Parenting Telephone Service:



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

**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**

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

*Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime*



This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria



#### **NEW SEASON— WINTER 2013**

The Winter basketball season will commence in the week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Tigers Basketball Club will be holding their registration day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (Grand Final Day) which will also include a uniform collection and the return of uniform deposits.

Players will not be permitted to take the court unless payment is received prior to the first game or unless otherwise arranged.

We ask all parents to please consider joining the committee. Without our wonderful group volunteers our children would not be able to take the court each week. All are very welcome!! Please contact Michelle McNab if you are interested (0414 958 528).

Warm-up tops will be available to order at registration day for \$45.00 **CASH ONLY**

Socks are available for \$10.00 **CASH ONLY**

**ALL ENQUIRIES:**

**BOYS:** Leanne Collins 0427 07 33 55

**GIRLS:** Michelle McNab 0414 958 528