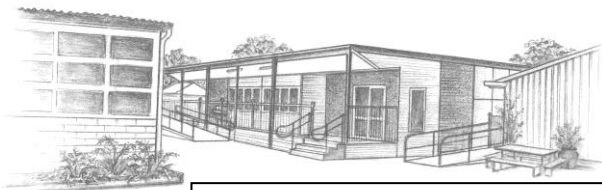


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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### MINI NEWSLETTER

**1. Curriculum Days for 2015 (Student Free)** - Each year schools receive four student-free days (when student instruction does not occur) 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 school needs. These have now been finalized and are summarised below and parents are encouraged to make alternative arrangements as soon as possible.

\* Day 1 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January (CPR Update for Staff, School Planning for beginning of the year)

\* Day 2 - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (Report Writing - new Software Program called Grade Expert)

\* Day 3 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November ( PD to be confirmed - options may be Curriculum Planning, Kidsmatter, E Smart)

\* Day 4 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December (Report Writing)

There will be a Student Led Conference Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June where all students are encouraged to come into school and discuss their goals for the school year. School Council has approved this **NOT** as a Student Free Day because children will be coming in and out of school during the day to discuss their progress at school. However, alternative arrangements will be needed.

**2. Foundation Students** - This week is the last week where all Foundation students will have Wednesday off. The first full week for these students begins on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please keep in mind that you could have some very tired little ones, especially during the end of the week.

**3. Thanks to Mrs Lambert** - On Friday, we say goodbye to Mrs Lambert who has been a student teacher in Mrs Haberfield's grade during the last few weeks. The students of the school have had a wonderful time building a relationship with Mrs Lambert and we wish her luck on her future endeavours as a teacher.

**4. Athletic Sports (Fosbury Flop)** - These forms went home a couple of weeks ago and permission can be granted on Tqibiz as well. Over the next few weeks, we work with the children with the Fosbury Flop technique (landing on your back on the mat). Students who are competent completing this will have FF marked on their athletics card when the sports are on and can use this technique if they wish. Students not competent in this technique will need to land on their feet (scissors).

**5. Grade 6 Shirts** - These need to be in at school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, so that the prints can be organised. We anticipate new uniform orders to arrive this week. We will aim to have all printed uniforms (shirts, jumpers), back to students by the middle of March before school photos take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**6. Library** - Library is on this week. Return library books please so new ones can be borrowed if needed.

**7. Forms to Return** - A reminder about the many forms to return to the office ASAP. These include the Engagement Policy, E Smart Policy, Green Information Sheet and Bus Rules...etc. The latter is a matter of urgency.

**8. Parents Club AGM** - This will be held next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to some of the fun and new activities which are planned for the school year. We have a hard working parent's club group and we would welcome any new members with fresh and different ideas.

**9. Book Covering Day (Morning Tea)** - A reminder that this will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March for any parents who can spare an hour or two covering some books in the school. This will be held from 10am, please bring a plate to share.

**10. Play Group** - Our first playgroup session for the year is planned for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please spread this message around the local community and everyone is welcome.

**11. Pancake Day** - Thanks to the parents who helped out with the Pancake Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**12. Out of Uniform Day** - We will be having a fundraiser for the CFA on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February (Red Balloon Day). All children are asked to wear red on this day and donate a gold coin for each family. Don't forget to put up those Red Balloons out the front of your house on this day.

**13. OSH Care** - is available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week as per usual.

**14. Foundation Students (Shep News Photo / Testing on Wednesday)** - This is scheduled to be taken this Thursday at 12.20pm. If any families would prefer for their children to not be photographed let the school know ASAP please. Some foundation students will complete some testing on Wednesday as well. A timetable has been sent home and put on Tqibiz.

David Brodie (Teaching Principal)