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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. School Leadership Congratulations to Declan, Taylah R, Jhet and Taylah G who were elected School Captains and Vice Captains respectively by their school peers. All of these students were presented with their badges today and we look forward to all of our Grade 5/6 students being vital parts of our Junior School Council for 2018. Photos will be published in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 2. Red Balloon Day This will be held next Tuesday 27th February. The Parents Club will assist with some balloons on the fence and any students wearing red (Casual Day) are asked to contribute a Gold Coin Donation (per family). We are hopeful of visit by the local CFA Fire Truck but this is yet to be confirmed.
- 3. School Support Services Consent Forms 21 students have received a Consent Form in regard to this where support may be provided by qualified Education Department staff. This may involve Psychologists and guidance officers, Speech pathologists, Social workers, Visiting teachers and other allied health professionals. Could these notes be returned by tomorrow please these will be followed up this week.
- 4. <u>Puberty Talks</u> This has taken place in the last few years with students in Grades 5/6. This program is currently being coordinated and if parents would prefer for their children to not participate could they contact the school ASAP please. Specific dates and more details about the program will be in the newsletter as in past years.
- 5. Aquamoves Day This is scheduled for Friday 9th March. We will be leaving the school at approximately 9.30am and returning at about 2.30pm. We are anticipating that permission forms will be sent home this week. Cost for the day will be \$6.
- 6. Prep Photos The Shepparton News takes these photos annually for all new Preps in the Shepparton region. Our photos will be taken on Thursday 22nd February at 11.30am. Parents are welcome to attend to take some photos also if they wish.
- 7. Social Function A reminder about the social function at the Cheeky Grog Co. on Sunday which begins at midday all are welcome.
- 8. School Council This will be held this Wednesday with the Finance Committee meeting at 6.30pm and School Council beginning at 7.30pm. The AGM for School Council is scheduled for Wednesday 28th March this is when our new school Council will form. We currently have 5 School Councillors whose terms finish this year if you are thinking of becoming part of School Council contact the office ASAP please. Nominations will close on Friday 2nd March.
- 9. Child Safe Code of Conduct (Volunteers) A reminder for all of our great volunteers to return this document to the office so that we are compliant with Child Safety regulations. Copies can be collected at the office if needed.
- 10. Recorders All students in Grades 2-4 will need recorders by Friday 23rd February when our Music Recorder program begins. These can be purchased at the office if needed or students can bring in their own recorder from home if they have one.
- 11. Detention We will be implementing Detention if needed to follow up any negative behaviour that occurs at Tally PS. This is in line with our Student Engagement Policy and has occurred over the last few years at our school but only been used sparsely. We have a 4 crosses process (over a 10 day period) in regard to this and I am sure that Detention will not be used often in 2018 as in past years. If Detention occurs 2 forms will be sent home (the student sheet which we work through together at Detention and formal notification form via Grade Expert this will be put on the Parent Portal). The formal notification slip from Grade Expert will need to be signed by Parents and returned to school ASAP.
- 12. Asbestos We have had some additional Asbestos stickers put up around the school after an inspection last week. We are awaiting a new report which will confirm whether any of our buildings have asbestos in them in the near future.
- 13. Food Handling Course We would like to update our registers for 2018. Any volunteers who are involved in food preparation at Tally PS are strongly encouraged to complete this online course. Certificates can be emailed to the school at tallygaroopna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au The Food Handling online course if found here http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php
- 14. School Fees Can school fees be paid by the 28th February please contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan. All families received individual student letters which documented Parent Payment Charges for 2018 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated.
- 15. Student Information Sheets (Green) These were sent home a few weeks ago and it would be appreciated if they are returned before the end of this week to assist with our school management processes.
- 16. Chaplaincy Consent Information was sent home a couple of weeks ago to some new families. We like to update our register in regard to support with Student Welfare (provided by John Hosking) and again it would be appreciated if these are returned before the end of the week.
- 17. Unexplained Absences Any students away from school must be accounted for. We would appreciate a formal note or phone call in regard to any absences that occur throughout the year (ie: late arrivals, morning / afternoon or whole day absences). Absences can be submitted via Flexibuzz as well which is very convenient and not time consuming for families. A big thank you to the many families who have responded to the absence texts which is a new process in 2018.
- 18. Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund A reminder for eligible families to see Karen at the office in regard to this.
- 19. Parent Portal Many families have been able to access the Parent Portal which is fantastic. Weekly Student of the Week awards will be put on this and other items will appear over time. Please contact me if you need any help with this it would be great to get all families connected and it is imperative that we have the correct email address to enable this Portal to work effectively.
- 20. Class Dojo All new families and existing families who weren't connected to Class Dojo have been given invitations to join this to enable effective communication with classroom teachers. If you need any help with this contact the school please.
- 21. Curriculum Day This is scheduled for Thursday 8th March and no students will be required at school on this day families will need to make alternative arrangements. No OSH Care will be available on this day also.
- <u>22. OSH Care</u> This is available from Monday to Friday this week. <u>A new enrolment form for 2018 is to be completed for each student prior to using the Program.</u> Fees for these sessions are: \$22 for Casual places, \$20 for Permanent places and \$12 for places which conclude before 4.30pm.
- 23. Random Acts of Kindness (Shower Others with Kindness) This whole school initiative involves 3 students / teachers being picked out of a hat as the Givers and 3 students / teachers being picked as the Receivers. Kind acts (card, cupcake, and lollypop....etc) are due by the end of the week. This week's givers are Bailey, Jacinda and Nathan. Well done to the 3 students from last week Nicholas, Jake and Heather.
- 24. Specialist Program P.E and Library will be on Wednesday and Music and Italian will be held on Friday this week.
- 25. Parents Club Annual General Meeting The next Parents Club meeting will be held on Monday 5th March straight after school. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new families help out with this great school community group.
- 26. Athletics (Fosbury Flop) Permission to perform the Fosbury Flop (landing on back) was sent home last week. The students will be practicing this technique over the next few weeks and we would appreciate permission forms to be returned ASAP. Contact Mrs Montgomery if you need any more specific details.

David Brodie (Principal)