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MINI NEWSLETTER

1. Car Parking After School - We have had some parents express concern in regard to some cars parking either side of the school crossing. This blocks the view of children utilising the school crossing from cars travelling down Victoria Street and has the potential to be dangerous. There is signage displayed at the front of the school stating that no parking should occur between 8am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4pm. Please abide by this to ensure we don't have a disaster happen at school - the safety of our whole school community is paramount. We do understand that parking is limited in the car park however parents may have to get out of their cars in the future or park around the corner at Smith Street and utilise the crossing for pickup.

2. Aquamoves Day (Cluster) - This is scheduled for Tuesday 26th February. Permission forms have been sent home. Could these be returned ASAP with payment please. More specific details were in last week's newsletter.

3. Student Led Conferences - At School Council last week, we were able to endorse two Student Led Conferences. This is in line with our new Strategic Plan where we are looking at providing more formal feedback to students and families. These days will not be Curriculum Days because children will be coming in and out of the school all day - as in past years. The two days will be held in the 2nd last week of Terms 1 and 3 - Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 10th September. Staff will be working on Individual Learning Plans during the next couple of weeks in preparation for the first conference day. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements on these days - no OSH Care will be available on these days.

4. Northerners Soccer - Information went home with F/1 students last week and some copies are at the office and also on Flexibuzz. See Julie Mawson if interested.

5. Prep Photos - Our annual Prep / Foundation photos for the Shepparton News will be taken next Friday 22nd February at 1pm. It would be appreciated if all Foundation students are at school on this day or when these photos are taken.

6. Junior School Council - This group was formed last week and will be published in the next full edition of the newsletter. We will have 6 Grade 6 students involved in this group for the 2019 year along with all of our Grade 5 students who will split this role each term. We will also have 2 representatives from Grade 4 in line with JSC membership that has occurred in the past. We look forward to all of these children making a valuable contribution to our school and all children in the school are encouraged to assist as well if asked to do so.

7. Forms to Return - A number of forms went home a couple of weeks ago. Could these be returned ASAP to assist with our start of year processes. These include: the Child Safe Code of Conduct, Chaplaincy Consent Form and MARC Borrowing agreement. The green Confidential Student Information Details & Consent form was also sent out previously and this needs to be returned ASAP please plus the Parent Payment letter. Could parents of Foundation students please return the School Nurse Program form.

8. Readers Workshop - A reminder that we begin the Readers Workshop at 9am most mornings and it would be appreciated if students are punctual at school each morning to assist with this teaching approach.

9. Information Nights - Thanks to the many families who were able to attend the Information Sessions held last Tuesday. All of the handouts by staff will be sent out via Flexibuzz this week for any families who were unable to attend these sessions.

10. Science at Shepparton HS - This continues this week and it has been pleasing to hear that the Grade 5/6 are interacting and participating in this program positively. As always, we plan to leave school at midday and return at approximately 2.30pm. The lessons go from 12.30pm until 2pm.

11. School Council Membership - There are a couple of terms which have elapsed, so if anyone is keen to come on this committee for the year (8 meetings) consult with me ASAP please.

12. Parents' Club Meeting - The first meeting for the year (AGM), will be held on Thursday 21st February at 9am during Playgroup. All are invited and we look forward to some new members coming on board this year and helping out.

13. English Online Interviews - These continue this Wednesday - it is essential that you stick to the time allocated - please contact the school ASAP if this day and time is not suitable and we can alter if needed.

14. Class Dojo - We hope that everyone can now access Class Dojo and new families have been invited to join. There will be many class stories shared throughout the year and we look forward to having this enhance the link between home and school.

15. Flexibuzz - A reminder to all families to join the new boxes for 2019. Classroom boxes from last year have been archived and are no longer used.

16. Foundation (Prep) Rest Days - These continue on Wednesday - the first whole week for Foundation will begin on Tuesday 12th March - after the Labour Day Public Holiday.

17. Early Arrivals - A reminder that supervision is not available until 8.30am. Any students arriving early are only to do so because of work commitments and families must consult with myself in regard to this please - thanks to the couple of families who have done so already. No staff are at school until 8am.

18. Sign In Book - All visitors must sign in and out at the school office please to ensure that we are compliant with our Child Safe responsibilities. This was an area that needed improvement when we recently conducted our School Review.

19. Contacting Staff Outside School Hours / Weekends - It is important for the school community to respect the personal time of staff and we would prefer that families contact staff during school hours first if possible. We will also endeavour to respect everyone's time by limiting Class Dojo and Flexibuzz alerts to school days from 8am to 5pm.

20. Occupational Therapy Consent Forms - This program with Taylah Wright began last Friday and will continue each Monday and Friday for the term. Consent forms were sent to all F/1 students and some other students in the school (parents were notified). Could these be returned ASAP, to allow for involvement in OT.

21. Speech Therapy - Jess Comer will be visiting on Wednesday to complete some speech therapy with some of our students. Some families have been notified in regard to this and we look forward to supporting as many students as possible.

22. Sign In / WWCC / Child Safe Code of Conduct - There has been a sign placed at the office to remind people to sign in when they visit the school and to present their WWCC if they have one. Any volunteers must sign our Child Safe Code of Conduct - be prepared for an EM drill at any time.

23. Food Handling Course - 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 - tallygaropna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au The Food Handling online course is found here - <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php>

24. Specialist Program - P.E and Art will be on Wednesday with Science on Thursday and Music on Friday. Just a reminder about art smocks for all students and recorders for students in Grades 2-4.

25. Playgroup - The first session begins this Thursday 21st February from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.

26. Food Alerts - It would be appreciated if any sharing of food (ie: birthdays) are given to staff with plenty of notice in fairness to other family members who may have to make alternative arrangements.

27. Nuts at School - We are no longer encouraging families to not bring nut products to school for lunch and snacks. Families may do so if they wish.

David Brodie (Principal)

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

Unfortunately, I will be away on Thursday (Network Principals Meeting)