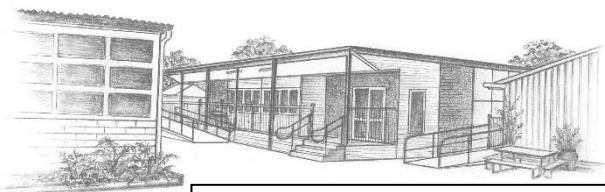


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

MINI NEWSLETTER - please keep referring to the 1st newsletter of the year if needed.

1. 5 Day Lockdown - Thanks to all families for being aware of processes during this period. During this time, schools needed to enable continuity of learning from home and this included the provision of learning materials which were emailed to families and also able to be collected from school in a hard copy form. Could these be returned by all students on Thursday please so that attendance can be marked during this 3 day period. We hope to have all of our children back at school on Thursday - stay tuned for details via Skool Loop.

2. COVID-19 Restrictions - Many of these have been lifted and have been communicated via the newsletter. A summary of these is on the front and back of the school grounds for families to refer to.

3. Start of the Year Forms - There are a number of forms that went home with the eldest child in each family a couple of weeks ago. It would be appreciated if these are all returned together ASAP to assist with our start of the year processes. These forms were listed in last week's full edition of the newsletter. Don't forget the MARC Borrowing Agreement and the Chaplaincy Consent so that children can participate in these programs.

4. Prep Rest Days - A reminder to families that our new Foundation (Prep) students will have rest days on Wednesdays for the month of February. Starting school is draining and tiring for the little ones and as all schools do, we want to ensure that the wellbeing of our children is paramount as they begin their education journey. Rest days still occur on the following remaining days - 17th and 24th February. Further days can be organised if needed.

5. Aquamoves Excursion - This is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd February and permission forms were distributed last week - could these be returned no later than Friday please. We hope to confirm whether this program will go ahead by Friday this week. All students are invited - behaviour is closely monitored leading up to the event as it is a privilege not a right to attend this day. Foundation - Grade 2 students will not go anywhere near the 50 metre lap pool - they will be only at the splash park and the small infant pool. We will have approximately 6-7 staff attend on the day a couple of life guards will be present as well. There will be 1 staff member stay at school if needed for any students not attending.

6. Sport Trials - Information is being sent home to families who have shown interest in any of these. Please contact me to ensure that endorsement is provided for any of these sport trials - soccer, netball, cricket

7. Cricket at School - This continues at school on Friday 19th February. A reminder to anyone using the facilities to be respectful of our school and please ensure the grounds and toilets are left tidy at the completion of these days.

8. Shade Sail - Some major damage has been made to the junior playground shade sail near the cubby house. We are looking into a replacement for this in the near future - please ensure no further damage is made to this asset please.

9. Tutoring Program - We are working through plans to begin this in the next few weeks with the hope to start implementation on Tuesday 9th March. We are aiming for these sessions to be held mostly on Tuesday's over a 20 week period with 2 tutors supporting approximately 20 students across the school who need extra support. This will be a school decision and parents will be informed if their children are participating in this program. The tutoring model involves a combination of withdrawal, small groups and in-class support, so we hope that many students will benefit from this program.

10. iPads / Netbooks - Four new netbooks have been purchased and put into classrooms for student use. We have also purchased 4 new iPads which we hope to have in classrooms in the next week or two as well.

11. Respectful Relationships - This program continues on Friday. In Term 1, we will be focusing on the themes of - Emotional Literacy & Personal Strengths.

12. Absences - Schools need to keep an accurate account of these. Our preferred method is through Skool Loop and we would appreciate notifications on the same day of the absence please. If having technical issues - we will accept a note or phone call.

13. Classroom Information - These presentations will be available to the school community by Friday 19th February and will ensure that most families at our school receive this important classroom information in regard to expectations, rules and specific classroom processes.

14. Bus Run - Thanks to all of the bus families for accepting some of the changes to times, stops in line with safety for all - your support is appreciated.

15. Production Auditions - These have concluded and the cast list will be published in a future newsletter - great job everyone!

16. School Council - Our first school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th February with the Finance Committee meeting at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm. This meeting will now be held on Webex because of the 5 day lockdown.

17. Fosbury Flop Consent Forms - These went home a couple of weeks ago in regard to consent with children doing the high jump. This involves children landing on their back on the high jump mat under close supervision and instruction. Could these be returned ASAP please.

18. School Library - This area is now complete - some photos will be published in a future newsletter.

19. Building Works - Unfortunately, this work will go on for a few more weeks. We may need some assistance putting this room together in the near future - let us know if you can assist.

20. OSH Care - New enrolment forms for 2021 are mandated - 1 for each student. Please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward. We had over 20 children in the service last week which was encouraging.

21. Specialist Programs - This week we will have no Specialists because of the 5 day lockdown.

David Brodie (Principal)

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

School Website (COVID-19 / Remote Learning): <https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/238/COVID-19>

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school and COVID-19 protocols.