

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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- 1. School Council Nominations** - We look like having a vacancy on school council for 2022 - terms are for 2 years. Nominations are due on Friday 25th February, please contact the Principal in regard to this if interested. School Council is an opportunity to see the other side of school operations and a well-informed and effective school council strengthens community confidence in the school and helps to build and secure the school's reputation.
- 2. COVID Measures Extension** - As stated last week, the Victorian Government have announced a 6 week extension of the COVID Safe measures for schools. These measures were introduced for 4 weeks at the beginning of Term 1 and will now be in place for the remainder of Term 1, subject to any changes in health advice. The 3rd Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) for each student in our school will be available to collect on Monday 28th February.
- 3. Student Led Conferences** - These will be held on Monday 28th March - more details in next week's newsletter.
- 4. Parents' Club** - Thanks to the parents who turned up at the scheduled meeting last Thursday - we are still looking for more helpers and for more members of this group to assist with activities throughout the year. There were a number of specific dates set and these will be published in the next full edition of the newsletter. The next meeting will now be held on Thursday 24th March outside at school at 3.30pm - all families are invited and we are looking forward to seeing some new families come on board to assist with activities throughout the year. Contact the school if you can help with the activities planned for Friday 11th March (Colour Run, Sausage Sizzle).
- 5. Grade 3-6 Camp** - Some incomplete information needs to be followed up on consent and medical forms ASAP. We look like having 38 students and 4 staff members attend the camp - students not attending camp will be catered for at school as always. A RA testing consent form was sent home last Thursday - please return this ASAP, but we are still waiting to hear from the Education Department in regard to this. A final reminder notice will be sent home probably on Friday - and also published on Skool Loop with departure and arrival times, clothing lists...etc. Please be aware of processes in regard to anyone who has symptoms or is positive with COVID-19.
- 6. 2's Day** - This is scheduled for tomorrow to coincide with Tuesday 22nd of the 2nd month of the year for 2022. It would be great to see some creative dress ups during this day which will be published in the full edition of the newsletter next week.
- 7. Colour Run** - This is scheduled for Friday 11th March. Consent forms need to be returned ASAP for any students wishing to participate in this fun afternoon which will begin at 2pm and conclude at around 3pm. All specific details have been published on normal communication platforms.
- 8. Munch N Crunch** - The Parents' Club are planning on holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 11th March to coincide with the Colour Run. Orders will be handed out this week and are due back on Monday 7th March.
- 9. Foundation Nursing Program** - Can questionnaire envelopes be returned please so that they can be passed on - these were due last Friday.
- 10. COVID-19** - We had a better week last week in regard to cases at school - hopefully this continues into the future. Regular communication will continue via Skool Loop so it is vital that families have these notifications turned on with their devices. Please read the signage around the school and adhere to the rules that are in place to enable our school community to remain as safe as possible during this difficult time. A reminder to families that the Education Department are encouraging RA Tests to be taken twice throughout the school week. A third box for each student will be available for collection on Monday 28th Feb. It looks like QR codes may not be required anymore, but again we are waiting on confirmation from the Education Department (Operational Guidelines).
- 11. Rest Days** - Rest days continue this Wednesday for Foundation students. These children are not required at school on this day unless they are completing specific testing (English Online). The first full week for Foundation students begins on Monday 28th February - but extra rest days can be negotiated.
- 12. English Online Testing** - The last day scheduled is this Wednesday 23rd February. This testing is mandated for Foundation students and children are only required at school for the duration of the assessment - which tends to take about 45 minutes to an hour. Families will be reminded of their date the day before (Tuesday), but information was sent home before the end of 2021.
- 13. Start of the Year Forms** - A number of forms went home with the eldest child in each family a couple of weeks ago. It would be appreciated if these are returned now to assist with our start of the year processes. These forms included the Student Information Sheet (Green), MARC Borrowing Agreement and Child Safe Code of Conduct for any volunteers in the school which we like to update on an annual basis.
- 14. MARC Borrowing Agreement** - This will need to be returned by Wednesday in order for children to borrow from the Library (MARC) Van this week. There were only few of these returned last week and it would be great to see our children using this valuable resource and continuing to show an interest in reading.
- 15. Chaplaincy Consent** - This will need to be returned ASAP, so that children can engage with Tim Ford at school. Information has been sent home for new students in the school and last year's consent will be carried over to 2022. Contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not engage with our Chaplain.
- 16. BYOD Program** - Participation in this program is now due (Acceptable Use Agreement) for Grade 5/6 students who would like to utilise their iPad for the 2022 school year. Consult with Liss Lothian if needed - relevant Apps were in the newsletter last week.
- 17. Assemblies** - These will be held at the Outdoor Learning Space or undercover area each Friday afternoon at 3pm until further notice. All families are invited to attend if they wish - Student of the Week is handed out at each assembly and families will continue to be notified.
- 18. Skool Loop** - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to disruptions at school in line with COVID-19. New groups for 2022 have been set up, so join these ASAP please.
- 19. OSH Care Enrolment Forms** - A reminder that no children will be allowed to utilise the OSH Care service unless enrolment forms are returned for each child - there have been constant reminders so far via the newsletter. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to this - please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward.
- 20. Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A reminder to families about the vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers. This is in line with COVID-19 vaccination information collection and recording procedures (Department of Education) where schools are required to sight specific vaccination status. As stated previously, facemasks are still needed for staff and students in Grades 3-6, but staff no longer need to wear facemasks outside. Parents are still encouraged to not enter school buildings but if they do digital certificates are needed in line with vaccination requirements. Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- 21. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent.
- 22. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have Music & Library on Wednesday and our rotation program on Thursday.
- 23. Sharing of Food** - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, icypole).

David Brodie (Principal) - I will be away on Thursday unfortunately at a funeral.

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

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school

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