

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

Tomorrow is our first whole school excursion for the 2021 school year. This has been a long time coming and we hope there will be more of these in the future. Obviously, COVID-19 may disrupt some of these going forward, but we hope we can implement more extra curricula activities this year, compared to what we were able to offer in 2020. If you are planning to not attend, but coming to school can you let the school know ASAP so that supervision can be planned for the day.

Last week, we had our first School Council meeting for the year and in this edition of the newsletter there are some important dates to be aware of for the future. Please note these down – we always like to give families plenty of notice in regard to these so that alternative arrangements can be made ASAP. I would like to formally welcome Steve Kemp and Karen Armstrong to School Council for the year – replacing Philippa Collins and Claire Haberfield respectively. I would like to also acknowledge both of these people for their many years of service on School Council. Your support and contribution to our school cannot be underestimated and we look forward to a rewarding year with our School Council members for 2021.

I would also like to acknowledge the work that Sarah Trimble has also contributed to our school over the last couple of years. Sadly, we say goodbye to Sarah on Thursday as an Education Support staff member and she has developed many relationships with staff, students and families during her time at school. Sarah will still be involved in some informal tutoring with a couple of students for a few weeks still – continuing from funding from 2020.

Again, it has been wonderful to see some parents come into the school again so far despite restrictions in line with COVID-19. Please remember that only one family can be in the office at one time and pre-arranged meetings must be organised with classroom teachers. Facemasks are mandated in all public indoor spaces which would include the office, classrooms and the project space where assemblies are held. Fingers crossed these things are lifted again in the not too distant future!

A reminder that our Child Safe Code of Conduct will need to be signed by any volunteers who are actively involved. We are currently updating our register for all members of the school community. I also encourage all families to keep referring back to the 1st newsletter if needed if you have forgotten something in regard to the return to school for the 2021 year. This is accessible on our school website, which is constantly being updated throughout the year.

Finally, thanks to our wonderful staff for the informative presentations that were provided on Friday – which obviously took some time to put together. This has been one of the positive spin offs of remote learning and we hope that all families find this information worthwhile and answer some specific questions you may have in regard to classroom processes and our new reading approach at school.

Karen will be at the school all week again to attend to any matters that arise. I look forward to catching up with some parents ASAP.

David Brodie (Principal)

A REMINDER TO FAMILIES THAT ASSEMBLY IS HELD EACH FRIDAY AT 3PM – THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE PROJECT SPACE (FACE MASKS ARE MANDATED – MASKS SHOULD BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES)

PLEASE FREQUENTLY CHECK SKOOL LOOP BECAUSE MANY SPECIFIC EVENTS ARE PUT ON THIS RESOURCE INSTEAD OF THE NEWSLETTER. ALL FAMILIES WILL NEED TO JOIN NEW BOXES FOR 2021.

CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR 2020 BE PAID FOR ASAP PLEASE.

Absence forms can be submitted on Skool Loop.

LIBRARY IS THIS WEEK - MARC CONSENT FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED NOW OR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BORROW FROM THE MARC VAN. IF NOT PLANNING TO RETURN THIS FORM - CONTACT THE SCHOOL PLEASE.

ICY POLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE (50 CENTS EACH) EACH FRIDAY - ICY POLES WILL NOT BE CUT IN HALF AS THERE IS NO SHARING OF FOOD.

A REMINDER ABOUT CHAPLAINCY CONSENT FORMS TO BE RETURNED. THESE NEED TO BE RETURNED ANNUALLY AND WE ARE MISSING A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE.

CHILDREN AT OUR SCHOOL ARE ONLY ABLE TO INTERACT WITH JOHN HOSKING WITH THIS CONSENT.

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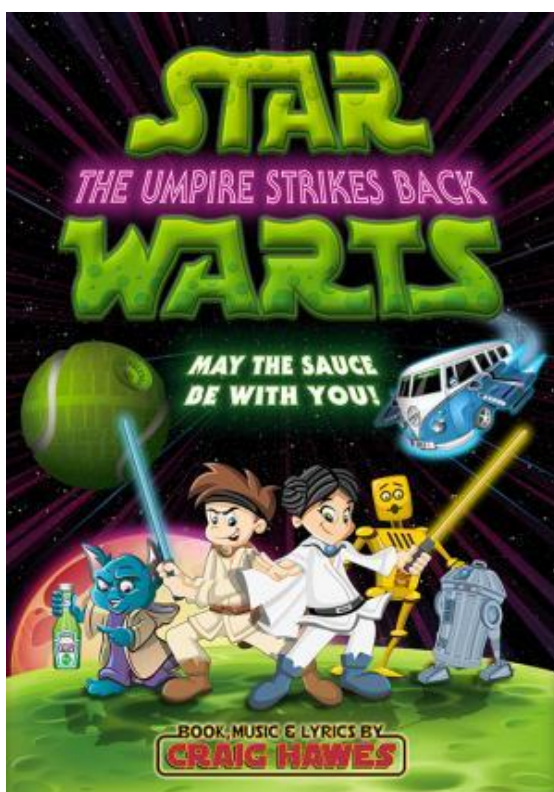
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Coronavirus (COVID-19) phone advice line

For up to date guidance and advice, the Education Department has a dedicated coronavirus (COVID-19) phone line (9am-5pm Monday to Friday). The advice line is available for school leaders as well as all staff, and parents on 1800 338 663.

No bikes are to be ridden around the school buildings to skid on concrete areas during school hours or while there are after hours school activities. Bikes may only be ridden on the court area once all staff have left the school.

Key Changes to COVID-19 Operational Guidelines from DET

COVID safe guidelines & school processes (to assist with contact tracing if needed)

Masks will be mandatory in public indoor spaces (ie: office, classrooms, assemblies). If you have visitors in your home, it is strongly recommended that masks are worn during the visit. Masks must be worn in indoor public spaces apart from when eating or drinking

Welcome back to a new school year. As you may be aware, the Department of Education & Training have COVID safe guidelines for schools, which they regularly update. We will always try and keep you informed of any changes via our Skool Loop app - which we encourage all families to join ASAP. We are all very glad to know that we can welcome parents, grandparents and visitors into school again! We have certainly missed you. However, there are still some extra regulations that we must all adhere to, to keep us all safe.

- Students can arrive at school from 8:30am each day. The bell to come into class is at 8.45am. Hand washing occurs at 8.45am.
- Students can be dropped off at the front of the school or via the car park if dropping and going. Please be aware of the school bus if using the car park.
- At the end of the day there will be no staggered finish time or walking out of classes by staff. Parents/carers can arrange to meet their child in the grounds, at the gates or at their car. Please confirm with your child, where you will be picking them up at 3:25pm.
- We are maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule at school, with all high touch areas being cleaned.
- Students will still be washing their hands at the start of the day and at the end of morning and afternoon recess
- Drink bottles are still strongly encouraged, but there are bubble taps available along with water in the project space to fill drink bottles.
- Remember that we all need to stay home if unwell- students and staff- and get tested if we have any COVID symptoms.

Parents/carers can come into the school grounds, but with restrictions that help to keep us all safe:

- Face masks must be carried at all times and worn indoors.
- Face masks are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- There are limits on the number of visitors that can be inside the buildings at any time, so visits to classrooms are discouraged and must be pre-arranged.
- When visiting the Office - only one visitor (family) may be in the Office at a time.
- Where possible, continue to communicate via email, our Skool Loop app or by phone. Class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo - info will go home soon.
- Parents who choose to drop their children off within the school grounds are asked to do so outside the classrooms.
- If there is a chance that a parent or visitor will remain within the school grounds for longer than 15 minutes, they must sign it at the office. An alternative is to use the QR codes that are displayed around the school. All visitors are encouraged to sign in when visiting and wear a visitor badge which can be collected at the office.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY

A big thank you to the staff of the school for getting this room ready for student use. Special thanks to Miss Lothian, Dee Palmer and the Grade 5/6 students for having a large role with this upgrade.









PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

SEMESTER 1



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*Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ABC, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community agencies.
The program is funded by ABC and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Star Warts – Term 3 Production

5/6 Cast List

(3/4 students may be given a small speaking part – these roles are still TBC)

The Rebels

Daft Ada - Nat
Luke Warmwater - Lexie
Princess Nebula – Gemma
Qwerty - Lynn
Zak Solo - Jame
Nigel The Nookie - Jai
Toby Wonky Nosebleed - Hazel

The Umpire's Court

The Umpire - Ellie
Spocky McSpock - Tait
Alexi - Benji
Sira – Peyton

The Jelly Nits

Lord Yoga - Mitchel
Anne Dromeda – Savannah
Alfie Centauri - Clarissa

The Trekkies

Cosmic Ray - Caitlyn
Photon Phil - Ethan
Romulan Rose - CallumFlash
Ultra – Zac

The Cosmic VIPs

Doctor Woo - Paige
King Basil Oregano - TBC
Queen Saffron Oregano - TBC

The Space Rangers

Ranger Roger - Oscar
Ranger Over - Owen
Ranger Out - Bohdi

The Racketeers

Borg, Becker, Venus & Graf - TBC
Mack - Hamish
Roe - Kaedyn

The Diddly Squits

Commodore Nintendo - Jimmy
Amiga, Atari, Sega, Snez, Pong,
Kong, Pixel & EC - TBC





The Apprentices

Axe, Bax, Crax, Drax, Fax, Max,
Quax, Sax, Trax, Wax – TBC

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

– Term 1 / Week 3

All students received a certificate and a free icy pole voucher to use later on in the year.





Found. / Grade 1 - Mrs H's Little Friends Kateryna 	<p>Kateryna received this award because I have been very impressed with the way she has shown her leadership skills this week. Kateryna has been leading by example and really trying her best in the classroom and in the playground. I love seeing her confidence improve. Well done, Kateryna!</p>
Grade 1/2 - Mrs Fitz's Blooming Bunch Ben R 	<p>Ben received this award for settling into his new grade and classroom very well and the great effort he has put into his work!</p>
Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Superstars Diesel 	<p>Diesel received this award for having an outstanding week! Diesel always completes tasks to the best of his ability and makes sure to ask for help if he is unsure. He always has a determined attitude and tries his best!</p>
Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Fruity 5/6's Bohdi 	<p>Bohdi received this award for his consistent enthusiasm towards his learning. I have also been super impressed with Bohdi's preparedness during production sessions. Well done, Bohd!</p>

VALUES VAULT (Inclusion, Honesty, Respect – WEEK 3: Zoey K

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

– Term 1 / Week 4

All students received a certificate and a free icy pole voucher to use later on in the year.

Found. / Grade 1 - Mrs H's Little Friends Tommy 	<p>Tommy has received this award because I have been really happy to see his confidence blossoming in the classroom. He has been coming in to school in the morning really well and he is trying super hard with his work. Well done, Tommy!</p>
Grade 1/2 - Mrs Fitz's Blooming Bunch Savannah 	<p>Savannah received this award for settling into her new grade and classroom very well and the great effort she has put into her work.</p>
Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Superstars Clay 	<p>Clay received this award for jumping straight back into routine after lockdown and working super hard! Clay also completed all of his tasks to the best of his ability whilst at home. Well done, Clay!</p>
Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Fruity 5/6's Callum 	<p>Callum received this award for his ongoing enthusiasm, dedication and maturity in the classroom. Callum is an amazing role model to his peers. Well done, Cal!</p>
<p><u>Sport Awards</u></p> <p>NONE THIS FORTNIGHT BECAUSE OF THE 5 DAY LOCKDOWN</p>	<p><u>Sport Awards</u></p> <p>NONE THIS FORTNIGHT BECAUSE OF THE 5 DAY LOCKDOWN</p>

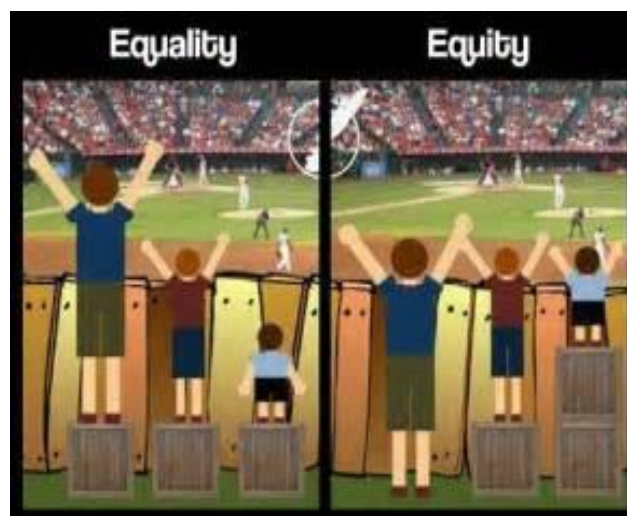
VALUES VAULT (Inclusion, Honesty, Respect – WEEK 4: Alira

All students are asked to bring their green reader bags back to school ASAP if these are at home. These will be used this year to hold their readers and homework as per normal.

There is a Late Arrivals/Early Departures book at the office, which needs to be signed for late arriving or early departing students. This needs to be signed by parents (or whoever is dropping off or picking up your child). There is also a Visitor's Book to be signed by all visitors to the school (this includes parents who stay for Parents' Club activities, etc). This will aid our emergency management of the school.

Music Lessons – 2021

Cliff Doornkamp is offering individual guitar and keyboard lessons to be held on a Monday morning. Each lesson runs for 20 minutes and will cost \$20. Interested families should contact Cliff on 0474 769 963 for more information.



Supervision – before and after school hours

Parents are reminded that grounds supervision does not begin until 8.30am so please do not send students early to school for the sake of it or to play. This is documented in our staff supervision policy.

Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards Program

Our school is registered for the Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards program. Families can register in-store. Funds generated by customer point donations are converted to cash and handed over at the end of the financial year.



The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards provide a framework for schools to review existing policies and practices and all other aspects of child safety, to ensure a 'zero tolerance' approach to any form of child abuse. You can access our policy on the school's website.

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Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

Northerners Soccer 2021

If anyone has children interested in playing soccer this season could they please get in touch with Julie Mawson on 0419 150 460 or complete the expression of interest form attached. If I have enough interest for certain age groups I will enter a team under the Northerners name otherwise I will pass your child's name onto another club to boost their numbers. Age groups include:

Under 6

Under 7

Under 8

Under 10

Under 12

Northerners Soccer 2021 - Expression of Interest

Child/children's name:

Grade:

DOB:

Contact name & number:

Assist with coach/team manager: Y/N

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If you would like further information feel free to get in touch with myself.

Thank you - Julie Mawson

Playgroup is Back!

Tallygaroopna Primary School's Playgroup will commence for the year on Monday 22nd March, 9.00am-11.00am, and after the term break recommence on Monday 19th April and then fortnightly after that. Playgroup is for all pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers and includes games, craft, cooking (COVID compliant), etc. Why not bring your pre-schooler(s) along, have a chat and a coffee, and get to know Tally's chaplain John Hosking, who runs the program? Enquiries to John on 0481393606.

Outside School Hours Care is looking for any donations of wool for a craft project in this program. If you can help, please send the wool to the school office.

1. Athletic Sports

The EGPSSA athletic sports will be held on Friday, 26th March at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton (Little Athletics track beside the Sports Stadium). A back up day is planned for Friday 23rd April if there is inclement weather. Parents are requested to transport athletes to and from McEwen Reserve. Children will need to be dropped off no later than 9.00am and will report to Mrs Armstrong who will mark the roll. At the conclusion of the sports, parents are to collect them. This should be approximately 3.00pm. If families think they will have difficulty transporting their children to the sports please contact the school. In the event of inclement weather, the wet weather committee will meet at 8.00am. If there is going to be a postponement, this will immediately be announced on 3SR and 96.9FM and the principals of the schools will be contacted. **Parents will be contacted via Skool Loop if the sports are cancelled.** Students will still be required at school – IF THE SPORTS HAPPEN TO BE CALLED OFF!!

Children are asked to bring their own drink which will travel with them, or a plastic mug labelled with their name. Children may bring their own lunch, or lunches and drinks can be purchased from the canteen, which is being catered for by a school on the day. Children who are not competing in an event must bring along a note signed by a parent.

This year, we plan to use our school marquee again, so there should be plenty of shade available. **If you can assist with transporting this, please contact the school ASAP.** School uniform and school hats are required – sun cream will be available but students are encouraged to put this on before they arrive on the day.

**WE ARE DESPERATE FOR HELP SO IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP.
WE WILL BE RUNNING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND SOME EXTRA HANDS
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. STAFF WILL ALSO BE SUPERVISING SPECIFIC AGE GROUPS.**

**WE NEED SOME HELP GETTING OUR
LARGE MARQUEE TO THE VENUE – CONTACT MR B.**

FOSBURY FLOP FORMS MUST ALSO BE RETURNED.

2. School Crossing

A reminder to everyone from the local community that drivers need to give way to any pedestrians using a pedestrian or school crossing. This is the law regardless of the presence of a crossing supervisor, though school crossings are only in operation when flags are displayed, or yellow lights are flashing.

We have had some families from our school ignore this and drive straight through the crossing although the flags are out and pedestrians are waiting to cross the school crossing. Can this be respected please before we have a major incident that we will all regret. Police may be inspecting this area in the future, so please respect anyone using the crossing.

3. Classroom Information to Families

This information was distributed last Friday as promised. The staff have put a lot of time and effort into these presentations and any feedback on Class Dojo to class teachers would be appreciated. We hope these presentations enable this information to reach a greater audience and this is something we may continue to do into the future.

F/1 - Claire Haberfield

<https://vimeo.com/514106765/bdc127ff4c>

1/2 - Tahnee Fitzpatrick

<https://vimeo.com/513779300/923b1704af>

3/4 - Bec Rosevear

<https://vimeo.com/513689184/376c093c3c>

5/6 - Liss Lothian

<https://vimeo.com/513689509/c578ccd992>

4. Reading Approach Information

At School Council last week, some specific questions were asked in regard to our new reading approach at Tallygaroopna Primary School. Our Literacy Leader (Miss Lothian) has put together a comprehensive presentation addressing some school and home processes; and reading instruction at our school.

If you wish to know more information about the reading changes being implemented this year, I strongly suggest watching Liss Lothian's video (see link below) that covers our reading scope and sequence, assessment practices, take home readers and ideas for supporting your child's reading development. Feel free to email the school or Liss if anything further needs to be clarified.

Reading Instruction at Tally PS

<https://vimeo.com/513808938/5a8e3bb69d>

5. Student Led Conferences

Last Tuesday, School Council approved two Student Led Conferences for the 2021 school year. These are not curriculum days because staff will be at school for the day interacting with students and families. Families will need to make alternative arrangements because students are only required at school for the duration of their Student Led Conference. Information in regard to online bookings will be available on Tuesday 9th March at 3.30pm. These bookings close on Friday 19th March.

Term 1 – Tuesday 23rd March

Term 3 – Friday 10th September



6. Curriculum Days

Last Tuesday, School Council approved two Curriculum Days for the 2021 school year. Families will need to make alternative arrangements for both of these days because there is no school on these days and also no OSH Care. Each year government schools are provided with four **student-free days** for professional development, school planning and administration, **curriculum** development, and student assessment and reporting purposes.

Term 2 – Report Writing on Friday 11th June (Queen's Birthday on Monday)

Term 4 – Report Writing on Monday 22nd November.

7. Tutoring Program

We are in the process of implementing our Tutoring Program. We are fortunate to have Bev Montgomery and Melissa Beer be our two tutors for this program which will begin on Tuesday 9th March. This will be held mostly on Tuesday's for a 20 week period for 4 weeks in term 1, all of term 2 and for the first 6 weeks in term 3. Bev will be working with some students in F/1 and 5/6; and Melissa with students in Grades 1/2 and 3/4. Families will be informed if their children are involved in this program but funding provided to our school is only to accommodate approximately 10 students who are in need of extra support. This will be a school decision, but the tutoring model will involve a combination of in-class support and small group and individual withdrawal.

8. Grade 6 Shirts

If grade 6 students would like to have the back of their green school uniform tops printed (shirts, jumpers), could they please have all of these named and placed in a plastic bag (also named) and given to Mrs Armstrong at the office by Friday 5th March. They will then be delivered to Spectrum in Shepparton. The cost for each print will be \$12. Hence, two prints would be \$24. Contact the office on 58298264 if you need to discuss payment options. This is not compulsory – students will still need to wear school uniform while the prints are being completed – please bring in a note if school shirts are not worn during this time.

9. Census Day

This will be held this Friday 26th February – it would be appreciated if all children are at school on this day.

10. Parents' Club Meeting

Thanks to the many parents who returned the letter in regard to a specific date for the first Parents' Club meeting of the year. The vast majority thought a Monday at 3.30pm would be suitable so the first meeting for the year will be held next Monday 1st March at 3.30pm. All are welcome – we look forward to seeing some new members and some new ideas to support our children and our school.

11. 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.

12. Bravehearts

Students in Grades F-2 will be participating in a Bravehearts Personal Safety Show on Tuesday 4th March at midday in the Computer Lab / Library. The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children protective behaviours in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. Bravehearts' Education teams deliver the show's messages into schools, day care centres, shopping centres, sporting clubs and other facilities (relating to the care of children) to provide students, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education.

'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure' Education Program aims to continue communicating essential personal safety messages and works tirelessly to reach children across Australia. Since reaching the 200,000 safer kids milestone in March 2012, the amount of children that have seen Ditto continues to grow.

The show's main contents address:

- * Yes and No Feelings
- * Private Parts and Privacy
- * What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure
- * Warning Signs
- * It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- * Scared and Yucky Feelings

No permission forms will be sent home for this show – please contact the office if you would prefer your children to not participate in this performance.

13. Aquamoves Day

Our whole school excursion at Aquamoves on Tuesday 23rd February (tomorrow) is confirmed as per Skool Loop last week. The Aquamoves activities will be free play in the olympic pool, wading pool and splash park – strict supervision for junior students. We are only anticipating 23 degrees on the day, so we will be taking some sports and sand pit equipment for the day as well. **All parents are encouraged to apply sun cream to students before arriving at school, but this will be applied and re-applied at Aquamoves by school staff. Some parental assistance with this would be appreciated because this is very time consuming and parents are welcome to attend to assist with supervision.** We will leave school by bus at 9.45am at the latest and assemble at Aquamoves at 10am for an introduction to the day and provide further information to students as to how the day will unfold. The day will finish up at around 1:30pm and we anticipate returning to school by 2pm. **Permission forms will need to be returned ASAP – if your child is not attending they are still required at school for the day and a staff member will be in attendance at school to assist with supervision. Please contact the school if your child is not participating and whether they will attend school for the day please.**

No students are to buy things from the canteen and parents are discouraged from buying things for their children from the canteen.

14. Information to Return

Could the following information be returned ASAP please – these can be handed in at the office.

- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Green Confidential Student Information Details & Consent Form
- Asthma Action Plans for relevant families – please collect one at the office if applicable
- Medication Request Form – please collect one at the office if applicable
- Chaplaincy Consent Form
- MARC Van Borrowing Agreement

15. Fosbury Flop Forms

The Fosbury Flop technique with high jump is appropriate if the teacher/instructor is experienced in this technique and if students have had instructions in, and lead up activities on the run up, take off, flight and landing phases of the jump.

Children will need parental permission to use this technique. Due to the regulations with regard to high jump, we are seeking your permission to allow or not allow your child to perform the Fosbury Flop technique of high jumping. We ask that you only grant permission if you know that your child is proficient at the skills needed. Eg. learnt at little athletics **OR during P.E. lessons with Mrs Montgomery.** A permission form has been sent home in regard to this and we ask that parents sign this where applicable as this technique will be carefully monitored and safety will be paramount (students landing on their back).

16. Production

We have started working on our school production which will be held in term 3 this year. As you could appreciate, a lot of time and effort goes into this program and we look forward to our students leading from the front again. We ask that all students and their families accept any position that they are given and do their best with this opportunity.

The cast list with speaking parts and the props list is published in this newsletter – if you can assist with any of this let us know please.

17. Conveyance

The Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school or campus.

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car or private bus.

Parents applying for the allowance are required to complete an application form – contact Karen if needed.

18. Foundation Student Information

Throughout February children in Foundation will NOT attend school on Wednesdays. Their last day to remain at home will be on 24th of February. There may be some Wednesdays where Mrs Haberfield may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need.

The first full week for Foundation students will begin on Monday 1st March – extra rest days can be negotiated if needed.

19. Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5829 8264 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

20. School Fees

Family statements were sent home to all families last week. If you need any clarification, please contact Karen. More information regarding fees can be found in Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021 which was sent home to families late last year and are also available on the school website under Information < School Fees. These base school fees are summarised below:

Foundation	-	\$215	Grade 1/2	-	\$150
Grade 3/4	-	\$135	Grade 5/6	-	\$140

These fees are now due and we would appreciate payment by the end of term 1, 2021. As stated in the Parent Payment Arrangements forms, these fees do not include camps, excursions, swimming, uniforms or bus fees (if applicable). For more information, please contact Karen Armstrong or David Brodie.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/239/School-Fees>

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

Second-hand Uniforms

If anyone has any uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school

TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 1 2021 (ALL DATES TBC)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
25	26	27	28	29
		Teachers first day	Students first day OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain
1	2	3	4	5
OSH Chaplain	OSH Cricket at School	OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day	OSH No Preps – English Online	OSH Respect. Rel. No Preps – English Online
8	9	10	11	12
OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain	OSH Library / Music Prep Rest Day	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Bunnings BBQ 14
15	16	17	18	19
OSH Chaplain	OSH School Council 1	OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel. Cricket at School
22	23	24	25	26
OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain Aquamoves Day - Confirmed	OSH Library / Music Prep Rest Day	OSH Rotation Day	OSH

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
OSH Chaplain Parents Club Mtg.	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH Bravehearts F-2	OSH Respect. Rel.
8	9	10	11	12
Labour Day Hday	OSH Chaplain	OSH Library / Music	OSH Rotation Day	OSH
15	16	17	18	19
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel.
22	23	24	25	26
OSH Chaplain Playgroup Begins	Student Led Conference Day School Council 2	OSH Library / Music	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Athletic Sports
29	30	31	1	2
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH Term 1 Ends Dismissal 2.25	Good Friday

MARCH / APRIL