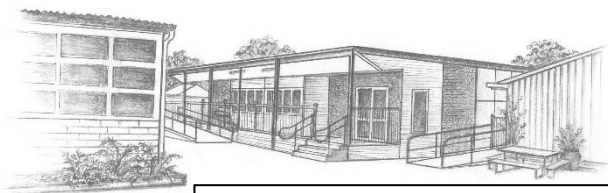


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- 1. Curriculum Day** - This is scheduled for this Thursday 8th March and no students will be required at school on this day - families will need to make alternative arrangements. No OSH Care will be available on this day also.
- 2. Aquamoves Day** - This is scheduled for Friday 9th March. We will be leaving the school at approximately 9.30am and returning at about 2.30pm. Permission forms are due now and it would be great to get some helpers throughout the day to assist with sun cream application. If students have a rashy - they are strongly encouraged to wear this on the day.
- 3. Labour Day Holiday** - This is on Monday 12th March and school will resume on the following day on Tuesday. We will have assembly as per normal on the Tuesday also.
- 4. Parents Club Annual General Meeting** - The next Parents Club meeting will be held tonight straight after school. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new families help out with this great school community group. We are in need of some assistance with the Easter Raffle - so if you can help this would be greatly appreciated.
- 5. Athletics (Fosbury Flop)** - Permission to perform the Fosbury Flop (landing on back) was sent home a couple of weeks ago. The students will be practicing this technique over the next few weeks and we would appreciate these to be returned ASAP. Contact Mrs Montgomery if you need any more specific details.
- 6. Professional Practice Days** - There are 2 of these dates set for this term - 15th (Mrs H / Miss Love) and 22nd March (Miss Lothian / Mr F). Normal classroom programs will continue during these days and replacement teachers have been organised for these dates. We would appreciate no interruptions with staff involved during these days so that specific time set can be valued as much as possible.
- 7. National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence** - Our school will be involved in this day on Friday 16th March. All students will receive a wristband on this day to acknowledge our strong stance on bullying and violence. These will be used as a constant reminder and will be worn by all staff and students. If you would prefer for your child to not have a wristband contact the school - these wristbands can be used on an ongoing basis at school.
- 8. Trade Day** - This is scheduled for Sunday 18th March. Expression of interest for stall holders are invited for the Trade Day which will be held at the Memorial Hall from 2pm to 5pm. Please register interest by phoning 0458 298 422. The cost will be \$20 per site along with an item suitable for a raffle on the day.
- 9. Athletic Sports** - This is scheduled for Friday 23rd March at the McEwen Reserve in Shepparton with a backup day if needed on Monday 26th March in case of inclement weather. We anticipate that permission forms will be sent home this week and more specific details are in the full edition of the newsletter. 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 Haberfield who will mark the roll. At the conclusion of the sports, parents are to collect them. This should be approximately 3.00pm.
- 10. Easter Raffle** - It is a tradition here at Tallygaropna PS to run an Easter Egg Raffle with families contributing some sort of chocolate bunny, chicken, Easter eggs, soft toy etc. Donations can be left at the school office. We then bundle these into numerous prizes. The more donations, the more prizes we can have. All money raised is donated to the Royal Children's Hospital - Good Friday Appeal. A raffle book will be sent home to all families soon. More raffle books can be obtained from the school office. If we could have all donations and raffle books in by the 26th of March, we can then draw winners out on the 29th of March and send money raised to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal before the holidays
- 11. Puberty Talks** - This has taken place in the last few years with students in Grades 5/6. This program will be held on Monday 19th March and Tuesday 27th March and more specific details are in the full edition of the newsletter. If parents would prefer for their children to not participate - could they contact the school ASAP please.
- 12. School Council** - The AGM for School Council is scheduled for Wednesday 28th March - this is when our new School Council will form and our old School Council will sit for the last time. Nominations have now closed for School Council and more details about our membership for 2018 will be in future newsletters.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.**
- 15. 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 - tallygaropna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au The Food Handling online course is found here - <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php>
- 16. School Fees** - School fees are now due - 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.
- 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 aren'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. OSH Care** - This is available all week apart from Thursday this week because of the Curriculum Day. **A new enrolment form is to be completed for each student - please be prompt with this.** Fees for these sessions are: \$22 for Casual places, \$20 for Permanent places and \$12 for places which conclude before 4.30pm.
- 22. 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 lolipop...etc) are due by the end of the week. This week's givers are Jade, Zoey and Miss Love. Well done to the 3 students from last week - Brody, Charlotte and Beck Wayman.
- 23. Specialist Program** - P.E and Library will be on Wednesday and Mrs Ceravolo will help with supervision on Friday this week at Aquamoves. Music this week has been rescheduled to Friday 16th March.

David Brodie (Principal)

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