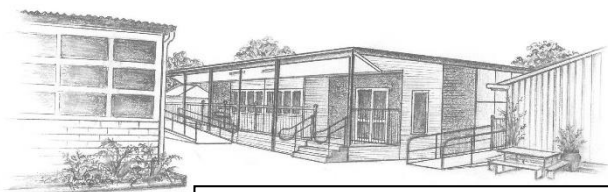


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## MINI NEWSLETTER

**1. Student Led Conferences** - At School Council 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 2<sup>nd</sup> last week of Terms 1 and 3 - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Staff will be working on Individual Learning Plans during the next couple of weeks in preparation for the first conference day. There will be no formal lessons on these days so parents will need to make alternative arrangements for child care if needed. There will also be no OSH Care available on these days. Bookings for the first Student Led Conference can be made now - see last week's full edition of the newsletter for details.

**2. Snake Sighting** - A small brown snake was sighted last Friday at school - a snake catcher was called to remove it. Could parents please reinforce with their children to stay well away if they see a snake at school and let a staff member know immediately.

**3. Athletic Sports** - This will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the McEwen Reserve in Shepparton. If this day is postponed - the backup day will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. More specific details will be in next week's newsletter - students will need to be dropped off at this venue as there will be no school back at Tally PS.

**4. Fosbury Flop Form** - This permission form was sent home last week. 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 - landing on their back. We are currently working on this technique at school and most of the children will hopefully become efficient at this. We will be completing a checklist for the whole school soon in regard to who can do this appropriately. Athletics practice has started during weekly P.E. sessions on a Wednesday

**5. Relay Teams** - We will be running students off on Thursday this week at midday to organise relay teams for the Athletic Sports. We will be aiming to have a combination of relay teams, parloof relay and captain ball.

**6. Easter Egg Raffle** - It is a tradition here at Tallygaropna PS to run an Easter 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 1<sup>st</sup> of April, we can then draw winners out on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April (last day of term 1) and send money raised to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal before the holidays.

**7. Grade 6 Shirts** - These should arrive back at school any day. Could families pay for these ASAP - so that uniforms printed can be sent home immediately.

**8. Professional Learning Communities Initiative** - This began today for some staff at Tallygaropna PS. Specific dates were published in last week's full edition of the newsletter and I know the whole school community will support staff through this program as we are constantly aiming to improve our processes at school and aim to further develop student achievement and learning.

**9. NAPLAN Online** - This year, students in Grades 3 and 5 will be completing NAPLAN online. This is an exciting development and we look forward to this change being a positive one for our children. I will be attending a briefing on Friday with Miss Lothian in regard to this.

**10. Labour Day Public Holiday** - Next Monday is a public holiday - normal classroom activities will begin again on Tuesday. Foundation students (Preps) will begin their first full week at school beginning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. If any of these children need further time at home mid-week - please contact the school.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

**15. Class Dojo** - We hope that everyone can now access Class Dojo as 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.

**16. 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.

**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 Reports** - These were sent home last week. This program with Taylah Wright continues each Monday and Friday for the term.

**21. 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.

**22. 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](mailto:tallygaropna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) The Food Handling online course is found here - <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php>

**23. 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.

**24. Playgroup** - This will be on this Thursday from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.

**25. 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.

**26. 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 for 3 days this week (PLC Initiative / NAPLAN Online)