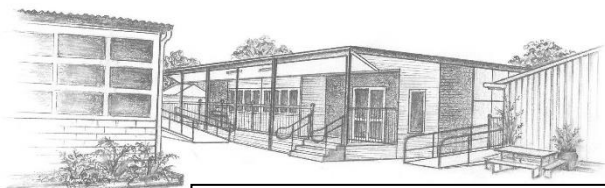


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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. BioLAB Excursion** - Students in Grades 5/6 left early this morning for this excursion at Belmont past Geelong. We anticipate some weary kids at the end of the day and we anticipate arrival at Tallygaropna PS to be at 6pm tonight. This will be updated via Flexibuzz - stay tuned.
- 2. Grade 3/4 Camp (Echuca)** - Medical, permission forms and specific information in relation to this camp has been sent home for all Grade 3/4 students. Could the forms indicated on the front page be returned ASAP please - see Flexibuzz. The cost for this camp has been confirmed - \$260. The camp is scheduled for Monday 16th March to Wednesday 18th March.
- 3. Labour Day** - There is no school on Monday 9th March because of the Labour Day holiday long weekend.
- 4. Outdoor Learning Space Grant** - Last Friday at assembly, we had a visit from the Honourable Damian Drum (MP). He was able to officially announce that our school had received a grant to build an outdoor learning space which will be a valuable asset to the school into the future. We hope to start work on this project in the next couple of weeks, with the aim for completion by mid-year if possible - stay tuned for regular updates.
- 5. Easter Raffle** - Donations of Easter Eggs can be left at the school office over the next couple of weeks. 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 was sent home to all families last week and more raffle books can be obtained from the school office if needed - please return any unsold ones. If we could have all donations and raffle books in by the last week of school, we can then send the money off before the end of Term 1. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of the term, as per usual. The family with the most raffle tickets sold and with money returned by 10th March will receive the large Tablerone bar.
- 6. Athletic Sports / Fosbury Flop Forms** - Our Athletic Sports day is on for all students in Grades F-6 on Friday 20th March. There is a back up day planned for Monday 23rd March if we have inclement weather on the Friday. Fosbury Flop permission forms have also been distributed for the high jump - could these be returned ASAP please. More specific information is in the full edition of the newsletter.
- 7. Student Led Conferences** - This will be held on Tuesday 24th March and bookings are now open - information was in last week's newsletter and also on Flexibuzz.
- 8. Curriculum Day** - We look like having our 2nd Curriculum Day of the year early in Term 2, so we can complete First Aid Training. A date will hopefully be confirmed this week and made public to the school community.
- 9. Men's Shed** - Permission forms were distributed a couple of weeks ago for visits across the road for 2020. Can these be returned ASAP please.
- 10. GRIP Leadership Conference** - Our four school leaders will attend this day at Eastbank in Shepparton on Wednesday 18th March. We hope to have permission forms go home this week in regard to this program - there is no cost for this day.
- 11. Playgroup** - This begins next Wednesday 11th March - all are welcome.
- 12. Bunnings BBQ** - We are fortunate to have a Shepparton Bunnings BBQ planned for Sunday 29th March. More details will be available in the near future but if any parents are able to do a 2 hour shift could you contact the school ASAP please. Funds for this fundraiser go towards general building and grounds maintenance for the school and we generally raise about \$1500 for this day - any donations of bread, sausages, sauce, soft drink or water would be appreciated also.
- 13. F-2 Performance** - Students in Grades F-2 will be attending the performance of "The Gruffalo's Child" at Eastbank in Shepparton on Friday 13th March. The show begins at 1pm, so we anticipate leaving school at 12.15pm and returning at approximately 2.30pm. The cost for this program is \$12. Permission forms have been distributed - could these be returned ASAP along with payments please.
- 14. Clean Up Australia Day** - We were able to collect 15 bags of rubbish last Friday morning for this day. Well done to the students and staff in Grades 3-6 for their contribution.
- 15. Red Balloon Day** - We were able to raise \$104.70 for the CFA last Friday - well done everyone!
- 16. School iPads (BYOD Program)** - No students are to take home any IT equipment which belongs to the school. This may include iPads, netbooks or iPods. Children in Grades 5/6 who own their devices bring these to school and then take them home at the end of the day.
- 17. Class Dojo** - We hope that everyone can now access Class Dojo and 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.
- 18. Flexibuzz** - A reminder to all families to join the new boxes for 2020. Classroom boxes from last year have been archived and are no longer used.
- 19. Grade Expert Parent Portal** - New families have been invited to join this for 2020. Reports, awards...etc will be sent out via the Parent Portal and all parents are invited to join this resource. Contact me if you require a new password to be sent out to enable you to access the Parent Portal.
- 20. Foundation (Prep) Rest Days** - This continues on Wednesday. The first whole week for Foundation will begin on Tuesday 10th March - after the Labour Day public holiday.
- 21. 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.
- 22. 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.
- 23. Specialist Program** - Science will be on Wednesday with Italian on Friday.
- 24. Bravehearts Show** - This is now on Tuesday 17th March for students in Grades F-2. Parents are welcome to come along to the show if they wish from 2.00pm - more specific details are in the large newsletter.
- 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. OSH Care** - If you would like a casual or permanent position please contact the school ASAP. A reminder about OSH Care enrolment forms which must be filled in for families to use the service - this is mandated. OSH Care costs are \$25 for a full session and \$15 for a session up to 4.30pm, although these are a lot cheaper if eligible for the Child Care Subsidy.
- 27. School Payments** - When making payment to the school bank account for multiple items, please make one direct deposit for the total amount with your family name listed and either email or FlexiBuzz a message to the office detailing the breakdown of the payment.
- 28. School Uniform Reminder** - A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder to all families to reinforce this please.
- 29. 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. Thank you to the many families who have responded to the absences so far this year.
- 30. Readers Workshop** - A reminder that we begin the Readers Workshop at 9am and it would be appreciated if students are punctual at school each morning

David Brodie (Principal)

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

I will be away on Wednesday - Network Meeting at Tatura PS