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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to welcome Lee and Brenda Bunce to Tallygaropna Primary School. Marc (Grade 4) and Jacob (Grade 2) began settling into our school today in Mrs Haberfield's grade and I know they will have an enjoyable time whilst at our school. Our present enrolment now sits at 51.

Our new building is still progressing well and at present, we are in the middle of a power upgrade. Concreting and the installation of stairs and ramps will hopefully begin around the outside of the building this week also. Staff were involved in getting quotes for blinds last week and we hope they get installed before the start of Term 2. Our new sport shed has been installed and it now sits proudly at the front of the school. We will be looking at getting power into that building in the near future.

Last week at School Council, three important documents were endorsed. These were the 2010 Annual Report, the 2011 Annual Implementation Plan and the updated Homework Policy. We also had a look at school performance data which focused on Teacher Judgements, NAPLAN, English Online Interview and Attendance. All of our data is either at or above the state benchmarks which speaks highly for the school. Early next term, NAPLAN testing will be implemented for Grade 3 & 5 students and we will continue to strive for high achievements now and into the future.

Thank you to the many families who have either sold Easter raffle tickets or donated Easter eggs. We will need all of these in before the 7<sup>th</sup> April so that we can draw the raffle during Munch N Crunch.

Karen will be away again at her fourth day of OH&S Training on Thursday, but she will be available at the office until Wednesday. I will be away at Wangaratta on Friday. Newsletter will be available on Tuesday next week due to the Athletic Sports day. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

*"Learning doesn't take place in isolation from children's feelings. Being emotionally literate is as important for learning as instruction in maths and reading"*

**WORKING BEE** will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** from 3pm until 6pm. **A BBQ** will follow along with drinks. **Names at the office please, if you can assist in any way.**

**The Easter Raffle** will now be drawn on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. **Can all raffle tickets and Easter egg donations be in at the office by this day please.**

**The last AASC Lawn Bowls** will be held at the **Tally Bowls Club** on the **29<sup>th</sup> of March**. **Basketball** next week will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Ping!**

**This year the grade 2/3/4/5/6's are lucky to be doing a music program called Ping. Our instructor is Joel Mustin. We all enjoy his music and songs.**

**The songs that we are learning at the moment are called Tension and Release and also Voice and Drums. Our favourite song in the class is Voice and Drum! It**



**is really fun to sing. This program will be continuing through the whole year, which will be great fun. We hope everybody has fun in this program.**

**By Harri Ring and Mollie Karl!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



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**WORKING BEE – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
3PM – 6PM**

Family Name.....

Amount of People for BBQ.....

I have the following to assist with the working bee:

Gardening Tools - wedding

Ute – large branches

Trailer – large branches

Rotary Hoe – soil around Sport Shed

### 1. Annual Report for 2010

At School Council last week, we were able to endorse the Annual Report for 2010. This document informs parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year. The report also provides an opportunity to communicate and publicise the longer term directions for the school and is available now at the office if parents would like a copy. This report will be put on the School Website in the near future.

### 2. Annual Implementation Plan

The school annual implementation plan for 2011 was also endorsed by School Council last week. This document describes how the key improvement strategies in the school strategic plan and other significant projects will be put into operation in each of the four years of the strategic plan.

Annual implementation planning assists schools to:

- plan and communicate their work for the coming year and how this will lead to achieving the goals and targets in the school strategic plan
- ensure efficient and effective allocation of resources to complete the work
- monitor progress and success.

### 3. School Council for 2011

At our Annual General Meeting last week, we were able to elect office bearers for the 2011 School Year. David Bagley and Tim Ring were elected unopposed as President and Vice President respectively. Lisa Newbound remains as the Minute/Secretary also. Other members of School Council are: Donna McNab, Bernie O'Brien and Wendy Sidbottom (Parent Representatives) along with Sandra Wallace and Claire Haberfield (DEECD Representatives). We welcome Wendy back to School Council for this year.

On behalf of everyone from the School Community, I would like to acknowledge Neville Montgomery's contribution to School Council. Neville has finished his two year term on school council and he has been a tireless worker for a number of years. Personally, I have really appreciated his view and thoughts in regard to continually striving to improve and develop Tallygaroopna Primary School.

### 4. Grade 5/6 Teaching Position

The Graduate Position for the Grade 5/6 class closes on Recruitment Online tomorrow and we are hoping to interview this week and then announce to the school community the successful applicant next week.

### 5. School Excursion

On the last day of the term (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April) all of the students in the school will attend a PING Excursion to be held at the Shepparton Performing Arts Centre (Eastbank). This involves a performance by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. We will travel by bus and leave school at 9.15am and return to school at approximately 1pm. We will be breaking up in 2 groups on the day with one group (Prep – Grade 2) going to a session from 10am until 10.50am and the second group from 11.30am until 12.20pm. When students are waiting for their session, they will walk down to the playground at Aquamoves and have a morning snack. As a result, students will need play lunch and a drink with them. Students will be required to wear school uniform and no money will be needed on the day.

Permission forms will go out this week and they must be returned before the last day of the term. There will be no cost to the school or to parents for this program as full funding comes from involvement in the PING Music / IT Program.

### 6. Regional Director's Day

I will be attending a Regional Director's Day at Wangaratta on Friday. The focus of this day is turning good schools to great. Unfortunately, the office will be unattended during this day but the school phone will be with Mrs Wallace during the day.

### 7. Yachting Program

Students in Grades 5/6 have an option of participating in this program if they wish. This extra curricula activity will be held at Kialla Lakes in November and will be for 1 1/2 hours. In the past, all of the students in the upper grades have participated in this program thanks to funding from the Bingo Account. Unfortunately, this is not possible this year and into the future so the cost (\$25), will need to be paid for by parents. Any students wishing to participate in this program will need to get to and from the venue themselves also. Expression of interest and payment of this money to the school is due this Friday if interested.

### 8. New Sport Shed / Working Bee

Last Thursday, our sport shed was fully installed and we are now ready to bring over equipment into this building. I would like to have a working bee on the last day of term at 3pm until 6pm. This will involve the Sport shed along with some general school ground maintenance. There are a number of large branches we need to get rid of so if anyone has a ute or trailer which we could use it would be greatly appreciated.



### 9. Easter Raffle

We will again be holding an Easter Raffle to **now be drawn on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**, with proceeds to go to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal. We ask that all families donate an Easter Egg/chocolate/Easter goods to make up the raffle prizes. Raffle books have been sent home with each family (there are more available at the Office). Tickets are 50 cents each - \$5.00 for the book (please write on both sides of the ticket). Tickets will need to be returned with payment by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April so that a cheque can be sent to the RCH Appeal before the Good Friday Appeal.

### 10. Homework

At School Council last week, we modified and then endorsed the schools homework policy. This policy took into account a lot of the feedback which was provided by families and it is featured in this edition of the newsletter. The homework policy will be reviewed in line with our Strategic Plan and is now also on the School Website.

### 11. Athletic Sports – School Uniform Required

The EGPSSA athletic sports will be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton (Little Athletics track beside the Sports Stadium). 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 Miss Bicknell 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.** A Back Up Day has been scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

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 by Kialla PS. Children who are not competing in an event must bring along a note signed by a parent.

If any parents can help out in any way on the day of the sports could you contact the office ASAP. This year, we are trying to cut costs by **not** hiring a marquee, so if any families have a shade structure which may be used on the day could they also contact the office.

**Tallygaroopna PS will be running the high jump at the sports along with Congupna PS and Katamatite PS. We are seeking helpers for the 10 Old Year Girls and 8 Old Year Boys**

### 12. School Terms

We will break up from school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2.25pm. Buses will run as per normal but times will need to be adjusted by 1 hour obviously. School will not resume for Term 2 until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April because of the Easter and Anzac Day holidays.

### 13. Sports Award Recognition

On the weekend, I attended the break up and AGM for the Shepparton Little Athletics Club. I was extremely proud to see some of our students receive an award for their efforts. Congratulations to Alyssa and Justin Lindrea, Jordan O'Brien, Chrissie Karl and Campbell Steigenberger.

14. Grade 5/6 Camp – last reminder.

Plans have begun for the Grade 5/6 Urban Camp to Melbourne. Our school is responsible for organising this and we need to know definite numbers before the end of March, so that the cost for the camp can be formally set. We are anticipating that this cost will be between \$150 and \$200. The camp begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and concludes on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please return the Expression of Interest form and a deposit before the end of March if your child will be attending the camp.

The Camp will involve some of the following attractions – Aquarium, IMAX, MCG – Sports Museum, Shrine, Aquatic Centre, Museum and Science Works. More details will be available soon. Please contact Karen at the office if you would like to organise a payment plan for the camp.

**GRADE 5/6 URBAN CAMP  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / DEPOSIT**

My child.....would like to attend the Melbourne Urban Camp from 6<sup>th</sup> June until 8<sup>th</sup> June. I enclose .....as a small deposit for the camp.

Signed.....

15. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 1/2 are:

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| April 4 <sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports                        | April 7 <sup>th</sup> – Munch N Crunch / Easter Raffle       |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup> – Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion | April 25 <sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day Ceremony (School Leaders) |
| April 27 <sup>th</sup> – Term 2 Starts                         | April 28 <sup>th</sup> – Art / Craft Day (Mother’s Day)      |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup> – EGPSSA Cross Country                     | May 9 <sup>th</sup> – AASC Starts – Term 2                   |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup> >12 <sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN Testing        | May 16 <sup>th</sup> – Bike Ed. Program Begins               |
| May 18 <sup>th</sup> – Young Leaders Day (Wanganui SC)         | May 25 <sup>th</sup> – Life Ed. Van                          |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Biggest Morning Tea                     | June 1 <sup>st</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart Day               |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup> > 8 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 5/6 Camp        | June 10 <sup>th</sup> – Tree Planting Day                    |
| June 13 <sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday Holiday                | June 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Responsible Pet Program              |

16. AASC Program

Lawn Bowls will conclude tomorrow and Basketball will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April not the 4<sup>th</sup> April due to the Athletic Sports day. Next term, our program will include Multi Skills on a Monday and Dance on a Tuesday. More information will be available next term. AASC Participation Winners for Week 8 were – Justin Lindrea, Mollie Karl, Christiaan Van Taarling, Beau Ramadan, Connor McNab and Taylah Lindrea.

**Parents will need to pick their children up from the Tally Bowls Club after the AASC Program on the 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

17. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for week 8 –

**P/1 Jack Fleming** for the fabulous persistence he has shown in his handwriting. Extra practise at home has helped. Great work Jack.

**2/3/4 Taylah Lindrea** for the way she is endeavouring to complete her work although she has been absent. A great effort!

**5/6 Zane Newbound** for the wonderful effort he is putting into his weekly spelling, tables and reading homework.



## Tally Netball Team

Netball training for the 11 and Under Tally netball team will continue this Wednesday at 4pm at the school. Our first game is Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We have entered a team in Division 3.

## Occasional Care Tallygaroopna

Places are now available at Tallygaroopna if you need to take a break, attend appointments or simply do a few things that are difficult to get done with small children around.

A session at occasional care provides a balance of planned experiences appropriate to your child's age and skill levels and supervised free play including painting, puzzles, climbing, water and sand play. Your child will also have the opportunity to develop social skills by mixing with other children in a secure, friendly and stimulating environment.

The occasional care operates in the Tallygaroopna Preschool between 9am and 3pm on Fridays during school terms.

Children over three years may attend from 9am to 3pm or 9am to noon. Children under three may attend from 9am to noon only. Fees are \$13.50 for 3 hours and \$27 for 6 hours per child per session. Phone 58298274 to find out more or make a booking.

## Uniform Order

The Uniform Order form has been updated and is available at the Office. The new price for the short-sleeved t-shirt (s4-14) is \$21.00. Sizes Small to X Large are \$23.50. Bomber Jackets (s4-14) cost \$37.20 and (s Small to X Large) are \$42.70. An Open Hem Windcheater is available also (s4-14) for \$26.60 and (s S-M) \$32.05. If you would like to place an order please fill out a form and return to the Office with payment by this Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – don't forget to add \$1 for postage.

## Contacting the School

If parents wish to contact school, the first option is to use the school phone number (58298264). Staff at school endeavour to have this phone with them at all times. However, there are instances when this phone is out of range of the school office and this results in no calls getting through. An example of this occurring might be if all of the staff and students are on the school oval doing Athletics practice. As a result, parents are encouraged to contact the school using Mr Brodie's mobile number (0411960164). This phone will be active at all times and will enable parents to contact the school whenever deemed necessary. The school has a mobile number, but this currently diverts to the Principals mobile phone. It is recommended that all families have Mr Brodie's phone number stored somewhere.

## Parents' Club

The Parents' Club is organising a craft day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April to make a Mother's Day gift. Due to the date being the second day back from the school holidays, it would be great if payment for this could be finalised before the end of term. Cost will be \$5 per student. If you are able to help on the day please contact Deb on 58298461 or Bev 58298526.

Thank you

Parents' Club will be holding an Easter Munch & Crunch on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. The menu and cost will be as follows.

Option 1 – chips, Hot Cross bun and Easter egg - \$4.00

Option 2 – 2 fish fingers, chips, Hot Cross bun and Easter egg - \$4.50

Option 3 – 4 fish fingers, chips, Hot Cross bun and Easter egg - \$5.00

The Hot Cross bun will be served at recess. Please fill out the following form and return to school with payment as soon as possible.

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### **Easter Munch & Crunch 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Family Name: .....

Child: ..... Menu Option: ..... Cost: .....

Child: ..... Menu Option: ..... Cost: .....

Child: ..... Menu Option: ..... Cost: .....

Child: ..... Menu Option: ..... Cost: .....



## Homework Policy – Tallygaroopna PS

Homework at Tallygaroopna PS is designed to enable students to have a desire for lifelong learning so that they become valuable members of society. The school encourages creativity and is committed to providing the highest quality education for all in an environment that cares for our students, staff and parents.

This commitment is demonstrated by encouraging students to:

- Reach their full academic, social and physical potential in a fair, positive and consistent environment.
- Display a commitment to improving their learning outcomes.
- Develop a sense of self-discipline in their work and their play.
- Develop a good understanding of all key-learning areas, particularly literacy and numeracy.
- Develop in students, qualities and life skills such as responsibility, communication, independence, inquiring minds, problem solving, team skills and creativity.
- Prepare students for their next stages of learning by building on their strengths and experiences.

### Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

### Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self learning.

### Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers may set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities will be assessed and feedback provided where necessary.

### **Early Years (Prep – Year 4)**

Homework may consist mainly of:

- reading and spelling activities to, with and by parents.
  - simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
  - gathering of additional information or materials
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

### **Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)**

Homework may consist mainly of:

- independent reading and practicing spelling and tables on a daily basis
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research

Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and school vacations.

- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle and feedback will be sought from the School Community



#### **Shepparton Little Athletics**

Presentations were held at KidsTown on Saturday. Pictured are Campbell, Alyssa, Chelsea, Taylah, Brenton and Jordan. Other participants presented were Justin, Mollie, Chrissie and Mikayla.

## AFL Ambassador Program

AFL has offered schools 6 free tickets to 4 AFL matches this season. Three families will be drawn out of a hat for each match. It is up to families if they use the tickets themselves or give them away to friends or families.

If families choose not to use their free tickets they can return them back to the school for another family to use.

Matches with free tickets are:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: St Kilda vs Richmond

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Round 6): Collingwood vs Western Bulldogs

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Round 8): Hawthorn vs St Kilda.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August (Round 23): Hawthorn vs Western Bulldogs

## Tally Auskick 2011

NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League's key introductory program for primary school aged boys and girls and their families. Through our weekly coaching program you'll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules. Play football in a fun and safe environment and make plenty of friends too! Parental support and participation is vital, so please make yourself available to help out and join in.

The Tallygaroopna Football Club is conducting an Auskick program at Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve **commencing on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May at 4pm**. You can pick up a registration form at the school office which needs to be filled out and returned to school by the 29<sup>th</sup> of April or you can register online. **Please phone Neville by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April** so that the correct number of packs can be ordered and on hand for the first night.

The cost of the nine week program will be \$60, made payable to Tallygaroopna Football/Netball Club. The Tallygaroopna Football/Netball Club will cover all other relevant costs.

The dates are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June (final night).

Hopefully we will be playing a half time game on a Saturday against another centre during the year and I will pass on the details when one has been organised.

Any queries don't hesitate to call me, Neville Montgomery as Tallygaroopna's Auskick co-ordinator on 0439614464 or A/H 5829 8526. Hope to see you there!



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## Crop for a Kinder

Scrapbook and Card Making Crop Night

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2011  
7- 12 pm

**Tallygaroopna Children's Centre**  
(Cnr Victoria and Smith St Tallygaroopna)

Door Prizes, Raffles,  
Cricut and Cuttlebug Machines and Punches available  
Basic Supplies for Purchase  
Buy, Swap and Sell Table  
Make and Takes by  
BRITTANNAHLEE STAMP AND SCRAP AND STAMP'N UP

**\$15 Entry (Bookings Essential)**  
(includes supper, door prizes, make and takes and use of punches)

All proceeds to Tallygaroopna Children's Centre  
Enquiries and Bookings Ph: Philippa 58298414

## Northerners Football Club

Registration night will be held this Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of March at 4pm at the Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve. For any further enquiries please call Brendan or Lisa Newbound on 5829 8236