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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

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 2nd last week of Terms 1 and 3 - Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 10th September. Staff are currently finalising Individual Learning Plans 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 and these close on Friday - see last week's full edition of the newsletter for details.

2. Easter Activity Day / Bonnet Parade - This will be held on Tuesday 2nd April with the parade on the basketball court at 9am. Participation in the parade is optional and bonnets are to be made at home - prizes will be awarded to students in each year level. After the parade, students will be organised into groups to undertake Easter activities run by classroom teachers. More specific details were in last week's full edition of the newsletter.

3. School Council - The AGM for School Council is scheduled for **Wednesday 27th March** - this is when our new School Council will form and our old School Council will sit for the last time. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm, followed by the School Council AGM at 7.30pm. The new School Council will begin their 1st meeting at 8pm.

4. Munch N Crunch - This will be held on the last day of the term on Friday 5th April. Students can place an order for a special lunch on this day and specific information will be sent home in the near future.

5. Casual Day - Celebrate by dressing up on the last day of term. The JSC are hosting a "Dress up as your favourite character" casual day. You can dress up as any character that you want, whether it's every one's favourite plumber (Mario) a fish (Nemo) or Harry Potter. Characters can be from books, movies, YouTube or T.V shows. Gold coin donation is appreciated. Donations will be forwarded to Ronald McDonald House charity.

6. Athletic Sports - This day is scheduled for Friday 29th March at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton with a backup day if needed on Monday 1st April in case of 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. A permission form will be sent home this week. All students will need to wear uniform on this day and bring a hat, drink and lunch / snacks. Food and drinks will be available from the canteen if required. Specific details are in the full edition of the newsletter. *We need help transporting our school marquee to and from the venue - if you can help contact the school please.*

7. Fosbury Flop Form - This permission form was sent home a few weeks ago. 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

8. 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 2019 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated.

9. 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 absences so far this year.

10. ANZAC Day - Our school leaders (Tom, Jake, Izzy and Jade) will represent our school at the service at Welford Street on Thursday 25th April. Students will need to arrive by 10.30am to prepare for this service, which begins at 11am - all students are invited if they wish and school uniform must be worn. Prior to this day, the Parents' Club may be working with Grade 3-6 students making Anzac biscuits for the whole school and we hope to make a school wreath at 11am - any donations of flowers would be appreciated.

11. Easter Raffle - Donations can be left at the school office this week. 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 Monday 1st April, we can then draw winners out on Friday 5th April and send money raised to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal before the holidays.

12. 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 and Chaplaincy Consent form. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Early Arrivals - A reminder that supervision is not available until 8.30am. Any students arriving early are only to do so because of family 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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 The Food Handling online course is found here - <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php>

21. 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.

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

23. 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.

David Brodie (Principal)

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