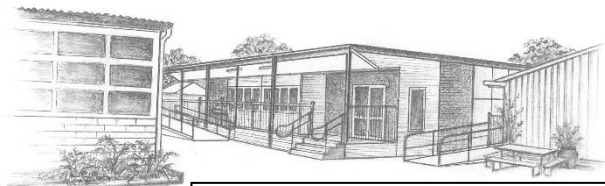


# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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## MINI NEWSLETTER

**1. Coronavirus** - This morning we had an assembly to address the current situation with the Coronavirus. Specific information which was discussed and presented has been made available to the whole school community via Flexibuzz. Please reinforce this with your family and talk frequently about good hygiene practices. This will be the last whole school assembly until things improve - again this a directive from DET. We will still have regular assembly announcements, but these will be made over the PA system while students remain in classrooms.

**2. Cancellations** - Unfortunately, because of the current situation with the Coronavirus we have had to cancel the following events / programs this week. The school community will continue to be informed ASAP if more cancellations are needed - at present this looks highly likely. A big thank you to all families for their quick responses last night - apologies for the inconvenience which is currently taking place.

Grade 3/4 Camp to Echuca (Billabong Ranch)  
Braveheart's show for F-2 students

GRIP Leadership Conference - school leaders  
Athletic Sports - whole school

**3. Hygiene Measures** - More hand wash dispensers were installed today and we have encouraged anyone in the school to value personal space and try their best to be 1.5 metres apart from each other. This is very difficult to reinforce and is pretty unrealistic in a school setting, but we will encourage this as best as we can at school.

**4. Student Work** - Staff are currently preparing school work on the chance that school may be cancelled because of the Coronavirus. We are just being proactive on the chance that this may happen and families will be directed in regard to this process if needed.

**5. NAPLAN Practice Test** - Students in Grades 3 and 5 will be completing a coordinated practice test on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is only to assess the capabilities of our IT equipment and to ensure that the Online NAPLAN tests can be completed effectively in Term 2. No individual results will be available during this testing process.

**6. Munch N Crunch** - This was scheduled to be held on the last day of Term 1 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, but will now be cancelled because of the current situation with the Coronavirus.

**7. Easter Raffle / Easter Fun Day** - 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 a few weeks ago 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. At this stage we will be having an Easter Fun Day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - more specific details were in the full edition of the newsletter last week.

**8. Student Led Conferences** - This will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and bookings are now open - information was in last week's newsletter and also on Flexibuzz and bookings close this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - get in quick please.

**9. Curriculum Day** - We are having our second Curriculum day of the year on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April (Term 2 - week 2) to complete First Aid training. This is a Pupil Free Day and no children will be required at school on this day - there is no OSH Care on this day also.

**10. 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.

**11. Playgroup** - This continues next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - all are welcome.

**12. Bunnings BBQ** - We are fortunate to have a Shepparton Bunnings BBQ planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Details were sent home to families last week and also sent out via Flexibuzz - if any parents are able to do a 2 hour shift could you contact the school ASAP please. Funds for this fundraiser go towards our Outdoor Learning Space and we generally raise about \$1500 for this day - any donations of bread, sausages, sauce, soft drink or water would be appreciated also.

**13. Life Ed. Van** - This is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April and the cost for this program is only \$6 per students (kindly subsidised by the Tallygaroopna Lions Club). Permission forms were distributed last week - could these be returned ASAP please. More specific details about the program will be in next week's full edition of the newsletter.

**14. Aquarium Excursion** - At this stage we will be holding a whole school excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Permission forms will go home early in Term 2 and the cost for this program will be \$20 per student. Our guided program on Ocean Kids - Habitats begins at 11.30am and concludes at 1.30pm. Therefore, we will be aiming to leave at 8am and return at 5pm. Students will need to wear school uniform on this day and bring a morning snack, lunch and a drink. No hats will be needed on this day. We will be aiming to have a morning snack at 11am and then lunch at the conclusion of this program at 1.30pm. More specific details will be available soon.

**15. Movie Night** - This is scheduled to be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - more details to follow soon.

**16. Cross Country** - This program is for students in Grades 3-6 and is scheduled to be held at the Shepparton Lake on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. More details will be available early in Term 2 when permission forms go home. There will be a small cost for this day.

**17. School Council - AGM / Revised Dates** - Our next meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Finance Committee will meet from 6.30pm - 7pm followed by our AGM at 7pm. Our new School Council will then meet for the first time at 7.15pm - welcome to Kelly McPherson and Paul Tucker who are our new members of School Council. A big thank you to Peter Burgess and Daniel Elliott for their years of service on School Council - your support has been really appreciated.

**18. ANZAC Day** - Our school will be involved in the ceremony at Welsford Street on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This will involve our school leaders and other students are welcome to attend if they wish. School uniform and nametags are recommended for this formal day.

**19. Responsible Pet Program** - This will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at school for the whole school. No permission forms will be needed for this day as this is an informal incursion held at school - contact the school if you would prefer for your children to not participate in this program.

**20. 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.

**21. 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.

**22. Grade Expert Parent Portal** - 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.

**23. 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.

**24. 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.

**25. Specialist Program** - Science and Art will be on Wednesday with no specialists on Friday.

**26. 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.

**27. 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.

**28. 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.

**29. 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.

**30. 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.

**31. 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".