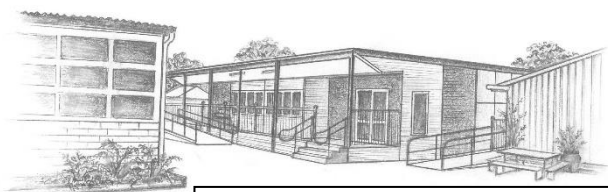


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. Student Led Conferences** - These will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 10am and bookings are now available. Bookings close on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm - contact class teachers via Class Dojo if an alternative time needs to be made please. A reminder to families that conferences will only go for a maximum of 15 minutes. Class teachers will be busy all day and families and their children are only required at school for the duration of their student led conference so families will need to make alternative arrangements for the day. Classroom achievement and individual goals for semester 1 will be discussed.
- 2. Easter Raffle** - Raffle tickets have been distributed to all families - extra raffle books can be collected at the office if needed. If we could have all Easter egg/raffle item donations and raffle books in by the Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April we can then organise prizes on the Thursday and winners will be announced on the last day of the term at assembly (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45pm - early dismissal at 2.25pm).
- 3. Athletic Sports** - The EGPSSA athletic sports will be held this Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton (Little Athletics track beside the Sports Stadium). A back up day is planned for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April if there is 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 at approximately 2.30pm. Permission forms are now due along with Fosbury Flop forms for some students. Again, a reminder that there is no school on this day because of the sports day - all students will be required at the Athletics track. Please submit a Skool Loop absence if your child will not be attending this day.
- 4. VHAP** - Congratulations to Tait & Ellie who have been selected to participate in the Victorian High Abilities Program for Mathematics. This will begin in Term 2 each Monday afternoon and we hope that this experience for them and their families will be rewarding. Eligibility with this program is coordinated by the Department of Education in line with academic progress with NAPLAN testing.
- 5. NAPLAN** - In advance of completing NAPLAN online, students are encouraged to explore the public demonstration site tests for their year level in order to familiarise themselves with the different item types as well as the features of the test player. Please contact the Principal if you have any concerns in regard to NAPLAN testing which will be held early in May. This site can be found here - <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>
- 6. Tutoring Attendance** - A reminder to parents to please prioritise being at school on a Tuesday if your child is involved in the Tutoring Program with Melissa Beer or Bev Montgomery. The school has again made a big investment in this support program and your support with this would be appreciated.
- 7. Munch N Crunch** - The Parents' Club are planning an Easter Munch N Crunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Orders went home last week and must be returned by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- 8. Prep Nurse Visit** - We will have the Prep Nurse attending our school this Thursday at 9am to address any issues which were evident in the questionnaires which were handed out at the beginning of the year - these were all returned by families which was pleasing.
- 9. Open Days** - We will be again holding some Open Days throughout Term 2. These will begin early in Term 2 and more information will be in the full edition of the newsletter next week. Please promote our school as much as possible - again we will have a large cohort of Grade 6 students leaving the school at the end of the year.
- 10. Student Awards** - We will again be having Terrific Kids awards on the last assembly of each term and specific parents will be notified. We also look forward to attendance awards being presented throughout the year for any students maximising their learning with 95% attendance.
- 11. Bravehearts** - Students in Grades F-2 will be participating in a Bravehearts Personal Safety Show on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12.40pm in the MP room. The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children protective behaviours in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion - no permission forms will be sent home, please contact the office if you would prefer for your child to not participate in this informal incursion.
- 12. School Council** - Our second meeting for the year will be held tonight, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm followed by the Annual General Meeting at 6.45pm. School Council will begin at 7pm.
- 13. COVID Measures Extension** - As stated previously, the Victorian Government have announced a 6 week extension of the COVID Safe measures for schools. These measures were introduced for 4 weeks at the beginning of Term 1 and will now be in place for the remainder of Term 1, subject to any changes in health advice. The 4<sup>th</sup> Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) box for each student is now available for parents to collect - the last box for the term will be available on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. A reminder to families that the Education Department are encouraging RA Tests to be taken twice throughout the school week.
- 14. COVID-19** - We had our 11<sup>th</sup> case unfortunately last week - regular communication will continue via Skool Loop so it is vital that families have these notifications turned on with their devices. Please read the signage around the school and adhere to the rules that are in place to enable our school community to remain as safe as possible during this difficult time.
- 15. Assemblies** - These will be held at the Outdoor Learning Space or undercover area each Friday afternoon at 3pm until further notice. All families are invited to attend if they wish - Student of the Week is handed out at each assembly and families will continue to be notified.
- 16. Skool Loop** - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to disruptions at school in line with COVID-19. New groups for 2022 have been set up, so join these ASAP please.
- 17. OSH Care Enrolment Forms** - A reminder that no children will be allowed to utilise the OSH Care service unless enrolment forms are returned for each child - there have been constant reminders so far via the newsletter. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to this - please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward.
- 18. Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A reminder to families about the vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers. This is in line with COVID-19 vaccination information collection and recording procedures (Department of Education) where schools are required to sight specific vaccination status. As stated previously, facemasks are still needed for staff and students in Grades 3-6, but staff no longer need to wear facemasks outside. Parents are still encouraged to not enter school buildings but if they do digital certificates are needed in line with vaccination requirements. Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- 19. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent.
- 20. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have Music & Library on Wednesday and our rotation program on Thursday.
- 21. Sharing of Food** - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, icypole).

David Brodie (Principal)

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

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)