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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 NO.9 16th April 2012

**WORKING BEE – WEEDING
FRIDAY FROM 2PM UNTIL
3.30PM. ASSISTANCE
NEEDED.**

**Anzac Day Ceremony – 11am at
Welford St in Shepparton.
All students are welcome to attend**

**Anzac Biscuits Day – Parents Club
This is being held on Tuesday 24th
April. If any parents can help please
contact the office.**

**Bike Ed. Inspections will occur from
the 23rd April. Students can leave
bikes and helmets safely
at school if needed.**

Hi everyone,

I hope all parents and children had a happy and enjoyable Easter break – how time flies when you are having fun. This period was a good opportunity to recharge the batteries and freshen up because Term 2 will be just as busy and full as the first few months. Congratulations to Mel and Dylan Jones on the safe arrival of their new baby Diesel – a little brother for Grace and Declan! Congratulations also to Kirsty Ramadan on the birth of her little girl Jessi, a sister for Beau and Daniel. We look forward to seeing the new babies at school soon!

The last week of term was very successful with the Athletics Sports being held at McEwen Reserve. It was great to see so many parents at this day and your assistance was greatly appreciated. I have had lots of positive feedback about the school marquee which is terrific and we look forward to using this resource many times into the future. A big thank you to the many parents who assisted with the Easter Raffle and Munch N Crunch on the last Thursday as well – your support is always first class.

This term, we will be focusing on Anzac Day for the first couple of weeks and then settling into our major theme which is on the Sea and the Ocean. Our Bike Education Program begins in a couple of weeks and information is provided in this edition of the newsletter – bikes being used will need to be checked thoroughly by Mrs Montgomery before this program begins. There are many items listed under the Term Dates subheading – so I encourage all families to pencil some of these into your own diaries at home.

Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. Have a great week everyone and I look forward to catching up with parents at the Parents Club Meeting next Tuesday at 1pm.

David Brodie – Teaching 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.”¹

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.
An alternative is to go to our school website.

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS HAVE FINISHED – THEY WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN TERM 4.

There are late arrivals, early departures and visitor's books that need to be signed at the office counter if the need arises (i.e.: when parents are hearing reading or helping with a Munch & Crunch lunch or if students are taken out of school early). This will aid our emergency management of the school.

Athletic Sports – McEwen Reserve

A big thank you to the many parents who attended and assisted with the Athletic Sports during the last week of Term 1. This day was very successful and many of our children did many great performances throughout the day. Many children achieved personal best results and many ribbons were received. Some older students will have the opportunity to participate in Regional Athletics later on in the year – details will be available soon.



More Athletic Sports Photos – McEwen Reserve



ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, WE WILL HAVE A QUICK WORKING BEE BEGINNING AT 2PM UNTIL ABOUT 3.30PM. THIS IS JUST A GENERAL CLEAN UP IN THE GARDENS – REMOVAL OF WEEDS. IF YOU CAN ASSIST IN ANY WAY PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW ASAP.

1. Easter Raffle Winners

Last term, Parents & Friends successfully organised the Easter Egg Raffle with proceeds going to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Thank you to the many parents and children who either sold raffle tickets or donated Easter Eggs. Congratulations to the following people who were winners of the School Easter Raffle. If you are yet to pick up your prize could you contact the office ASAP.

1st – Ash Robertson
4th – Sally Brodie
7th – Martin Bassett
10th – Collins Family
13th – Nathan Lau
16th – Daniel Bagley
19th – Mitchell Exton
22nd – Mikayla Church

2nd – Claire Haberfield
5th – Daniel Bagley
8th – Rachel Bassett
11th – Liv Burgess
14th – Benjamin Church
17th – Shae Montgomery
20th – Preston Hall

3rd – Karen Armstrong
6th – Kaleb Oxley
9th – Woodley Family
12th – Liv Burgess
15th – Woodley Family
18th – Vicky - Steigenbergers
21st – Eloise Walker

2. NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May, students will undertake the 2012 NAPLAN tests. A back up day will be made available on the Friday.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

3. Bike Education Program

Mrs Montgomery will be running our Bike Education Program this term. This will be for students in Grades 2-6 and it will begin on Monday 30th April. The 2 classes that participate in this program will be actively involved in 45 minute sessions from 11.30am until 1pm. If students wish to bring their own bike in for the program, now is a good time to check that their bike is in good working order. **We have 8 bikes and a number of bike helmets which we can utilise to implement the program, but children are encouraged to bring their own bikes also.**

Children are able to use their own bike if it passes a safety checklist (to be sent home this week). Students are able to wear their own helmet if it is also up to standard.

Parents will be asked to bring student's bikes and helmets to school so that bike safety checks can be conducted. Bikes and helmets can be brought into school from 23rd April before school to be checked. We ask for parent's cooperation in ensuring any necessary repairs, adjustments or replacements are carried out.

Bikes may be safely stored at the school during the weeks of Bike Ed if required. For those students without a bike or helmet, they will be able to use a bike and helmet from the Bike Ed trailer. We only have 8 so it will be first in basis.

In the program students learn rules and responsible behaviours regarding riding on footpaths and how to ride safely and competently on the road. Certificates will be handed out indicating your child's progress.

There will be an on road test for students in Grade 5 and 6 where students will ride around the town of Tallygaroopna.

This is scheduled for Thursday 10th May with further information to follow. We will require the assistance of parents to observe riders and complete a simple assessment checklist. Students in Grade 6 will hopefully have the opportunity to take part in a class ride on Friday 11th to conclude their Bike Ed program – to be confirmed.

Scheduled dates for Bike Ed.

**Week 3 – 30th April, 1st, 2nd, 4th May
Mon, Tues, Wed and Frid**

**Week 4 – 7th, 8th, 9th May
Mon, Tues, Wed**

4. Attendance Awards

These were handed out at assembly today to the majority of students in the school. Our school has a terrific record in regard to attendance and the first term certainly reflected this. In a nutshell, there were 47 students who achieved more than 95% attendance for term 1. What was impressive was that 31 students achieved 100% attendance. A great result which allows students to maximum their learning as much as possible.

At Tallygaroopna PS, we like to acknowledge good attendance, but we do accept that there will be times when children may not be able to attend school for a multitude of reasons.

5. Parents Club / AGM

Last term, the Parents Club held their Annual General Meeting at the following office bearers were elected:

President: Deb Bagley

Vice President: Kerry Brett

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill McFarlane

Uniform Co-ordinator: Bev Montgomery

The Parents Club will be making Anzac Biscuits with students from the school on Tuesday 24th April. If you can assist in any way contact the school ASAP. There will be a Parents Club Meeting held on this day at 1pm and all parents are welcome to come along.

6. Thank you

Thanks to all of the parents who assisted with the Easter Raffle and the Munch N Crunch last term. In Term 2, some major fundraising will occur – Cookie Dough and a Pie Drive, and we are positive that we will continue to receive great support as we always do from our school community.

7. Anzac Day Ceremony

On Monday 25th April, our school will participate in the Anzac Day Memorial Service which will be held at Welsford Street in Shepparton at 11am. Corbie and Shae (School Captains – uniforms required) will represent our School Leadership group and they will lay a wreath as a mark of respect for this important day. All students, parents and teachers are welcome to attend this ceremony to remember and acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice our diggers have made during wartime.

Anzac Badges are currently for sale at the office – Gold coin donation each

8. AFEA Testing

In the next couple of weeks, all students in the middle / senior grades will begin testing for the AFEA. This program focuses on individual fitness, flexibility and co-ordination. The aim for all students is to improve on their own performance over time. The testing will be conducted over a few weeks and will indicate progress in relation to general fitness. If you would like to know more about this program please contact David at school. It is now a major part of the Physical Education and Health Assessment for this year and results will be put into Student Books. All student results will remain confidential. The Grade 2/3/4 students will only participate in some aspects of the program to gain awareness leading into the future.

9. Visitors to Tally PS

Starting next Monday, we will be fortunate to have Gemma Tyack in the Grade 2/3/4 classroom completing teaching rounds. This will go for 3 weeks, so we welcome Gemma to our school. Next Tuesday, Chloe Neeld will also be completing Community Service on a fortnightly basis which is part of her schooling at Notre Dame College. We also welcome to Chloe to our school and hope your time here is an enjoyable experience.

10. Solar Schools Program

Currently, we are in the process of applying for a Solar Schools Program grant. The program offers eligible primary and secondary schools the opportunity to compete for grants of up to \$50 000 (GST exclusive), to install solar and other renewable power systems.

Since the program commenced on 1 July 2008, over 8000 schools have registered their interest to participate (85% of all eligible schools). Over 4600 schools have been awarded a grant, totaling more than \$190 million in funding. Over 90 per cent of these projects include solar power systems.

Of these, more than 2,600 projects have been installed across the nation. These schools are already generating their own electricity from renewable sources and improving their energy efficiency by reducing energy consumption. If successful this program will not only assist our school financially but allow us to include solar energy as a major component in our teaching and learning programs into the future. Stay tuned for more details.

11. Hats – Terms 2/3

Our Sun Smart Policy requires all children to wear school hats during terms 1 and 4. Although, they are not compulsory during terms 2 and 3 it is recommended that hats continue to be worn during hot days at school. During the colder months, it is a perfect time to give the hats a quick wash for future use.

12. Attitude to Schools Survey

Students in Grades 5 and 6 will complete the Attitude to School survey in the next couple of weeks. The overall objective of the this survey is to collect data about the opinions of students from Year 5 to Year 12 and for individual schools across Victoria to use this information to drive improvement. All results are confidential and students are given each question in detail.

13. Good Luck Kids

Good luck to Abby and Daniel (senior students) who will represent Tallygaroopna PS in netball and basketball trials respectively, over the next few weeks. We know that you will enjoy this experience and do both your family and school proud.

14. AEDI Data

This term, Mrs Wallace will be completing data regarding the AEDI. The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) is a population measure of young children's development. Teachers complete a checklist for children in their first year of full-time school. The checklist measures five key areas, or domains, of early childhood development: physical health and wellbeing; social competence; emotional maturity; language and cognitive skills (school-based); and communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDI results provide a snapshot of how children in the local area have developed by the time they start school. They can help governments and communities understand what's working well and what needs to be improved or developed to better support children and their families. Together with other socio-demographic and community information, the AEDI results are a powerful tool for influencing planning and policy around early childhood development.

For more information, see the publication by the Royal Children's Hospital: [AEDI Ongoing National Implementation](#)

15. SES Visit

Next Tuesday 24th April we will be having a whole school talk by the SES. This will complement the work that has currently been taught relating to People Who Help Us / The Community. This talk will be extremely beneficial and relevant considering the flood situation which our community has just been through.

16. Finance & School Council

The Next Finance and School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May. This meeting will allow us to endorse our Parents Payments Policy. This draft policy will be sent home to families to view and make possible suggestions next week.

17. Pie Warmers / Lunches

During second and third terms, students are able to bring along pies, sausage rolls, pizzas, etc to be heated in the pie heater. Food must be wrapped in foil and labelled with the child's name using a permanent marker. This will begin immediately.

No Lunch Orders from the Tally Take Away will be available in Terms 2 and 3. This service will again be made available to families in Term 4.

18. Money at School

Just a reminder to students and parents that the Green Box in the office should be utilised for any money which would be handed in at the office. This box sits on the ground near the photocopy and should be utilised as much as possible. We would prefer money to not be put on the office bench.

19. Icy Poles

We have decided to continue to make Icy Poles available to students each Friday. The cost of icy poles will continue to be 50 cents each and money for this will go towards fundraising generated by the Junior School Council.

20. Transition Process – Grade 6

The Transition Process for Grade 6 students moving into Secondary Schools is about to begin – **Open Day Information at Notre Dame College is included in this edition of the newsletter.** Below is a summary of important dates for Transition – I encourage all parents to be aware of these. Booklets and information regarding specific programs will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.

Important Dates

Term 2 Week 4 Transition booklets will be delivered to schools.

Term 2 Week 5 NAPLAN 15th May to 17th May

Term 2 Week 6 Information Evenings All start at 7pm

WPSC Monday	Monday 21 st May
McGuire College	Tuesday 22 nd May
Mooroopna S. C.	Wednesday 23 rd May
Shepparton H. S.	Thursday 24 th May

Term 2 Week 7 Open Days

Tuesday 29 th May	9.15am and 11.15am
Wednesday 30 th May	9.15am and 11.15am

Term 2 Week 8 Placement forms returned to school 5th June

Term 2 Week 8 Placement forms collected from Primary School 8th June

Term 2 Week 9 Placement forms collated. Check for unaccounted students.

Term 2 Week 11 Indicative numbers sent to schools.

Term 3 Week 1 Confirmation letter sent to parents.

21. Science Specialists Tests

Part of our Science Specialist Program involves collecting some student data. As a result, Mrs Thomas will be conducting some of these with students 1 on 1 instead of normal Science lessons over the next couple of weeks. This began last term, but more time is obviously needed. This data will remain confidential and no student names will be identified. Testing is very informal and not meant to be threatening in any way to the children.

22. Colder Months / Tissues

Obviously, with anticipated colder weather students should be wearing appropriate clothes during this term. If families, could bring in a box of tissues each this would assist the school.

23. Road Safety

I have included some information on Bike Safety in this edition of the newsletter. Could parents please reinforce some of this information with children before we begin our Bike Education program. There have been some reports of unsafe behaviour on bikes out of school recently and we would all dread a disastrous accident.

24. Kids & Fruit

Kids and Fruit is once again offering our students the opportunity to enjoy fresh and tasty fruit and vegetables 5 days a week. Cost will be \$10 per term. Please complete the form and return to school with the money by this Thursday morning, 19th April. The program will start next Monday, 23rd April.

Kids & Fruit Program Term 2 - 2012

Students Name	Class	Comments/Allergies

25. AASC Program

The program for term 2 will begin on Monday 30th of April. Multi Sports will be held on a Monday and Basketball will be held on a Tuesday. **Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm.** Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. Andrea Walker will be our school supervisor on Monday's and Jill McFarlane will fulfil this role on a Tuesday. A free icy pole voucher will be awarded each week out of a lucky draw.

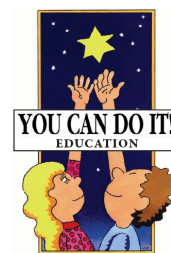
Congratulations to Mitchell Bassett who won a Hockey Stick Award last term.

All students who participated in AASC for term 1 will receive a free family voucher also.



26. Student of the Week

This will begin next week for Term 2. All students will continue to receive a certificate when awarded Student of the Week. We have been very fortunate to receive sponsorship for Term 2 for some Nando Vouchers. These will be handed out to students this term and will replace the Icy Pole Vouchers.



7. Term Dates

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

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| April 24 th – Anzac Biscuits Day | April 24 th – SES Visit |
| April 24 th – Parents Club Meeting – 1pm | April 25 th – Anzac Day Ceremony – 11am |
| April 30 th – Bike Ed. Program Begins | April 30 th – AASC Program Begins |
| May 2 nd – Finance & School Council | May 2 nd – Interschool Cross Country |
| May 10 th – Munch N Crunch | May 10 th – On Road Test (Bike Ed.) – Grade 5/6 |
| May 11 th – Jump Rope for Heart Day | May 11 th – Grade 6 Bike Ride (TBC) |
| May 13 th – Mother's Day | May 15 th > 17 th – NAPLAN Testing |
| May 16 th – Division Cross Country | May 18 th – Walk Safely to School Day |
| May 18 th – School Photos – 11.30am | May 21 st – Education Week |
| May 21 st – Information Technology Night – 6pm | May 24 th – Biggest Morning Tea |
| May 29 th – Performance at Dookie PS | May 30 th – Young Leaders Day –Shae & Corbie |
| June 6 th – Finance & School Council | June 11 th – Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| June 19 th – Region Cross Country | June 21 st – Munch N Crunch |
| June 25 th – Reports Sent Home | June 27 th – Parent Teacher Interviews – Pupil Free |
| June 29 th – Last Day of Term – dismissal at 2.25pm | July 16 th – Term 3 Begins |

School Photos

School photo order envelopes went home with each student today. These are due back at school by Friday, 18th May which is the day the photographs will be taken. Please fill out your order and return to school with correct money or a cheque made payable to MSP Photography enclosed. For families with more than one child attending Tally PS, you can order a family portrait (Tally PS students only) and these envelopes are available at the school Office (if you would like one sent home please contact Karen at the Office). School Captain photos are also available – special envelopes available at the Office.

Keyboard and Guitar Lessons for 2012

Keyboard and guitar lessons began today for interested students. The cost is \$16 per 20 minute session (student will need to have their own guitar for guitar lessons).

For more information please call Cliff Doornkamp ph 58314270 or contact the school.

Tallygaroopna Primary School Recipe Books
These can still be purchased from the School Office at \$12 each.

Shepparton Table Tennis Association

Shepparton Table Tennis Assoc is seeking any interested juniors between the ages of 9 and 15 to play in our next competition. We cater for all standards from beginners to advanced and offer coaching and training if required. We play at the Shepparton Sports Stadium on Numurkah Road, on Friday nights from 5.30pm and finish around 7.15pm. The competition will commence with a "Come & Try" night on 27th April followed by a practice and registration night on 4th May. The first round will then be played on 11th May.

For all enquiries, please contact Stephen Browne on (W) 5857 2201 or (H) 5857 2552.

BERRY STREET KINSHIP CARE SERVICE.



Berry Street provides a support service for Kinship carers in the Hume Region. Berry Street offers specific support and information about kinship care for children in kinship care, their carers, family members and others involved in supporting them.

The kinship care program provides:

- Kinship family support workers who can provide time limited support to kinship care families to assist with specific issues and any concerns.
- Intensive support to kinship carers where children have been placed in kinship care as a result of Child Protection involvement
- Support Groups for kinship carers.

If you would like more information on how you can access the Berry Street Kinship care service, please contact the Intake Worker on 1800 637 016, or for further information visit the Berry Street website www.berrystreet.org.au/KinshipCare

An important cybersafety message

Cyberbullying, sexual predation, identity theft and accessing and sending inappropriate images and content are some of the real cybersafety risks facing young people today.

To reduce our students' exposure to these risks, and to help the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology, our school has registered to take part in eSmart.

Funded in Victoria by the State Government, eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. It was developed by RMIT School of Education, with the input of many other cybersafety and education experts.

We will provide regular updates in future newsletters as we work towards our goal of achieving eSmart status. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au



On the 27th Of March Mr Wayne Burrows came to our school to talk to us about Angel flight. Angel flight helps people who may need assistance to get treatment when they are sick.

Mr Burrows talked to us about his plane. He showed us how it works and he made a pretend plane and he had Corbie as the pilot, Leah as his co-



pilot, Daniel as the sick child with a broken arm and Shae as his Mum.



He has a lot of maps and he told us that it's pretty hard to learn to fly a plane. He has been flying planes for over twenty years.

We had heaps of fun with Mr Burrows and enjoyed his talk a lot.



Northerners Soccer

Soccer training will commence this Wednesday at 3.45pm at school. The first game will be this Saturday, 21st April, but times are not yet available. Hope to see you all on Wednesday night!

Parents' Club

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser flyers went home today with students. We will need orders and money to be returned to school by Wednesday 2nd May.

BIKE SAFETY

Bike riding can be fun for the whole family to get some physical exercise but it needs to be enjoyed safely. Bicycle safety involves developing riding skills, wearing the right protective gear, and looking after your bike. Riding to school can be a fun activity; however at Tallygaroopna PS our main concern is to ensure that all students get to and from school safely. Students who ride their bikes need to be fully alert to the road rules pertaining to bike riders and to keeping themselves and others safe. During class lessons, aspects of road safety are discussed and reinforced to students who are either walking or riding to school. At Tallygaroopna Primary School, we only encourage our older students to ride bikes as research has stated that young children do not have the ability to observe cars and other vehicles on the road consistently. As parents, we encourage you to consider your child's ability to keep themselves safe on the roads as well as continually discussing correct behaviour when riding. To help your child become a safe cyclist, let them have lots of practice on safe paths while offering tips on bike handling. Basically, they should be able to ride in a straight line, brake properly and corner safely. They should also ride in designated areas such as bike paths when possible. Remind your child to always use the school crossing; walking bikes across the crossing, taking care of walkers.

You need to make sure that your bike and your child's bike are well maintained. Regularly check brakes, wheels, pedals, bearings and chains so that the bike will stop quickly in an emergency. Each time you ride the bike, check if the tyres are hard, if the brakes work and whether there are any rattles. Check the tyres, bearings, gears, nuts and bolts and lubricate the chain and cables each week.

Riding a bike is a great activity that students can do in the park, at home and, when they are ready, on the roads. At all times we should be encouraging and reinforcing correct behaviour; this makes bike riding a fun and safe pastime.



NOTRE DAME COLLEGE



To Seek To See To Respond

OPEN DAY

Friday, 11th May, 2012

VISITORS MOST WELCOME

Notre Dame College is a Catholic Co-educational College which aims to impart a sound and well-rounded Christian education through an interesting and varied secondary curriculum, which is taught within the context of Gospel values and attitudes.

Knight Street Campus (139 Knight Street)

Tours commence from the Administration Building between the following times:

Session 1	9:15 am – 11:45 am
Session 2	2:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Session 3	3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Emmaus Campus – Year 9 Programme (95 Grace Road)

Tours commence from the Administration Building between the following times.

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(Parents who are unable to visit on Friday 11th May, are welcome to telephone to make arrangements for an inspection of the school at a mutually convenient time)

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