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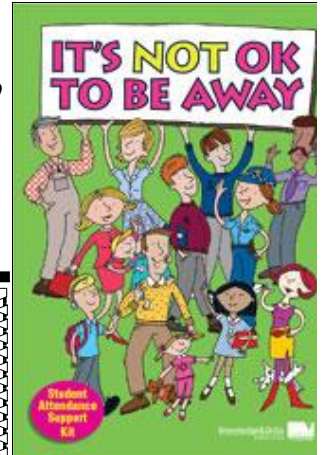
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TALLAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S VISION:

To develop well adjusted individuals who strive to achieve their full potential in a dynamic, caring and supportive environment.

Welcome to TPS for 2012!

SCHOOL CROSSING

A reminder to families to use the school crossing when crossing Main Road.

The school crossing is supervised between 8:15am to 9:00am and between 3:15pm to 4:00pm.



PREP NOTICE:

Attendance not required on Wednesdays for the month of February.

Mrs Pollard will be completing assessment with students, by appointment only.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF MULTIPURPOSE HALL

BBQ Dinner from 5.00pm (please see page 4 for dinner order form)

Official Opening by Federal MP Rob Mitchell to commence at 5.30pm

Bush Dance 6.30pm-8.00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Isabella Warrior - 8th January
- Alex Sherwood - 11th January
- Kaylan Atar - 2nd February
- Abbey Kendell - 4th February
- Summer Dawson - 4th February
- Will McGhie - 8th February

From the desk of the Principal....



Welcome back to all of our families for the 2012 school year - especially our past students who have returned again. Thanks to the warm and friendly welcome given by all our students, to our new Preps and also the new students in Grade 1 and 2 I'm able to report that everyone has settled quickly into the school routines. It was wonderful to see lots of little smiling faces, eager to start the year on Monday when families collected booklists.

We welcome our new staff members: Ron Heaney to full time teaching in our Grade 4/5/6 classroom and also Vera Lavis to our Grade 1/2/3 classroom. It was wonderful seeing the three teachers in and out of the school during the holiday. Staff spent considerable time organising their classrooms, setting up programs for this term and also becoming familiar with our students' academic learning from the past! Best wishes to our three classroom teachers on a sensational learning journey in 2012 at Tallarook Primary School!

A reminder that the Preps will not be at school on Wednesdays for the month of February, however, they will be required to attend at an allotted time for one-on-one interviews with Mrs Pollard. Mrs Pollard will arrange these over the next few days.

This year is shaping up to be another exciting year. We already have several announcements regarding events and activities taking place. Please keep checking the website calendar as this will be updated regularly. Also, feel free to pop in and check with me or any of the staff if you're unsure about anything at all!

Information will be sent home shortly with each Grade 5/6 student regarding Grade Five/Six jackets. We would like to get these ordered ASAP so would appreciate parents of these students responding with any orders by Monday 13th February.

SWIMMING SESSIONS: The school will heavily subsidise the cost of the swimming lessons being run over the next week and a half. Please refer to the note on page 4 and the permission note that went home with students today. Permission notes must be returned on Monday.

Have a relaxing weekend and a great week ahead - pop in for a chat when you can!

Lynette Hines

VISITING THE SCHOOL

Department guidelines stipulate that all visitors to our school are required to sign in at the office before going to the classroom or working around the grounds.

Remember, if you're doing more than dropping off or collecting from school you must sign into the Volunteer/Visitors book at the Office. Thanks.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. The school recommends that these items not be brought to school, in particular valuables such as mobile phones, iPods, etc.

2011 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 1	2nd February 2012 – 30th March 2012
TERM 2	16 April 2012 - 29 June 2012
TERM 3	16 July 2012 - 21 September 2012
TERM 4	8 October 2012 - 21 December 2012

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low cost student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

2012 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again in 2012.

Students in Prep to Year 2 are challenged to read or 'experience' 30 books and students in Years 3 to 10 are challenged to read 15 books by 31st August 2011. If children are just learning to read, you can help them to 'experience' books by reading to or with them and talking about the story, text and pictures.

More information to follow shortly but **START** recording all the books being read in your diary now!

Classroom news & requests

From Kelly Pollard, Vera Lavis and Ron Heaney: -

Thank you to all those families who worked so hard at labelling all stationery and returning it to school yesterday. If you haven't yet completed this huge task, please could you ensure you send all items in to school as soon as you manage to do so. Your cooperation will ensure we each get off to a great start.

It was wonderful seeing so many students with drink bottles and healthy snacks yesterday and again today. Please continue helping us establish regular school routines and effective learning by ensuring your child is at school punctually and has plenty of **healthy snacks and food** as well as a **refillable drink bottle** containing **water** each day.

Home/school communication is essential in building positive relationships. Our intention is to send any notes needing to go home on Mondays, whenever practicable. Newsletters will usually be available on our school website (www.tallarookps.vic.edu.au) by close of business on Mondays. Please help your child develop a routine that involves sharing their diary with you each day as well as your expectations regarding any communication from school.

Daily home reading will be sent home from **Monday**.

Over the next week we will all be completing a variety of **TEAM** activities with our students. We will look at setting up positive, learning spaces and making sure that all students have their voice heard while we have discussions about what an effective classroom, teacher and student is. Please encourage your child to **share** their day with you. Some suggesting prompts to get conversation going: "Tell me the most fun thing you did today" "What was the most interesting thing that happened at school (or in the classroom) (or at playtime) today?" "What was the funniest thing you saw/heard/did today?" "Tell me one new thing you learnt today" "Did you have any surprises today?", etc. Students from each classroom will share some of their work during assembly on Friday.

MACC and MARC will be offered on alternate Mondays this year. MACC will begin this Monday, while MARC will begin the following Monday. If your child does not already have an Art smock at school please send one in as soon as possible as students will not be participating in art sessions if they do not have the appropriate protective clothing.

Classroom timetables will be inserted into your child's diary next week and will be included on the website.

A reminder of **classroom sessions**:
Session 1 ~ 9.00 - 11.00
Recess ~ 11.00 - 11.30
Session 2 ~ 11.30 - 1.30
Lunch ~ 1.30 - 2.30
Session 3 ~ 2.30 - 3.30

To help your child feel organised and ready for the day we ask for your child to be at school no later than 8.50am. This will also allow your child to spend time socialising and catching up with their friends before entering the classroom. We do remind families of students not using the bus service that students should NOT arrive at school before 8.30am, as staff use this time to set up classrooms and hold meetings and cannot supervise additional students in the yard.

As we're having the Billy Tea Bush Dance on Friday, 10th February, we won't hold formal Parent/Teacher Interviews, however, if you're wanting to see either of us for any reason, please feel free to ring Nicole to organise an interview time. The whole school will be learning seven dances during the afternoon. School will finish at 3.30pm and then a sausage sizzle will be available at 5.00pm for families to enjoy in an informal social setting. The evening Family Bush Dance will begin at 6.30pm BUT at 5.30pm we will hold the official opening of the Multipurpose Hall as well as a short assembly announcing all our student leaders.



Have a great week!!



SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEET 'N GREET OPPORTUNITY

On Friday, 10th February



will run a bush dance program in our school. The Billy Tea Bush Band is one of Victoria's most experienced Bush Bands. Our students will once again participate in a program where they will learn dance and movement skills, develop co-ordination and confidence as well as enhance concentration skills.

This program will involve an afternoon workshop where students are taught several dances during class sessions. These workshops will take place during class time and will culminate with a Family Evening where students, family members and staff can socialise, share a sausage sizzle and then celebrate the dances together.

During the workshop session students will learn up to seven dances which they will perform on the night as well as to which they will invite their parents and the rest of the audience to join in the fun with! The **cost per family for participating in the workshop is \$10.**

This is the THIRD year we're running this format for the Meet 'n Greet in the hope that our entire community will celebrate the start of the school year and welcome all new members into our school community. The cost of running The Billy Tea Bush Band is heavily subsidised by the school, however, the cost of dinner is listed below. Please complete and return the reply slip below to indicate your attendance in order for staff to cater adequately.

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REPLY SLIP - Please return to the office by Tuesday 7th February 2012

BILLY TEA BUSH BAND WORKSHOP

Yes, my child/ren will be attending the Billy Tea Bush Band workshop on 10th February.

Family Name:

\$10 per family attached - YES / NO

BILLY TEA BUSH BAND FAMILY EVENING

Number of Adults:

Number of Children:

_____ Sausage in bread @ \$1.50 each = \$_____

_____ Sausage in bread with onion and/or coleslaw @ \$2.50 each = \$_____

Drinks for sale at \$1 each.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

- ★ **NEXT WEEK** our students will be participating in Swim and Survive sessions at the Tallarook outdoor pool.
- ★ Sessions are as follows:
- ★ Prep students will leave school at 11.40am to swim from 12:00pm on Monday 6/02, Tuesday 7/02, Thursday 9/02, Monday 13/02 and Tuesday 14/02.
- ★ Grade 1/2/3 will leave school at 12.40pm to swim from 1:00pm on Monday 6/02, Tuesday 7/02, Wednesday 8/02, Thursday 9/02, Monday 13/02 and Tuesday 14/02.
- ★ Grade 4/5/6 will leave school at 1.40pm to swim from 2:00pm on Monday 6/02, Tuesday 7/02, Wednesday 8/02, Thursday 9/02, Monday 13/02 and Tuesday 14/02.
- ★ The cost per child for swimming is \$15.00. Permission notes are being sent home on Friday with all students
- ★ On Wednesday 15th February our Grade 1-5 students will be participating in a Small School's Cluster Swimming Carnival at Lancefield public pool. Permission notes for the Carnival will be sent home next week.

2012 STUDENT LEADERS ELECTION

The Grade 5/6 students presented their leadership speeches today from 12.30pm at a whole school meeting in the Multipurpose Hall. Elections were completed before assembly. A special announcement will take place at 9:00am on Monday. Student leaders will be presented with their badges at the official opening of the Multipurpose Hall on Friday, 10th February.

2012 CALENDAR

The Tallarook Primary School 2012 Calendar is still available for purchase from the office for \$15 each.

M.A.R.C. INFORMATION 2012

Welcome Parents, Teachers and Children.

Soon your child will have the opportunity to borrow from the MARC van, which comes to your school once a fortnight.

The MARC Van [Mobile Area Resource Centre] provides library resources to both children and teachers and library lessons to children in 10 schools :

Buxton, Flowerdale, Highlands, Jamieson, Marysville, Merrijig, Strathbogie, Taggerty, Tallarook, and Thornton.

There are approximately 300 children and 30 teachers in the MARC schools, and each class has a fortnightly visit. Please check your school newsletter for this terms timetable. The MARC van has about 8,000 items, including books, magazines, and teacher resources.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A NAMED LIBRARY BAG to help protect items against damage and loss.

Charges: A \$10 fee is charged for each unreturned or damaged item.

Children As Authors : A children's book writing competition: 2nd Term.

Thankyou,
Libby Ahern / MARC Van Teacher.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) provides assistance to eligible families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children. In 2011 the EMA payment for parents/guardians is **\$235 for primary school students** and **\$470 for secondary students**. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school and is paid in two instalments.

The first instalment will comprise 70 per cent of the EMA and will be paid from March 2011. The second instalment will comprise the remaining 30 per cent and will be paid from August 2011. This payment schedule recognises that families incur the highest educational costs at the start of the school year.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent;
- and submit your application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of 1st Term (**1 February 2012** which is the first day for teaching staff) for the first instalment and the first day of 3rd Term (**16 July 2011**) for the second instalment. Any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (e.g. Carer Allowance, formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above. The EMA is payable up until the age of 16 years. Once a student turns 16, they should apply for Youth Allowance through Centrelink. For further information visit www.centrelink.gov.au

Application Forms

Application forms are available from your child's school. A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools. Please submit your application to your child's school by **29 February 2012** for the first instalment of the EMA and by **3 August 2012** for the second instalment of the EMA unless your child remains enrolled at the same school and you were paid the first EMA instalment.

Conveyance Allowance

Student eligibility:

To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a student must:

- be school age
- reside more than 4.8 kms by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended, or 4.8 kms radial distance from the nearest school attended in the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong
- be enrolled at the nearest government primary or secondary school, or at the nearest appropriate registered non-government school having regard to the following factors:
 - a student is ineligible for a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer denominational school of the same denomination as the school attended. Multi-/inter-denominational schools established under the direct auspices of a group of churches will be considered as denominational schools of each church
 - a student cannot claim a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer multi-/inter-denominational or Christian school than the multi-/inter-denominational or Christian school attended
 - a student cannot claim a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer non-denominational school than the non-denominational school attended.

Notes

- Students must be enrolled at a primary or secondary school to be entitled to a conveyance allowance. Students attending TAFE institutes or other non-school providers are not eligible to claim a conveyance allowance.
- A conveyance allowance may be granted for students to attend their nearest single sex school.
- The requirement to attend the nearest school may be waived for those students who were enrolled at a school that amalgamated with another school. This exemption only applies to those students initially enrolled at the site that closed.
- The classification of denomination for non-government schools is in accordance with the records of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

Applications forms can be collected from the office and must be returned by 29th February 2012.



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Active After-school Communities

Helping kids and communities get active

Help kids get active

...become a
community coach!

Be part of a national project that gets
kids moving!

Around Australia, 150 000 kids have been
jumping, throwing, catching, running,
dancing, swimming, cycling, climbing, kicking,
rowing, skiing, somersaulting ...

... thanks to the Active After-school
Communities program.

You can be part of this program by becoming a community coach
at your local school or out of school hours care service.

The Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school
Communities (AASC) program aims to engage traditionally non-
active primary school-aged children by providing free sport and
other structured physical activity programs in the after-school
timeslot at over 3200 schools and out of school hours care
services across Australia.

The AASC program has already trained over 30 000 community
coaches who run a huge variety of activity programs across the
country. These coaches are students, club coaches, teachers,
parents, brothers, sisters, retirees, community members,
professional athletes and volunteers.

The AASC program is an Australian Government initiative, and the
Australian Sports Commission has carriage of the program on
behalf of the Australian Government.



What are the benefits of being involved?

- ★ Payment for coaching (if you have the necessary insurances)
- ★ Access to a free Australian Sports Commission coaching course (equivalent to the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme Beginning Coaching General Principles)
- ★ Access to excellent resources at all sites, including activity kits and equipment
- ★ Support and training through your locally based regional coordinator
- ★ Comprehensive resources, including the AASC program CD-ROM filled with innovative activities and games
- ★ A secure website where you can access loads of resources and information
- ★ Opportunities to develop networks and pathways to increase your club membership
- ★ A fantastic way to volunteer in your local community and/or to complete work experience and student placements

ausport.gov.au/aasc

How do I become involved?

Step 1

Contact your local AASC regional coordinator using the contacts provided on the back of this brochure. Visit the AASC website (aasport.gov.au) or email if you would like further information on the AASC program.

Step 2

Your AASC regional coordinator will invite you to their next Community Coach Training Program session and assist you with completing your registration.

Step 3

Attend and complete the Community Coach Training Program course.

Step 4

Your AASC regional coordinator will find you a school or out of school hours care service to deliver up to seven weeks of activity programs within a school term (based on program availability).

Step 5

Get kids active and have fun!

Your questions answered

What will I be doing?

As a community coach you will be delivering sports or other structured physical activity sessions to primary school-aged children in the after-school timeframe during the school term.

What sort of activities could I deliver?

We are seeking enthusiastic and motivated community coaches who can deliver group based activity sessions in not only traditional sports such as netball, hockey and rugby league, but also non-traditional activities such as dancing, fitness and martial arts. The possibilities for getting kids active are endless!

Do I need any qualifications or experience?

You will need to demonstrate sufficient experience with the activity you wish to deliver and a desire to have fun helping kids get active. Our Community Coach Training Program will show you the rest.

What do other in community coaches think of the AASC program?

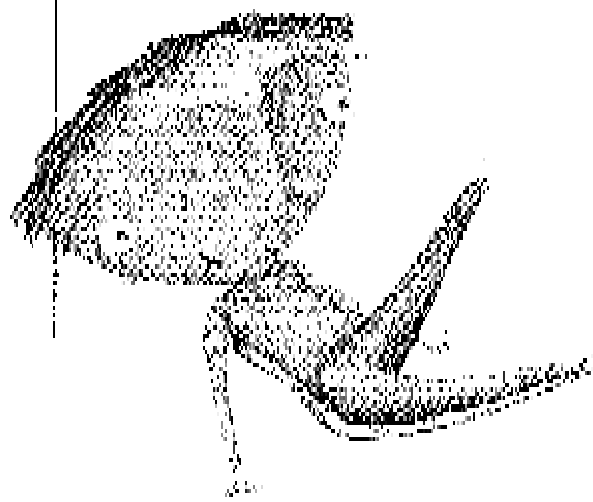
'I have learned a lot about teaching children, which will really benefit me in the future.'

'The AASC Community Coach Training Program helped to improve my planning, organisation, communication and coaching techniques.'

'The program gave our organisation a good link into the local school and also trained us in the correct way to teach children ... how to interact with children positively and understand what kids enjoy.'

'I have made friends and contacts with the school and with children, which I feel is great for my growth as a person. The changes in some of the children's behaviour and attitudes really showed me that with kids, if you give them a chance and with a little bit of effort anything is possible.'

'I have been able to pass on skills to children who's had no idea how to play the sport.'



For further information visit aasport.gov.au/aasc or contact your local AASC regional coordinator.

If you are interested in taking part in the AAS Community Coach Training Program, please let Lynette Hines know by 10th February

PARENT HELPERS IN THE CLASSROOM

As teachers have planned for the term ahead will begin their standard classroom programs next week, we are inviting our parents or grandparents to become involved in their child's/children's classroom.

If you are able to spare any amount of time in the classroom, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Help is required in all rooms – from Grade Prep to Grade Six. All teachers at Tallarook PS have an open door policy and would sincerely appreciate any additional assistance in the classroom.

Parents are to attend a Parent Helper/Volunteer Course before beginning active classroom help. This course would also provide you (parents) with lots of ideas in how you can assist your child with literacy and numeracy at home. It is also essential that parent helpers/volunteers have a complete understanding of the Privacy requirements that must be maintained at all times.

Listed below are possible activities and times. If you are available, please fill in the relevant section below. No previous experience is needed – staff will gladly explain all tasks. Once teachers receive your reply, they will organise rosters etc.

We realise that parents have many other tasks to complete, and that circumstances change throughout the year. If plans change we are very flexible. If you are unable to assist in the classroom and you would be available to complete tasks outside of school hours, please let us know as there are many of these jobs available too!

Hoping you may be able to assist,

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PARENT HELPERS REPLY SLIP

Name: _____	I am able to assist in: (please circle) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Learning Space 1 Learning Space 2 Administration </div> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">I am unable to assist in any way</p>
Day(s) & Time(s) available	
I am happy to help with: ... (please circle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening to students read Typing stories Assisting students on the computer Supervising small groups of students in the classroom Laminating Cooking Sport Lunch time clubs <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Other</p>

I have / have not completed a Parent Helper/Volunteer Course in the past.

I will / will not be attending the Parent Helper/Volunteer Course this term.

I do / do not hold a current Working With Children Check.

2011 End of Year Concert & Awards Night



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