TALLAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL’S VISION:
To develop well adjusted individuals who strive to achieve their full potential in a dynamic, caring and supportive environment.

What’s Happening This Week
Monday, 25th April ~ ANZAC Day Holiday
Tuesday, 26th April ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am

What’s Happening Next Week:
Monday, 2nd May ~ MARC (Library)
Tuesday, 3rd May ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Wednesday, 4th May ~ Sound & Sculpture Garden Project 9:00am-1:30pm

HOUSE POINTS
Dabyminga was the winner for last week with 8000 points.

Ongoing House Tally:
Dabyminga 25800
Rook Ranges 22100

LOTE NEWS
Selamat Datang ke Term 2.
Term ini kelas 3-6 akan belajar tentang keluarga dan murid di kelas P-2 akan belajar tentang nomor nomor. Term ini semua sekolah akan participat di Hari Indonesia.

Welcome to Term 2. This term the years 3-6 students will learn about “Family” and the years P-2 student will learn “Numbers” and how to count from 1-10. This term the whole school will also participate in an Indonesian Day.

I am looking for some old magazine that I need to do some activities in the classroom. If you have any old ones that you are happy to donate I would appreciate that very much. Termia Kasih (thank you)
Bu Cullum
Last week was a pretty momentous week for our students and staff. I’d like to thank our community on the resilience and persistence demonstrated. Students are already asking me when our next excursion will be! A roundup of the incursions/excursions/activities/events that took place last week can be found on page 4 of this newsletter as well as on our school Facebook page as they take place.

At assembly last week we hosted several special guests, including Jack Ford (one of the oldest Seymour Veterans from WWII), Steph Ryan (State Member for seat of Euroa), John Farrer (Rokeby Winery) and Sandy McKenzie, who are assisting us in forging a sister school relationship with a school in Tol (PNG). In the near future we will work with our students to share the story of why this friendship is being forged as well as sharing with the rest of the community what the benefits for all parties will be.

**Homework:** Have you heard your child read today? Our homework policy states that all students are to practise their reading at home five nights per week. Therefore, by now, most students should have read at least 50 sessions already this year. **Well done if you have kept up!** An expectation of home reading is also that students complete a reading entry directly into their diary each day. Students not meeting the reading expectation at home will be required to read at school at lunch time.

**NAPLAN:** In May (10th—12th, inclusive) our Grade 3 and 5 students, along with Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia, will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. These are national tests that will be conducted at our school. The idea is to test all students throughout Australia to attain a measure of progress of all students. These tests are marked by the Department of Education. Individual reports will be given to parents later in the year. This is one measure of a child’s education progress, many other measures are used during the academic year. You would have received an Interim Report giving you a snapshot of your child’s academic progress in Term 1 from the classroom teachers. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak directly to your child’s teacher first and me next if you’re seeking clarification. Working in a close partnership is the best way of guaranteeing improved outcomes for your child.

**SMART Goals:** How is your child progressing at school? Are they on track to achieve their learning goals or not? Are you helping them reflect on these goals with them regularly? Every child should be able to verbalise their learning goal. If they cannot verbalise the goal, can they locate the goal to refresh their memory? If they don’t know the goal or cannot locate the goal then could I suggest a conversation with their teacher so that you can assist your child in achieving their own personal learning goals.

**Student Medications:** At times children require medication to be administered whilst they are at school. For this to happen, the medication must come to school in its original box or container and parents need to complete a medication form at the school office. This also applies to the use of cough mixtures and throat lozenges.

**Grounds & Building/Gardening:** Last Friday several parents/grandparents worked with our Prep—Grade 2 students on beautifying the school grounds from the front fence line to the asphalt. Our students were unbelievably excited and loved every moment of working together outdoors. This will be a fortnightly event from 2:00-3:00pm every second Friday. If you’re able to assist, please bring your gloves and positive attitude as you’ll be very welcome.

**School Council:** Last night we had our third school council meeting for 2016. The significant items on the agenda were:

- Feedback from WorkSafe Inspection on Tuesday
- Update on playground areas, including softfall levels
- Discussion around subcommittees and Parents and Friends Club
- Discussion around improving student voice within our school
- Approving the 2015 Annual Report
- Reflecting on progress of 2016 Annual Implementation Plan

**District Cross Country:** Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for District Cross Country on Friday, 13 May at Broadford State Motorcycle Complex:- Brodie, Tarkan, Declan, Rhys, Will, Aaron, Zac, Kaylan, Sam M, Isaiah, Sam Mc, Taner, Summer, Kiara, Lily-Jayne, Holly, Lily and Sydney.

Have a sensational week!

Lynette Robberts
Last week in the lead up to ANZAC Day the Grade 1 students were learning about remembrance and the ANZAC commemoration. Students learnt about the different roles that animals had in the War such as pigeons being used to carry messages or horses being used to carry equipment and people.
Extra Curricula

Cross Country - Monday

Gr 3-6 AFL Skills Clinic with Essendon

Planetarium Excursion - Tuesday

Legacy ANZAC Commemoration for Students—Gr 6