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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Evie ~ 17 May
Natasha ~ 17 May
Huw ~ 22 May

What’s Happening This Week

Monday, 16th May:
• MARC (Library)
• Dress Up Day ~ as a character from any Bear story
• Teddy Bears Picnic 1pm

Tuesday, 17th May:
• Family Breakfast 8am
• Student Creation Showcase 9am-11am
• Parent Education Session ~ How to use/create using Photo Story, Auto Collage, Publisher. BYO USB with photos to use during session.

Wednesday, 18th May:
• Grade 3-6 Connected the Musical

Friday, 19th May:
• Walk Safely to School Day. Meet at the Tallarook Hotel at 8:20am to walk to school as a walking bus.
• Parents VS Students Games ~ 1pm-2pm
• Gardening with Prep-Gr 2 students ~ 2pm-3pm
• Assembly ~ 3pm

What’s Happening Next Week

Monday, 23rd May ~ MACC (Art)
Tuesday, 24th May ~ Breakfast Club 8am-8:30am
Wednesday, 25th May ~ Sound & Sculpture Garden project ~ 9am-1:30pm

HOUSE POINTS

Dabyminga was the winner for last week with 3,190 points.
Any items found in the lost property basket will incur a 100 point deduction, per item, from that student’s house. Last week Dabyminga lost 900 points and Rook Ranges lost 700 points for lost property.

Ongoing House Tally:
Dabyminga 37,239
Rook Ranges 31,560

The Tallarook Playgroup is hosting a morning tea for the Cancer Council on Wednesday 25th May 2016. Staff and students can donate a gold coin that goes towards research and helping people who received support through the Cancer Council.
Welcome to Week 6, Education Week!

Congratulations to our Grade 3 and 5 students who completed the NAPLAN tests last week. Our students are to be commended on their positive attitudes which are obvious from their reflections at the end of the testing period ~ I asked students prior to beginning and after their last test to write down their feelings and these are some of the comments (no names mentioned!):

Before beginning, I feel…:
~happy and nervous because it’s my first time doing NAPLAN and I’m not so sure what I have to do.
~excited because I want to challenge my brain.
~nervous because I’m not good at persuasive writing.
~nervous because I’m worried about getting bad scores.

After the last test, I feel………:
~excited to get my results and I don’t feel stressed anymore.
~sad and happy. Happy because we did maths and I’m good at maths and sad because its over and I won’t do NAPLAN at this school again.

Special mention again to our district cross country participants who all had a sensational experience. Thank you to the parents who went along and supported our superb students who, once again, demonstrated sportsmanship they could each be proud of.

Please could I ask all members of our community to call in and sign the petition that Linda Kennedy (on behalf of the Friends of Tallarook Pool) dropped off this morning which is about the concerns that Mitchell Shire Council’s 2016/17 draft budget indicates they intend cutting $50000 from the Mitchell Leisure Services costs. Specifically the suggestion of a reduction in operating hours for the Tallarook Outdoor Pool.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our many activities during Education Week this week.

Lynette Robberts

**Grade 6 Graduation Fundraising**

We will be selling Honey Joys and Cookies this Wednesday for $1.00 each

**Words of Wisdom…..**

Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.

Dali Lama

**Victorian premiers' reading challenge**

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open and Tallarook Primary is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victoria children up to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9th September, 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encourage to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please collect a form from the Office, sign and return it to school.

To view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

**Walk Safely to School Day**

National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 20th May, 2016. This annual event is held to encourage all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk to school safely. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be overweight.

Walk Safely to School Day promotes the health benefits of walking, helps children to develop vital road crossing skills and reduces the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles. Walking is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

Join our walking bus from the Tallarook Hotel at 8:20am on Friday to walk to school.
Eighteen students represented our school last Friday at the Mitchell South Cross Country at the State Motorcycle Complex, Broadford. Congratulations to Zac and Brodie who have made it through to Division Cross Country on 1st June.