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 July ~ MARC (Library)
Monday, 25th July ~ School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday, 26th July ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Wednesday 27th July ~ Water Watch Incursion
Thursday 28th July ~ Wheel of Choice Parent Information Session - 3:15pm-4:00pm
Friday, 29th July ~ Schools Tree Day
Friday, 29th July ~ Scholastic Book Fair begins

What’s Happening Next Week
Monday, 1st August-Friday 5th August ~ Book Fair continues
Monday, 1st August ~ MACC (Art)
Tuesday, 2nd August ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Tuesday, 2nd August ~ Excel Music Lessons 9:30am
Friday, 5th August ~ Olympic Games begin

What’s Happening the Next Couple of Weeks
Monday, 8th August ~ MARC (Library) and Monday, 8th August ~ G4-6 Transition visit to Seymour College
Tuesday, 9th August ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Tuesday, 9th August ~ Book Fair ends
Friday, 12th August ~ Gr 4 Young Leaders - 10:00am
Monday, 15th August ~ MACC (Art)
Tuesday, 16th August ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Tuesday, 16th August ~ Excel Music Lessons 9:30am
Thursday, 18th August ~ Mini Olympics & Science Night 6:00pm-8:00pm
Monday, 22nd August ~ MARC (Library)
Friday, 9th September ~ Premier’s Reading Challenge

HOUSE POINTS
Dabyminga was the winner for last week with 5 820 points.
Points lost for Lost Property ~ Dabyminga 200
and Rook Ranges 700

Ongoing House Tally:
Dabyminga 90 989
Rook Ranges 87 664

GROUP KEYBOARD AND GUITAR LESSONS
Enrolments are currently being accepted for group keyboard and guitar lessons.
These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost $13.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enroll your child in keyboard or guitar lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Holly ~ 25th July
Sam Me ~ 28th July
Samantha ~ 30th July
Apologies for the late delivery of the newsletter, however, with Nicole and I both being out of school on Monday as well as the interrupted power supply over the past two days, the challenges have been interesting!

As you are no doubt well aware our school is a hive of activity. There have been several staff changes as well as several families moving on to different schools as well as a new family moving into our school - we welcome Sebastian and his family. Change is inevitable and our students are to be commended on the smooth transition into term 3.

The wet weather has been happily received by those tuned into the water levels however the inclement weather hasn’t been as eagerly welcomed by our students as those wet and really cold days have resulted in recess/lunch times being held indoors! Our senior students are currently engaged in some deep thinking about some additional options that could be offered during outside play sessions as lunch time clubs are struggling to get up and running due to a lack of volunteers. If you’re available on any day (even if irregularly), please let us know as we’d be really excited to provide students with more options during these unstructured play times.

Across the school every student is spending time learning how eating healthy food, engaging in daily moderate to vigorous exercise, getting adequate sleep and building positive relationships enhances personal health and wellbeing. Students are engaged in fitness sessions at least once a week, regular skipping and also provided with a NED zone to keep working on their yo-yoing skills. My thanks to the parents who are also participating in the fitness sessions and helping foster the NED (Never give up; Encourage others; Do your best) message during skipping and yo-yoing. The intent of the NED Show was to use humour, storytelling, audience participation and amazing object lessons including yo-yo and magic tricks to teach students through the adventures of NED, a character kids (and adults) can relate to. The NED Program uses a multi-sensory learning model to motivate, encourage and inspire students to become Champions at school and in life. Staff will continue weaving the NED message as well as accessing the resources to help us continue building on to the School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework that encompasses our wellbeing programs.

Many thanks to each family who has purchased merchandise (yo-yos, strings, etc) as the funds we have already raised has allowed Tallarook Primary School to “Pay this show forward” to other schools, who like us will now received the NED Show at no cost. The ripple effect of kindness and generosity is one of the values and traits we promote at Tallarook Primary in all our conversations with our staff and students so we’re delighted to be part of a broader outreach too! Again thank you for supporting this program.

On Monday evening School Council met for the fifth council meeting this year but the seventh meeting of the year as two of those meetings were training sessions. I’d like to commend our councillors for their effort and enthusiasm in learning to read and interpret data sets and assist in making informed decisions about school governance. Some of the decisions made are about events/activities that will take place later in the year, such as:

- Grade 3-6 overnight Melbourne Camp (letter home tomorrow with all details),
- Movie Marathon Sleepover in Term 4,
- Canteen dates,
- Discussion about grounds and building with a focus on storage of furniture, and
- Brainstorming future parent meetings and subcommittees.

It was with regret that we accepted Beth Lindner’s resignation from School Council in the parent category. Special thanks to Beth for her dedication over the past few years and we look forward to the day when the family business settles down enough for Beth to take on additional roles once again. The office bearers at School Council currently are: President—Sharon Dwyer, Vice President—Cheryl Greenshields, Secretary—Tracey Munro.

Have a sensational week...... Lynette Robberts

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As part of the School Wide Positive Framework the Wheel of Choice program is being rolled out to help our students deal with situations when they are feeling uneasy at school. Please join us on Thursday at 3:15pm in the Alec McKay Memorial Building where Carmel Biro (DET Social Worker) will speak to the program aims and answer any queries you may have. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Dabyminga Learning Space ~ Prep - Grade 2 ~ Kelly Pollard & Natasha McLeish:
In Inquiry we will be learning about how being active contributes to a healthy lifestyle. We will be looking at how being active along with healthy eating contributes to a healthy lifestyle.

In Literacy we will be exploring recounts (an account of an event or experience) and teaching how to structure a recount. If your child did not receive either the super reading challenge or the super spelling challenge last week, please check their bags this week as we will be endeavoring to send that home by Monday. If you have any questions about this program feel free to come and ask us about it.

In Mathematics we are continuing our focus on counting and place value. You can support this by playing games such as Dominoes, Snakes and Ladders, card games or board games involving a die with dot patterns. This will help your child to recognise patterns and count. Change the game to have two dice to encourage addition. We will also be continuing to learn how to tell the time to the hour and half hour. Take time to point out clocks when you have an opportunity and ask your child to tell you the time as often as possible.

Rook Ranges Learning Space ~ Grade 3 & 4 ~ Emma Vandenhoven:
In Literacy we will again be focusing on poetry, both reading and writing ballads and song lyrics.

During Mathematics time we are working on equivalent fractions and time. Our learning about equivalent fractions will focus on common equivalent fractions and using them in context. In regards to time, we will be concentrating on converting between units of time and solving problems involving time.

In Inquiry this week we will be learning about the safe use of medications and other substances we put into our body, for example energy drinks and caffeine.

Rook Ranges Learning Space ~ Grade 5 & 6 ~ Brooke McDonald & Lynette Robberts:
During our English and Inquiry sessions students will continue focusing on the Inquiry unit, “What’s Happening to Me?” This week we will explore what influences our identity, communication, relationships and the hurdles to relationships and effective communication. Students are writing a variety of explanations and will use all the facts they have gathered to create a brochure using Microsoft Publisher next week. They will be writing a newspaper report (recount) on the Waterwatch excursion as well as writing a variety of poems in the form of cinquains, haikus and limericks.

In Maths students have been working on being able to calculate measurements in square metres as well as apply measurements of square metres to real life situations.

On Wednesday students will head off to the Tallarook Wetlands and Arboretum to engage in Waterwatch activities focusing on the macro invertebrates in the Dabyminga Creek, while on Friday from 2pm students will engage in gardening as part of the Schools’ Tree Planting Day. Feel free to join us, if your able to!

Dear Parents,

One of the assessment tools used at Tallarook Primary School in Mathematics is “Numeracy Fluency Assessment” (NFA). NFA has four areas, Counting, Numeration, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. Each student is regularly assessed on each area and given goals to practise during daily NFA practice time.

Today your child will bring home a letter advising you of their Numeration goal. In the coming weeks they will also bring home letters advising you of their other goals. As your child achieves their NFA goals you will receive letters advising you of their updated goal.

You can help them achieve their goals by assisting them to practise their goal at home for 5-10 minutes every second day.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher or myself.

Emma Vandenhoven (Numeracy Coordinator)
Halo Semua,

Selamat Datang ke Term 3. Hello everyone. Welcome to Term 3.

This term in Indonesia the students will focus on “Healthy Bodies” learning about their bodies. Over the past 2 weeks the students have coloured, cut, pasted and labelled the body learning the parts of the body in Indonesian. A few of the body parts are as follows: head - kepala, hair - rambut, eyes - mata, ears - telinga, mouth - mulut, teeth - gigi, arms - tangan, fingers - jari tangan, leg - kaki, toes - jari tangan. Students might like to practise their body parts at home.

The Grade 5&6 class will learn how to say basic sentences about keeping healthy, things they do in the morning. For example saya mencuci muka - I wash my face. saya mengosok gigi saya - I brush my teeth.

Grade 3&4 will make a classroom book on Keeping Healthy - selalu sehat.

Grade P-2 have also made a person in their books and will label their person and we will make a human size person and label the body parts in Indonesian.

In a few weeks time we will begin work on the Olympics.

Terima Kasih, Sampai Jumpa,

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DELIVERY!

The Wellbeing Program has been fortunate to receive $9000 in grant funding from the Sidney Myer Foundation Education Grants Programme.

The money has already been put to good use with a large delivery of resources arriving at Tallarook last week. The delivery includes many large tuned and hand held percussion instruments and educational resources which will be used with students in Grade 3/4 and the Dabyminga classes.

The ‘Play & Engage’ program will provide opportunities for students to engage in guided activities which encourage respectful listening and socialisation amongst members of their peer group.

In addition to this the grant has provided funding for parent information sessions which will focus on wellbeing strategies for families. Further information regarding these sessions will become available within future weeks.

Kat Stathis
Child Welfare Officer
Last week students had an opportunity to make Tigers with Peter during lunchtime Woodworking. The smiles say it all, the students loved making their Tigers!
A great opportunity to socialize and have a fun day out while raising funds for our school.

RSVP no later than Friday, 29th July 2016.

Cost $67 per person:
Includes 2 course pub meal with tea/coffee, bus games and prizes from outlets visited. Soft drink and nibbles throughout the day.

We require a minimum of 27 people to attend for the Shopping Tour to go ahead. If we have more than 27 people, the cost will reduce.

If you would like to join us on our Shopping Tour, please complete and return to the office the Expression of Interest slip below.

Please return completed slip to the office by Friday, 29th July 2016.