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, 1st August-Friday 5th August ~ Book Fair before and after school in AMMB
Monday, 1st August ~ MACC (Art)
Tuesday, 2nd August ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Tuesday, 2nd August ~ Excel Music Lessons 9:30am
Wednesday 3rd August ~ Lunch Orders due in this morning. No late orders will be accepted.
Friday, 5th August ~ Olympic Games begin
Friday, 5th August ~ Lunch Orders

What’s Happening Next Week
Monday, 8th August ~ MARC (Library)
Monday, 8th August ~ G4-6 Transition visit to Seymour College
Tuesday, 9th August ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Friday, 12th August ~ Gr 4 Young Leaders - 10:00am

What’s Happening the Next Couple of Weeks
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 ends

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.

HOUSE POINTS
Will be updated next week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Seth ~ 2nd August
How great to see blue sky and sunshine today!

Yesterday we had a special visit from members of the 2/22 Battalion Association. They presented us with a banner and framed photographs from our sister school in Tol, PNG from when they visited in April. We look forward to putting this up in the Alec McKay Memorial Building.

Congratulations to Aysa, Olivia, Josh and Sam Manchester who have all won prizes in the annual Children as Authors competition run by Libby Ahern. The competition was open to all nine Yea MARC schools, with 255 entries this year!

A reminder to those who received the Parent Opinion Survey, PLEASE return your completed survey to school tomorrow.

On Sunday I made an unexpected visit to the Broadford Footy oval to watch students from our school get down and dirty while playing Under 10’s footy. It was wonderful seeing the skills they have developed and I’m sure looking forward to seeing them transfer these skills to games at Tallarook PS. I’m hoping to watch the boys who play in the under 12 section over the next couple of weeks too. If your child plays sport or has a passionate pursuit in any endeavour outside of school hours that you’d like to celebrate or share with the school, please let me know as I’d love to share these endeavours with our school community too.

Last night, more than half the families from Grade 5/6 participated in an evening at school with Carmel Biro (Social Worker from the Department) and staff to discuss strategies and interventions we are employing at our school to address social, emotional and intellectual well being. I thank those who made the effort to be present and engage in proactive conversation around developing strong partnerships that are solution focused with the school. Again this conversation proves to students that relationship building and problem solving is more productive than gossip and putdowns. Thanks once again Rebecca, Kylie, Marty, Clint, Heather, Sally, Karl, Karen, Jackie, Amanda and Phil for your feedback.

Please remember, if you have any questions, queries or feedback you’d like to share with me, I have an open door policy and you’re always welcome to make appointments if I’m not immediately available when you call in. There is also the “feedback” button on our website if you’re not able to call in to see me.

If you’re available to assist with School’s Tree Planting Day this Friday, see you at 2:00 p.m. 😊

Lynette Robberts

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**RIO OLYMPICS - Opening Ceremony**

This Monday, 8 August, from 8:45am (for half an hour) we will be in the Alec McKay Memorial Building watching the Opening Ceremony highlights.

**TALLAROY OLYMPICS**

On Friday 19th August, the whole school will participate in an Olympic Closing Ceremony. There will be a multicultural lunch from 1:00 p.m. which will be followed by various activities held in classrooms. Students will rotate through the classrooms stamping their passports and learning about different countries as they go. All are welcome to attend both the lunch and the activities. Hope to see you there. 😊
Dabyminga Learning Space ~ Prep - Grade 2 ~ Kelly Pollard & Natasha McLeish:

Congratulations to the Preps that have now been at school for more than 100 days. In week 4 we will be beginning our work on counting. Students have brought home their new goals for counting and these will be our focus for the next couple of weeks. You can support your child’s counting by practising at home. If you need strategies to support your child at home with their counting goal please do not hesitate to speak to us. We will also be learning about graphs and tying this in with our new Inquiry Unit which is the Olympics.

Our positive reward system in the classroom has changed from the peg charts. Students are now earning tokens for their good learning choices. At the end of each week we will be counting the tokens and graphing them so that students can see how many they have earned for the week. This also fits in with our maths learning.

In literacy students will be continuing their Super Reading and Spelling Challenge. We will continue our focus on recounts and procedures. We will be focusing on using the correct posture, pencil grip and letter formation of the letter d during handwriting.

Rook Ranges Learning Space ~ Grade 3 & 4 ~ Emma Vandenhoven:

During this week in Literacy we will be focusing on reading and writing schedules and timetables. We will also begin some reading about The Olympics.

This week in Mathematics, we will be working on counting fractions including mixed numbers as well as locating and placing fractions on number lines. We will also be working on reading and interpreting variety of graphs.

In Inquiry this week we will be learning about The Olympics, focussing on continents and countries of the world as well as the history of different sports.

Rook Ranges Learning Space ~ Grade 5 & 6 ~ Brooke McDonald & Lynette Robberts:

Over the next three weeks we will be completing an integrated unit on the Olympics in Rio. Student will be using the Herald Sun and various other resources, digital and paper, to investigate the Ancient and Modern Olympics. They will draft and publish a wide variety of pieces while acquiring new knowledge through research and shared reading. Every day over the next two weeks students will bring home a current copy of the daily paper. Please enjoy sharing the Olympic moments with your child - shared conversation about current events will help them with their writing.

In maths students will continue the concerted focus on automaticity of tables facts, continue exploring area as well as consolidate understanding of ante meridiem and post meridiem time as well as 24 hour time.

Students have also been given their homework tasks which must be handed in this Friday. Please contact us if your child is experiencing difficulty with the homework requirements. We are looking forward to the completed posters on Friday.
Grade 3 & 4 have been learning how to write poems. Here is a small selection of their works.

**Corey**

There once was a boy named Corey,
He just wrote a story,
He went to the dock,
And felt like a rock,
And suddenly there was lots of glory!

By Sam Mc

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**Limerick**

There once was boy who loved whipped cream
He thought everyday it was very supreme
He ate it for dinner
And thought “I’m a winner”
But it ended up all being a dream

By Holly

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**Mister Slater**

Big and nice
Nicer than mice
Mister Slater cooks some good rice
Yum! Yum! Nice rice!

By Travis

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**A MAN CALLED SAM**

There was a man,
He was in a band,
And ate sand,
He was Sam and Ham!

By Corbin

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**The Man from Mt Buller**

High in the mountains, along by the snow,
Past were the water will never flow,
A brave and powerful drover,
Who’s name was Rover.

Lived with his father Derrick,
And was born in Berrick,
He finds his way through the land,
And he always got cuts on his hand.

Rover only owns cattle,
And they always get into a battle,
Rover rides around courses,
And droves with horses.

Rover rides around the bush,
He always falls and lands on his tush,
He gets rips in his jeans,
And always gets full on beans.

By Ryan M

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**My Limerick by Sachin**

I had a big brother named Bill
He was acting like such a dill
He did a pee in the pool
He thought he was being cool
But really he was showing his will
Last Wednesday our students participated in a WaterWatch activity at the Dabyminga Creek. Unfortunately the inclement weather affected the P-2 opportunity to participate however we will organise another trip to the creek later in Spring so everyone gets to enjoy the fabulous environment beside the creek. Many awesome recounts were written but this one contains a strong “voice” from the author - enjoy........

DABYMINGA CREEK REPORT
By Sam Boulter

Today we went down to the Tallarook wetlands and Arboretum for the water watch program with Mrs Robberts. When we got down there we met Danielle and David, from Goulburn Valley Water, down under the shelter beside the river, because it was raining. We were going to find macro invertebrates (tiny animals that live in the water but some have very different personalities to others) which can be seen with your naked eye if you look closely.

What Happened

All the kids grabbed a sheet with a load of aquatic vertebrate photos and a square on each animal so when we found it we could tick it off. There were a lot of animals on it like aquatic earth worm and a water scorpion (which I never found), dragon fly larvae and many more. We went off to six large but low containers. Each container had a microscope and four spoons which we used to pick up tiny aqua vertebrates out of the containers and put them in little ice cube containers next to the large containers so everyone got the chance to look at them. It was very challenging trying to look for them because there were a lot of leaves, moss, and sticks in the containers but if they were not there it would have gotten very boring.

The interesting part!
I went over to the first container I had seen with my sheet and scooped up the first animal I saw with my spoon. I examined the creature then I looked at my sheet... it was a water mite! (but as you read this you will find out why the first thing I saw was a water mite) which are about the size of a ball on top of a pin! They live in the same water as dragon fly larvae and they will attach to the dragon fly and the unfortunate dragon fly gets the life sucked out of it!

I kept searching for creatures I could scoop up with the spoon. I found an aquatic earth worm which is not as big as you think. In fact it is as long as your pinkie finger nail. I kept looking and finally after about five minutes I found one diving beetle - I ticked the macro invertebrate off my list and moved excitedly, but slowly, to the next container. I found one blood worm and no, they are not made of blood, it’s called a blood worm because of its distinctive colour (bright red). It is about half a centimetre long but you can see it with your naked eye. I ticked it off my list. Then I spotted, in the corner of the container, a beetle about as long as the blood worm which was also about half a centimetre long and had six legs. I realized, with the teachers help, it was beetle larvae so I scooped it up with the spoon and put it in the ice cube container.

The macro invertebrate safari

I ran around having the best time of my life, but (and yes there was a twist) there were water mites in every container but (another twist) it gave so much more to be excited about. I found much more ... like backswimmer water boatman , and, no! That’s not a man which has fallen off a boat and just somehow ended up floating down the Dabyminga Creek, it’s a type of beetle!

Conclusion

After a while of searching for some awesome creatures we had to go back to school. It was a bit annoying, because we had to jog up the hill and my gumboots were heavy and my coat was even heavier! I ran up the hill after a decent three or four minute walk, with my sheet in my coat, we arrived at the front of the school. I walked about half way up the stairs and I tripped on the top stair and because my sheet was wet because of the rain it shredded to pieces I wasn’t hurt but I guess the sheet was already dead! I picked up the extremely destroyed sheet, walked up to the class room and guess what the first thing I did was... yes, that’s right, I chucked it in the bin. 😊