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, 15th August ~ MACC (Art)
Tuesday, 16th August ~ Breakfast Club 8:00am-8:30am
Tuesday, 16th August ~ Excel Music Lessons 9:30am
Wednesday, 17th August ~ G5/6 to Bunnings Epping
Thursday, 18th August ~ Mini Olympics & Science Night 6:00pm-8:00pm
Friday, 19th August ~ Tallario Olympics 1:00pm-3:30pm

What’s Happening Next Week
Monday, 22nd August ~ MARC (Library)

What’s Happening the Next Couple of Weeks
Monday, 29th August ~ MACC (Art)
Tuesday, 30th August ~ District Athletics
Tuesday, 30th August ~ Excel Music Lessons
Monday, 5th September ~ MARC (Library)
Friday, 9th September ~ Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
Monday, 12th - Tuesday, 13th September ~ Grade 3-6 Melbourne Camp
Monday, 12th September ~ Prep - 2 Sleepover
Tuesday, 13th September ~ Excel Music Lessons 9:30am
Thursday, 15th September ~ Footy Colours Day & Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Thursday, 15th September ~ Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day
Friday, 16th September ~ Picnic Lunch @ Dabyminga Creek followed by Parents VS Students Footy game
Friday, 16th September ~ Last Day Term 3. Assembly
From the desk of the Principal.... Hai Semua!

Half way through Term 3; five weeks down and five weeks to go! It’s been a fabulous term with much excitement around the Olympics. Our students have been very fortunate to have a real life “touch and feel” experience with not one but three Olympic Torches - one from the 2000 Sydney Olympics, one from the 2000 Sydney Paralympics and one from the 2004 Athens Olympics. My thanks to our Pre-service teacher, Kathy and Heather Kennedy for being so generous and bringing their torches in for our students to enjoy.

Last Friday ten of our senior students participated in the Young Leaders Program with students from Seymour P-12 College, Tooborac and Pyalong Primary Schools. I was incredibly proud of our students for the responsible manner in which they hosted the program and for their active participation during the day.

This Thursday we’ll be running a Mini Olympics & Science Night. As the activities will run from 6:00pm - 8:00pm we will provide a sausage sizzle. Please complete the reply slip on the back page so we can cater accordingly. Although this is officially National Science Week we will only have a minor focus on Science as the Olympic Celebration is the main focus.

On Friday we will hold a Tallario Closing Ceremony. The multicultural lunch will not take place, however, every classroom will host a variety of activities, with students rotation through each classroom. If students complete the activities in the classroom, they will get their passports stamped. Parents/extended families are welcome to join us for this celebration from 1:00 p.m. Please ensure your child brings their own lunch to school on Friday.

Well done to the Under 12s from Broadford Footy Club on their fantastic (albeit hard fought) win of 37-8 yesterday. It was fabulous to see the Tallarook boys playing in a game where they maintained their positions so well - great teamwork boys! Good luck in the finals next week.

Have a sensational week. Lynette Robberts

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support!

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child(ren) will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope team provides us with lots of resources and support to implement the program and in return we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to [http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Tallarook-Primary-School-TALLAROOK-VIC-121734](http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Tallarook-Primary-School-TALLAROOK-VIC-121734) and register your child today! Alternatively, an sponsorship for has been sent home with every child today.

A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; and then you are encouraged to share this link with as many people as possible. This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Thursday, 15th September. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease.

Brooke McDonald, Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator
Dabyminga Learning Space ~ Prep - Grade 2 ~ Kelly Pollard & Natasha McLeish:

This week is very exciting week with our mini Olympics being held on Thursday night at 6 pm. Our Olympics theme will continue this week focusing on local geography (Victoria) and starting to look at different Olympic sports.

In numeracy we will continue with our counting practise counting by 1’s, 10’s and 5’s with many students working on their counting goals.

In literacy we will be writing narratives and focusing on the structure of narratives. Students have been making great progress with their super reading and spelling challenges. Please remind your child to practise only five out of seven nights and to bring it to school each day.

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

During Literacy this week we will be reading about different sports as well as about the Olympics. In writing we will be practising writing emails before writing an email to one of our Australian Olympians.

This week in Mathematics we will be learning about the links between fractions and decimals. We will be continuing to practise creating and interpreting graphs.

In Inquiry we will be researching different sports and shall create posters showcasing our learning.

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

The week ahead has our senor students very busy with a variety of hands on activities. During this week they will also continue our investigations into the Summer Olympics as well as the Paralympics. Students will spend time demonstrating their knowledge by completing a variety of reading and writing tasks.

During the week students will also begin working on their entries for the Water Week Competitions. Hopefully by the end of the competition students will be knowledgeable about what NOT to flush down the toilet as well as the macro invertabrates that are found in our waterways.

Last week our Grade 5/6 students were, once again, invited to participate in a DIY session at Bunnings in Epping this Wednesday - notes sent home today and due back tomorrow please. Also on Wednesday, and Thursday, they will continue working (in small groups) with Sandra Bowkett to complete the Sound and Sculpture Garden.

In maths students will spend time beginning to work on a project for the oval where they will be required to measure and calculate the number of car tyres, soil and plants required for revegetating the banks beside the concrete seating.

If you’re available on this Friday from 11:30 a.m. the Grade 3-6 students will be doing hands on gardening, led by Cheryl and Bronwyn. Please bring your garden tools along too as we have a limited number of implements at school.
Mini Olympics & Science Night ~ Reply Slip

Family Name: …………………………………………………………………………………

Yes, we will be attending the Mini Olympics and Science night on Thursday, 18th August.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for all families. To assist us with catering, please let us know how many sausages your family will require.

Number of sausages required: ……………

Please return completed slip to school no later than Wednesday, 17th August.

WATERWATCH

The article below was written by Will McGhie and appeared in last week’s Seymour Telegraph.

Exploring watery world

On Wednesday, July 27, Years 5-6 students from Tallarook Primary School walked to Tallarook Wetlands and Arboretum. On the way there were heaps of puddles on the ground but no rain. We got there and met presenters Danielle and David from Goulburn Water, who were doing a WaterWatch Program with us.

Danielle showed us pictures on cards of some Macro Invertebrate we might find and told us a bit about them.

There were some, like water scorpions and yabbies, Danielle told us we probably wouldn’t find because it was the wrong season.

There were others, like a diving beetle and bloodworm. Danielle said she might find.

We had a look in the different trays and ticked off animals on our paper that we found in the trays.

Danielle told us that after the rain they usually do a turbidity test.

Turbidity means the cloudiness of something so the turbidity of the water is how cloudy the water is. At the end of the session, David showed us how to test how turbid (cloudy) the water was.

You needed a cup of water from the creek and a turbidity tube.

To measure, you slowly tip the water into the tube then stir frequently and have a look to make sure you can still see the three black lines on the base of the tube.

When you can’t see it any more, you tip a bit of the water out and then read what number the top of the water is closest to then record your answer.

When we tested the Dabyominga Creek the turbidity of the water was 12.

Interesting: Students study the different plant and animal life found in local streams.

The bigger the number the more turbid the water is so the creek was quite clear. We looked down to check that we had the right reading.

My favourite parts were investigating which macro invertebrate were in each tub and learning that 12 per cent of the Goulburn River water comes from the Dabyominga Creek.

Special thanks to Danielle and David, we really enjoyed them helping us learn how Dabyominga creek is part of the Goulburn-Broken Catchment, and about the different macro invertebrates in our waterways.

— Will McGhie,
Year 6,
Tallarook PS

Hands on: Students conduct a turbidity test to see how cloudy the water is.