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

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS
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2017 WORKING BEE DATES
Saturday, 25 February
Sunday, 23 April
Sunday, 23 July
Sunday, 29 October

2017 TERM DATES
Term 1:
Monday, 30 January to Friday, 31 March
Term 2:
Tuesday, 18 April to Friday, 30 June
Term 3:
Monday, 17 July to Friday, 22 September
Term 4:
Monday, 9 October to Friday, 22 December

2017 CURRICULUM DAYS
(student free days)
Monday, 30 January
Friday, 10 March
Monday, 21 August
Friday, 1 December
Friday, 29 September ~ Friday before AFL Grand Final
Tuesday, 7 November ~ Melbourne Cup Day

What’s Happening This Week
Monday, 6 February - Friday, 10 February ~ Gr 2-6 Swimming Program @ Tallarook Pool 12:45pm-3:00pm
Wednesday, 8 February ~ Prep students not required at school
Thursday, 9 February ~ Classroom Information Night, Prep/1 @ 6:00pm; G2/3 @ 6:15pm; G4-6 6:30pm
Thursday, 9 February ~ Excel Music Lessons Information Session - 11am
Friday, 10 February ~ Assembly, 9:00am

What’s Happening Next Week
Wednesday, 15 February ~ Prep students not required at school
Friday, 17 February ~ Assembly, 9:00am
Friday, 17 February ~ District Swimming
Friday, 17 February ~ Parent Helpers Course, 2:30pm-3:30pm

The School website calendar is updated regularly to keep the community informed of events/activities planned throughout the year. Please refer to the calendar for additional information as it includes planned events for the entire year.
Well done to all the students and staff on the smooth start made last week. We ended our week with a wonderful celebration of bush dancing. My thanks to all the families who made it to our Bush Dance - another wonderful community celebration. Special thanks to Cheryl Greenshields for providing us with another, more efficient, barbeque to use for these events. It was a pleasure being chef on the night!

If you visited the office today you would have noticed a new addition to our school staff! I’d like to welcome Natalie Tonkin to our staff. Natalie will join Sarah in the office, working every Monday and Tuesday, and any other days when Sarah might be away. One of Natalie’s first jobs today was organising the second hand uniform stock so that it will be easier for everyone to access. We have a huge variety of school bags, sunglasses, shoes, hats, shirts, shorts, skorts, dresses, etc. Please call in to view our huge variety of stock.

Tomorrow I’ll be sending home information about School Council. Please consider standing for election this year. The following categories have vacant positions: Parent Member for a one year term of office we require one Parent, Parent Member for a two year term of office we require three Parents as well as one vacancy in the DET category. Call in and see me if you’d like any additional information.

A reminder that our visiting Art teacher will be here tomorrow. Please ensure your child has an art smock as they will not be able to participate if they don’t. There are NO spare art smocks at school. If you don’t have an art smock please send them with a shirt they can wear over their school uniform.

We will be swimming from tomorrow through to Friday.

Looking forward to seeing you during the week……… Lynette Robberts

P.S. As it’s looking like we have really warm weather for the next week, we will be selling Zooper Doopers at lunch time. These will be 50c each.

This week students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 will be focussing on using description based on the senses in their writing. During Reading time students will be revising the comprehension strategy of Prediction to assist with comprehending texts.

In Maths this week we will be looking at recognising, representing and organising numbers into the millions. A quick activity you can do to help your child is to use playing cards to make a 5, 6 or 7 digit number and ask your child to say the number and then say what the different numbers represent, ie, 425 621: the 2 represents 20 thousand etc. In other areas of maths students will be looking at length, how to measure length, converting between units of length and worded problems using length.

Our Inquiry topic this term is Identity. These first few weeks we will be looking into rules and laws, the role in the classroom and society as a whole as well as the similarities and differences in rules and laws.
What a great start to the year we have had! All the Preps and Grade 1 students have settled beautifully into our class routines. We spent last week getting to know each other, singing, dancing, writing and exploring what it means to be a student.

In the coming week Prep/One will be exploring what are the school values and what they mean. Our school values are Respect, Responsible, Caring, Fair Go and Personal Achievement.

This week Grade 1 students will bring home their readers as well as a homework sheet. To help your child complete their homework here are my top four homework tips:

1. **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.

2. **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.

3. **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV or loud music.

4. **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.

_Natasha McLeish_
Last week Grade 2/3 students settled back into the school routine and spent the week developing our classroom processes. As part of these we discussed what an **effective** student does to be able to be the best learner they can be. We also revisited the school values and discussed what they look like both inside the classroom and outside in the yard. As a class we decided on our class mascot and our class motto.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

CFA CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

What: COMMUNITY FIRE INFORMATION SESSION
Where: Outside No. 110 Ennis Rd (the entrance to Dabyrringga Property). Bring a Chair
When: 5:00pm – 6:00pm Saturday 11th February 2017
Find out: Important information on being prepared for this fire season
For more information: CFA District 12 Office (5735 3100)

Are you fire ready? Make sure you speak to CFA this fire season.

Map for Meeting at Landscape Road below:
Seymour Junior Netball Association (SJNA)

Registration / Information Session for 2017 KBNA
Saturday Morning Competition

Friday 10th February 2017
From 5:00pm -6:00pm
Kings Park Netball Court, Seymour


We train indoors at the Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre
Boys and Girls Welcome

For more information please call:

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