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, 18th April ~ MARC (Library)
Monday, 18th April ~ Whole School Cross Country
Tuesday, 19th April ~ Whole School Excursion to Planetarium. All students to be at Tallarook Railway Station at 8am.
Wednesday, 20th April ~ Parents & Friends Club Meeting at school 9:00am
Wednesday 20th April ~ 9am-1:30pm Sculpture & Sound Garden with Sandra Bowkett

What’s Happening Next Week:
Monday, 25th April ~ ANZAC Day Holiday
Tuesday, 26th April ~ Breakfast Club  8:00am-8:30am

INTRODUCING NATASHA MCLEISH
OUR REGULAR CRT

My name is Natasha McLeish (Mrs Mac), I am one of the casual relief teachers at Tallarook Primary School. I have a varied teaching experience from early childhood through to middle school. I moved to Kinglake in 2011 where I worked in the Integrated Children’s Centre and tutored students that were diagnosed with post traumatic stress. Prior to this I worked at a Coptic Orthodox College in a low socioeconomic area where 98% of the children are from Language Backgrounds other than English, and 50% of those students were not born in Australia. I have become a specialist at teaching curriculum, especially literacy and numeracy, to students with special needs and post traumatic stress. This year I decided to expand my teaching experience by becoming a casual relief teacher (CRT). As a CRT I get to work within a variety of schools and programs and as a result I strengthen my skills as a teacher. If you see me around please feel free to come and introduce yourself.
We’ve started the Term with a great variety of curriculum learning across many disciplines!

Last week our Grade 3-6 students enjoyed a very informative incursion with Wendy Kelly (more on page 4) where they were required to connect with their learning last term. Our students were absolutely engaged and are certainly more understanding of the challenges and disabilities many people cope with, every moment of their lives, while not all those disabilities are visible for us to recognise. Learning “not to judge a book by its cover” is a valuable lesson to learn albeit not an easy concept for everyone to comprehend. I know experiences such as these also help our students be more empathetic and hopefully more tolerant of difference.

On Thursday our Grade 2-6 students actively participated in a skills session run by a coach provided by Athletics Victoria. As you can see on page 4, students were fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed this outdoor activity.

The next 48 hours will be very busy for our young people and staff - physically and mentally - with the weather playing kindly and providing us with fine days! Looking forward to your company at the Tallarook Recreation Reserve today when our students showcase their running and athletic skills. Photos will be in next week’s newsletter. Tomorrow thirteen adults will accompany our students to Scienceworks using PTV (Public Transport Victoria). Every student travelling with our school group will experience the journey using VLine train, VLine coach and Metro train. If anyone is concerned that their child may experience travel sickness on the coach, please let me know and staff will ensure they use the train only. Please ensure our students are at the Tallarook Railway Station at 8:00am so staff can sort them into the groups they’ll be travelling in.

**ANZAC Day Commemoration** ~ This year the ANZAC Day holiday is on a Monday so we will not hold a commemoration at our school as I’m sure all families will honour this special day in accordance with their own traditions. I have arranged for all our Grade 6 students to attend The Shrine of Remembrance for Legacy’s 85th ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for students on Friday 22nd April. We will return and have a normal assembly, except for a special visitor who’ll share a gift with us and leave with a gift from us. Join us at 3pm if you’d like to know more!

**Lost Property and Second Hand Uniforms** ~ My thanks to Sarah Barnbrook for taking on the responsibility for the sale of Second Hand School Uniforms and distributing lost property. Sarah shared the latest incentive for students to take responsibility for their own uniforms. If you were not at assembly on Friday, ask your child to share this information with you and if they can’t, please let us know so we can share this with our students again.

**Important Alerts** ~ We have been notified of a confirmed case of Chicken Pox as well as Head Lice doing the rounds again. Please ensure you’re doing regular checks of your child’s head as both learning spaces have reported head louse in students’ hair. A reminder too that sunhats are to be worn until the end of April and we do NOT encourage sharing at all.

Have a sensational week!

*Lynette Robberts*

I leave you with a couple of things to consider when we think about developing a growth or positive mindset in those around us ……..

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**Grade 6 Graduation Fundraising**

This Wednesday we will be selling Jelly in a Cup at recess and lunch time. $1 each.

On behalf of Seymour RSL, for sale in the office are ANZAC Day badges, pens, wrist bands and bags tags. Prices are $2.00, $3.00 and $5.00 each.
My dog life story
By Sydney Boulter

I have been showing since I was four. I got my first show dog Lassie (Aust terrier) when I was three. I watched her birth.

Now I show her daughter “Holly” and Della and Jodie (Aust Cattle Dogs), Gypsy (German Shepard – Stock coat), James (Penbroke Corgi - Like the queens), and Faye (Australian Cattle Dog). I have also shown a Briard, Shetland sheepdog and have been commissioned to show poodles soon.

Showing dogs is fun the best dog is the one that fits the standard (Blueprint for the breed). It’s better with a friend and I show with Ellie Triffit and Emily Perkins and Holly Mann. I’m good at it and I was showing since I was four now I’m eight turning nine. You can get better each time. I am number two handler in the state for my age. Emily is number one. I don’t mind cause we are friends.

You learn and help people. You can do fun jobs. I help the stewards at the show. I give them ribbons and drinks. One Steward is Muir, He is not well so I make sure he is comfortable. The show managers are really nice they shows whippets. I help set things up and I’m happy with my jobs and dogs. I help because I show older peoples dogs. They have beautiful examples of the breed but can’t run anymore. I learn a lot from these people. I help get the dogs groomed and they look beautiful. I have just gotten a Bearded Collie Pup and look forward to showing her and having the best. I get payed and thanked when I show other peoples dogs I show good quality dogs and I’m good at showing. My mum and I go away showing and I want to do Royal Melbourne Show this year.

I love dogs and animals. I also have a Welsh pony named Nutmeg that I have done Gymkanas on and am looking forward to helping out with showing harness pony’s.
Extra Curricula

Don’t Park in the Blue Zone Incursion - Grade 3-6

Athletics Incursion - Grade 2-6