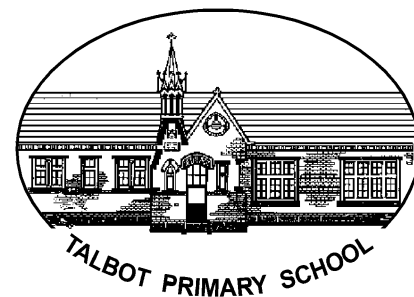


Talbot Primary School

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Term 1 Week 1— 28th January 2022

A message from the Principal

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. I hope our school community have enjoyed the festive season and our students and families have enjoyed the holiday break.

Our staff team are feeling very excited about the students returning and the year ahead. Today was our first official day where all staff resumed duties. We have had a very productive day working through School Induction, organisation and planning for 2022, as well as Professional Learning (PL) about SMART goal setting for student learning goals. Monday is a student free day. All staff from cluster schools will participate in Professional Learning with a focus on School Refusal and Re-engagement. We were to meet face to face in Maryborough for this session, however, due to current circumstances and advice in our School Operations Guide, we are now conducting all PL online again. We are super excited to see all our students on Tuesday 1st February, for their first day of the 2022 school year.

Our current enrolment is 46 students. This includes six new prep students and several new families to our school. Our start of 2021 was also 46 students, so it is really pleasing to see numbers remain steady even after we farewelled nine Year Six students at the end of last year.

Our Prep students will not attend school on Wednesdays during the month of February. Preps will commence full time schooling from week commencing Monday 28/2/22. It is normal for the school nurse to drop off forms to be completed by families early in the term for all Prep students, these will need to be returned to school ready for the nurse's school visit late February, early March.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

***OSHC TheirCare Program:**

We were notified during the holidays that the OSHC program for Talbot Primary School will not be operational in Term One due to the inability to employ staff to manage this program. We were certainly disappointed, however, as most of us would be aware, staff shortages are across all sectors in the workforce. We were also advised that no students had enrolled in this program at that time, so we were glad that no families would be immediately affected by OSHC not operating. TheirCare will be trying their best to employ staff to get this program up and running as early as possible. If they secure staff during the term, then the program will open to our families. All resources and setting-up for the program was completed during the holidays, so it is ready to go. I will keep you informed. We have included a flyer from TheirCare in this newsletter and placed a message on FaceBook in regards to their recruitment drive. If you know of anyone that would be interested in working in an OSHC program, please contact the number on the flyer immediately.

***Shade Sail Grant:**

Talbot Primary School was successful in this grant application. We will be sourcing updated quotes very quickly to enable the erection of a new shade sail area on the school grounds. This will allow teachers to have another learning space outdoors.

***3 Way Conferences:**

3 Way conferences are replacing 'Start-Up' Interviews this term. We have planned for 3 Way Conferences to be held on Monday 14th February from 1 – 5pm, these will be ten-minute conferences to discuss any concerns from 2021 Semester 2 Reports and the wellbeing of your child. Teachers will also share Literacy, Numeracy and Social & Emotional learning goals for your child/children. We were hoping to have these meetings face to face, however, due to the current School Ops Guide, these will now need to be phone conferences as once again, visitors to schools in the first four weeks of school are to be restricted. If you are not available during this time frame, please contact your classroom teacher through Class Dojo to work out a suitable time.

***School Operations Guide 2022:**

The School Operations Guide informs schools on all procedures schools needs to follow to ensure the highest level of safety for our students and staff when attending school onsite. The Department of Education produces these guidelines from the Advice of the Department of Health based on the most current information about the Covid19 Pandemic.

We would like to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung, Traditional Custodians of the land where Talbot Primary School is situated. We would also like to acknowledge our Elders, past, present and future.

DET have made changes to school normal routines and procedures for the first four weeks of school. We have been advised that this will be reviewed in week three and a new operations guide will be updated based on what is happening in schools at that time.

Once again, we have been instructed to reduce the number of visitors onsite, which of course includes our families, hence the change of the way we will conduct 3 Way Conferences. We will also be holding our assemblies outdoors and only students and staff will attend. School staff meetings will be held in large open spaces (small schools) and professional learning sessions will now all be online until further notice. These measures are in place to reduce the chances of staff coming in close contact with a 'positive' person. All cluster school events will also be online until further notice.

Our school has now received four Air Purifiers, which will be used in the learning spaces. Masks will continue to be worn by staff and all Year 3-6 students (unless they have a medical exemption). It is highly recommended that all students wear masks, which includes our junior students. Physical distancing, hand hygiene and non-contact behaviours i.e. hugging friends or teachers will be important strategies of keeping our students and staff as safe as possible. Please talk to your child about these strategies, we will be reinforcing these behaviours/actions on a daily basis.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs):

All schools will be receiving RATs over the next week and once these are received, schools will be distributing to families immediately. Staff will also be issued with RATs for weekly testing. See information below as outlined in the Ops Guide:

Rapid antigen testing:

Free rapid antigen tests will be made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022. Rapid antigen testing will be voluntary for all primary, secondary and specialist school students and staff.

Table 1: Summary of rapid antigen testing recommendations for schools

Category	Recommended rapid antigen testing schedule
Primary school staff and students	Twice weekly (school days)

Distribution of test kits to schools:

The Department will distribute rapid antigen test kits directly to schools for the commencement of Term 1 2022. Schools should inform parents/carers as soon as tests are available for collection.

Tests will be provided in packs of 5 individual tests. Parents/carers should collect one pack for each child at the start of week one and one pack for each child at the start of week 3. Where parents/carers are unable to attend the school to collect the tests, a pack can be provided directly to a student to take home.

Students and staff will do the tests at home and must report any positive test results to their school.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. Students (or their parents) must also report a positive result to their school, either through the VicEd COVID [portal](#) or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Staff must report a positive result to their school using [EduPay](#), on the day they received a positive test result. All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

When a student or staff member tests positive to Covid:

Isolate at home or in private accommodation for 7 days (inclusive of weekends) and **do not attend school** during this period.

Inform the school, that they have tested positive to COVID-19.

A negative test is not required to return to school following completion of 7 days of isolation.

The most important action our families can take to keep other students and staff safe is to keep their child/children home if they have any Covid symptoms. Staff will be expected to stay at home if they are unwell also. If any student or staff member attends school presenting with Covid Symptoms, they will be removed from the classroom to the first aid room, families will be called immediately to come and collect their child and staff will be sent home. Anyone with Covid symptoms will also need to isolate for seven days. There may be disruptions to schools and classrooms when staff are absent. The DET have made significant plans to support schools should there be a critical shortage of staff.

Vaccinations:

As part of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, all school staff and all students aged 5 and over are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVIDSafe requirements for visitors and volunteers

Visitors and volunteers performing work on school sites (both inside and outdoors) must have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception.

Schools must advise visitors and volunteers they must adhere to COVIDSafe requirements: physical distancing, face mask requirements, cough etiquette, and good hand hygiene.

Fully vaccinated visitors to schools will also need to QR code in before entering any building.

If you are unvaccinated, please call us from the carpark so that we can support your request as promptly as possible whilst ensuring the highest level of safety for all our students and staff onsite.

It is now mandated that all staff are to be triple vaccinated by 25/2/22 or under special circumstances by 15/3/22.

School Buses:

The Department's Student Transport Unit, in conjunction with the Department of Transport, will make every effort to continue to provide school bus services. However, staff shortages may result in the cancellation of bus services at short notice.

Breakfast club will commence from Wednesday 2nd February and we will continue to provide this service three days per week, on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thank you to our valued volunteers for their continued commitment to this wonderful program. Volunteers will commence breakfast preparation from 8:15am and students attending the breakfast program can arrive at school at 8:30am. Bus travellers will be catered for on their arrival.

The DET Tutoring Learning Initiative will continue this year for the first three terms. Miss Shaynee Amendola has been employed as the Tutoring Teacher, this is fabulous as our students already know Miss Amendola. The TLI will run on a Wednesday and Friday in Semester 1. These days may change due to the Shaynee's University commitments. Once children have been identified to work in this program, families will be notified. The focus is Numeracy this term.

Code of Conduct: Our Code of Conduct documents will be sent home for students and families to sign, along with other administration forms from the office. There is also an additional Code of Conduct for all students who travel on the school bus. Bus behaviour will be closely monitored and parents will be called if student behaviour is unsafe or inappropriate.

We take our responsibilities of 'Duty of Care' and 'Child Safe Standards' for our students very seriously. Our aim is to provide your children with a safe, happy and inclusive learning environment which respects and values everyone, this also includes bus travel to and from home and school.

I am looking forward to continuing to strengthen family relationships with our school, we have several new families joining the Talbot community, please make them feel welcome and of course we have our two new classroom teachers. We will be working really hard to support our new team to make their year with Talbot PS a wonderful experience.

Clubs and Specialist Learning Sessions will commence in Week 4 after planning is finalised.

I hope you all have a fantastic week.

Krista Barnes

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FAMILIES

REMINDER:

STUDENT BOOK LISTS FOR 2022

PLEASE

**ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES
TO SCHOOL ON DAY 1 OF THE 2022
YEAR WITH ALL ITEMS FROM THE
APPLICABLE YEAR LEVEL BOOK LIST**

**THE SCHOOL WILL NO LONGER HAVE
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NOW THAT
WE HAVE THIS NEW SYSTEM OF
ORDERING.**

Thank you

**(IF YOU NEED ANOTHER COPY OF THE
BOOKLIST PLEASE RING Jo)**



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Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	6:30am – 8:45am	\$17.00	\$2.55 - \$17.00	\$2.55
After School Care	3:20pm – 6:00pm	\$22.00	\$3.30 - \$22.00	\$3.30
Pupil Free Day	6:30am – 6:00pm	\$55.00	\$8.25 - \$55.00	\$8.25
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 24 hours	\$4.00		
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee		

Service Phone Number: 0499 855 505 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located



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Talbot Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide this service to your school commencing Term 1 2022. We would like to welcome you to a Parent Information Session on **Wednesday 2nd of February 2022 at 2:30pm** held on site at Talbot Primary School so we can answer all your questions.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION

Talbot Primary School is a happy and safe learning environment where students are inspired to achieve their best academically, while making a positive contribution to their community. At Talbot Primary School, students are encouraged to be independent learners who are confident in themselves and their learning and are able to embrace challenges. Students are supported to be resilient, open minded, kind, caring and respectful of others and responsible for their actions

FROM OUR STUDENTS

Talbot Primary School Students are helpful, persistent and responsible. We try our best to be a good friend, to be a good sport, to support each other and to put maximum effort into our learning.

Our values are an important part of our unique school.

We live by our school values.

TUESDAY 1ST February
First day Term 1, 2022
All students attend

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**Bank Account Details for
Direct Deposits.**

Talbot Primary School

Official Account

BSB 06 3519

Account Number 1006 3494

What's Happening at Talbot Primary School

February 2022

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

<i>Week 2</i>	<i>1 Students first day back for 2022</i>	<i>2 No preps</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9 No Preps</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <i>1—5 pm 3 Way Conferences via- phone</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16 No Preps</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 No Preps</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
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