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We acknowledge the Gumbayngirr Peoples as the traditional custodians of our School lands

Newsletter No. 13 - 27th May

Greetings,

It is really great to be back at school after an extended period of illness. I have felt most welcome with the warm greetings that I have received from staff, students and parents and for this, I thank you. Tyalla is a really friendly school and one we can be very proud of.

PUBLIC vs PRIVATE

In recent weeks there have been media reports on university studies comparing academic outcomes for public and private school students in Australia. I was not surprised that these found no difference between public and private schools, once student background was taken into account.

What did make a difference were things like the age and gender of the child, their health status, the initial stock of skills that the child has before commencing school, their parents' level of education, the neighbourhood they grow up in, household income and the number of books in the home.

This reinforced the findings of other studies, some of which have found advantages for public school students in social development and university performance. Accordingly, congratulations Tyalla parents – your children are receiving an excellent education, and you are saving thousands in school fees every year! If you missed the 60 Minutes report on this subject, go to www.9jumpin.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2015/april/public-vs-private.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT

Yesterday, our P&C was notified by the Holiday Coast Credit Union that they were successful in gaining a grant for our school for additional recycling bins. This is really exciting news. We have been granted \$2,600 to promote sustainable practices within the school. This initiative will greatly benefit our environment and reduce land fill – which is a very real problem in the world today.

STORYTIME

This Wednesday, 27th May is National Simultaneous Storytime. The story this year is "The Brothers Quibble" by Aaron Blabey, which is based on family life. All classes will be participating in the planned activity and it should be great fun, as well as reinforcing the importance of reading for learning.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student Reports see all Key Learning Areas reported on - English, Mathematics, Science & Technology, Human Science and Its Environment, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Creative Arts.

Additional information is included about student social development, commitment to learning, participation in school activities and days absent. All this information should give parents a comprehensive view of their child's overall achievement and application.

If parents have any questions about the report they are most welcome to visit the school. Reports are due home towards the end of this term.

Have a great week!

Stewart Copeland

IMPORTANT DATES/REMINDERS

29th May FRIDAY	GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP DEPOSIT DUE - \$50 deposit due
29th May FRIDAY	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (9.10AM) - all welcome
5th June FRIDAY	DANCE EISTEDDFOD 'SCHOOL'S DAY' - 10.30am CHHS (\$5 entry for spectators)
8th June MONDAY	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND - public holiday
9th June TUESDAY	LIFE EDUCATION VISITS COMMENCE - backpack must be paid to be eligible to attend
10th June WEDNESDAY	SCHOOL PHOTOS - order forms accompany today's newsletter
12th-14th Aug WED-FRI	GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION - have fun!

CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 1ST JUNE

Monday, 1st June	Sarah Balazs, Daphne Miller
Tuesday, 2nd June	Craig Woods, Jodi Morley
Wednesday, 3rd June	Craig Woods
Thursday, 4th June	Craig Woods, Lei Harrison
Friday, 5th June	Marie Keech, Sarah Balazs

FRIDAY HAPPY MEAL - CANTEEN SPECIAL

- 2 FISH COCKTAILS • POTATO GEMS • JUICE BOX
- ONLY \$5

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

We WON!

I am so excited to announce that Tyalla Primary School has been successful in winning a Community Grant Award from Holiday Coast Credit Union to set up recycling bins in the school yard. The P&C, along with Year 1 teacher, Kate Booth, put in an application to provide funding to replace the existing playground bins with red and yellow lidded bins. Up until now there has only been paper recycling at the school, so we are thrilled to have bins so the children can learn about recycling. This goes hand-in-hand with the direction Tyalla is taking with its Environment Captains, Garden Club and even the changes that are happening at the Canteen.

THANK YOU HOLIDAY COAST CREDIT UNION for supporting our school in such a practical way.

In Kindness

Tina Di Sisto (P&C President)



ASSEMBLY AWARDS - TERM 2, WEEK 5

CLASS OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations!



SILVER AWARDS - CONGRATULATIONS



GOLD AWARDS: Maree Torrens, William Hunter, Charlie Kerrell, Stirling McDonald, Harmony Shaw, Indi Balazs



RUBY AWARD: Charlie Kerrell

**CHECK OUT
OUR STUDENT
OF THE WEEK
AND READING
AWARDS ON
THE SCHOOL
WEBSITE!**

Whole School Assembly
Friday, 29th May - 9.10am
"All Welcome"

TYALLA AT THE COFFS HARBOUR DANCE EISTEDDFOD



Our Junior and Senior Dance Groups will be competing again at this year's Coffs Harbour Dance Eisteddfod. The School's Day is Friday, 5th June, 2015 at Coffs Harbour High School, commencing at 10.30am. Parents, carers and friends of

the school are very welcome to attend. Entry fee for spectators is \$5. Come along and see how amazing our kids are! We hope to see you there.

Mrs McKenzie & Ms Devereux (Dance Co-ordinators)

STAGE 3 EXCURSION - GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
12TH - 14TH AUGUST
PAYMENT PLAN

PAYMENT	DUE DATE	BALANCE
\$50 deposit	29th May	\$250
\$50	12th June	\$200
\$50	26th June	\$150
\$50	17th July	\$100
\$100	31st July	NIL

DISCO

Thank you everyone who supported the SRC disco last week. It was a successful fundraiser for the SRC and a fun night was had by all!

SCHOOL BOOK PACKS

Thank you to those families who have paid \$35 for their child's book pack. A reminder that students with outstanding book pack fees will be excluded from excursions, sports carnivals, gala days and extra-curricular activities while fees remain unpaid.



2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Voluntary School Contribution Fees for 2015 were set at a recent P&C Meeting and are as follows:

- ⇒ **1 CHILD = \$30**
- ⇒ **2 CHILDREN = \$60**
- ⇒ **3 CHILDREN (OR MORE) = NO EXTRA CHARGE**

Your support in paying these fees is most appreciated as these funds are used to support the learning of your child at school throughout the year.

Pay your Voluntary School Contribution by Friday, 19th June for your chance to win an Amart Sports Voucher valued at \$200!

LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Tuesday and Thursday, 9th and 11th June and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th, 16th and 17th June. **As the cost of the Life Education Van is incorporated into the backpack payment, backpacks need to be paid prior to these dates.** Thank you.



Mrs Rayner (Life Education Coordinator)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph envelopes accompany today's newsletter. As previously mentioned, the P&C has chosen a new photographer for 2015 and we are looking forward to the new format.

PAYMENT METHODS FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

1. **Cash** - correct money must be enclosed (no change will be given)
2. **Cheque** - all cheques to be made payable to 'The School Photographer'
3. **Money Order** - all money orders to be made payable to 'The School Photographer'
4. **Credit Card** - available by online ordering (see order envelope)
5. **Online Payments** - (see order envelope)
6. **Phone** - (02) 9674 9824

PLEASE NOTE: A \$1.00 processing fee applies to online orders and a \$5 processing fee for phone orders.

Regardless of which payment method you choose **ORDER ENVELOPES MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY AND HANDED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER.**

NOTE: YELLOW SIBLING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE



THE DREADED LUNCHBOX CHALLENGE!



Struggle with lunchboxes? Need inspiration? Northern NSW Local Health District is putting together a series of lunchbox suggestions to take the worry out of what to pack each day. The fortnightly email '**Let's Look at Lunches**' will provide lunchbox tips, recipes and ideas. A well balanced nutritious lunch is important to keep active kids on track all day, but it shouldn't be a challenge. If you would like to subscribe simply send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email: lookatlunches@gmail.com or
- Text: 0429 033 517