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

Newsletter No. 1 - 3rd February

Greetings,

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents for 2016. I hope the holiday break was both enjoyable and relaxing. A special welcome to those children who have been newly enrolled at our school – and especially to our new Kindergarten children.

SCHOOL FEES

The voluntary school contribution has been capped at \$30 per child with a maximum of \$60 per family this year. These funds are used to purchase much needed learning resources for the school. The voluntary school contribution can be paid at the school office.

COMPOSITE CLASSES

Composite classes (sometimes called multi-age classes) usually occur when there are too many students in one grade to form one class, but not enough to form two classes of the same grade. Parents sometimes believe that their child is disadvantaged by being in a composite class. This is not the case at all. The key to appreciating the benefits of composite classes is in understanding that growth is determined in stages and not by ages.

Ironically every class is already a composite in terms of the range in school starting ages and the different academic abilities of the students. State educational authorities throughout Australia group student learning into stages, usually over a two year period. The emphasis is on the progression of the individual through logical stages of learning. In every class, including composite classes, students are assessed to ascertain their current level of learning. The teacher will then design and implement a program that caters for all students' needs, while keeping in mind that content in the stage or stages must be taught.

Before a composite class is formed, teachers consider their children's learning stages and decide which would be the best way of organising the class or classes. By allocating children to classes according to specific learning needs, it is possible to arrange classes with narrower ranges of abilities. Composite classes can have many advantages for teachers and students:

- Teaching in composite classes requires teachers to think of children as individuals.
- The techniques of group teaching and of individual instruction can be applied to composite classes.
- Learning through teaching promotes when students at different stages of learning can help each other with their work.
- Composite classes can be arranged so that they are a means for catering for the special needs of talented children as well as students requiring support.

The latest teaching and learning materials are developed with multi-age classes in mind, allowing teachers to simultaneously develop an understanding of learning outcomes at different levels within a Stage. Whenever possible, the teaching and learning activities within each stage are parallel to each other, ensuring that teachers can introduce core concepts to the whole class and differentiate instruction for the range of learners in the classroom.

If you have any questions at all regarding composite classes, please see your child's class teacher. They will be able to explain how your child's learning needs can be best met.

Have a great week,

Stewart Copeland
Principal

A Great School in a Great Environment

IMPORTANT DATES/REMINDERS

DUE	BOOK PACK AND SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEES
9th February TUESDAY	KINDER BUS SAFETY (9.20am to 10.20am) - please return permission notes to your teacher
12th February FRIDAY	BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE - please place in box in office foyer
17th February WEDNESDAY	YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL - details to follow
22nd February MONDAY	P&C MEETING - 7.00PM (SCHOOL STAFFROOM) - all welcome

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back for 2016!

We would like to give a very warm welcome to our new Canteen manager, Hallie. We are genuinely excited to have such an experienced and passionate chef like Hallie at Tyalla. You will notice changes to the food on offer - home made is what it's all about. Hallie has been cooking for kids and in cafes for years. We hope you will enjoy the evolution of our canteen into something that our school community can be proud of.

Also, please note that there will be food available from the canteen in the mornings before school, such as freshly baked egg and bacon muffins. Healthy and delicious is what it is all about!

Finally, thank you to Fifi and Lauren Broad and Phoebe and Blake Woodlock for helping their mums paint the canteen over the school holidays. **Also, a big thank you to Masters for donating the paint.**

In Kindness.

Tina Di Sisto (P&C President)

A big welcome to our kindergarten students and to our new students and their families.



2016 BOOK PACKS AND SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Parents/carers should have received details of Book Pack and School Contribution Fees for 2016. This year's Book Packs are just \$35 and include all necessary class items, as well as Life Education and dance lessons. Prompt payment is appreciated as it assists students in being organised and ready for learning.

School Contribution fees for 2016 are \$30 per student or \$60 per family. Early payment of School Contribution Fees is also appreciated.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book Club orders came home last week. These are due back no later than Friday, 12th February. Please return these, together with correct payment or credit card payment slip from the Book Club order form, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, to the box in the front office.

TYALLA UNIFORMS

A reminder that all Tyalla school uniforms are now sold at Slick Sportswear & Uniforms, Unit 4/37 Lawson Crescent (entrance in Druitt Court) from 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. For enquiries please phone 6651 9030. **For your convenience school hats are available from the school canteen at a cost of \$10 and caps (Year 3-6 only) for \$12.**



The transportme™ passenger app has arrived! You can now download and use the app for your bus company.

The transportme™ passenger app is completely free, and available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Simply search for 'transportme passenger' on your smartphone or tablet and download!

This will mean you can now look for our bus company and track your bus in real time for free.

No more wondering how far away your bus is...you can track it as it comes closer to you!

Keep a look out for improvements and additions to the app over time: www.transportme.com.au

WANTED ...

Volunteers to help out in our canteen. We are always looking for helpers - just drop in to the canteen or contact the office during school hours if you wish to be part of a fun and exciting canteen team (6652 4488).

DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION?



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Have you moved during the holidays? Have you changed your phone number, emergency contacts or any other details? Please drop in or call the office to update your information.

WESTSIDE NETBALL CLUB

Westside Netball Club is now taking registrations for the 2016 season.

We invite you to come and try netball at the FUN DAY being held on Saturday, 6th February from 12.00pm to 3.00pm at the Murray Drive netball courts, Coffs Harbour.

Enjoy an afternoon of netball demo games, waterslides, jumping castle and sausage sizzle.

Westside will be taking registrations on Saturday, 6th and 13th February from 12.00pm to 3.00pm at the netball courts.

For more information: phone Mel on 0435 256 285 or email: westsidenetball1@gmail.com.



ORARA VALLEY TOMAHAWKS

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REGISTRATION DAY!



Tomahawks Junior Rugby League Club is inviting new and past players in the Coffs Harbour and Western District areas to register for the 2016 season.

Registration day to be held this Saturday, 6th February at the Big Banana's new Waterslides from 11.45am until 1.15pm, pizza lunch included.

Register your child now or on the day and they slide for free!

Simply follow the link:

<http://www.playnrl.com/register/>

Registration fees have been discounted to \$80 per child and \$60 for all other children from the same family.

For more information, please email:

oraravalleytomahawks@hotmail.com

or call Naomi (Registrar) on 0488 002 350, or Amanda Christie (Secretary) on 0437 053 337.

Hockey Fun

Come & Try a New Sport

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Date: **Saturday 13th February 9.30am – 12pm**

Venue: **Hockey Fields Stadium Drive**

Ages 6 – 12yrs

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