



Kids Who Dig Maths at Tyalla

Each one of the latest Academic Excellence Award winners at Tyalla Primary School nominated maths as their best subject at school. Three of the four awarded students are either new or newly returned to the school and managed to gain the Academic Excellence Award very quickly in their new environment. Twice a term, Tyalla Primary School teachers select four students from Years 3 to 6 to receive the perpetual "Academic Excellence" trophy and the current crop really "dig" maths!

While their teachers have nominated them for all-round achievements in school, each of the students enjoys and excels in maths. Teacher Ms Sandy Ryan says of her Year 5 student, Zarren Gogos, who is in his first year at Tyalla, that he has been "producing particularly outstanding results in all mathematics assessment tasks". Zarren said he felt the award was "excellent" and it was a very good start to his education at Tyalla Primary School.

Teacher Ian Gillespie is very enthusiastic about his Year 3 student, Erin Willis, saying "she is just a delightful student, caring to others, presenting beautiful work, as well as topping the class in English and Maths." Erin is no one-dimensional student either, after recently winning the school's junior swimming champion trophy. Erin said she felt "proud and happy" and also credited her parents' interest in her homework as helping her success.

Year 6 student, Diana Kola has returned to Tyalla after a year at another district school and is very proud of her award. Diana felt that Tyalla was not only "better equipped, with the computer smartboards and other things, but also much easier to get to from her home". She was glad to be with her Tyalla friends again and also felt family interest in her schoolwork made a difference to her performance.

Jordan Burrows in Year 4, the last award winner at Tyalla is also new to the school and "really enjoys working out maths problems, not just getting the answers right." His parents came to the school assembly for the award presentation and told him how proud they were of his good work.



Photo caption: (left to right): Zarren Gogos, Diana Kola, Jordan Burrows and Erin Willis; Academic Excellence Award winners at Tyalla Primary School.