



Family Brekkies

The verdict from families so far is unanimous - getting to know class teachers is easier over a breakfast sausage. Parent, Danny Shearman expressed his enthusiasm for the breakfast sausage sizzles, by saying it "was a bonus, as they didn't have to feed them before school!"

Families at Tyalla Primary School have been sharing sausage sizzle breakfasts with their children's teachers over the last month. After a successful trial last year Tyalla teachers are hosting breakfasts for each year group, which enable working parents and carers to have a chance to get to know those responsible for teaching their children.

Parents Danny Shearman and Linda Parsons, who have two students at Tyalla Primary School said the breakfasts are "a great way to meet teachers and see how the kids are going and also to get to know other parents." A past Tyalla student himself, Mr Shearman says it is a really good school - really oriented towards families and their needs." The breakfast time session enabled both parents to attend the sausage sizzle.

Other enthusiastic fans of the school were Tyalla parent Warren Dotzauer, who attended a breakfast with his mother, Brigitte Dotsauer. The Dotzauer family have found the school excellent for student Kieran Dotzauer, as the school has "provided extra assistance for him when he has needed help in the past for his learning and have kept them informed about his progress in school." They enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the family breakfasts to speak informally with teachers.

Tyalla Primary School Principal, Ms Sue Mackay says "Developing good working relationships between schools and families is vital to achieving the best outcomes in a child's education and starting the year with an informal get-together is a great way to get to know each other".

"The better families understand teachers' expectations for the classroom and homework, the easier it is for them to support their child's learning," Ms Mackay explained, "And it goes both ways; if teachers can learn what parents want their children to gain from school, it makes it easier for them to meet these needs."



Photo Captions: Tyalla Primary School teacher Beth Minter talks with Danny Shearman, Kenzie-Lee Shearman, Taj Shearman, Linda Parsons and Bayden Shearman after much sausage-eating and chasing games by the children at a Getting to Know You Family Brekkie at school.

(Alternate Photo): Tyalla Primary School student Chas Davidson with his mother, Leonnie Davidson, student Baby Girl Barney with her father Anthony Nebo talking with teacher Kate McHeyzer over a sausage at the Tyalla Getting to Know You Family Brekkie.