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NEWSLETTER No. 1 - 28 January 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009 school year. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas vacation with your children and did not make too many rash new year's resolutions! Over the course of the next week, class structures and teachers will be firmed up and a detailed list published for families next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Mary Grant to our school. Mary will be teaching a Year 2 class and comes to us from Canada, on a teacher exchange with Mrs Minter. Besides the great accent, we look forward to the sharing of ideas and cultures which comes with such opportunities. I know you will make her very welcome.

At the end of last year, the school lost two teachers - Mr Graeme Lee and Mrs Lorrelle O'Connor. These positions have not been filled as we go to press with this week's news.

School staff participated in a wonderful Staff Development Day yesterday, working specifically on the teaching of reading, number facts and programming. In today's Newsletter I have published for your interest, the breakdown of time in a primary school class program, given to each of the key learning areas (KLA's).

I know you will make our many new families and students feel welcome. What a great choice they have made in sending their child to Tyalla! We look forward to a rewarding and productive year.

Sue Mackay
Principal

Proposed Industrial Action

Industrial Action proposed for this week has been cancelled. There will be no interruptions to the school week. Back to work as usual!

Important Dates

A full term calendar will be published next week.

Monday 9th Feb - School Swimming carnival

Monday 23rd Feb - First P & C Meeting for 2009. All welcome. Staffroom - 7pm

Kinder Arrangements Week 1 and 2

Week 1 - all Kinders are required to attend their assessment time this week. This will take 45 minutes. Tea and coffee will be available in the canteen area for parents wishing to wait in school. Kinders can wear their school clothes if they would like but this is not compulsory. If you have not enrolled and do not have an assessment time, please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

Week 2: Kinders attend school until 12.50pm each day for this week. They will need to bring their school lunch with them as this will be eaten prior to going home. This week is a huge one for our newest students. Bigger than a week at pre school! Expect the excitement to be tempered with tiredness and emotions. Remember - talk to the kinder teachers if you have any concerns or just need a shoulder to cry on yourself!

Guidelines for proportion of time attributed to each Key Learning Area

	K-6
English	25% - 35%
Mathematics	20%
Science and Technology	between 6 % - 10%
PDHPE	between 6 % - 10%
HSIE	between 6 % - 10%
Creative and Practical Arts	between 6 % - 10%
Additional activities	up to 20%

- 6%-10% is approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours in a typical teaching week.
- Teachers have flexibility to use these guidelines in accordance with the policies of their school system or authority.
- The 'additional activities' taking up to 20% of time may include activities such as scripture, school sport or debating. This time may also be used to expand on work being done with the core curriculum.

Student Information/Parent Contact Details.

It is vitally important that the school has current and accurate details with regards to student addresses and contact phone numbers for parents, carers and emergency contacts. Please send a note into the office if any details have changed over the last two months.

Primary Schooling Costs.

It would be appreciated if parents could pay for their child's book packs ASAP. These are a flat \$22 per student and cover all their required classroom essentials.

School contributions are set at \$25 per student or \$50 per family and may also be paid at the office.

School Swimming Carnival

The carnival will be held on Monday 9th February. A detailed note and permission slip will be sent home in the near future. The carnival is not a day off from school. Students are expected to attend or be at school. An absentee note will be required for students not in attendance on the day. All students turning 8 this year are eligible to compete.

Making payments at school

With a new school year now underway, various payments will need to be made at the school office or to the classroom teacher during the year. We ask that, if possible, the correct money be brought/sent to school as it is often very difficult for us to supply change. Your help in this regard will be greatly appreciated - thank you.

School Canteen

Just a reminder that Tyalla's great canteen is open every school day to provide our children with nutritious snacks and lunches. Our Uniform Shop will operate as usual, from the canteen, each Wednesday from 8.30am - 12 noon.

For the canteen to be able to operate efficiently, more volunteer helpers are urgently needed. If you are able to help out, please contact Alison at the canteen or phone the school on 6652 4488. No training is needed and just a few hours per month will be very much appreciated.



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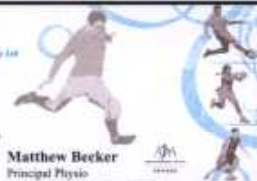
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