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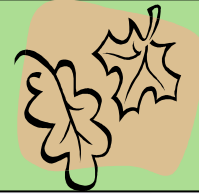
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## EDUCATION WEEK 2009 24<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY



Dear Parents,

NSW Public Schools - Leading the Way - 'A Love of Learning'

Your child is a part of the wonderful tradition of public schools - a system acknowledged for excellence, developing strong values and providing exceptional opportunities for everyone.

### VALUES AND DISCIPLINE

Nine core values are taught in NSW public schools every day - Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Excellence, Cooperation, Participation, Care, Fairness and Democracy. These values are reinforced in all school activities, including community service programs. Rules based on the core values are incorporated into the discipline policy of each school. The policy sets out clear expectations of students and the consequences of unacceptable behaviour.

### STRONG SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

As a parent of a student in a NSW Public School you can be confident that the teacher of your child is qualified and receiving ongoing professional development to ensure they have relevant up to date skills and expertise to foster the best in learning. NSW Public Schools implement the syllabuses developed by the NSW Board of Studies across six Key Learning Areas (KLAs) in Kindergarten to year 6 and eight KLAs in years 7 to 12, using curriculum support materials and professional development for teachers.

### CONNECTED CLASSROOMS PROGRAM: THE DIGITAL LEARNING REVOLUTION

NSW public schools are being provided with a suite of new information services to give students access to the most advanced classroom technology available. These services cover interactive whiteboards and videoconferencing facilities connecting classrooms around the State and overseas. This technology will enable parental access to student reports and the ability to communicate electronically with teachers and with their school. Our 'Connected Classrooms' initiative, supported by a student to computer ratio of 1:6 in schools and high speed broadband connections, will expand subject choice for all students, enhance teaching standards and give parents more opportunities to be involved in the education of their children.

### IMPROVING THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

As a parent you want the best education facilities for your child or children. Our schools are benefiting from the largest education capital works program ever undertaken and parents are becoming aware that their local school can deliver the best learning environment for their children. There is a lot to be proud of in NSW Public Schools with highly skilled and dedicated teachers and support staff who are continuing to build a culture of excellence.

We hope that you can join us at Tyalla during Education Week for our wonderful Art Exhibition - more details inside.

### Quote of the week:

*It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts... it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves .....*

*Robert Hutchins*

Sue Mackay

*A Great School in a Great Environment*

Principal

## School Calendar 2009

### TERM 1

Student Term  
Commences 28/1  
Concludes 9/4

### TERM 2

Student Term  
Commences 29/4  
Concludes 10/7

### TERM 3

Student Term  
Commences 28/7  
Concludes 2/10

### TERM 4

Student Term  
Commences 19/10  
Concludes 16/12

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 14/5:	Naplan Tests continue Otitis Media Hearing Checks Book Club orders due
Friday 15/5:	Otitis Media Hearing Checks Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday 19/5:	Canteen Committee Meeting at 2pm in staffroom
Monday 25/5:	P&C Meeting in staffroom at 7pm - all welcome

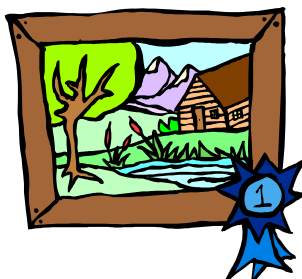
### CLUB 500 READING

Congratulations to all the students who have already received their Club 500 Certificates and rewards. A number of students and parents have asked about the certificates and where they fit into our merit system. The certificates from Mrs Mackay, handed out at Assembly are an acknowledgement to each student completing 500 minutes of reading but they are not to be used as a merit. The reason behind this is because teachers have already given the student a merit for their reading record.

Keep up the terrific efforts - only 10 minutes per night - and it does wonders for reading skills!!

### EDUCATION WEEK ART EXHIBITION

During Education Week, an art exhibition will be set up in the library. The exhibition will display a piece of artwork from every student in the school. Each parent will receive an invitation to the exhibition. The invitation will also contain your child's exhibit number. When you come to have a look at the terrific display, you will know exactly where to look! The number will also be needed if you would like to cast your vote for your favourite piece of art. Voting slips will cost 50c per vote. These will be on sale in the Library for parents during Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Students will be able to purchase voting slips from SRC members at morning, recess and lunch breaks on the Monday and Tuesday. Classes will be rostered to view the exhibition as a whole during Education Week. Voting will close at the end of Wednesday with winners announced at the Education Week assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The full timetable for Education Week will be published next week.



**STUDENT LUNCHES** - A constant source for discussion at school is the quality of food the children bring to school for recess and lunch. Last week I witnessed a lunch bag delivered to school which contained a large bag of chips, a mega sized chocolate bar, a bottle of sugar drink and a snack bar. This type of lunch is not that uncommon. No one can be expected to operate in a learning state on such a diet. Please take some care when packing recess and lunch for your child. You may be saving a few minutes in time by packing such food, but the learning detriment to your child is quite significant. Reduce packaged food. You will be doing your child and your budget a favour!

### MUFTI DAY for RELAY FOR LIFE



To support our "Tyalla Trailblazers" staff 'Relay for Life' team, we will be holding a MUFTI DAY on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in (sensible) mufti clothing and shoes, in return for a gold coin

donation which will go towards the team's fundraising efforts.

Team members are seeking donations of handiwork, cooking, etc for sale on our stall at the relay on 30/31 May. If you can help, please contact Mrs Rayner at school for more information.

**CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?** Mrs Grant, class 2MG, is collecting 3 Litre milk containers for a very large project in her classroom. This project requires around 300 containers so, as you empty your 3 litre containers this term, please rinse them and send them along to 2MG. Mrs Grant and her class will really appreciate your help - thank you!

**CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEETING** - The meeting has been set down for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the school staffroom.

There are some important issues to be discussed - namely, making a decision on milk supply to the canteen and also brainstorming ideas for a NEW CANTEEN MENU. Your input and ideas are invited and welcomed so please come along and be involved in the decision making for our canteen.

**HEAD LICE** - Just a reminder that it is a good idea to check your child's hair regularly for signs of head lice as a few cases have been reported recently. Regular checks are always the best way to keep this little nuisance under control.

**STAGE 1 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS** - Our School held it's Cross Country event last Thursday, with the following results for Stage 1 students:

**5 Yrs Girls:** 1, Jayla Cross KLS - 2, Deannah Evison KDF - 3, Tamika McKay KJS

**5 Yrs Boys:** 1, Chaping John KJS - 2, Ngaarruu Turnbull KDF - 3, Willem Grant KLS

**6 Yrs Girls:** 1, Lianna Martin KLS - 2, Jade Jenkins 1RD - 3, Amelia Hill 1RD

**6 Yrs Boys:** 1, Patee Hodge KJS - 2, Mark Edmonds 1RD - 3, Braith Ireland KDF

**7 Yrs Girls:** 1, Lily Newman 1RC - 2, Heaven Evison 2BH - 3, Sonique Crick 2BH

**7 Yrs Boys:** 1, Troy Duckett 1JV - 2, Kai Appleton, 2BH - 3, Tadh O'Shea 1RC

**P&C MOTHERS' DAY STALL** - The stall was held last Friday with a great result for our Mums as well as the P&C.

Many thanks to the P&C members who looked after all the shopping and wrapping and also to those who manned the stall. It's a great way for the students to be able to purchase a beautiful gift for their Mum, at a very reasonable price - they all seemed very happy with their choices.

The stall raised over \$1300 which will, in turn, help the school. Thank you for your support.

**PSSA NETBALL TRIALS** - Last Monday, four Tyalla girls tried out for places on the PSSA Netball team. They all played a fantastic game and three of the girls (Nicole, Loique and Chloe) have successfully advanced to the next stage. We know they will represent Tyalla well and play to the best of their ability. Congratulations girls.



**RUGBY LEAGUE** - Congratulations to Luke Metcalf who was successful in achieving a place in the North Coast U11's Rugby League team. Good luck in your next games Luke.

**LIBRARY NEWS** - Don't forget to send in your "FAMILY READING PHOTO" by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



No camera? - No problem! Your child can draw a picture of your family reading together.

Unfortunately we are missing quite a few books. Please encourage your child/ren to take care of books and to return them promptly.

Children who read, succeed

Julie Morgan - Teacher/Librarian

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT**

Congratulations to all students who participated in our school Cross Country event last Thursday.

The winning House was Cedar, closely followed by Mallee. Both participation points and placing count towards the final total.

Notes have been sent home with students eligible to attend the next level to be held at Woolgoolga Beach Reserve on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Race details are listed below:

#### **ORDER OF EVENTS:**

**11am** - 10 yrs Boys, 2km, **11.15am** - 10 yrs Girls, 2km, **11.30am** - 8/9yrs Boys, 2km, **11.45am** - 8/9Yrs Girls, 2km, **12.00noon** - 11yrs Boys, 3km **12.15pm** - 11yrs Girls, 3km, **12.30pm** - 12/13yrs Boys, 3km, **12.30pm** - 12/13yrs Girls, 3km.

Entries this year have been restricted to each school's **best 10 runners** in each division. The **first 80** children in each event will receive a certificate which will indicate that they have completed the course and in what position they finished. The **first 10** runners in each age division will represent the Coffs Harbour District at the Zone Cross Country Championships at Grafton on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **ROYAL FAR WEST - Caring for Country Kids**

The Royal Far West Op Shop, Coffs Harbour, needs your support! They are in urgent need of donations of unwanted goods, especially mens and babies winter clothing and also blankets, doonas and other warm bedding items. Donations can be left at the Op Shop between 9am and 4pm Mon-Fri and 9am - 12noon Sat. The Op Shop is also looking for volunteers - a shift can be arranged to suit school hours if you are able to help out.

Just contact the new Op Shop, Cnr Moonee and West High Streets - Phone 6651 6747.

**MILLION PAWS WALK** - The RSPCA invites all kids, their parents and their dog (of course) to a day of family fun. The Million Paws Walk is to be held **THIS SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MAY**. A short, slow, 2km walk followed by lots of fun. - Gold coin donation to register on the day. Registration is at 9am at RSPCA Shelter (near Coffs Airport) and walk sets off at 10am.

**BEGINNERS GROUP TENNIS COACHING** - Allan Pade at Westside Tennis Club suggests that the best way to introduce your children to the wonderful world of tennis, is with a Tennis Australia Coach Member (like Allan), which means that you can be sure that your children will receive quality, fun, coaching at a great venue. Enrol now as a new student will receive 50% off their first term fees (save \$45). Contact Allan on 0419655437 or at the Clubhouse on 6652 7694.



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