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NEWSLETTER No. 15 - 20th May 2009

Dear Parents,

After the recent flood situation in Coffs and surrounding areas, the following advice from the SES will guide schools to make the best decisions about student safety in emergency situations.

- If in doubt students are safe (and dry) at school and in general they are far better at school rather than caught on buses or in cars on flooding roads.
- Communication with parents is essential. Parents need to know what the school plans are when an emergency arises and of course the importance of current contact details for every student.
- No student should be sent home without parent's knowledge. If students are going home with other families, relatives or carers it is essential that you have the permission and knowledge of the parent or caregiver.
- Accurate records should be kept at school of students who leave the school during an emergency. It will assist with communication with families.

With these guidelines in place it is vital that our school records reflect the current contact details of families. Please ensure that your child's information is accurate. Should an emergency ever arise to this extent again, we will continue to be guided by the SES and will endeavour to get accurate information out to parents as soon as possible. Please be assured that students will not be sent home early without your permission. As with the last floods, students from Tyalla will not be permitted to leave the school grounds if we are in any way concerned for their safety.

Quote for the week:

Somewhere, sometime, the leader within each of us may get the call to step forward.
-James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner.

Enjoy your week. Don't forget the Art Exhibition in the Library is open from Monday 25th May for your voting. Open classrooms on Wednesday 27th May. More info inside.

Sue Mackay
Principal



A Great TV Program - Healthy Food for Kids

"What's Good for You?". A terrific show on Wednesday 20/5 at 7.30pm on NBN. The show has a feature this week on eating for children and how to get children eating healthy food in a few easy steps. Sounds too good to be true? Watch and See.

Speaking of Food!

Over the last few weeks, staff have spent a considerable amount of time discussing the content of lunch boxes which come to school. It is hard to imagine how some of our students are able to function during the day on the amount of processed food that they eat - let alone have the energy and concentration to learn. Each week we will be publishing an article on healthy school food for your reading. Hopefully you may find ideas to help with the tedious chore of packing school lunch boxes. We are going to be restricting in the future the amount of processed food students bring to school. While we work out the details, we ask that you give thought to reducing the amount of 'packets' your child brings to school.

Let's give it a go and give our students a chance to really learn to their potential.

Healthy Snacks might include:

Fresh fruit, dried fruit, crackers and cheese, carrot and celery sticks, cream cheese, yoghurt, scones, muffins, pikelets, salads, saos and vegemite, rice cakes.....see how creative you can be!

A Great School in a Great Environment

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

JUNK FOOD ADVERTISING - Children see around 10 food ads on television every day and almost two thirds of these are for unhealthy foods. This means children see around 18 hrs of junk food ads per year. That's the equivalent of three school days of ad watching! When one in four Australian children are overweight, why do we continue to allow such advertising on television? Add your voice to the campaign - go to www.burgercorp.com.au and let it be known that you disagree with some advertising supporting unhealthy food choices for children. This is an official component of the Cancer Council campaign and the web address is verified as authentic.

STAGE 2 OVERNIGHT CAMP - 2009

Every year, students in Years 3 and 4 are invited to participate in a camping excursion to the Cascade Environmental Centre at Cascade. Year 3 students stay 1 night and Year 4 students stay for 2 nights. The cost is (approx) \$60 for Year 3 and \$90 for Year 4 students.

The camp has been booked during Term 3 from Monday 21st September to Friday 25th September. A more detailed information package will be sent home later this term, so please watch out for it.

Diana Goodfellow - Camp Coordinator.

IMPORTANT DATES

Frid 22/5	Mufti Day - Casual clothing - Gold Coin donation to Relay For Life
Mon 25/5	P&C Meeting in staffroom - 7pm All welcome
24-30/5	EDUCATION WEEK
Wed 27/5	Tyalla Open Day/Art Exhibition

MUFTI DAY

"Tyalla Trailblazers" Relay for Life Team
will be holding a **MUFTI DAY**
this Friday - 22nd May

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in (sensible) mufti clothing and shoes (no thongs or sandals) in return for a gold coin donation which will go towards the team's fundraising efforts.

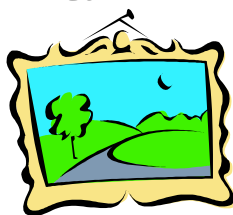
Team members are also seeking donations of handiwork, cooking, sewing, knitting, etc for sale on our stall at the relay on 30/31 May. Your help would be very much appreciated - please contact Mrs Rayner at school for more information.

DONATIONS - Please consider helping our school team by making a donation towards their fundraising. Our great staff members are donating their time and efforts to help this cause - please help them by making your donation at the school office. Donations of over \$2 are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for this purpose. If you are unable to call in at the school, please send your donation along, in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your name and your child's class, by Friday 22nd. Thank you for your support.

TYALLA LIBRARY NEWS - THIS FRIDAY, 22nd MAY - is **"FAMILY READING" PHOTO DAY**. If you don't have a camera.....don't worry! Your child can **draw** a picture of members of your family reading together!

Please send your family "reading" photos or drawings along to school to be exhibited in the library on Friday.

EDUCATION WEEK ART EXHIBITION - During



Education Week (next week) an art exhibition will be set up in the school library. The exhibition will display a piece of artwork from **every student** in the school. Each parent will receive an invitation to

the exhibition - this will also contain your child's exhibit number. When you come to see the terrific display, you will know exactly where to look! The number will also be needed if you wish 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 25th and Tuesday 26th May. Students will be able to purchase voting slips from SRC members at morning, recess and lunch breaks next 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 and winners will be announced at the Education Week Assembly on Friday 29th May.

CANTEEN NEWS - Please be advised that, starting tomorrow (Thursday 21st May), a revised menu will be in operation at our canteen.

The revised menu is included with this Newsletter, or can be obtained by contacting the office or canteen.

STAFF CARPARK - Parents are reminded that entry to the staff carpark is restricted to **school staff only**.

This area must not be used for dropping off or collecting your child/ren from school.

The carpark, for safety reasons, must not be used as a short-cut and parents/children should always use the main path entry from Joyce Street (near the crossing), to gain entrance to the school. The safety of all children attending Tyalla is of utmost importance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Community News

ASTHMA SEASON - Settling into Term 2, and with the current weather patterns, we would like to remind you that it is wise to keep the school staff 'asthma aware' regarding your child's health. With the current cooler weather and the 'cold and flu' season upon us, please ensure, if your child is asthmatic, that the school is aware of their condition and the steps you wish to be taken to help them in case of a serious attack. Tyalla is an "Asthma Friendly School" with staff trained in the treatment of Asthma. Please ensure that puffers held at the school for your child are in date.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who attended the Mid North Coast Cross Country last Friday at Woolgoolga. Although our school did not achieve a place, all students tried their best and should be commended for their good behaviour. Students who were selected to go to the next level (North Coast) at Grafton on 29th May are:

- * Chloe Attwood, placed 7th in 12yrs Girls
- * Kerri Cree, placed 6th in 11 yrs Girls
- *Tiara Venier-Hudson, placed 10th in 12yrs Girls
- * Lachlan Forbes, placed 10th in 10yrs Boys

Notes and money should be returned to Ms Blevin by Wednesday 27th May.

LIBRARY WEEK NEWS - Next week, (23rd - 31st May).

The Coffs Harbour City Library will be celebrating Library Week with 'National Simultaneous Storytime' and the story "Pete The Sheep" written by Jackie French and Illustrated by Bruce Whatley.

This special storytime presentation will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 11am, at the Coffs Harbour Library. Come along and listen to this story being read here, at the same time as it is being read right around Australia.

Phone Judy on 6648 4905 for more information.

RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD - Showing your Community Benefit Card each time you shop at Ritchies IGA at Park Beach Plaza or Boambee is a great way to help your school.

By showing the card when you shop, 1% of your purchase total is automatically donated to the school. These fantastic donations from Ritchies IGA have provided funding for many extra items purchased to benefit Tyalla. Our school office has a supply of cards already pre-coded for Tyalla and ready to go. Why not collect one next time you are at the school.

B4 SCHOOL - 'Get ready together'

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2010? We need to know!

- * Are you interested in finding out what is meant by 'school readiness'?
- * Would you like some practical hands-on ideas and activities to help you and your child prepare for school?
- * Come along and meet other parents and children getting ready for school.

"Transition to School Events" will be held in Coffs Harbour at Brayside Community Preschool, 38-40 Coriedale Drive, Coffs Harbour on Wednesday 24th June 2009 from 9.30am-11.30am. "It's Free!" Childcare is available.

* Night time community sessions for teachers, early childhood staff and parents will also be held at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 23rd June. Parents are invited to come along between 7pm-9pm. Finger food will be served on the night.

RSVP: Please return this slip to Tyalla Primary School by Friday 12th June.

KINDERGARTEN 2010

Name of child starting Kindergarten in 2010: _____

• Name of Parent/s: _____

• I am interested in attending: The Information session at Brayside Community Pre School on Wed. 24th June
The Information evening at Opal Cove Resort on Tuesday 23rd June

• Parent Contact Phone Numbers: _____



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