



# Tyalla Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Dear Parents,

This term is finally underway with classes and student moves to home classes all organised. We can now get down to the business of teaching and learning in earnest. At the beginning of Term 4 last year, parents were asked to make a conscious decision about homework for their children. The table below indicates the numbers of parents who requested homework for their child and the numbers who actually returned completed homework. In all grades there is a discrepancy in the figures to the detriment of homework.

2008 End of Year Data	Parents requesting Homework	Homework Completed regularly	Homework never Completed.
Kinder	47%	42%	44%
Stage 1 (yrs 1 and 2)	71%	40%	23%
Stage 2 (yrs 3 and 4)	44%	31%	25%
Stage 3 (yrs 5 and 6)	57%	20%	52%

The good news is that these figures represent an improvement on the homework returns prior to Term 4. Every class in the school issues homework - some weekly, some fortnightly but the excuse of 'there is not homework' is just that - an excuse. All students will today receive a letter outlining our school policy with regards to homework. You are asked to make a conscious decision as to whether you want homework distributed to your child. Either way, you are asked to return the note indicating your preference.

Parents need to be aware that at any stage, homework is available and will be specifically distributed simply by sending a note in to your child's teacher. Teachers have been directed to assume that it is unnecessary to continue sending homework home when it has not been returned for two weeks in a row. If there are specific reasons, you just need to drop a note to the teacher.

Homework and Home Reading will be treated as two separate entities, with the exception of kindergarten who for Term 1 will be expected to do home reading only as their homework. A new format for reading will be sent home next week for all students K-6. We are aiming to actively encourage students to read, school or home material, for ten minutes per night. But I won't give the news away! Wait until next week.

We hope everyone has settled into the new school year well. We look forward to great things at Tyalla this year. Don't forget that first P & C Meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We'd love to see you there.

Have a rewarding Tyalla week.

Sue Mackay  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 9/2 School Swimming Carnival  
Friday 13/2 Year 6 Breakfast  
Friday 20/2 Year 5 Breakfast  
Stage 1 Assembly Item - 2NF  
Monday 23/2 P&C Meeting - 7pm in Stall. All Welcome

**Teachers Federation Meeting** - On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, a number of our teachers will be attending a Teachers Federation Meeting to ratify the negotiations reached with DET. Attendance at this meeting has been approved by the Education Department. Some classes will be interrupted in the school for a short time though, and will be fully operational and all things back to normal by 10.30am. Students should attend school. All absences will require a written note of explanation.

**Book Packs/School Contribution** - Please make these payments ASAP.

**Book packs** for all grades are \$22 each  
Reminder: Please note that these books will not require covering at home - this will be done at school, where all books will be colour-coded.

**School Contributions** are set at \$25 per student or \$50 per family.

Your support is very much appreciated.

**Parent/Staff Breakfasts** - After the success of our grade breakfasts last year, we have decided to continue with pre dawn catering and offer families the opportunity to meet the staff. Each grade will send home a specific note requesting numbers, but, so that you can pre plan, the dates for each of the



grades are listed below. We hope you can join us!

Year 6 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 5 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 4 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 2 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 1 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Kindergarten - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Morning Breakfast Club** - Parents are reminded that students require 20c to attend the breakfast club. We rely heavily on the generosity of the community but need to be self funded with some breakfast food items. Thanks to Brumby's Bakery at Park Beach Plaza for their on-going sponsorship. We really appreciate your assistance with fresh bread twice per week.

**School Sport, 2009** - Each Thursday, Stages 2 and 3 participate in School Sport. Students have been given the opportunity to select the sport that interests them over many recent years. This year, however, students **will not** be given the opportunity to select their preferred choice as the teachers at Tyalla would like to see the students develop a variety of skills for a range of sports. It is hoped that this may lead to a greater participation rate and further success in local PSSA events.

Our support of the Harbour Tennis Academy will continue however, with lessons to be made available to those students prepared to cover the weekly cost. A note asking for interest from Years 5 and 6 students has already gone home for this term and positions have been filled. Next term, Years 3 and 4 will have an opportunity to participate in tennis.

The students of Tyalla are looking forward to this new approach to sport and we hope to see many smiling faces enjoying themselves in a variety of sports on the sporting fields soon.

Yours in sport  
Rae Ward.

**House Captains** - With the swimming carnival just around the corner, it was time to elect our House Captains for 2009. Congratulations to the following students:

**CEDAR:** Lachlan Donaldson, Matthew Drumgold, Chloe Attwood and Chloe Chapman

**KURRAJONG:** Logan Hammond, Alicia Hamilton, Jack Gaynor and Marshall Kondratiew

**MALLEE:** Danielle Morris, Valeria Lujan, Daniel Mossman and Kyle Matson

**WATTLE:** Sanpreet Rai, Madison Spruce, Tiara Venier-Hudson and Isaac Wamara.

# Community News

## **Orara Valley Tomahawks Junior Rugby League** **Registration days:**

*Sat. 14/2/09* at Advocate Park from 10am-2pm  
All welcome - Panthers players from 10-11.30am, free giveaways, jumping castles etc, games and lots more for everyone. Register before 12pm and go in the draw to win NRL Jersey.

*Sat. 21/2/09* at Coramba Sportsground, 3-5pm  
Free BBQ

Enquiries: Christine, 6656 9037  
Kerry, 6658 7100  
Andrea, 6654 4779

Email - [oraravalleytomahawks@bigpond.com](mailto:oraravalleytomahawks@bigpond.com)

## **Northern Storm Football and Sports Club**

### **Registration Days:**

*Sat 7, 14 and 21 Feb* at Korora Field, Plantation Rd, Korora from 9am to 1pm

*Sat 14/2/09* at Park Beach Plaza from 9am-1pm

**All ages - boys and girls.** Rooball - under 6 yrs to to - under 11 yrs (small sided games) Junior - 12 to 17 Yrs. Senior men 1<sup>st</sup> div, Youth League 2<sup>nd</sup> div plus Over 35's Senior women 1<sup>st</sup> div, 2<sup>nd</sup> div, 3<sup>rd</sup> div.  
Northern Storm Academy training programs.

## **Coffs City United Soccer Club**

### **Registration days:**

Sat 7,14,21 Feb at Maclean Street Oval from 12-1pm. All welcome - specially looking for players turning 7 in 2009.

For more info, email:

<https://www.coffscityunitedfc.org.au>

**\*Wilson PeeWee Tennis Program** - Free Racquet and Cap. Australia's #1 Modified Tennis Coaching Prog.

Children 5 - 7 years. Date: Tues 11 and Wed 12 Feb at At 3.30pm, 4pm or 4.30pm

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Price Term 1 lessons (new customers only). Tues, ed, Wed, Thurs afternoons.

Phn: Harbour Tennis Academy, Westside Tennis Club, King Street, Coffs Harbour  
Allan Pade - 6652 7694

**BJP Physie** - Fun and fitness for girls and ladies aged 3 yrs and upwards.

Mondays and Thursdays at Tyalla School Hall.  
Phone Lee on 0400400185

Or Simone on 66588243 - check out the website on [www.coffsharbourphysie.com](http://www.coffsharbourphysie.com)

**Kannella Physical Culture Club** invites all girls interested in fun and friendship to join our great club. Physie teaches a program of exercise and dance while improving fitness, posture, coordination and confidence. Classes held Tuesday afternoons at Tyalla School Hall. Call Michelle on 0407 956469 or 6651 5668 to be part of the fun!

**Coffs City United Football Club** - rego days -

Sat 7,14,21 Feb at Maclean St Oval canteen.

New members welcome - jnr female players will

Receive 50% disc on registration. Family discounts on junior registrations.

Contact Cath Stretton 6651 5404 or (mob):

0422 077 346

**North Coffs Kangaroos Junior AFL** - registration

days: Sat 21 Feb, 10am to 12pm at Fitzroy Oval

(next to swimming pool) and Sun 22 Feb, 10am to 12pm at the Jetty Foreshores (opp Railway Station).

New Players welcome. For more information contact Greg Robson on 6658 3757 or 0407 822460.

**Kindermusik** - Early Childhood Music Development, commencing in Coffs Harbour this year.

25 years experience leading the world in early music development programs. Jo Hilder offers the

program for ages 0 - 7 years and programs run from Coffs, Toormina and Woolgoolga. Families can attend a free demo class - information is available on website:

[www.kindermusicwithjohilder.com.au](http://www.kindermusicwithjohilder.com.au) or by contacting Jo Hilder on 6653 7681.

**Career Education and Employment for Women** -

91347NSW Certificate 11 (AQF) TAFE Course No. 9072. This course is for people who wish to access employment, education and training.

Entry requirements: No formal educational requirements for this course. However, English and Maths skills will be assessed at the information session. For info and enrolment contact CH Education Campus 6659 3000.





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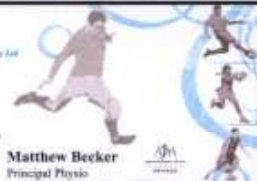
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