



# Tyalla Primary School

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We acknowledge the Gumbayngirr Peoples as the traditional custodians of our School lands

## NEWSLETTER No. 4 - 18 February 2009

Dear Parents,

Over the last week, I am sure that most of us have spent more than a few minutes, thinking of our neighbouring State and those families caught up in the atrocities of the Victorian bushfires. From an education perspective, I think about the effects on a community, when its local school is reduced to a pile of rubble and smoke. Our thoughts have gone to teachers, parents and students rebuilding classrooms, literally, from the ashes. Many thanks to our families for their generous donations to last weeks SRC Mufti Day. As a school we raised \$1277 towards the bushfire appeal. Well done Tyalla.

Congratulations to our Student Council, sworn in last week as the new representatives for their classes. These students meet regularly to discuss issues and initiatives in the school and put their ideas forward on behalf of their student cohort.

This week an introduction to the wonderful staff who support teaching and learning throughout the school.

Julie Morgan - Librarian (Mon - Thurs)

Becky Bursle - Release From Face to Face Teaching (RFF)

Alison Shatry - English as a Second Language (ESL)

Fiona Spooner - New Arrivals Program (NAP)

Donna Koufis - Support Teacher Student Learning (STLA)

Anne Rayner - STLA, RFF, Reading Recovery (RR)

Alison Redwood - (RR and RFF)

Kate McHeyzer - STLA and Maths Support (PSFP)

Jacinta Clarke - School Counsellor (Mon and Wed)

Glenda Perkins - Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO)

John Smith - Early School Support (ESS)

Chris McNichol - Out of Home Care (OHC)

Bob Lenehan - Behaviour Support

Kerry Keogh - (RFF)

Jane Sweeney - School Admin Manager (SAM)

Robin Scofield - School Admin Officer (SAO)

Helen Banks - (SAO)

Robert Monk - General Assistant (GA)

School Learning Support Officers - Karen Summers, Kym Sanders, Amanda Chelman, Leona Morrow, Josh Chapman, Penny Kyburz and Jo Pease.

Wow! Hope you enjoy all the acronyms! What do they say - "Can I buy a vowel!"

Have a terrific Tyalla week.

Sue Mackay - Principal

P.S. Our 2009 School Newsletter format will be out soon! Keep an eye out!

## Education Tax Refund - General Information

The Commonwealth Government has announced that from the 2009 financial year, parents and/or carers and certain independent students may be eligible for a tax refund in respect of eligible education expenses. That is, claims can be made for items purchased from 1 July 2008.

This is essentially a matter for individual families. Schools have been advised to refer any enquirers to the ATO information services at telephone number 13 28 61 Alternatively, individuals may access a comprehensive [frequently asked questions](#) document at the following web address. The document includes the following eligible and non-eligible items.

[www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/00166469.htm](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/00166469.htm)

### Eligible education expenses include:

- computer related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, as well as disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- Laptop computers, home computers and associated costs - including repairs and running costs of computer equipment.
- home internet connections - including the costs of establishing and maintaining
- computer software for educational use - including word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software, and internet filters and antivirus software
- school textbooks and other paper based school learning material - including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, for example pencils, pens, compasses and glue
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

Schools may be asked to provide copies of receipts but schools are required to adhere to strict audit requirements and cannot issue duplicate receipts. Schools should adopt a practice of issuing individual itemised receipts for the items listed as eligible for the tax offset. Schools will note that the purchase of the majority of eligible items will occur outside the school environment. There are only a limited number of items that a parent/carer or independent student purchases through the school.

**Book Pack Payments** - Book Packs have been distributed to those students who have had payments made for them. Please ensure that your child is equipped for school by paying for bookpacks this week. The contents of the packs have been specifically selected to match the age/grade of the students. The exercise books in particular, have line widths and heights, designated for each grade. The appropriate equipment is essential to support teaching and learning. Book covering will be carried out at school.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Frid 20 Feb	Year 5 Family Breakfast 7.45am-8.30am Stg 1 Assembly Item - 2NF
Mon 23 Feb	P&C AGM Meeting - 7pm in School staffroom - ALL WELCOME
Frid 27 Feb	Year 4 Family Breakfast 7.45am - 8.30am

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Marshall Kondratiew who was recently selected in the Mid North Coast Cricket Team. Marshall will now compete in the North Coast Carnival on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We wish him all the very best.

**CANTEEN NEWS-** Please note that frozen foods cannot be delivered with lunch orders. If frozen items are ordered for lunch, the frozen food will need to be collected from the canteen by bringing back the lunch order bag.

**This week's SPECIAL MEAL DEAL** (available each day from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February) will be:

**HOT DOG, SML FLAVOURED MILK and a FROZEN JUICE CUP - all for \$4!**

**Catholic Sacramental Classes** - Parents/carers of children in Year 2 and above wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist, not already enrolled ..... Please obtain and return an enrolment form at the Curran Centre, 12 Gordon Street by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.  
Enquiries - Phone 6652 5714.

### FOR SALE - Excellent price!

**HIGH JUMP MATS** (1 large, 3 medium)  
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Please contact the school if interested.

## How would you spend \$30,000?

The Minister for Youth has announced that the NSW Government has \$30,000 to spend on youth activities and projects in the central, mid and far north coast areas. The best bit? They want to find out where you want the money spent! Log on to [www.yourspin.com.au](http://www.yourspin.com.au) and vote for where you want these funds to go to. Featuring interviews with local youths, the website creates an opportunity for kids to have a say about their community. The Your Spin initiative - the first of its kind by Government in Australia - also plans to employ popular social networking sites such as Myspace, Bebo and YouTube to attract interest to the site.

So, spread the word and have your spin!

# Community News

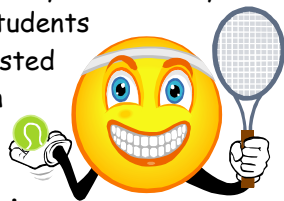
**GIRLS** - If you are aged between 8 years and 15 years and want to play netball for Surfside, contact Penny Walker on 6651 8781. We would



love to get a couple of teams together from Tyalla. Cost for registration is \$125 and registration day is on Saturday at the Netball Courts between 12noon and 2pm or, if you contact me on the above number, I can register you before then. Give it a go girls! Penny Walker

**TENNIS ANYONE?** - Tennis lessons will be on offer beginning this Thursday and Friday, and continuing each week, for students

in Years 1-6. Interested students need to bring in \$2 for a half hour lesson with experienced coaches from **Harbour Tennis Academy**.



Lessons will be available to students in Years 4 - 6 on Thursday (this is aside from those lessons provided to senior students who nominated to do tennis for Thursday afternoon sport). Lessons on Friday will be for students in Years 1 to 3. Please support this wonderful program which is seeing Tyalla develop quite a few budding tennis enthusiasts.

**Any queries? Please speak to Mrs Ward.**

**LIBRARY NEWS** - It's great to see so many children with their library bags and so eager to borrow! We're off to a great start this year.

Reading is probably the most important skill your child will ever develop. Reading opens up all sorts of magic doors - doors to fun, knowledge and success at school. Success in all subjects is based on the ability to read well.

If you haven't returned your blue borrowing permission slip yet, please do it soon so you are able to borrow from the school library.

**KINDERGARTEN PARENTS** - Please remember to wait in the shelter area when collecting your kinder children after school each afternoon. When parents wait outside the kinder rooms, it can be very distracting for the children and teacher, who are trying to finish class work and establish routines for the end of the school day. Thank you for your support

**WESTSIDE TENNIS CLUB** - Urgently require men and teenage boys to play in a mixed night tennis comp on Monday evenings. Please contact Allan at the club on 66527694. Friday afternoon tennis comp for kids aged 8-18yrs. Played in social setting with all standards welcome - this comp is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. Ladies tennis lessons are held on Friday mornings from 10am to 12 midday. Cost is \$15 - Come and join the fun, meet new friends and learn to play better tennis. Qualified and professional coaches - all standards catered for. Contact Allan at the club for more information - 6652 7694.

**COFFS HARBOUR SWANS JUNIOR AFL CLUB**  
Registration Days:

Saturday 21 Feb - 12 noon to 1pm

Sunday 22 Feb - 12 noon to 1pm

Sunday 1 March - 10am to 2pm (Family Fun Day with free sausage sizzle)

All registration days will take place at Fitzroy Oval (next to Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool).

Age Groups - U7, U10, U12, U14 and U16's - Everyone welcome. Any queries to Jason Phillips 0408 021 252 or Jo Symons 0421 909 781.

**WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?** Aged between 5 and 7 years? Come along and try Net Set Go.

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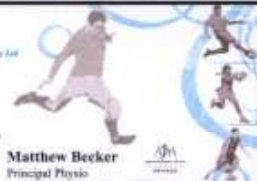
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