Greetings,

We have had quite an eventful few weeks in Coffs Harbour and many of us (myself included) are still feeling the effects of the incredible amounts of rain and wind that we were all subjected to. At home, we do have electricity on - but are still without the phone or internet. This is the result of not one, not two .... but four trees that fell into our yard and took out our power/phone lines.

Anyway, at school I have heard a whole range of interesting stories from children and parents but am very glad to report that to my knowledge, despite terrible conditions, everyone has remained safe.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
As class groupings are finalised, Parent-Teacher interviews will be scheduled in the coming month and a warm invitation is extended to parents and carers to attend.
These sessions are a great opportunity for parents and carers to hear about classroom procedures, our school curriculum, homework and behaviour expectations etc. It is also a time to meet your child’s teacher if you haven’t already been able to do so and to ask any questions about the upcoming school year. I would encourage you to attend if at all possible as we believe positive relationships between parents/carers and teachers can make a real difference in students’ learning.

Club 100 Reading
In 2013, we are continuing our home reading program at Tyalla Primary School. This has traditionally been very well supported by our children in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 but not so well supported by children in the Primary (Stages 2 and 3).
This is a bit of a mystery to me as it is an easy way to get some prizes for simply reading books. The books read may include home readers (for Infants children) but can also include library books, books from home, magazines, newspapers and e-readers (which may be on ipads, ipods or Kindles). If you have any difficulty finding books at an appropriate level, please see your child’s teacher. We encourage ALL students to participate in daily reading as this improves reading fluency and skills.
Students should fill in their home reading log (which is available from their teacher) with parents signing one entry for every day’s reading (with a minimum of 10 minutes reading time). For every 500 minutes of reading, students will receive an award at assembly on Friday.

The rewards are as follows:
Club 500 - Lickstick from the Canteen
Club 1000 - Canteen Voucher for 50c
Club 1500 - Pick an item from Mr. Copeland’s Reward Box
Club 2000 - A book
Club 2500 - A book and a pick from the Reward Box
Club 3000 - Lunch with Mr. Copeland

I would love to see many, many children taking part this year - especially in Primary.

Have a great week,
Stewart Copeland