Greetings,

HARMONY DAY
On Friday this week, Tyalla will be celebrating the fantastic diverse range of cultures that we have in this great country of ours. Today, Australia is widely recognised as being a very multicultural country and indeed, our school is a great example of this, with a great number of people from different backgrounds. This is cause for celebration as we embark upon Harmony Day and invite children, parents, teachers and community members to be a positive part of this day. We would really love you to be part of our special day on Friday.

GARDEN MAKEOVER
From Saturday, 22nd March to Tuesday, 25th March, our front entrance garden will be getting a complete makeover courtesy of Park Beach Plaza. This has come about after a number of our Stage 3 students wrote to Park Beach Plaza as part of a promotion they were running and we were excited to hear that our school has been earmarked to receive some special attention. We are SO excited about this and very, very thankful. Thank you Park Beach Plaza. This is truly great news for our school and we appreciate the support so much. During this time it is important to note that access to school will not be via the usual entrance and we ask that you be patient and support us as we try to highlight the beauty of our school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS!
We all want our children to get a great education and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.
Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they will have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.
Coming to school every day is vital. If your child must miss school, please speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS COMING SOON
Many parents and carers visited our school for the breakfast get togethers earlier this year. These were a great opportunity to establish a positive link with your child’s teacher and in some cases, meet them for the very first time. Teachers will be inviting parents for a formal interview before the end of this term so watch for this information soon. We would really like to meet with you as we are working with a very, very important part of your life ... your child.

NAPLAN 2014
All students in Year 3 and 5 at Tyalla will be participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This year’s dates are Tuesday, 13th May to Thursday, 15th May. There will be a catch up day on Friday, 16th May. Parents will be notified of their child’s results when they become available later in the year (usually the end of Term 3).

Have a great week,

Stewart Copeland
Principal
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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CANTEEN ROSTER
WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2014

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P&C NEWS

There’s less than a week to go until our next P&C Meeting. It’s on Monday night in the school staffroom. Everyone’s welcome, whether you have an issue to raise or just want to listen in on proceedings. We encourage you to come along and see what happens at our meetings.

Up for discussion will be:
- Election of a second Vice President (don’t worry, someone has already put their hand up)
- The possibility of getting soap in the bathrooms so the kids can wash their hands safely
- The Easter Raffle

Mr Copeland will give us a run down on what’s been happening around the school recently, as well as any exciting things which may be coming up.

Coming along to a P&C Meeting is a great way to stay informed and up to date with what’s happening in this great school. Please consider joining us on Monday night. We hope to see you there.

Emma Hazell-Pickering (P&C President)

EASTER GUESSING COMPETITION

Don’t forget to have your guess in the ‘Easter Guessing Competition’ - just 50c a guess. See Kylie in the canteen.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Please keep your Easter Egg donations coming in for our P&C Easter Raffle. These can be left at the school office.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS - TERM 1, WEEK 7

Our Students of the Week are Arabella Koufis and Phoenix Hope.

Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work.

SILVER AWARDS - TERM 1, WEEK 7

SILVER AWARDS: Lilliarna McDonald, Alanna Harrison, Danielle Bruce, Mikayla Walker, Antwone Robertson, Cody Paroz, Maaja Roberts-Jarrett, Jagvir Singh

GOLD AWARDS - TERM 1, WEEK 7

GOLD AWARDS: Lilliarna McDonald, Chloe Addison, Cody Paroz

2014 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations - 2014 SRC
Check out photos of our Students of the Week and Premier’s Reading Challenge Award recipients on the school website. www.tyalla-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**PSSA SWIMMING NEWS**

Congratulations to Jordan Walker who was named Age Champion and AWD Swimmer of the Meet at the PSSA North Coast Swimming Titles last week. Jordan will now represent the North Coast in Sydney in Week 11 of this term. Congratulations also to Jayla Cross who placed fourth in the Junior Girls Backstroke. An amazing effort!

**PSSA CRICKET NEWS**

Last Wednesday, Tyalla Primary School took on Toormina Primary School at Bray Street Oval in the PSSA Cricket Knockout Competition. Toormina set a high target for us after scoring 93 runs. They were quite intimidated by our fast bowlers and some sharp fielding. Thomas Luchetti scored 12 runs and Ryan Murphy scored 10. This, combined with the rest of the team, came to 50 runs, unfortunately not enough in the 25 overs to catch Toormina. However, our boys showed great team spirit and always had a smile on their faces. Mick Heywood has done an amazing job coaching the boys. With such a young squad we look forward to making it further next year when the boys are a bit more experienced. Thanks for representing our school so well boys - we are very proud!

*Mrs Swarbrick & Mr Heywood*

**PSSA TENNIS**

Congratulations to Alanna Harrison who was selected for the PSSA North Coast Tennis Team earlier this week. Alanna will now travel to Newcastle from 6th to 9th May to represent the North Coast. Wow! What a fantastic achievement.

**MATHLETICS**

Last week’s newsletter contained an information sheet regarding Mathletics. This is available as an online resource to help with the learning of mathematics for only $30! **Expressions of interest have been extended until this Friday only.** Please see the ladies in the office if you are interested and need a form.

**WE WON!**

Last week we were informed that Tyalla had won a prize in the Park Beach Plaza 'Student of the Week' competition. Approximately 70 Stage 3 students sent emails requesting a variety of things to improve our school, including painting the toilets, gardening equipment and a pressure cleaner. It turns out we have won the jackpot and will receive a makeover for the garden beds at the front of the school. Excavation will take place this Saturday and the gardening will occur next Monday and Tuesday. Congratulations to all the students who entered Tyalla in this competition. What a great achievement for our school! *Julie McKenzie (Stage 3 Leader)*

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PLACEMENT IN YEAR 7, 2015**

Students in Year 6 are reminded to return their ‘Expression of Interest’ forms for High School next year. These are due back at school by this Friday, 21st March.

**HARMONY DAY - FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH**

*“Everyone Belongs”*

- **9.10am** Whole School Assembly - All Welcome
- **9.50am** Multicultural Parade
- **12.00pm** Open Classrooms - Cultural Activities
- **1.20pm** Recess
- **1.50pm** Cultural Games

We hope you can join us to celebrate this special day.