Greetings,

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Friday, 23rd May is “Walk Safely to School Day” and I ask that you consider your transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. Regular exercise, like walking with your child, not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, active kids are healthy kids, so please help plan your own “Walk Safely to School Day” journey.

**REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION**

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&C Associations, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

**APPROACHING THE SCHOOL**

Did you know that we have a policy in regards to parents approaching the school? Here is a brief summary of some of the points outlined in the document. This is put in place for the health and safety of each person on the school site. A full copy is available from the foyer of our school for anyone interested.

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<th>It is important to work on problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.</th>
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| **These guidelines aim to:**
  * Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
  * Ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
  * Support sensitivity and confidentiality.
  * Help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. Trying to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or are engaged in another conversation is inappropriate.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal has the legal authority under the Inclosed Lands Act to:

  * Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
  * Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
  * Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without the permission of the Principal.

Have a great week,
Stewart Copeland
Principal
P&C NEWS

Two events for your diary this week … next Monday, 26th May at 7.00pm in the school staffroom is the P&C Meeting. It’s been a while since we’ve had a meeting, so hopefully we will have lots of people come along and share their ideas.

One of the things we will be discussing is the working bee planned for the following weekend. We need lots of helpers on Saturday and Sunday. You can choose the day that suits you best.

Dates and times are outlined below. Hope to see you there.

Have a great week.

Emma Hazell (P&C President)

P&C WORKING BEE

Saturday, 31st May: 9.00am to 1.00pm
Sunday, 1st June: 11.00am to 3.00pm

Next Assembly
Friday, 23rd May - 9.10am
Whole School Assembly

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. Teachers will be at the following points around the school to walk with students. Meeting points are as follows:

1. Corner of Beryl and Joyce Streets
2. Opposite Bray Street Shop (Top Shop)
3. PCYC
4. Top End of Argyll Street

Please meet teachers at these points at 8.20am for an 8.30am walk to school.

SILVER AWARDS: Kuchtel Chathouk, Trinity McMahon, Yar Makuer, Emily Addison, Phoebe Woodlock, Mia Greyling


CLASS OF THE WEEK

Term 2, Week 3
2LL … congratulations!
LET'S GET PHYSICAL

We have quite a few sporty programs running this term to get your child's heart pumping and feeling healthy. Cricket and AFL weekly sessions have been scheduled for various K-6 classes. They focus on developing the fundamental motor skills of our students and of course, positive attitudes towards being active. The entire school is registered in the Premier’s Sports Challenge, staff included! The students will be registering daily how active they have been in an effort to win their class ‘Diamond Level’ status (80 minutes of being physically active each day). Individual classes are also completing the ‘School Fitness Test’. This measures aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition. At the end of the test each student will get a detailed report that will define their fitness level for each test and if improvement is required. These reports will be sent home for you to read.

Along with all these programs students will also be practising their athletic skills in preparation for our upcoming athletics carnival. Don’t forget to pack healthy snacks and sandwiches for your children so they have the energy to complete all these fun activities.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sixty students from Tyalla Primary School travelled to Woolgoolga last Friday for District Cross Country. A number of the students did extremely well in their age division. Congratulations to all children who participated. We now have five children going to the Zone Cross Country at Grafton this Friday. They are Drazik Paroz, Taj Shearman, Jayla Cross, Billiejean Gordon-Smith and Alana Harrison. Good luck to these students.

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS NEWS

Last Sunday the Senior Dance Group and Drumming Group performed at the Coffs Harbour Show. The audience loved it! Well done on your efforts and a huge thank you to our parents and carers who made it possible for our students to perform on a Sunday! It was great to see over 30 Tyalla students representing our school and supporting this great community event. Our display looked terrific too. Special thank you to Mrs Spooner for putting our school display together.

In other news, the Junior and Senior Dance Groups have been successful in their audition to perform at this year’s Central Dance Festival. This will be held at the Cex Club in Coffs Harbour on Thursday, 19th June at 6.30pm. The dance groups have been very busy preparing for the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod coming up on Friday, 6th June. The Schools Section starts at 10.30am at Coffs Harbour (Jetty) High School and all parents and carers are welcome. More details on these events will be sent home soon.

Our lovely dance teacher Amy Murdock had her twins this month, a boy and a girl, Axel and Aria. Amy’s replacement is Katie Pitsis, an excellent teacher, full of enthusiasm and energy! The dance groups and classes doing dance this term are loving her. Katie is the creator of Free Spirit Girl, and is a wonderful addition to our school. The Guitar Group have been busy rehearsing under the tuition of music teacher, Mr Joe Quiring and are sounding great. Unfortunately Ms Danielle Coleman, one of our School Learning Support Officers and Hoop Troupe coordinator is no longer working at Tyalla. The Hoop Troupe will continue to meet however, but this will be a student led group.

Finally, Education Week is Week 3, Term 3 and Tyalla will be performing at the opening which will be held at Park Beach Plaza. This is scheduled for Monday, 28th July. More details will follow. Once again, thank you to students, teachers, parents and carers for supporting Creative and Practical Arts at Tyalla!

Mrs McKenzie (Creative Arts Coordinator)