Dear Parents/Carers,

WHAT IS AN “ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY?”
An "Acknowledgement of Country" is a way that all people can show respect for Aboriginal cultures and heritage and the ongoing relationship the traditional custodians have with the land. At the commencement of a meeting or function, a chair or speaker begins by acknowledging that the meeting is taking place in the country of the traditional custodians. Where the name of the traditional custodians is known, it is specifically used. Where it is not known, a general acknowledgement is given.

At Tyalla Primary School, an important role of our senior Aboriginal students and School Leadership team is to represent the school in a range of school and community events such as our weekly assembly. During these events these students will be given opportunities to present an ‘Acknowledgement to Country.’

LIGHTHOUSE CONCERT
On Monday night I will have the pleasure of attending the Lighthouse Community of Schools Concert at the C.ex Club in Coffs Harbour. It is always a very enjoyable night with performances from our local public schools, including students from Tyalla Primary School. It would be great to see lots of families from Tyalla there too.

PARENT SURVEY
With this newsletter I am distributing a parent survey that I would really like families to fill out. As Principal of our school, I greatly value input from parents and carers on priorities or areas you consider should be a focus, in order to continue the ongoing development of our great school and maximise the educational opportunities for our students.

We are always looking at ways that we can improve our school. With this in mind, I would very much like each family to respond to the survey in a fair and constructive manner.

I would appreciate if you could take the time to put down your thoughts and send the survey into school or place it in the box which will be at the counter of the front administration office. I look forward to reading your responses and hopefully, celebrating your positive responses.

CLASS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016
Processes for organising classes for 2016 have commenced and we are gathering additional information which will be of assistance with this. Therefore, I extend to parents/carers the opportunity to submit in writing any information about their child for consideration by administration and staff when organising 2016 class placements. Information should be provided in writing and labelled “In Confidence” and forwarded to the Principal by Friday, 30th October, 2015. This information might focus, for example, on medical conditions, specific learning needs and even friendship groupings. As initial staffing arrangements for the 2016 school year will not be finalised for a little while longer, it is inappropriate to suggest/request which teacher should or should not be allocated to your child. All available information will be considered to enable the best possible educational placements for all our students for the coming year.

STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OUT OF HOURS
I would like to remind everyone that students should not be on the school grounds out of hours. This includes weekends and school holidays. This is for their own safety and because it avoids suspicion if vandalism or break and enters occur. Permission from the Principal is required for use of our school facilities out of school hours.

Have a great week.

Stewart Copeland
Principal
IMPORTANT DATES/REMINDERS

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- Tyalla library 2.00pm for stories and activities |
| 22nd October | SWIMMING FOR SPORT COMMENCES  
- wear swimmers and bring rash shirt/t-shirt |
| 23rd October | GRANDPARENTS DAY (assembly starts 10.15am)  
- hope lots of grandparents can join us! |
| 26th October | LIGHTHEOUSE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS CONCERT  
- C.ex Coffs 7.00pm |
| 26/10 to 6/11 MON-FRI | 2 WEEK INTENSIVE SWIMMING COMMENCES  
- $30 payment due today |
| 29th October | KINDERGARTEN 2016 - STORYTIME FUN  
- Tyalla library 2.00pm for stories and activities |
| 30th October | DAY FOR DANIEL FUNDRAISER  
- details to follow |

CANTEEN ROSTER
WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS
TERM 4, WEEK 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SILVER AND GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

For more awards and photos please visit the school website

CLASS OF THE WEEK: 4-5RO ... CONGRATULATIONS!

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

P&C MEETING

We will have our next P&C meeting on Monday, 2nd November at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. Feel free to come along, it’s always great to see new faces.

I am looking forward to going through the ‘wish lists’ that have been returned and seeing what ideas our community have for the school. It will be great to have the P&C support some of these ventures. If you haven’t returned your wish list yet, and there is something that you or your children would like to see at the school, please make sure you return it prior to the next P&C meeting. This is a great opportunity to put your ideas forward.

In Kindness

Tina Di Sisto  
(P&C President)

DAY FOR DANIEL FUNDRAISER

Friday, 30th October, 2015

On Friday, 30th October, 2015 Tyalla Primary School will be hosting a ‘Day for Daniel’ fundraising event for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Children are invited to wear red and bring a gold coin donation.

For more information see the flyer with today’s newsletter.

2016 ORGANISATION AND PLANNING

If you have a child who will be enrolling at or leaving Tyalla Primary School in 2016 please notify the office as soon as possible on 6652 4488. This will assist us with planning and class organisation for next year and is most appreciated.
Next March, 2016 NASA is sending a lander to Mars to study its deep interior and it is taking our class name on a silicon microchip with it. The mission is called InSight and scientists are hoping to learn how Mars and other planets were formed. 1KB are very excited and have used the Star Walk app on their class i-Pad to airplay to the SMART Board. They located Mars and a number of other planets as they were searching. They also discovered that each day was getting longer. The Star Walk app is fantastic as it gives students the ability to locate, in real time, where planets, satellites and space stations are in the solar system.

Playing sport this Summer?  
Want to try something different?

INDOOR HOCKEY RECRUITING JUNIORS NOW!

- make new friends  
- fun, fast, safe  
- boys and girls  
- learn new skills  
- midweek games

VISIT: www.hockeycoffscoast.com.au  
VISIT: www.facebook.com/pages/Hockey-Coffs-Coast

SWIMMING REMINDER
Don’t forget your gear!

KINDER EXPO  
Friday, 13th November  
9.30am - 11.00am  
Parent information session and morning tea. Students to classroom.

CLASSROOM ORIENTATION  
Friday, 20th November  
9.30am to 11.00am  
Just for students!

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC  
Friday, 27th November  
10.00am to 11.10am  
Bring your favourite teddy to school to join the fun.

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten, 2016? Visit the office for an enrolment pack so you don’t miss our orientation sessions.
WHAT'S ON ... IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

Lots has been happening in the Garden Club lately. KFS and 4-5RO competed in the Rosy Red Radish competition. Unfortunately, no prize this year, but a bumper crop of radishes! Also in the garden, Mrs Booth and 1KB have harvested beetroot and peas. We have blueberries, tomatoes, spinach and warrigal greens on the way.

WILDLIFE REPORT

What do you know about Frogs? We have small brown frogs in the Garden Club - they look like Green Tree Frogs, but smaller, and brown ... ? I have been researching but can’t identify them. If you know something about frogs we would love to hear from you!

Mrs Spooner
Garden Club