Greetings,

**LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS CONCERT**
Monday night’s Lighthouse Community of Schools concert was a major success. Tyalla students performed with great enthusiasm and vigour and did us all proud. I would also like to offer my thanks and congratulations to the many staff and parents that assisted in a variety of ways, making the night so great. Well done everyone.

**WHOOPING COUGH ALERT FROM NSW HEALTH**
There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014/2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children. See today’s newsletter for more information about whooping cough and visit the following website for information about early diagnosis, treatment of the infection and information to help reduce the spread of infection in the community.


**HELMETS**
If you are riding to and from school, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you are following the law and wearing a safety helmet. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Have a great week.

Stewart Copeland
Principal

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P&C NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

URGENT - HELP NEEDED!

The canteen requires 2 helpers for Fridays in the canteen. The hours are 9.00am to 12.00pm. It would be great if we could have someone who is available every Friday however, as this is the busiest day of the week. Simmone would be happy for whatever offers come along.

Thank you to Daphne who has been helping out on Mondays and Fridays all year. Daphne is not able to continue on Fridays, so we REALLY need a couple of people to step in as soon as possible.

Please pop into the canteen and have a chat to Simmone or leave your details at the office.

In Kindness
Tina Di Sisto
(P&C President)
WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

DAY FOR DANIEL FUNDRAISER

This 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.**

A reminder also that sausage sizzle notes and payment were due back at the canteen today. You will need to contact the canteen to place any late orders.

Parent Line’s professional counsellors are dedicated to helping parents discover healthy and positive ways to connect with kids and manage challenging issues. We help more than 7000 families every year struggling with many different issues.

We can assist parents who are worried about a child’s physical development, social skills, behaviour and anxiety issues. Parents can call us 7 days a week and we will help them identify the issue and assist in finding positive ways to address this.

We also provide online chat twice a week where parents can access a counsellor online via our website to chat about concerns. We also offer an email service where parents can ask us a question.

If you would like a copy of the latest ‘Parent Line’ newsletter please contact the school office or visit the Parent Line website at www.ParentLine.org.au. Alternatively, you can phone 1300 1300 52.

Kindergarten

ORIENTATION DATES

**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.