Greetings,

2015 has been a very smooth and satisfying year for us to date at Tyalla Primary School. I have been particularly encouraged by the incredible support that we have received from parents and children and the huge willingness to form a very positive partnership as we educate your children and prepare them as our future leaders.

As I highlighted last week in the newsletter, our enrolment numbers were maintained this year (thankfully) but it was necessary to put in place a few small changes with some class structures. This process was simplified by very professional teacher organisation and discussions, and also, very supportive parents. Thank you for this.

NEWSLETTERS ONLINE
This is one of our first newsletters for the school year. In the near future we will be sending a note home to parents/carers to ask them whether they would prefer to receive their newsletters each week via email, rather than the paper copies that we currently distribute. Please give this some thought. It would save a lot of paper and time.

STUDENTS EXCEL
It is always exciting to write about students when they have excelled in a given area of interest. Primary students, Thomas Luchetti and Imogen Richards, have been selected as representatives for their chosen sports. Thomas is one of the Mid North Coast squad for boys Cricket and Imogen continues to impress with her swimming after advancing to the finals in Sydney for The Speedo Sprint series. She will be representing the North Coast region. Well done kids. We are very proud of you.

P&C MEETING
Next Monday at 7.00pm we will be holding our first P&C Meeting for 2015. It would be really great to see some new faces supporting us this year.

Have a great week,
Stewart Copeland
Principal
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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CANTEEN ROSTER
WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY

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“BACK TO SCHOOL” SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

A reminder to students to return their lunch orders to the canteen for the special “Back to School” sausage sizzle lunch on Friday, 27th February. These orders need to be returned to the canteen no later than Wednesday, 25th February. Please note there will be no normal lunch orders on this day.

P&C NEWS

With our first P&C meeting for the year being held on Monday, 23rd February at 7.00pm, this will be my last P&C news column for the newsletter. I would like to give a really big thank you to the 2014 P&C team. You have all been awesome to work with. Thank you for your contribution to Tyalla and I wish you all the best for the future.

Thank you also to all of the parents, carers and staff who were involved in our various fundraisers throughout the year. By all accounts we have had a very successful year.

Finally, thank you to all the helpers who keep our fabulous canteen running. We are so lucky to have a ‘five-day-a-week’ canteen, so let’s hope that we can keep it that way.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday night.

Cheers ... Emma Hazell (P&C President)

2015 HOMEWORK/SCHOOL PLANNER

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or for the whole year. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK, TERM 1, WEEK 3


CLASS OF THE WEEK
4DK

Congratulations!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS, TERM 1, WEEK 3

SILVER: Orion Harrison, Tahlea Moate, Jake Lucas-Strauss, Ruby Kirkland, Braith-Leigh Ireland, Emily Trebilcock, Harry Logan

GOLD: Braith-Leigh Ireland, Emily Trebilcock

RUBY: Madi Potter
**CRICKET NEWS**

Congratulations to Thomas Luchetti who was selected in the Mid North Coast Cricket team recently. Thomas will now attend North Coast Cricket trials in March. Good luck Thomas!

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**2015 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)**

Our new SRC has been elected for the 2015 school year!

Congratulations to all those students who nominated themselves to be a member of the SRC. All candidates showed excellent communication and organisation skills and outstanding commitment. Unfortunately students can only elect two candidates from each Stage 2 and Stage 3 class. The new 2015 SRC students are:

- **3SF** Brodie-Lee King, Arabella Koufis
- **3-4BH** Indi Balazs, Jarius Sherwood
- **4DK** Scarlett Evison, Jayden Crook
- **4-5RO** Ausrae Harrison, Grace Rodrigues
- **5AR** Brooke Hayton, Antwone Robertson
- **6IG** Mali Morrison, Kira Anderson
- **6JM** Haylee Orcher, Luke Key

Parents/carers are welcome to attend this week’s assembly where badges will be presented to these fantastic students. Congratulations to you all.

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**BUS SAFETY**

A reminder to all students who catch a bus to or from school. When you are in your uniform you represent our school. Foul language or hands-on is unacceptable and may lead to a suspension from using the bus. Please remember - Tyalla kids are ‘safe and respectful’ in the community, not just the classroom.

Last week Kindergarten went on their Bus Safety Excursion. Well done to all Kindergarten students who are catching the bus now, and thank you to all the older students who are helping them.

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**ENVIRONMENT CAPTAINS**

Applications are now open for students in Stage 3 to apply to be an Environment Captain. This is a new student leadership role at Tyalla. All applications are due by Wednesday, 25th February. For more information please see Mrs Spooner or Mrs Booth.

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**DISTRICT SWIMMING**

Congratulations and good luck to students who have been selected to attend the District Swimming Carnival on Monday, 23rd February. Don’t forget your $4 pool entry on the day.

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**WEEKLY NEWS**

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**SCHOOL BOOK PACKS**

Thank you to those families who have paid $35 for their child’s book pack. A reminder that students with outstanding book pack fees will be excluded from excursions, sports carnivals, gala days and extra-curricular activities while fees remain unpaid.

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**CHICKEN POX (VARICELLA)**

We have had several cases of Chicken Pox in our school community recently. Time from exposure to illness is 2 to 3 weeks. Symptoms of Chicken Pox include slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Should your child contract Chicken Pox he/she should be kept home for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over. If you are uncertain, or have any concerns, please speak to your family doctor or local pharmacist.

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school for any reason you must notify the school. This can be done via a phone call to the school office on 6652 4488 or by sending a note to your child’s class teacher the day following the absence.

If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time the office or your child’s teacher must be notified.

If your child is absent for two or more days due to illness, a Doctor’s Certificate is required.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.