Greetings,

It is really great to be back at school after an extended period of illness. I have felt most welcome with the warm greetings that I have received from staff, students and parents and for this, I thank you. Tyalla is a really friendly school and one we can be very proud of.

PUBLIC vs PRIVATE
In recent weeks there have been media reports on university studies comparing academic outcomes for public and private school students in Australia. I was not surprised that these found no difference between public and private schools, once student background was taken into account.

What did make a difference were things like the age and gender of the child, their health status, the initial stock of skills that the child has before commencing school, their parents’ level of education, the neighbourhood they grow up in, household income and the number of books in the home.

This reinforced the findings of other studies, some of which have found advantages for public school students in social development and university performance. Accordingly, congratulations Tyalla parents – your children are receiving an excellent education, and you are saving thousands in school fees every year! If you missed the 60 Minutes report on this subject, go to www.9jumpin.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2015/april/public-vs-private.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT
Yesterday, our P&C was notified by the Holiday Coast Credit Union that they were successful in gaining a grant for our school for additional recycling bins. This is really exciting news. We have been granted $2,600 to promote sustainable practices within the school. This initiative will greatly benefit our environment and reduce land fill – which is a very real problem in the world today.

STORYTIME
This Wednesday, 27th May is National Simultaneous Storytime. The story this year is “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey, which is based on family life. All classes will be participating in the planned activity and it should be great fun, as well as reinforcing the importance of reading for learning.

STUDENT REPORTS
Student Reports see all Key Learning Areas reported on - English, Mathematics, Science & Technology, Human Science and Its Environment, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Creative Arts.

Additional information is included about student social development, commitment to learning, participation in school activities and days absent. All this information should give parents a comprehensive view of their child’s overall achievement and application.

If parents have any questions about the report they are most welcome to visit the school. Reports are due home towards the end of this term.

Have a great week!

Stewart Copeland
IMPORTANT DATES/REMINDERS

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CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 1ST JUNE

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FRIDAY HAPPY MEAL - CANTEEN SPECIAL

• 2 FISH COCKTAILS • POTATO GEMS • JUICE BOX

ONLY $5

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

We WON!

I am so excited to announce that Tyalla Primary School has been successful in winning a Community Grant Award from Holiday Coast Credit Union to set up recycling bins in the school yard. The P&C, along with Year 1 teacher, Kate Booth, put in an application to provide funding to replace the existing playground bins with red and yellow lidded bins. Up until now there has only been paper recycling at the school, so we are thrilled to have bins so the children can learn about recycling. This goes hand-in-hand with the direction Tyalla is taking with its Environment Captains, Garden Club and even the changes that are happening at the Canteen.

THANK YOU HOLIDAY COAST CREDIT UNION for supporting our school in such a practical way.

In Kindness
Tina Di Sisto (P&C President)

GOLD AWARDS: Maree Torrens, William Hunter, Charlie Kerrell, Stirling McDonald, Harmony Shaw, Indi Balazs

RUBY AWARD: Charlie Kerrell

CHECK OUT OUR STUDENT OF THE WEEK AND READING AWARDS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!
Whole School Assembly
Friday, 29th May - 9.10am
“All Welcome”

TYALLA AT THE COFFS HARBOUR DANCE EISTEDDFOD
Our Junior and Senior Dance Groups will be competing again at this year’s Coffs Harbour Dance Eisteddfod. The School’s Day is Friday, 5th June, 2015 at Coffs Harbour High School, commencing at 10.30am. Parents, carers and friends of the school are very welcome to attend. Entry fee for spectators is $5. Come along and see how amazing our kids are! We hope to see you there.

Mrs McKenzie & Ms Devereux (Dance Co-ordinators)

STAGE 3 EXCURSION - GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
12TH - 14TH AUGUST
PAYMENT PLAN

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DISCO
Thank you everyone who supported the SRC disco last week. It was a successful fundraiser for the SRC and a fun night was had by all!

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.

LIFE EDUCATION
The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Tuesday and Thursday, 9th and 11th June and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th, 16th and 17th June. As the cost of the Life Education Van is incorporated into the bookpack payment, bookpacks need to be paid prior to these dates. Thank you.

Mrs Rayner (Life Education Coordinator)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photograph envelopes accompany today’s newsletter. As previously mentioned, the P&C has chosen a new photographer for 2015 and we are looking forward to the new format.

PAYMENT METHODS FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
1. Cash - correct money must be enclosed (no change will be given)
2. Cheque - all cheques to be made payable to ‘The School Photographer’
3. Money Order - all money orders to be made payable to ‘The School Photographer’
4. Credit Card - available by online ordering (see order envelope)
5. Online Payments - (see order envelope)
6. Phone - (02) 9674 9824

PLEASE NOTE: A $1.00 processing fee applies to online orders and a $5 processing fee for phone orders. Regardless of which payment method you choose ORDER ENVELOPES MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY AND HANDED TO YOUR CHILD’S CLASS TEACHER.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE

THE DREADED LUNCHBOX CHALLENGE!
Struggle with lunchboxes? Need inspiration? Northern NSW Local Health District is putting together a series of lunchbox suggestions to take the worry out of what to pack each day. The fortnightly email ‘Let’s Look at Lunches’ will provide lunchbox tips, recipes and ideas. A well balanced nutritious lunch is important to keep active kids on track all day, but it shouldn’t be a challenge. If you would like to subscribe simply send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email: lookatlunches@gmail.com or
- Text: 0429 033 517

NOTE: YELLOW SIBLING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE