Principal’s Message
Last Friday night, after school, Kate and I attended another professional development of the instructional rounds training. Observational rounds by the small schools network team will be conducted next term. These rounds provide teachers with quality feedback on the data collected to improve student learning outcomes.

Mrs Quade is away today on Personal Leave and we welcome Ms Anita Moore.

Assembly
This Friday, 26th February, will be our first whole school assembly @ 2pm. Swimming age championship medals will be presented. All welcome!

Library Borrowing
This term library borrowing will be on Friday afternoons. Each child is asked to bring a bag to protect school books. Library will return to Wednesdays after swimming has ceased. Thank you.

Clean Up Australia Day
Tallimba Public School will be holding their annual Clean Up Australia Day, Friday 4th March, 2016, weather permitting. Children may come dressed in old clothes, a hat, closed in shoes, and bring along a pair of gloves each. We will clean up around our school and school boundary.

Life Education and Healthy Harold
Life Education NSW will again be visiting Tallimba Public School on Friday 4th, March 2016. Please see the attached permission note and information sheet. The cost per student is being subsidised by the school to reduce it to $3 per student.
**Infants News**
The children’s home learning will be sent home tomorrow, as I am absent due to personal leave. Kindergarten’s new sound this week is ‘n’. The Year 1 and 2 sound focus is ‘e’ and ‘ea’, as in ‘get’ and ‘bread’, in spelling list words. Kindergarten continues their learning focus of whole numbers, patterns & algebra and area, whilst Year 1 and 2 explore the concept of subtraction and area. In Science, the children will be involved in constructing an earthworm habitat throughout the week, as well as completing a procedural piece of writing in literacy, outlining the steps involved in constructing this habitat. Our lesson focus this week involves the observation of snails, drawing the details of the external structure; describing the movement and feeding of a snail and identifying the features that allow it to breathe, feed, move and protect itself. In History, the children will be continuing their lesson from last week, *What makes you say that?* They will be viewing photos that were collected last week, considering signs of the past and justifying suggestions to questions based on the evidence provided in each image.

**School Lunches**
During this hot weather all students are encouraged to keep their school lunch in the refrigerator in the staffroom. This keeps food cool and safe from birds. All children are supervised during fruit break and first lunch, however, we encourage all children to be responsible for their lunch boxes and eating their own lunch. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

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**Tallimba Tongue Waggers**
Will meet again this Wednesday, 24th February, at 9.30 am. Class for the day will be Decoupage Boxes. $3 per person will pay for the box and Mod Podge, and some papers will be available. Bring along some paper scissors and your own scrapbooking papers if you want to choose your own design or theme. These are great for storage or gifts. BYO something to do while we wait for the layers of glue to dry. If needed we will complete these on the following Wednesday. As always, BYO lunch and shared morning tea. All welcome.

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**Primary Class (Year3/4 + Year5/6) News**
We will be continuing to focus on our narrative writing in English, incorporating the descriptive language used by Roald Dahl. Mathematics focus is on measurement and length. In Science, students will be challenged to construct a structure that can bear a given weight. Our History unit is on the importance of celebrations in our wider community.

**How2Learn**
H2L focus for this fortnight is *Mindfulness*. Strong learners are aware of what is happening around them. They are patient and take time to see details.

**Absenteeism Notes**
Written notes are required by law for an absence or to leave school grounds (visit to doctors, dentist, and family reasons). Please ensure the school is notified in a timely manner regarding any absence, emails are accepted.

**Reading for Meaning – Quiz**
As last week’s quiz still remains unanswered: again the quiz is: You can’t say the letters B, M and P without both your lips touching. What fraction of all letters can be said without your lips touching if you said the following words? “Pam and Bobby make the best pumpkin soup?”

**Medication at School**
The only medication to be administered at school is to be prescribed by a doctor. If it is necessary for a pupil to receive prescribed medication during the day, parents/caregivers must clearly label the medication with the child’s name, the dosage and time to be taken. All medication must be taken to front office at the beginning of the school day, where it will be safely stored and administered. This should be in original packaging with the doctor’s instructions.

**Year 6 Fundraising**
Each Friday during Term 1, the Year 6 students will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50c each. All money raised will go to a gift for the Year 6 to donate to Tallimba Public School at the end of the year.
Brower’s 10th Charity Walk 2016

‘GOG TO WEETHALLE - The Return’

Starting at Allen & Lisa Payne’s 9am, total distance 22kms

Saturday, March 19

Registration sheets available from Quade Moncrieff
Livestock & Property

Forms must be picked up by Monday, March 14 and a $5 fee, to cover insurance costs, must be paid on registration.

All participants, friends, family and supporters are invited to the Weethalle Country Club for a sausage sizzle, raffles and auction at the completion of the walk (under 18’s must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

For more information please contact 0427 722 219 or 0408 266 920

All funds raised go to West Wyalong Can Assist and Country Hope.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016

ANGLICAN PARISH CENTRE, COURT STREET, WEST WYALONG

Our speakers are Lt. Col. David Deasey RFD (Rtd) and Megan Gibson. David Deasey’s particular interest is the Boer War and the myths that surround Australia’s involvement. (hint: it’s more than Breaker Morant). Megan Gibson from Family Tree Time has worked as a freelance researcher on the hit Australian TV series Who Do You Think You Are, and is co-author of the book How to Get More Family Time.

Cost incl. Morning tea and lunch $30 Registration: 9.00 am

For catering purposes please book by contacting us at: genealogy@wyalongfamilyhistory.com or telephone Pam Butcher 02 6972 3113 or Rhonda Williams 02 6972 3066 or 0427 723 066

Smokey’s Cup Committee

Will be holding a Clean-Up Australia Day Event in Tallimba and surrounds on Sunday, 6th March, 2016. Meet at 10am, at the park. Bring your gloves, rakes, shovels, utes and trailers. Many hands make light work! A sausage sizzle for $1 each will be held afterwards at 12 pm, bring a chair or rug.