



# Tyn Talk

Tyndale Christian School Community Newsletter

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## Welcome and Welcome back

Our students, your children, have just completed their first week at Tyndale for 2010. The staff has welcomed them at the Assembly last Monday and your teachers have made them feel at home (again) in the classroom. We wish them well as they commence a year of learning new skills and progressing on their journey of discovering the wonders of God's creation and His providential care in everything and everywhere. At Tyndale we do this in the context of a firm belief that we live in a fallen world for which our Lord Jesus Christ died and which he has made His Kingdom. Christians acknowledge this kingship and called to proclaim the kingship of Christ in every area of life. In the Tyndale community parents are a vital part and we welcome the parents and families of our students back.

Each year we have new families joining Tyndale and we extend a warm welcome especially to you. We hope and pray that you and your children will soon feel at home among us and that you will make many friendships in our School. Your teachers are all set to give your children the very best in Christian Education and we trust that you will enjoy the relationship with staff and parents.

And we extend a warm welcome back to the parents who were already with us last year. We trust you had a blessed Christmas and a restful holiday with your children and family.

The coming year promises to be an exciting year at Tyndale. The building of the new Library and Resource Centre will soon be under way. In addition we are finalising the design specifications for a new Food Technology building, which we hope to commence in a few months. As a result we have re-located some classes to new buildings and we will from time to time have some building activity during school hours, but we will gladly cope with this as we consider the future benefit of expanded facilities, funded by the Federal Government. Is it not amazing how the Lord provides for all our needs? His mercies are new every morning!

Our school has also undergone an organisational face-lift following a long overdue re-structure. The School Board has worked with the senior staff to bring the governance and educational programme up to date. As you will recall our deputy-principal, Dr Charles Justins has now been appointed as full-time lecturer at N.I.C.E. the National Institute for Christian Education. The Board has now appointed two new deputy-principals, Mr Adam Scotney and Mrs Jill Spence, who will be responsible for the educational and organisational needs for the whole School. This will assist Tyndale to have an integrated programme and infrastructure from Prep to Year 12 and provide a smoother transition from infants to junior to middle to senior school. The new executive team has already started in their new tasks.

As a result of the re-structure two Head of School positions have been abolished. This has in particular affected the Head of Senior School, Mr Ian Shaw, who was a senior and well respected teacher with more than 20 years of dedicated service. Mr Shaw was offered a teaching position or a redundancy package, and after much discussion, negotiation and prayer Mr Shaw has decided to accept redundancy as the solution which was considered best for all interested parties. Ian has for many years served Tyndale very well and with great enthusiasm and dedication. He always regarded his work at Tyndale as service in Christ's Kingdom. For many years Ian has been instrumental in the preparations for the HSC students and their graduation celebrations. Ian was a valuable staff mentor and student counsellor who will be sorely missed by the school community and his colleagues. We wish him and his family God's richest blessing as he starts a new journey on the road of life.

The fourth member of the new school executive is the new Business Manager. This position is designed to take the responsibility for most of the non-teaching tasks and includes administration, finance building and grounds maintenance. Our search to fill this position was not successful. Tyndale is fortunate to have the service of Julie Tonowicz, the former Business Manager of Christian Education National, and until now a director serving on the School Board. Julie has resigned as a director and will be the Acting Business Manager this year to prepare the administration and procedures for a smooth hand-over to the new Business Manager later this year.

Please pray much and often for your teachers and the School Leadership, under our recently appointed principal Mr Jack Joyce, as they seek to teach your children the skills and understanding

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Meet the Teacher

Monday 15 February 2010

#### School Camps 2010

Year 7 Wedderburn

Wed 17 Feb-Fri 19 Feb 2010

Year 8 Elanora

Wed 17 Feb-Fri 19 Feb 2010

#### School Swimming Carnival K-12

Monday 22 February 2010

#### Whole School Assemblies

Tuesday 23 February 2010

Tuesday 9 March 2010

Tuesday 23 March 2010

#### School Camps 2010

Year 9 Lake Tabourie

Mon 29 March-Thur 1 April 2010

Year 10 Cockatoo Island

Mon 29 March-Thur 1 April 2010

Year 11 Koloona

Mon 29 March-Thur 1 April 2010

Year 12 Bourke

Sun 28 March-Thur 1 April 2010

#### Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations

Friday 12 March 2010

#### School Working Bee

Saturday 27 March 2010

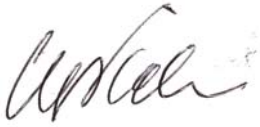
#### Last day Term 1

Thursday 1 April 2010

#### Term 2 Commences

Monday 19 April 2010

necessary to serve the Lord in a society which is becoming more and more secular and does not acknowledge its Maker and Redeemer.



Keith Dickson  
Board Chairman

Dear Parents and Friends of Tyndale,

I pray that you and your families have had a really restful and enjoyable time as a family over the Christmas and New Year holiday break. The school has been a very busy place with the Board and several Administration and Maintenance staff working almost non stop from the 2009 close of school and the opening of Term 1 2010. Some significant changes that have happened have been outlined and explained by the Board Chairman on the front page relating to our organisational structure, and no doubt you have read that. In light of these organisational changes I would firstly like to acknowledge and thank Mr Ian Shaw [in his leaving 22 January 2010] for the tremendously faithful commitment he has shown along with the enormous contribution he has made to Tyndale over the past 21 years. He has indeed been a faithful servant leader, good teacher, Head of School, as well as a good friend and colleague and I know that many of the staff have been saddened by his leaving. We all know that God has Ian in His hands and therefore we prayerfully wish Ian everything of the best as he looks to God for his next assignment.

We also need to acknowledge the fine contributions that both Mr Graeme Hoinville and Mr Luke Gardiner have made over the past few years as they have also decided to leave Tyndale. I would like to thank them sincerely for all that they have done for Tyndale as far as IT is concerned. They will leave in the next two to three weeks. I would like to prayerfully wish them well as they move into other endeavours which the Lord has set for them.

I would like to congratulate our two new Deputy Principals - Mr Adam Scotney and Mrs Jill Spence. Both deputies will fulfil a number of duties around the school as we promote a P-12 school, however each will have some specific responsibilities - Mr Scotney will have responsibility for Student Pastoral Care oversight; Timetable and Property projects while Mrs Spence will look after P-12 Curriculum, Student Learning and Staff Development.

#### **Whole School Assemblies**

The School will be holding several Whole School Assemblies during the term in an attempt to build a whole school culture, and as such I would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends of the school to attend these assemblies if and when you can. The assemblies will be held on a Tuesday and the dates for Term 1 are in our calendar elsewhere in the newsletter.

#### **Congratulations**


A special congratulation to James Queenan [Year 12 2009] who will receive a sporting award at the Annual NSW Combined Independent Schools Sports Council Presentation Dinner to be held on the 26 February 2010. Secondly, congratulations to Lyndall Gluskie who I have been informed has been awarded an Early Achiever's Program grant for entry into the Australian Catholic University.

#### **School Uniforms**

With the commencement of the new year I am expecting our students to wear their current uniforms correctly and proudly according to our uniform guidelines. During Week 2 I will speak to the senior students in terms of our overall expectations, and the possibility of adjustments to the Year 9-12 uniforms. Before any changes are forthcoming there will be consultation as well as a transition period of a year. It has also been brought to my attention as to how smart a number of our Year 11 students look with their shirts tucked in and their ties being worn correctly.

I pray that Week 1 has been a good start for all our students [particularly our Prep students and all the other new students who have joined us in 2010 for the first time] and families and I look forward to a great year at Tyndale.

For the glory of God alone,



Jack Joyce  
PRINCIPAL

## NOTES FROM MUSIC



Welcome to another exciting year in music at Tyndale. 2010 is going to be another great year with performances, concerts and camps in the planning.

If you are not currently involved in one of our Instrumental Ensembles or Praise and Worship bands, then we would encourage you to think about joining. If you already play an instrument, or are interested in learning to play, then please see one of the Music teachers for further information on how you can become involved. Our Music Teachers are P-5 Mrs Fiander and Yr 6-12 Mrs Skinner, Mr Dokmanovic and Mr Thurlow.

### **INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES**

We are planning to have 3 ensembles this year to cater for the growing number of students involved and their varying degrees of competency. The structure for each band has been discussed with students and lists have been placed on the Noticeboard near the steps to L2. Please check these lists to see which ensemble your child will be playing in.

Band rehearsal will begin in Week 2 and will be as follows:

Concert Band	Tuesday morning at 7.30 am
Sonic Ensemble	Wednesday morning at 8 am
Wind Ensemble	Thursday morning at 7.45 am
Jazz Band	Thursday Lunchtime

All rehearsals will be held in L1.

### **PRAISE & WORSHIP BANDS**

Students in Years 9 – 12 who are interested in being a member of a Praise and Worship Band are to meet with Mr Dokmanovic in L2 on Friday 12 February at lunch for auditions.

### **YEAR 4 BAND**

We will be holding an Information Session for all parents and children in Year 4 who will be participating in the Year 4 Band program this year. You will have the opportunity to see the instruments and watch your child make the first sound on their instrument; as well as ask any questions. This will be held on **Friday 12 February at 3pm in L1.**

### **INSTRUMENT HIRE**

The Music Department has a range of instruments available for hire by students who wish to participate in a school ensemble and develop their musical gifts. This would be particularly valuable for Year 5 students who wish to continue with the instrument they played in the Year 4 Band Program in 2009. Please speak to one of our Music staff for more information.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"..... from the Music Department.

## **BLACKTOWN HIGHWAY PATROL TARGETING SCHOOL SAFETY ZONES**

In 2010, Blacktown HWP will be working in conjunction with the Blacktown Council Law Enforcement Officers (CLEO) to ensure that your school zone is as safe as possible for your child to return to school and maintain that safety throughout the year. The speed from 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm, in a school area, is **40km/h**.

Police and CLEO's will be focusing on parking offences, speeding and pedestrian safety at crossings.

**POLICE URGE ALL PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF IN A SAFE MANNER AND ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SCHOOL CROSSING WHEN NECESSARY.**

Parents are reminded that there are steep penalties for an array of offences in school zones.

**Blacktown Police ask you all to SLOW DOWN when KIDS are AROUND!!!**

# Tyndale Connect News



## Tyndale Connect Meeting

Tuesday 16 February

Please join us our FIRST Tyndale Connect meeting for 2010!!

Enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit and be part of the planning for 2010 activities.

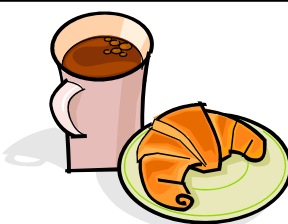
We'd love you to be part of the action!

**WHEN:** Tuesday 16 February

**TIME:** 1:30pm start

**WHERE:** Staff Lunch Room

Pre-schoolers are welcome too!



## HELP NEEDED

**YEAR 11 SEMINAR**

**Friday 12 Feb 2010**

Tyndale Connect will be catering for this important day for our Year 11 students and would love help for all or part of the day at the **Blacktown Reformed Church, Richmond Rd, Woodcroft.** We will be serving morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

If you can assist on this day please contact Sandy Sellen on 02) 9620 2154 or 0433 755 808

## TYNDALE TRADER

**REQUIRED:** Someone living in the Rooty Hill area who would be willing to take a Prep & a Kindy child to and from school. Please contact Maricel on 0406658868 or Allan on 0424588855

**REQUIRED:** Help with transport for Year 8 Student from Hawkesbury area on Wed, Thur, Fri. Car pool or pay. Please contact Ann-Marie 0438213194.

**LOST:** A pair of black school shoes at end of last school year. Contained **orthotic inserts** (two tone green) if found please contact Marie on 98314943.

**WANTED:** Second hand wheel chair in good condition. Phone School Office on 88117800

**WANTED: Foster carers.** We are a Christian mission of the Uniting Church and have been involved in caring for disadvantaged children for over one hundred years, beginning with an orphanage and now foster care in individual families. We are always in need of families for our. Contact Judith Roberts Ph: 8805 7234 Fax: 8805 7297

**Found:** Nintendo DS game. Phone School Office on 88117800.

## Uniform Shop Opening hours

Tuesdays 8.30 to 11.00am

Thursdays 8.30 to 11.20am

Ph Deb or Shirley 02 8811 7819



## PRAYER TIME

Come and join us in supporting our school in prayer.

To start the year, some days to join us in prayer are

Monday 8 February

Friday 12 February

Monday 15 February

& Friday 19 February

9am - 10am in the School Office. Place any prayer requests in the box in the School Office.

# HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

VS Oceania is looking for families to host Japanese students from Sendai Higashi High School who will be visiting Tyndale Christian School from 9 March 2010 – 20 March 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



# **Purchasing School Shoes for 2010???? Please take a look at this page so that your child's shoes are appropriate for school.**

Plain black polishable shoes are to be worn.

Shoes must cover full instep and be below ankle, it must not be a boot.

The bridge of the foot must be covered.

No soft uppers or punched holes completely through the shoe for safety reasons.

All shoes must have plain black laces. (No buckles).

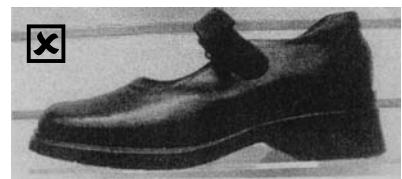
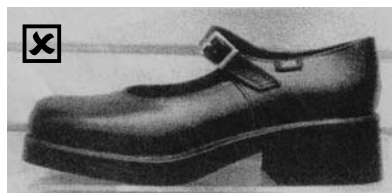
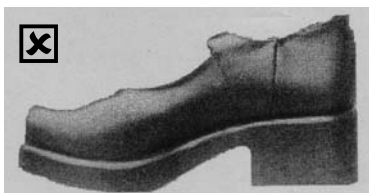
Heels are not to be more than 25mm high.

Must cover the upper surface of the foot.



## **Unacceptable Shoes**

The shoes styles below are unacceptable. They are fashion shoes which afford the foot and ankle inadequate protection against spills and injury. Shoes for sport must be lace up 'jogger' or sport style shoe or runner. Elastic sided shoes or 'raben' style footwear for sport or PE is not acceptable footwear (see image bottom-right).



Please assist us in caring for your child by providing them with shoes that meet the Uniform Policy and provide protection for the foot required under Occupational Health and Safety guidelines.

## Term Dates for Tyndale for 2010

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 1 February 2010 to Thursday 1 April 2010
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 19 April 2010 to Friday 25 June 2010
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 19 July 2010 to Friday 24 September 2010
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 11 October 2010 to Thursday 9 December 2010

### SCHOOL CALENDAR Term 1 2010

(as of 5 February 2010)

#### TERM 1

#### February

15	Meet the Teacher Evening
16	Super 8's Primary
17	Year 7 Camp to Wedderburn begins Year 8 Camp to Eleanora Heights begins
22	School Swimming Carnival Year 3 - Year 12 Kindy - Year 2 Fun Day at Pool
23	Whole School Assembly

#### March

1	Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
3	Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival
8	Primary State Swimming Carnival
9	Whole School Assembly
11	Secondary State Swimming Carnival
12	Year 7 & Year 10 Vaccinations
18	School Photos
22	CSSA Primary Boys Soccer/Girls Netball Trials
23	Whole School Assembly
26	CIS Primary Swimming Carnival
27	School Working Bee
28	Year 12 Camp to Bourke begins
29	CIS Primary Girls Soccer Trials
29	Year 11 Camp to Koloona begins Year 10 Camp to Cockatoo Island begins Year 9 Camp to Lake Tabourie begins

#### April

1 **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

## Positions Vacant

Registrar

Library Technician

English Teacher/Coordinator

Chaplain/Counsellor

**For more information please see our website for more details and  
Application Forms.**