

Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

17/12/2012 Week 11 Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bouquets

2013 School Parliament announced

The announcements of the successful candidates for parliament in 2013 were made at presentation day last Friday.

Congratulations to:

Jade Hunter (Prime Minister)

Molly Perry (Deputy Prime Minister)

Susie Webb (Minister)

Jomeca Lafailii (Minister)

Rogue Bowman (Minister)

Lachlan Rutter (Minister)

Bailey Battle (Minister)

Jonah Brumby (Minister)

Sean Simmer (Speaker of the House)

A sincere thank you is extended to Mrs Edwards for coordinating these elections during 2012.

Presentation Day, Year 6 farewell and social

Thank you to Mr Weightman for coordinating our presentation day. This is a very important celebration of student achievement and success and a special congratulations to all award recipients. Keep up the great work in 2013.

Further thanks to our Year 6 teachers and the organising committee for organising the Year 6 Farewell and social. A fun night was had by all. Considerable thanks are extended to all the staff for giving up their time at this busy time of year to support these valuable school events.

Senior Citizens Christmas Appeal and Gold Coin Donation Mufti Day a great success!

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Mufti Day for the Senior Citizens Christmas Appeal, in addition to the large amount of donated gifts in the front foyer, our school raised **\$225** which will go towards the elderly Christmas lunch at the Masonic Lodge for members of our community who would otherwise spend Christmas alone.

Staffing Update for 2013

At this stage, we say farewell Mrs Green at the end of 2012. I would like to personally thank Mrs Green for her hard work, commitment and dedication that she has provided over the last 12 months to the Cuddlepies class. This has ensured that this lucky group of Kinder students get the "Best Start" possible to their educational journeys. Although, we say farewell to Mrs Green as a temporary class teacher, I am sure that we will see Mrs Green again in 2013 in a casual capacity.

Student Reports and Best Start reports K-2

Student reports and K-2 Best Start reports went home on Friday. I trust that you found these written reports informative. Please don't hesitate to arrange an interview with the class teacher if you require any further clarification regarding the reports about your child's progress during 2012.

Coming Up

Student Welfare Changes for 2013

A number of student welfare changes are coming in this

very important area throughout the course of 2013. One of these changes is the introduction of the **"Crunch and Sip" Program** whereby students are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit or salad vegetables and water to consume in class during a lesson transition or other shared activity at **9.55am each day**. Further information on this program will be delivered by representatives from New England Area Health prior to the commencement of the P&C meeting on Tuesday 12 February 2013. If possible, please add a piece of fruit or salad vegetables and water to your child's lunch box daily.

Other student welfare changes will be progressively promoted in newsletters and on the school website throughout 2013.

Returning to school in 2013

The beginning of the school year is always interesting at Tea Gardens as new families arrive over the booming summer season into our community. This makes it difficult to form definite classes to begin from Day 1. We anticipate that we will be able to form 9 classes although, at this stage, we are still one K-2 student short from reaching this mark. As a result, we are planning for both 8 and 9 class scenarios.

On the student's first day back, **Wednesday 30 January**, Year 1-6 students will line up in their 2012 class lines under the COLA at **8.55am**.

To start 2013 we will form the 9 classes. Teachers in each stage on this class plan are likely to be:

Kindy – Mrs Andrews (K) and Mrs Booth (K/1)

Stage 1 – Miss Kerle (1) and Ms Maloney (2)

Stage 2 – Mrs Bowman (3), Mr Weightman (3/4),
Mr True (4/5)

Stage 3 – Ms Benton (5) and Mrs Edwards (6)

It is very important that if your children intend on returning late (that is after the recommencement of classes on 30/1/2013) to Tea Gardens Public School due to extended holidays etc that you please advise the office so we can include your children in our anticipated enrolment figures for 2013.

Kindergarten Best Start 2013

Each year, all Kindergarten students entering government schools in NSW participate in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge that our youngest learners bring to school. Additionally, the assessment pro-

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 11

Mon 17/12 Jnr Golf Tournament & Dinner

Tue 18/12 Stage 2/3 Class Party

Tue 18/12 K-2 Class Party

Wed 19/12 Last day for students

Happy Holidays!

TERM 1—2013

Wed 30/1/2013—Students resume school

Wed 30/1/2013—Kinder 2013 Best Start begins

Wed 6/2/2013—All Kinder 2013 start school

vides information about each student to guide teaching and learning and gives practical advice to parents to support learning at home. The 2013 Best Start process will be completed from Wednesday 30 January to Tuesday 5 February inclusive. **2013 Kindergarten students commence school post these individual assessments on Wednesday 6 February.**

Thank you in advance to our staff who will administer this one on one assessment and to all families for supporting this important activity. Letters have been sent home advising parents of the time and date of their child's initial "Best Start" test.

Satisfaction Surveys

Today, each student has been sent home with a parent satisfaction survey. At a whole school level, we are always endeavouring to improve our systems and structures across all areas of school life. To assist with this process I invite you to

complete the satisfaction survey which will guide our future planning and directions. Feel free to make any additional comments for each domain in the relevant sections.

Please return completed surveys back to school as soon as possible.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and safe festive season!

Mark Clemson
Principal

Summer Reading Club 2012 ~ 2013

'Untangled Tales'

All Branches: Forster, Tea Gardens, Stroud, Bulahdelah & Nambucca

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

Registrations Start: 12 December 2012 ~ Completion

Date: 23 January 2013

Come in to any of the Great Lakes Library Service Branches to register and receive an information pack containing the challenge details. All you need to do is READ to receive incentive prizes or go in the draw for a grand prize. Reading is a creative, mind expanding, adventurous, exciting activity. Readers embark on a journey every time they open a book. Reading is an essential skill for everyone. It is the vital foundation of a child's learning and engagement in their school years and for life.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREAT LAKES
Presents



Australia Day

A FAMILY DAY IN THE PARK

Saturday 26th January 2013

John Wright Park, Tuncurry

Come along and enjoy an Aussie Barbeque Lunch

11:00 am	Family Activities and Entertainment
1:30 pm	Flag Raising Ceremony
2:00 pm - 4.00 pm	Talent Quest and Entertainment

**TALENT QUEST - \$250 IN PRIZE MONEY
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CANTEEN NEWS—TERM 4

**MONDAY 17/12 TO WEDNESDAY 19/12
CANTEEN CLOSED**

FAREWELL YEAR 6 2012

