

Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

13/10/2014 Week 2 Term 4



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Jade Johnson who is our Student of the Week. Jade has an enthusiasm for learning. She always strives for excellence and gets on with learning. Jade is courteous and polite and always helpful in class. Well done, Jade and congratulations on being named our student of the week!



Bouquets

Dementia Week

Congratulations to students from The Pod and Troop classes who decorated shoes as part of "Walk a Day in my Shoes" initiative for dementia week held at The Manor. We took out many prizes in the 7-14 year category including:

- 1st Place -Simone Miller
- 2nd Place – Jaymii Rae
- 3rd Place – Makai Dvorik
- Highly commended- Amber O'Bryan

Thanks to everyone for taking part.

State Athletics Carnival

Best of luck to Keira McGregor who will be competing in the 100m at the State Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park on the 15th and 16th of October.

Class Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for this term's class captains:

Class Captains Term 4 2014		
Pride	Delilah Newlin	Cameron O'Brien
Army	Chloe Hodges	Will Barlow
Team	Jessie Lawler	Murray Woodfield
Mob	Kim Deng	Anthony Eldridge
Pod	Tye Carter	Angie Roberts
Troop	Abbie Smith	Jamie Freebody
Corps	Piper Matenga	Luke McCarthy
Colony	Ethan Stevenson	Amelia Fenwick
Armada	Taylor Simmons	Patrick Nickle

New Bubs

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs True on the birth of their first child, Liam Robert True. Weighing 9lbs 12oz on 8 October 2014.



Coming Up

Tonight, our school debating team will once again lock horns with representatives from the Rotarians in the annual debate. The debate commences at 6.30pm. Students are requested to be at the Country Club at 6pm. Following the debate, the students have been invited to remain for dinner with the Rotarians.

Breakfast Club

The Red Cross Breakfast Club will commence tomorrow morning. All children welcome to come along and have a healthy breakfast provided by the Red Cross Association. Breakfast Club is on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am.

P & C Meeting

Will be held tomorrow evening commencing at 7pm in the school library.

Term 4 Weekly Assembly Roster

Assembly commences at 9:10am each Friday. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

Week 2	17/10/14	The Mob
Week 3	24/10/14	The Colony
Week 4	31/10/14	The Team
Week 5	7/11/14	Ministers
Week 6	14/11/14	The Pride
Week 7	21/11/14	Ministers
Week 8	28/11/14	The Army
Week 9	5/12/14	No assembly today due to Presentation Day Assembly
Week 10	12/12/14	TBA

Don't be a Chicken.....Buy a Duck!
Tea Gardens Public School P&C Myall River
Festival Duck Derby

A major fundraiser for Tea Gardens Public School and P&C each year is the Myall Duck Derby. The race is held as part of the Myall River Festival on Saturday 25 October 2014. We release 500 plastic numbered ducks on the Myall River and the first 3 past the post win the prizes:

1st Prize – A Fishing Kayak with a Rod and Reel Combo supplied by Tea Gardens Marine and Tackle

Come along and buy a Duck for \$5.....

We greatly appreciate your support with the fundraiser this year. The school P&C is fundraising for fixed playground equipment. Anticipated total cost of this venture is \$30 000! Numbered ducks are on sale from the school office or down at the waterfront on the morning of the festival.



No ducks will be harmed as part of this adventure and all ducks will be retrieved from the water after the race.



Thanks to the Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Lifesaving Club for their ongoing support!



Local businesses get involved too. Corporate ducks cost \$10 and if your duck is the first corporate duck over the finish line you become the proud owner of this lovely trophy for the next 12 months!

Starting School- Kindergarten 2015

If you have yet to register your children as part of our Kindy 2015 intake, please contact the school ASAP to assist with planning. You can do this either by calling in, phoning the school on 0249970286 or emailing the school at

teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We are busily preparing for our Kindergarten Orientation Program which runs during Term 4. This vital program assists with the transition from home / pre-school / day-care to "big school".

The dates for our Kindergarten Orientation program are as follows:

Thursday 30 October 2014 from 9-11am. (This day also includes a parent information and question and answer session).

Thursday 6 November 2014 from 9-11am

Thursday 13 November 2014 from 9-11am

Thursday 20 November 2014 from 9-11am

2014 Annual Satisfaction Survey – Parent Edition. Win a \$50 COLES Gift Card!!!!

Preliminary results from the satisfaction survey will be tabled at our P&C meeting tomorrow night.

The 2014 survey is accessible via a link included in the email with this newsletter.

Everyone who completes the survey (and their name) will be entered in the draw to win a \$50 Coles Gift Card. Click on the following link to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3QH763W>

The draw for the COLES Gift Card will be conducted at the P&C Meeting tomorrow evening.

Bushfire Response Procedures / Arrangements for 2014-2015 Fire Season

In the event of a bushfire, it may be necessary to move students off site to a safer site within the community. This decision will be made by the Workplace Manager (Principal) in consultation with emergency services officers.

Off-site evacuation sites could include:

- The Anglican Church Car Park
 - The Soccer Oval- Tea Gardens
 - Tea Gardens - Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club
- Any area designated by the Workplace Management Team and emergency services.

If necessary students will be evacuated by bus.

To ensure we are ready to act, our students and staff hold evacuation drills at least twice annually to practise and improve our response procedures.

Myall River Festival Preparations

Our students have been actively involved in parade preparations. Classes have assisted in making lanterns and painting backdrops which will be used during the 2014 Myall River Festival on Saturday 25 October. The lanterns and backdrops look absolutely fabulous. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Mark Clemson
Principal





SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORMS—ORDER

Please order girl's summer dress uniforms as soon as possible. The cost per uniform is \$50 from size 4 to 16. Please send your orders in early, so that we can order enough stock.

	Size	Qty	\$	Price ea
Girls Summer Dress	_____	_____	_____	\$50
Short Sleeve Blue Polo	_____	_____	_____	\$18
Short Sleeve Yellow Polo	_____	_____	_____	\$18
Grey Shorts	_____	_____	_____	\$15
Maroon Sport Shorts	_____	_____	_____	\$12
Girls Navy Culottes	_____	_____	_____	\$20
Girls White Socks	9-12 , 13-3, 2-8	_____	_____	\$14 /5pair
Boys Grey Socks	9-12, 13-3, 2-8	_____	_____	\$14 /5pair
Bucket Hat	S/M M/L	_____	_____	\$12

Student Name: _____

Total \$ _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Tea Gardens Public School

Canteen Menu & Roster

Week 2 – Term 4

Wednesday 15th October Deb Smart Amy Rodgers	Thursday 16th October Danielle Driscoll Vanessa Ray	Friday 17th October Danielle Driscoll Kate Mitchell
Meal – Ham or corned beef *salad sandwich – grain or wholemeal bread \$4.50	Meal – Chicken *salad subs – on a long white roll or white wrap \$4.50	Meal – Ravioli with bolognese sauce & a *mini munch salad \$4.50
Snack Attack – Watermelon ice blocks	Snack Attack – Polly Bags - cheese & crackers	Snack Attack – Seasonal fruit salad in an ice cream cone
*Salad – Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese (sandwiches, subs & wraps) *Mini munch salad – Lettuce, tomato, cucumber *Super salad – Lettuce, carrot, beetroot, tomato, cucumber, cheese		Please contact Danielle Driscoll Canteen Supervisor 0421976137 if you are unable to attend on your rostered day Thank you.

DRINKS SOLD SEPARATELY

Milk (Chocolate, strawberry, banana, plain)	\$1.20
Bottled Water—Large	\$1.50
Bottled Water—Small	\$1.00
Juice (apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant) 200ml	\$1.00
Juice (apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant) 250ml	\$1.30
Milo (hot or cold)	\$1.00

WIN PRIZES!!
BUY A STREETS "CHOCOLATE SHAKYZ SHAKE" \$2.
YOU WILL GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN SOME COOK PRIZES.
DRAWN AT END OF TERM

LIBRARY NEWS
BOOK CLUB ORDERS
DUE BACK BY
WEDNESDAY
22ND OCTOBER

Tea Gardens Swimming Club

Unfortunately due to a lack of committee volunteers there will be no swimming club this season at this point in time. If you are interested in helping the club run please contact Jude on 0404464465

Good for Kids good for life

Switch off and Play

Did you know?.... spending too much sedentary or "still" time watching TV, surfing online or playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese¹.

Australian guidelines recommend that children spend no more than 2 hours each day on small screen entertainment.

While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids get from being physically active are just as important¹.

Try setting limits for screen-time and encourage active and outside play as much as possible.

Here are some screen-free activities to do with your children:

- listen to music
- walk to the park
- jump rope
- build a cubby house
- play with your pet
- play hopscotch

Reference:

¹ "Turn off the TV or computer and get active" fact sheet accessed from www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au



PHONE 1300 657 197

Find out if you're eligible
for the PVC subsidy at
transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

If you're not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

Can't get online?

Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full
terms and conditions visit
transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 10th October 2014. They were:

PRIDE

Sam Alchin Excellent application to his work
Finn Matenga Excellent application to his work

ARMY

Disa Great reading skills
Boston Marchant Great reading skills

TEAM

Coby Bates Enthusiastic participation when working with visiting artists
Harley Delaney Enthusiastic participation when working with visiting artists

MOB

Shannon Stockell For improvement in writing
Ellie Watson For always trying her best in aerobics

POD

Makai Dvorik For his enthusiastic participation during the Myall River Festival art
Charli Alchin For being a valued class member

TROOP

Jamie Freebody Term 4 Class Captain
Abbie Smith Term 4 Class Captain

CORPS

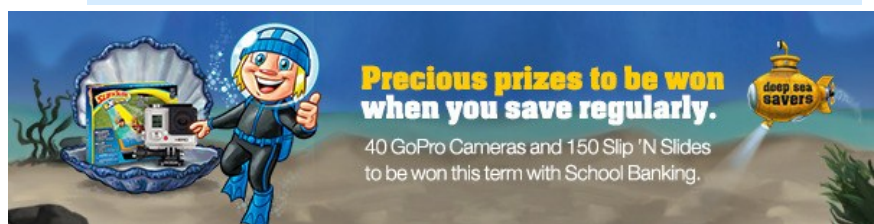
Cooper Carloff Good problem solving
Riley Barry Effort in making 3D

COLONY

Bianca Clarke Excellent creativity during photography
Jonathan Hawes Good behaviour

ARMADA

Emily Cusworth Being a kind and considerate student
Josh Howarth Excellent application in all areas



Clam of Fortune Promotion

- We're rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.
 - 40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
 - 150 Slip N' Slide Double Wave Riders
- Entry into the promotion is a little bit different to those we have run previously. For every School Banking deposit made during the competition period, the student will receive one entry into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize. Competition period: 20 October — 30 November 2014.

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Key points to remember around schools

2 Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au



3 On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.

Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.

STOP! One step back from the kerb.

LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.

LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.

Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.

While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.

Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.

Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.



For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate.

At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.



5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law.

Your child's helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, roller skates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' procedure.



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Ensure your child gets the best start: Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Program



At Tea Gardens Public School, we want you to feel informed and confident about starting school. Join us for our Kindergarten Orientation Program for a taste of life at our great school.

Starting school can be both an exciting and anxious time for parents and children. It's important to us that you get good information to make the start of school an enjoyable experience for you and your child. Come and participate in the excitement of this new phase in your child's education. Our Kindergarten Orientation Program is designed for this purpose.

From the moment you and your child enter our school, you'll find our highly qualified staff ready to give you all the advice and guidance to get started. You'll find that support will continue throughout your child's education at Tea Gardens.

Our Kindergarten Orientation program takes place over four weeks in Term 4. During this time, the children spend time in the classrooms with teachers and other students.

Meanwhile, parents are offered an information session at our first Orientation session on Thursday 30 October 2014 on a range of topics including:

Is my child ready for school?

The First Day

The A-Z guide to Tea Gardens

What is Best Start?

What do students learn in Kindergarten?

How can parents participate?

Our Uniform

Attendance

What if my child has special needs?

The role of the School Counsellor

**Come and see our vibrant learning community
in action on:**

Thursday	30 October
Thursday	6 November
Thursday	13 November
Thursday	20 November
Time:	8:55am–10:55am

You will take a tour around our first class facilities and meet the Principal and staff who can answer all of your questions.

We look forward to working together to provide the best possible start for your child.

For more information about our Kindergarten Orientation program, contact one of the following:

Principal, Mark Clemson, Kindergarten Team Leader, Christine Maloney, or Best Start coordinator, Debbie Booth on 4997 0286

