

# Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

2/6/2014 Week 6 Term 2

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Student of the Week

Congratulations to Disa Godwin from the Army class for being selected as this week's Student of the Week. Disa receives this award for being a great school citizen. Disa is a caring and considerate friend who values a clean playground. Well done, Disa!



### Bouquets

#### Parliament Opening Bouquets Continued from last week

**"To all concerned** – what an example set by your students yesterday at the 25th Opening of Parliament – if only senior politicians behaved in the same way! Thank you for inviting me again this year, it was a great pleasure to be a guest, especially as there were many connections to the cove – proud grandparents, parents and community members. Please pass on my sincere congratulations to all. Again my congratulations – Maureen Kelly" via email.

#### Stage 2- Great Aussie Bush Camp

Many thanks Mrs Fowler, Mrs Bryant, Mrs True, Mrs Ingram, Mrs Baker and Mrs Searle who supported our stage two students on their camp to the Great Aussie Bush Camp last week. A special thanks to Mrs Fowler for her coordination and work behind the scenes to ensure this event ran smoothly.

### Coming Up

#### National Reconciliation Week concludes tomorrow, 3 June 2014

National Reconciliation Week focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

#### Weekly Assembly

On Friday, Mrs Andrew's Army class will be hosting our assembly commencing at 9.10am. All parents are most welcome to attend.

#### Snake Tails Performance- permission notes were sent home last Friday for additional information. Cost only \$5.00 per student.

On Wednesday 25 June 2014, NAIDOC day, the

Snake Tails performance is coming to Tea Gardens Public School to present an interactive show for all students in K-6. Snake Tails aims to deliver an insight into our Australian reptiles through a safe, interactive and fun performance that will create a greater understanding of the role of our reptiles in the environment today.

Snake Tails is a multi-award winning, interactive learning experience, proudly featuring only Australian reptiles. Bob Withey has over 25 years of experience in breeding and displaying reptiles. Passionate about reptiles, today Bob is on a mission to demystify them and increase our understanding of their behaviours and their place in the environment.

### Results

#### NSWPSSA Girls Football / Soccer Knockout

Last Thursday, our Girls soccer side travelled to Medowie to play against Wirreanda PS in Round one on the NSWPSSA Soccer knockout. Many thanks to their coach Miss Cameron and to all the girls who participated in the match. The girls played well but unfortunately lost 3 goals to nil.

#### Attention Year 5 and 6 Parents Re: Snowy / Canberra Excursion Assistants

Opportunities exist for parents / caregivers to accompany the students during the Snowy / Canberra excursion as assistants. The cost of the excursion for parents or caregivers is \$495 and includes coach travel, twin share accommodation, all meals and entry to all venues.

If you are interested in being considered as a parent assistant on the excursion, please complete and return the slip sent home with your child last Thursday. It may be necessary to have a ballot if the number of offers made exceed our requirements.

#### School Uniform- Winter Uniform

As we enter the colder months, please ensure all clothing is labelled including school jumpers and track pants. This will ensure that we will be able to return pieces of school uniform to the rightful owners.

#### Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students to identify the levels of adjustment being provided to individual students to participate in schooling on the same basis as other students.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

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### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we

Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child be counted

Name of child to

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature:

date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

### Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

### Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who read books and are spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at [www.bit.ly/1m0agnk](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk)

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EMAIL - [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)  
WEB - [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)





### THANK YOU FROM THE TEAM

The Team and Mrs Howard would like to thank all the parents and community members who supported our class by providing buckets for us to drum on. We have had heaps of fun.

### Boys' Soccer

Last Monday 26 May, the Tea Gardens Boys' soccer team travelled to Raymond Terrace to play their first match against Grahamstown Public School. The boys secured themselves an early lead and made it difficult for Grahamstown to gain possession of the ball throughout the game. Tea Gardens were victorious with a score of 7-0 with goals secured by Ben W, Cole J and Nathan K. I'd like to thank Mark Woolard, Amanda Gimbert and Tony Woodfield for their guidance and support. We look forward to our next match against Raymond Terrace Public School at home. Players will receive game information when a date is confirmed.



Emily True

## Great Aussie Bush Camp

Stage 2 students had an exhilarating experience last week as they ventured to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. From what I could see, the main principles of the excursion were teamwork, confidence building and persistence. The days were packed full of adrenaline fuelled activities for both students and teachers.

On Wednesday we were greeted by our instructors and split into two groups. From here we went onto "Camp Initiatives" which required students to communicate with each other and work as part of a team. Do you think it's possible to fit 26 students onto a small crate after swinging from a rope? It is, we proved this. Students later worked in groups to create fire which they could cook their own damper and learned bush survival tips. During the afternoon, students held on tight as they zoomed across a man-made pond on a flying fox. The fun wasn't over there, after dinner we had a disco to attend followed by cooking marshmallows around the campfire.

Up at 6.30 Thursday morning we were up and ready to go for another day of activities. Students canoed in friendship groups and learned how to "raft up" and steer. Thrill seekers also reached new heights on the indoor rock climbing wall. Archery was also ticked off the list with many students hitting the target on their first attempt. The most heart pumping event had to be the Giant Swing. Almost every student attempted this terrifying feat with Mrs Bryant also taking up the challenge. That night the students were responsible for running a stall at the "County Fair" which taught them how to divide money, work shifts and delegate roles and responsibilities within their team.

**"Buongiorno!"**  
**TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK**

More than just Ice Cream!!

**Tasty Tuesday!**

*Italian Cuisine*

**Carbonara**  
 Luscious Bacon, Mushroom, Onion & Garlic in a delicious Cream based Sauce served with Pasta & lashings of Parmesan Cheese!

**Sorry... CONTAINS WHEAT**

(Psst... Don't want to cook tonight!) \$12.00

To ensure you don't miss out on your favourite dishes, please e-mail your order direct to: [anne@teagardensicecreamshack.com.au](mailto:anne@teagardensicecreamshack.com.au) or Phone: 4997 1990

**2/79 Marine Drv. Tea Gardens Ph: 4997 1990**



Exhausted teachers and students woke up Friday to a morning of fossiling and bush walking. The high ropes course proved to be another popular activity that many were keen to try. Students had to balance along wires while being suspended by a thick rope. It was harder than it looked and I commend all students who took up this challenge but also to all students on the ground for their encouragement. At the end of the session, we played games with our instructor and reflected on our experience at camp.

There is one more experience I would like to share. It was when one of our special students overcame his fears and tried the flying fox. He was recieved on the ground by 20 classmates at the bottom of the course. These students had run underneath cheering his name and words of encouragement. This brought one of the camp instructors to tears that students from Tea Gardens School could be so encouraging and supportive of their classmates.

I would like to congratulate Stage 2 students on their behaviour and participation. I would also like to thank Mrs Fowler for her organisation of the excursion and Mrs Bryant, Mrs Searle, Mr Baker and Mrs Ingram for their supervision and participation.

Emily True





# Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 30 May 2014. They were:

## PRIDE

Finn Matenga Improvement in reading  
Kelson Hawkins Excellent counting and number recognition

## ARMY

Seth Rowling Working well in reading groups  
Abigail Alderton Working well in reading groups

## TEAM

Jackson Hind Always attempting to use expression when reading  
Maeve Brumby A great overall effort in class

## MOB

Haleigh Simmons Fantastic effort in reading  
Lorelei Genner Great work in our wet and dry environment unit

## POD

Kaitlyn Smith Consistent effort and application in all areas of learning

## TROOP

Jermaine Wolfram Using great expression when reading  
Ciara Ridley Improvement in spelling

## CORPS

Haley Steadman Always working hard  
Cooper Carloff Enthusiastic participation in science

## COLONY

Abby Fenner Participating well in soccer  
Tyreece Wolfram Helping Mrs Andrews with the Kindergarten students with their activities

## ARMADA

Jordie Henning For fixing the Smartboard in the computer room  
Jacob Anderson For improved attendance

## Cyber Safety

The NSW Department of Education and Communities states that at school before students log into their portal they need to agree to these conditions of use.

When going on line I agree to follow these rules

No - to looking for, reading, sending or linking to anything rude, scary or unkind  
Go - to a responsible adult if I see anything rude, scary or unkind  
Tell - a responsible adult about anything I receive, send or read that makes me feel uncomfortable

If you notice your child logging on at home you may like to discuss these terms with them and the need for safety on the Internet.

## TEA GARDENS INAUGURAL FUN RUN

Date: Sunday 6 July 2014  
Where: Tea Gardens Lions Lookout

Time: 6 kms 10am for 14 yrs and over,  
4 kms 10.45am for 10 yrs and over  
2 kms 11.30am for under 13 yrs and Open Walkers 4 kms and 2kms only.

Prizes: 6 kms and 4 kms 1st Trophy. 2nd and 3rd Medals Male and Female. Category winners 1st only. First three across the line, not eligible for category prizes. 2 kms: medals for 1st only in the Open and age categories

Entry Fee: 6 kms and 4 kms: Adults \$10. U/16 \$5. 2 kms: \$5. Second Run \$5.  
Barbecue and soft drinks will be available

Contacts: Charles Ringuet 4997 1215  
Colin Bertram 4997 2191

## CANTEEN NEWS—TERM 2 WEEK 6

**WEDNESDAY 4th June** (Vanessa Cook, Bill Ewen, Deb)

Toasted sandwiches  
ham, cheese, tomato,  
Or spaghetti

**Please state your choice \$2.50 each meal only**

**THURSDAY 5th June** (Canessa Ray, Christine))

Bacon, lettuce + tomato roll  
( BLT ) or

Bacon & BBQ Sauce Roll **\$4.50 meal only**

**FRIDAY 6th June** (Carolyn Jeffries, Lee Burgess )

San Choy Bow **\$4.50 meal only**

**PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERING MEAL DEALS. MEALS ARE \$4.50.**

**DRINKS SOLD SEPARATELY**

**SMALL JUICE POPPERS \$1.00**

**LARGE JUICE POPPERS \$1.30**

**MILK \$1.20**

**Please phone Christine if able to help in Canteen.**

## BAND FEES REMINDER









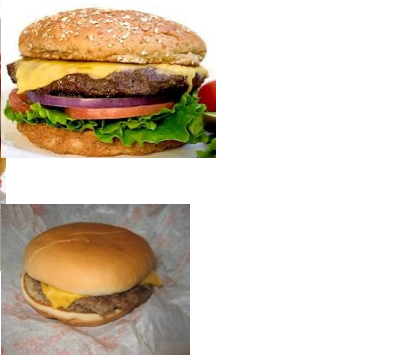


**Band fees are due by Monday 16 June.**



## LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK CLUB ORDER ARE DUE BACK BY MONDAY 16 JUNE**

# CANTEEN MENUE & ROSTER

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014	5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	6 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE
Vanessa Cook/Bill Ewen/Deb	Vanessa Ray/Christine	Carolyn Jeffries/Lee Burgess/
		
Toasted sandwiches *ham, cheese, tomato, spaghetti PLEASE state your choice	*Bacon, lettuce + tomato roll (BLT) *Bacon + BBQ sauce roll	San Choy Bow
11 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE
Adele Barry/Amy Rodgers/	Karen Katz/Vanessa Ray/Chris	Trudy Brumby/Deb
		
Potatoes in foil with toppings of your choice	Mini Pizzas 2 = 1 serve *ham/cheese *ham/cheese/pineapple *chicken/BBQ sauce/cheese	Chicken Noodle Stir-fry
18 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	19 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE
Bill Ewen/Ngaire White/	Leanne Whitby/Vanessa Ray/	Lee Burgess/Carolyn Jeffries/
		
Mini Nachos	Lasagne and salad	*Hamburger *Cheese burger
25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	27 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE
	Melinda Scott/Leanne Whitby/	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
NAIDOC DAY  No lunch orders  Details in newsletter		
	Chicken quiche and salad	Sausage sizzle (More details in newsletter)