



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

2/11/2015 Week 5 Term 4

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Georgia Stevenson from the Squadron class who is the student of the week. Georgia receives student of the week for: displaying perseverance; working well in class; always being happy with a smile on her face; having a wicked sense of humour and being a valuable member of the class. Congratulations Georgia.



Come to our assembly this Friday to find out who will be our next Student of the Week! Assembly commences at 9.10am and everyone is welcome. This Friday, our Ministers will be hosting our assembly. Please come along and join us!

BOUQUETS

Kindy Orientation

On Thursday we welcomed our 22 new 2016 Kindergarten students to their first orientation session. Many thanks are extended to Mrs Booth for coordinating this very important annual program.

Future student session dates include:

Thursday 5 November 2015 from 9-11am

Thursday 12 November 2015 from 9-11am

Thursday 19 November 2015 from 9-11am

World Teachers Day

On Friday, schools around Australia celebrated World Teachers Day. It is an opportune time to recognise, acknowledge and express our appreciation of all our teaching staff for the wonderful job they do each and every day nurturing the love of learning in our students. Our staff give so much of themselves to educate and care for the students at our school. Thank you!

Myall River Festival Performances

Many thanks are forwarded to Miss Winney and Mrs True for coordinating our Junior and Senior dance groups at the Myall River Festival. Our groups were outstanding!

P&C Duck Derby

Huge thanks are extended to Mrs Woodfield and Mrs Avery for their efforts in manning the duck stall all morning. Thanks to the other members of the P&C who came down to assist too. Special mention to our annual duck, Mrs Booth, who got our sales moving!



Approximately \$2100 was raised through the sale of ducks.

Winning duck numbers were:

First Place: Georgia Mason

Second Place: Rachel Cascarino

Third Place: Karen Katz

Corporate Duck: Ella's Boutique

Lantern Parade

We had a solid turnout for the Myall River Parade. Thank you to all the students who participated in this event.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from the Book Fair. Our school received \$492 in Scholastic Rewards which will be put towards purchasing new resources for our school. A special thanks to Ms Cooper for coordinating this worthwhile event.

COMING UP

P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held next Tuesday 10 November commencing at 7pm in the school library. All parents and members of the community are welcome.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

It's still not too late to enrol for next year. Please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016. 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

Our second Kindergarten Orientation session is on this Thursday 5 November

Our Kindergarten Orientation program continues this **Thursday**. The pre-schoolers will spend time in the classrooms with teachers and also watch the NRMA Safety Presentation.

NRMA Science and Safety Presentation- Parents are invited to the 9am session

Road Safety, that's the hot topic at school this week as we host the NRMA Science & Road Safety Day here on Thursday 5 November. Let's make our school community safer by demonstrating good road safe behaviour. Parents, grandparents and carers we all know your child's safety is your number one priority, why not join us after drop off on Thursday to watch the first NRMA Science and Road Safety show?

Don't forget your helmets!

Any students who have a helmet are asked to bring their helmets to the NRMA Science Show.

Bulahdelah Show- Student Night "Public Speaking"

On 11 November, our public speaking winners have been invited to the Bulahdelah Show to present public speaking items. Formalities commence promptly at 7pm. Good luck to our representatives. Winners of the Bulahdelah writing competition will also be announced. In fact, I know 10 of our students will be receiving awards.

Town Remembrance Day Service

Peter Sinclair Gardens

A number of our student leaders will be representing our school at the 2015 Remembrance Day Service at Peter Sinclair Gardens on Tuesday 10 November at 10am. We look forward to our student leaders doing us proud.

Remembrance Day Service

Mr Weightman is coordinating a brief Remembrance Day Service at school next Wednesday. The service commences at 11am. Meanwhile, Cole Johnson and Paddy Nickle will join me at the Town Service at ANZAC Park to pay our respects and assist in laying a wreath as part of this service. Lest we forget.

Volunteers Morning Tea- 17 November

On Tuesday 17 November, our school will be hosting a morning tea to say "thank you" to our parents and other community members who have assisted our school in many ways during the year. Invitations will be sent this week.

REMINDERS

MS Office 2016 for home use – FREE!!

As part of the department's Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work-at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for **free**.

For your child to access their free copy of MS OFFICE 2016 please click on the following link

https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.aspx?cmi_mnuMain=8fb89d35-b838-dd11-abb7-0030485a6b08

The student will need to login using their DoE email address e.g mary.poppins3@education.nsw.gov.au

Office 2016 Quick Start Guides

Keeping up with changes to software can be a challenge at times. If you choose to become an early adopter of the latest release of MS Office, you will want to check out Microsoft's great range of quick start guides that were recently published. There's a separate guide for each of the modules of Office 2016 which should help you get up to speed quickly. <https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/Office-2016-Quick-Start-Guides-25f909da-3e76-443d-94f4-6cdf7dedc51e>

Permission to Photograph

A note was sent home last week regarding permission to photograph/video your child by the Department of Education to use as a training tool for other teachers. This videoing will take place on 18th November and only students who have returned their note will be videoed. If you would like your child to participate and haven't yet returned the form please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Debbie Booth

Swimming School and Squad Training

Swimming school and squad notes sent home last week. Please return your child's note, as soon as possible. There will be a limit on the number of students wishing to participate in squad training.

Thank you.

Debbie Booth

Head Lice

The facts

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment

daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

- As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

What you can expect from your school

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice.

Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school. Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.

The school will send a letter home to parents when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

The school will also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible.

In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

Nitbusters is occurring at our school on Wednesday 18 November

Our school will be coordinating a Nitbusters Program

The Nitbusters program is a NSW Health initiative to reduce the prevalence of head lice in the community. This project was developed in consultation with the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations and the NSW Department of Education. It educates school children and parents about head lice and how to screen for and treat them as a community. The program is aimed not at eradicating head lice but at identifying and managing infestations. Nitbusters tries to educate communities through schools about the most effective ways to reduce populations of head lice by encouraging school 'Nitbuster days'. On this day, parents who have consented for their children to be included in the program will have their hair checked by a School Learning Support Officer. All students checked will receive a letter to take home indicating one of the following:

- No head lice were found
 - Nits (eggs) were found
 - Head lice and nits (eggs) were found
- In addition, the letter will offer suggestions on treatment options if required.

If you are happy to have your child(ren) checked, please return the consent form to school.

Participation in the Nitbusters program is voluntary (although-strongly encouraged). Consent to participate can be withdrawn at any time. Individual results are confidential. Reporting would only be in general terms like e.g. "On the day 157 students were checked with the following results:

- 87 Students had no head lice found
- 42 students with Nits (eggs) were identified
- 28 students had head lice and nits (eggs)"

After School and Vacation Care Survey Response

Thanks to the 11 families who responded to the After School and Vacation care services survey. Mrs Genner has received a reply from BuziKidz indicating that based on the numbers provided and the current number needed to sustain the service the company does not foresee establishing another service in Tea Gardens.

Taking into consideration, staffing costs, insurance, consumables and rent the numbers needed to establish and sustain After School care is approximately 20 per day and Vacation Care would be 25- 30 children. If the need for an OOSH to run in the future arises the company would be more than happy to consider it.

Mark Clemson
Principal

BOOK WEEK CHAMPIONS

During book week all students participated in a stage writing competition organised by Miss Cooper and the classroom teachers. Thank you to local author Ian Dunlop for judging the finalists' works, and to Richard Booth from Hydrocore for donating the medallions. The outstanding finalists and champions were:

Early Stage One Champions: Jack Browne, Gracie Ehlefeldt **Other Finalists:** Stephanie McShane, Amarlia Mobbs, Zoie Hunter, Matilda Fidden

Stage One Champions: Evie Braddick, Darcy Ingram **Other Finalists:** Deena Clemson, Disa Godwin, Seth Rawlings, Heidi Deng, Isla Brumby, James McCarthy, Tyler Rodgers

Stage Two Champions: Cameron Jeffries, Kim Deng **Other Finalists:** Simone Miller, Gethyn Bryant, Ciara Ridley, Jade Johnson

Stage Three Champions: Sophia Jeffries, Grace Burke **Other Finalists:** Allysha Randall, Indianna McDonald, Locklin Dennis, Piper Matenga



The Book Week Writing Champions

EARLY STAGE ONE

The Shortest Giraffe - by Jack Browne

The baboon was going to take a picture but one thing was not right. Giraffe was too small, so they had to get up to the right height. They made a tower and giraffe stood on the tower. They then took the perfect photo.

The Shortest Giraffe - by Gracie Ehlefeldt

It was time for baboon to take a photograph but the short giraffe was too small. He was sad. He cried because he didn't want to spoil the photo.

STAGE ONE

The Shortest Giraffe – by Evie Braddick

When the baboon took the photograph of the giraffes, the giraffes tried all sorts of things to get Geri up to their height. But the giraffes weren't thinking right. It was a little caterpillar who solved the problem. The little caterpillar said "You need to put Geri on a horse to get him up to your height." The photo was perfect.

My Favourite Movie

My favourite movie is "Brave". I watched it when I was 6 and half years old. I watched it at the Newcastle cinemas when mum got her teeth checked.

"Brave" is about a girl called Merida. She is a princess who lives in some tents. During the movie a big ugly almost dead bear comes in and chops her dad's leg off. Next they find a palace and her mum forces her to do everything.

The thing I like about "Brave" is when the baker puts the key in her dress and the three little bears have to get it. I didn't like when the dad gets his leg chopped off and he squealed like a girl.

The characters in my movie are Merida who is a girl who loves being out in the country and her mum who is a Queen that is very intelligent and needy. The three little bears are greedy and really funny. Last but not least her dad is a brave funny dad that likes adventures.

My score out of ten would be 9 and a half. I recommend that everyone see this movie because of how funny it is. Also I think that the pictures might interest some people.

Darcy Ingram

STAGE TWO

Excavator Trouble

By Cameron

The excavator had been out the front digging up the street all morning. Suddenly there was a loud explosion. I looked out the window. There was a lot of smoke. I wanted to find out what had happened to the excavator, so I ran outside. I had to wait until the smoke went away, so I went back inside and had lunch.

By the time I had finished lunch the smoke was gone. All I could see was a deep hole. I jumped down into the hole and saw a broken pipe. Some petrol must have spilt on some water because petrol and water mixed together makes an explosion. There were lots of tunnels.

Suddenly a mole popped out of one of the tunnels and told me to follow him. So I did. Down the tunnel we went. At the end of it there was the excavator and its driver. They were both fine.

But how were we going to get the excavator out of the tunnel? The mole had an idea. He would make the tunnel big enough for the excavator. So that's what we did. Then we lifted it out with a crane and got a plumber to fix the pipe. Then the excavator kept on digging.



The Paint Bomb

By Kim

The excavator had been out the front digging up the street all morning. Suddenly there was a loud explosion. I went downstairs and looked out the front door and then I smelt smoke. I felt my heart was pumping and just then I saw my Mum. "Mum!" I yelled. Then I saw Dad.

I went outside and looked into the hole and there was a bomb! I looked at it again and I saw a timer. That meant it was going to explode! I tried to stop it but it didn't stop.

There was 5 minutes left. I gave it to my Dad and he stopped the bomb but the timer was still ticking. Now there was 10 seconds left. Then BOOM! There was paint everywhere. "Oh it is a paint bomb!" I said. Then I went inside to clean myself up.



STAGE THREE-Excerpts Only

Who am I? by Sophia Jeffries

Stage 3

I didn't know I was looking for it until I found it then it changed me for life. I woke up on Monday, a long day ahead of me, school wasn't good I had no friends and all the teachers hated me. My life was bad. Why did I need to go to school? I never listened in class or had fun in the playground, I'd be happy to be home schooled. I pulled myself out of bed and dragged my lazy legs in to the kitchen. My mum smiled sweetly but it meant nothing to me. My parents were divorced and since they broke up I didn't care anymore - life meant nothing to me. Mum and Dad were only young and didn't know what they were doing but it proves one mistake can hurt a lot of people.

I eventually reached the bus stop and climbed on the vandalised school bus. I sat half way down the bus as usual. I pulled my hoodie down over my face not wanting to look at any one. My head against the window, half asleep. I grabbed my old school bag as the bus pulled up at North State High.

The science teacher was going on about something I wasn't listening, I don't pay attention remember! The teacher was wearing a red shirt with the words "SCIENCE IS LIFE". The classroom was full of maps and odd things in jars. Science quotes were written all over the walls like "You are atoms and this won't work unless all the atoms work." Mr Eterment was into what he was saying though I couldn't hear much. He held up a clipboard with a picture of a rain forest on it. Below the picture in green writing were the words, "Amazing two week excursion in the Tasmanian jungle." Who would go to the hot sticky bug filled jungle in the middle of Tasmania for two whole weeks, I know I wouldn't. Mr Eterment stuck the note to the wall, then looked me square in the face and said in a disappointed voice, "Amelia, you haven't handed your science project in, it was due last term" "I know," I answered walking out to my locker.

All through lunch I sat behind a tree in the shadows where no one could see me. I was the shadow in a bright room, the darkness in a day. I watched all the other high schoolers - the "cool kids" playing with their friends laughing and smiling. The last time I smiled was a year ago when my mum and dad had surprised me with a visit from my Nan and Pop. It was good then with the laughs and smiles, when mum and dad would smile every day, but it has changed now ever since the divorce. I couldn't bear to think about it.

It went on for weeks at school. I was lonely at home and I was grumpy - until the day of that excursion, in Tasmania!

Mr Eterment was reading out the names of people who were going on the excursion, Crystal Wemsler, nerd, Joe Letan, nerd, Tristean Newmen, nerd, I'm not trying to be mean but they were all nerds, they really loved all the school subjects, always studied and never talked normally. They were always saying things like "I have 02 hours to finish my project," and "I just missed the hoop by one over four of a centimetre." But at least they weren't loners like me.

Then Mr Eterment called out the last name "Amelia Heatherist." Nerd hang on that's me! I looked around, Angus Rahorer smirked, he must have put my name down thinking it would be funny. *****

Time Travel by Grace Burke

Stage 3

All of a sudden I got an urgent message from mum saying to meet her at the lab so I wrote back ok and went into the kitchen to ask dad if he could drive me "Hey dad can you please drive me to mums work"

"Ok then but only if Jessie can come with you because she has been wanting to mum all day"

(Jessie is my little annoying sister and when I say annoying I mean really ANNOYING)

"WHAT" "oh fine then well we should hurry up then"

Jessie dad and I got into the car and started driving it took at least 10 minutes to get there and it was the most boring ten minutes of my life

Then dad called out "We are there"

So Jessie and I got out of the car and walked into the building when we got in there we saw a lady at a desk with red curly hair and fair skin sitting in the middle of the room

I said to her "have you seen our mum her name is Rachel Syron and she works here in lab 6"

The lady looked up at us and said "go down the hall on the left the turn right" then the lady stared back down at her phone and carried on with what she was doing

As Jessie and I were walking down the hall way we saw a door and under the crack in it was a green glowing light flickering then out of the door popped an old man with grey hair and a white lab coat on

He said "hello I was just looking for you two. You two must be the helpers I have been waiting for you took a while getting here"

Then before we had a chance to say anything he grabbed us by the wrist and pulled us into the room and said

"What would you like to do, the time travel experiment or the chicken experiment?"

We both laughed and said time travel experiment because we both had already forgotten what we were meant to be doing the man said "ok "and pushed us into a big black machine with buttons all over it then he locked the door and switched on a button then we both noticed that there was smoke rising through the machine then we heard a bang and Jessie screamed *****

Myall River Dancers

The Tea Gardens Public School dancers stunned a large audience with their talent at the Myall River Festival on Saturday. Stage 2 and Stage 3 dancers had been practising over two terms to perfect their routines. The Stage 2 dancers entertained viewers with an "Underground ghetto" routine while the Stage 3 groups wowed with a "Please don't stop the music" jazz dance. Here is an insight into how the dancers thought they performed.

"I was worried because when I was dancing, my shoelace became untied," Abbie S

"I went on stage excited. The crowd loved my solo dance," Cameron

"I was nervous when I went on stage and I was worried I may forget the moves," Mikelle




"It was great and I had lots of fun dancing," Haley.

"I was so excited when I walked onto the stage, but the crowd loved us," Lenita

"The Stage 3 group were confident with no fear and the Stage 2 group were proud of their performance," Joaquin Mrs True and Miss Winney



CANTEEN ROSTER AND MEMU 4—6 NOVEMBER

| WEDNESDAY 4TH November Dan Driscoll Bea Treharne (9-12) Jamie Hall (9-2) | THURSDAY 5TH November Deb Smart Melisa Brown (9-12) Stephen Liney (9-2) | FRIDAY 6TH November Dan Driscoll Karen Katz (9-12) Kate Mitchell (9-2) |
|--|---|--|
| BLT'S – bacon, lettuce & tomato with sauce  | Chicken salad wrap  | Cheese burger – beef patty, cheese & sauce  |
| *Sauce – bbq, tomato or mustard* | *Salad- lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber* | *Sauce – bbq, tomato or mustard* |
| CANTEEN SUPERVISOR | DANIELLE DRISCOLL | 0421976137 |

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

Parents, if you have changed any details e.g. your address, mobile phone, home phone or emergency contacts, could you please make sure you let the office know so we able to keep an accurate record. It is important for us and your children that we able to contact you in case of an emergency. Phone 4997 0286 Thank You

TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK

More than just Ice Cream!!

Tasty Tuesday!

Tender... **Hickory Smoked Beef Ribs**

Great for Take Away! Fall off the bone slow cooked best Beef ribs in town marinated in tasty Hickory sauce! Served on a bed of smashed Spuds with vegies! **\$15.00**

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

Please have Your Order in by 8pm Sunday
(No Orders guaranteed after this time! :-)

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

Sorry... CONTAINS WHEAT

Just Tasty Awarded by Taste Quality Awards 2014 PH: 02 4997 0766

Unwrapping Christmas

Commencing November, the whole family is invited to
St Andrew's Anglican Church, Tea Gardens
for a unique month-long Christmas Program.
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd November - Starts 4:30 pm

Kids take home a Christmas decoration

Make your own Advent Calendar

Free sausage sizzle each Sunday

Treasure hunt, songs, smiles & fun



Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 30 October 2015. They were:

ALLIES

Bailey Mifsud Working well in class
Izabella Pollock Working well in class

BRIGADE

Larz Vider Richards Improved participation this week
Delilah Newlin Working well and producing quality work

HEROES

Chloe Hodges Fantastic improvement in reading
Montanna Delaney Effort in learning her sight words

MATES

Kayla-Jane Horne For her conscientious approach to all tasks
Zane Halloran For his excellent reading results

POPPIES

Arabella Sylvaney Consistent application in all areas
Shaylee Gibbs Working cooperatively in group work

AIF

Caitlin Condie Thoughtful answers to questions
Jermaine Wolfram Pleasing application in class

CADETS

Lily-Arum Laws Excellent work with decimals
Fletcher Gessey Becoming more involved in class room activities

SQUADRON

Abby Fenner Excellent application in all areas
Nathan Katz Being a responsible and hard working student

\$50
a ticket

WIN
a
NEW CAR
or
\$13,000.00 cash

ONLY 500 tickets to be sold

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

2017

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement



Key dates

Tuesday 13 October 2015

Application website opens

Monday 16 November 2015

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Thursday 25 February 2016

Test authority letter sent by mail and email

Thursday 10 March 2016

Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2016

Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully
before applying.

There is more information at:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement>

[^] In this document, Unit refers to the High Performing Students Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.