



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324
30/11/2015 Week 9 Term 4

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Sam Alchin from the Heroes class who is the student of the week. Sam receives student of the week for all round good behaviour, displaying empathy toward others and for good manners. Congratulations Sam.



BOUQUETS

Kindergarten Orientation

Thank you to Mrs Booth and Mrs Andrews for their efforts with our Kindergarten orientation program. We look forward to our new Kindergarten students commencing at our school in 2016.

Rotary Debate

This year, the Rotary debate changed format and instead of competing against the Rotarians, we had a debate against Bulahdelah Central School. Many thanks are extended to our student debaters, Mrs True and to Mr Weightman who attended the evening. Unfortunately, our team were outclassed in the debate. We look forward to taking up the challenge again in 2016 to reclaim the trophy. See Lily-Arum's and Sophia's reports for additional information

Dance Groups

Congratulations to our dance groups who performed at our school assembly last Friday. The talent was certainly on display at our assembly. Many thanks are forwarded to Mrs True and Miss Winney for coordinating our groups.

Red Cross Christmas Luncheon

Thanks are extended to Abby Fenner and Taylor Simmons who presented speeches at the Red Cross Christmas Luncheon last Monday. Abby and Taylor spoke about their time as students involved with the Y challenge. Congratulations and well done! The school received a copy of a book detailing the history of the Red Cross at the luncheon. We look forward to including this book as part of our ever expanding library collection.

Red Cross Volunteers

We are fortunate at Tea Gardens Public School to be joined every Tuesday – Thursday morning by Red Cross volunteers and a small contingent of community helpers who serve breakfast as part of the good start breakfast club. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our kids! The breakfast club for 2015 concludes this Thursday.

Swim School continues this week

A vast majority of our students continue with swimming lessons or squad swimming this week. Many thanks are extended to Mrs Booth for coordinating this annual program. In addition, thanks to our supervising staff and extensive parent volunteers who make this all possible. A fantastic team effort!

COMING UP

Community Christmas Support

For the past 14 years Sue and Joe Douglas and their many helpers, have volunteered to provide Christmas lunch and festivities for those community members who have no families to share their day with. This is a wonderful event for these people and each year caters for around 80 people.

Sue and Joe both need our assistance as they volunteer to keep this special event going. We can help by donating items such as soaps, powders, socks, chocolates and other small items so these people can also receive a small gift with love from us all. A basket has been placed in the school foyer to accept these gift donations.

We will also be having an out of uniform day, on Thursday 3rd December (last day of swim school) and will be asking students to donate a gold coin.

Money raised will assist the purchase of food for this wonderful community Christmas luncheon.

So please embrace the Christmas spirit and help make members of our community, who are alone, enjoy a wonderful day.

Debbie Booth and Lindy Hammond- Coordinators



High School Transition- Thursday 3 December

This Thursday, most of our Year 6 students will participate in High School transition activities at various high schools in preparation for students attending the schools in 2016. I am sure that the day will assist in answering any questions and settling any nerves of our Year 6 group.

Diamond Award- Badge Assembly- Friday 4 December commencing at 9.10am

A special badge ceremony assembly has been organised for this Friday 4 December commencing at 9.10am. Students who have received 35 weeks of on track behaviour up to and including last Friday, will receive their diamond badges on Friday 4 December. This will allow us to pay special attention to all our Award recipients in a special minister's assembly. Students are required to wear their regular school sports uniform for the assembly.

Year 5 Student Leadership Elections- Friday 4 December – approximately 10.15am

We wish the best of luck to our Year 5 students who will present a brief speech on why they would like to represent our school on the student parliament in 2016. Following this, students in Years 2-5 will have the opportunity to vote for students they would like to represent them as Ministers in 2016. The announcement of the 2016 parliament will be made at our Presentation Day assembly on Friday 11 December. Parents are welcome.

Combined Christmas Scripture Service – Tuesday 8 December

The annual Christmas Scripture Service will be held next Tuesday 8 December at the Anglican church. The service commences at 2.05pm and will include puppets and songs by the Quizworx group. Our students will walk to and from

the Anglican Church supervised by teachers and School Learning Support Officers. Students will return to school by 2.55pm. Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome.

Year 6 Farewell –

Wednesday 9 December

On Wednesday 9 December we officially say farewell to our Year 6 students. The dinner will be held at Mumm's Restaurant commencing at 5pm and the social will follow at the school. We would like to wish our departing students well as they embark on the next stage of their schooling and look forward to hearing about their successes over the many years to come.

Year 6 Farewell Social-

Wednesday 9 December

Students from Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to attend the Year 6 Farewell Social which will be held on Wednesday night 9/12/15. The dance / social will be held at Tea Gardens Public School from 7pm to 8.00pm. The entry cost for the social is \$1 per person. The social will be followed by the presentation of certificates and a slideshow to our graduating students. This presentation will conclude no later than 8.30pm. Parents are asked to collect their child/children from the COLA at school promptly at the conclusion of the event.

Presentation Day—Friday 11 December

On Friday, we will hold our annual presentation day at the Baptist Church commencing at 1.10pm. Please come along and join in the acknowledgement and celebration of student achievement. Our students will walk to and from the Baptist Church supervised by teachers and School Learning Support Officers. Students will return to school by 2.55pm. **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM NOT SPORTS UNIFORM**

STAFF GIFTS

I know our teachers are wonderful and I have had some enquiries about gifts. Our code of conduct states that; "A gift that is more than nominal value (\$50) must be declared to your manager" and may mean that teachers may not be able to accept the gift. If you require any further clarification please contact me.

Student Semester 2 Reports

Student reports for Semester 2 will be sent home on Monday 14th December. Please return your child's report folder to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Class Parties—Tuesday 15th December

All Stages will be participating in their end of year class parties on Tuesday 15th December. Permission notes have been sent home with all students. If you do not have a copy of this note please contact the office.

Mark Clemson
Principal

Stolen Generation, Bringing Them Home, community cultural celebration

On Thursday 26th November, Abby Fenner, Tyreece Wolfram and Mrs Avery, were fortunate enough to be invited to a Stolen Generation, Bringing Them Home, community cultural celebration at Hunter River High School. The celebration involved hearing the stories of a number of aunties directly affected by the Australian Govern-

ment's policies of 1910-1970 that resulted in the Stolen Generation.

Both Tyreece and Abby were wonderful representatives for Tea Gardens Public School showing the utmost respect for the duration of what was a very significant and serious event. The two have come away with a new understanding of the suffering of our Aboriginal people and have a better understanding and appreciation of the way our culture has changed over the last century.

Miriam Avery

Library News

Please assist us as we prepare for the new Department of Education library system, "Oliver" to be implemented at our school early next year. Please return all books by this Friday 4 December.

Rotary Debate

Hearts thumping, we made our way up to the debating desk allocated for our team. It was a calm evening on Monday the 24th of November yet we were all nervous for the debate that was about to commence. There was a large audience in the Tea Gardens Country Club- the location of the debate. Once Taylor Simmons (second speaker), Sophia Jeffries (third speaker), Raymond (a fellow member of the Rotary Club who joined our team for the debate), myself (the first speaker) and the opposing team were all seated, the debate commenced.

Our team put up a great debate against Bulahdelah Central School, we had well-written speeches, great rebuttals and perfect training courtesy of Mrs True but unfortunately Bulahdelah won. We were both head-to-head for a while but when it came down to final points, Bulahdelah Central School had just one more point than us, giving them the win. Betty, the judge, was kind to both our team and the opposing team, she had pros and cons for both of our teams. After the debate, our team congratulated Bulahdelah's team and vice-versa. Despite the competition, we all sat down near one another and had a nice dinner to polish off our night. We look forward to our next debate in which we'll try our hardest to win.

Lily-Arum

Rotary Debating

On Monday the 24th of November Taylor Simmons, Lily-Arum Laws and myself went to our local country club for a debate against Bulahdelah central school. We had prepared speeches, which is hard for me (third speaker) since my speech can only be written after the other team have said their speeches. We waited behind the scenes to meet Ray (a Rotarian) who was the fourth member of our team.

We sat at our table nervously waiting for the debate to begin. Bulahdelah a team of two girls, one boy and a Rotarian, spoke first. They were good and put up a good debate. I finished as the last speaker for the night. Betty the judge (a Rotarian) said the debate was very close, and loved all of the speeches. But Bulahdelah won by one point judged on manner. We congratulate Bulahdelah on their win and look forward to the debate again next year.

It was a fun night and we all got free meals from the country club. Even though we didn't taste victory the sweet taste of free ice-cream was good enough.

Thank you to Mrs True for coaching the team and the Rotary club for organising the debate.

Sophia Jeffries

REMINDERS

Work Health and Safety—Medical Conditions

Around 8 weeks ago, school office staff sent home forms to parents for students who have been diagnosed with medical conditions, including asthma. These forms were to be completed by a medical practitioner and returned to school as part of our work, health and safety compliance. This includes and medication your child may need to take at school. (eg ventolin and spacer).

At present many of these forms have not been returned. Your cooperation in is very much appreciated to ensure the safety and well-being of your child and other students.

Music Program

The music program has now finished for this term and year. It would be appreciated if all music accounts could be finalised as soon as possible and any musical instruments returned if your child is not participating in the program next year.

Thank you, Debbie Booth

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

We currently have 22 students enrolled for Kindergarten in 2016.

Thank you to the parents who have already enrolled their children for Kinder next year.

Could all parents that have not enrolled their child, please return completed forms as soon as possible.

Please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. 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

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 27 November 2015. They were:

ALLIES

Mitchell Henning Working well in class
Stella Gatenby Working well in class

BRIGADE

Jack Browne Participating well at swim school
Noah Rodgers Participating well at swim school

HEROES

Boston Marchant Great participation in class activities
Cameron O'Brien Participating well at swim school

MATES

Zane Halloran Working well in all areas
Matilda Bryant Her organisation skills in group work

POPPIES

Lenita White Being a great role model to her peers
Sienna Aliendi Improved application in maths

AIF

Jemima Ryder Striving to improve
Tony Hind Thoughtful answers to questions




CADETS

Lilliarna Baillie Dedication to her studies while on holidays
Seth Gregory Excellent application in maths

SQUADRON

Cooper Carloff Working well in class
Hayden Krohn Improving in spelling

CANTEEN ROSTER AND MEMU 2nd—4th December

Lunch & Popper = \$5.50 or Lunch & Milk = \$6.00		
WEDNESDAY 2ND December Dan Driscoll ,Jamie Hall (9-12) Carolyn Jefferies (9-2)	THURSDAY 3RD December Den Driscoll, Melisa Brown (9-12) Vanessa Ray (9-2)	FRIDAY 4TH December Dan Driscoll, Peta Shelton (9-12) Karen Katz (9-2)
Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread  **Optional parmesan cheese**	Ham & cheese salad sub  **Salad – lettuce, carrot, tomato, & cucumber **	<u>XMAS PARTY DAY SPECIAL \$5.00</u> Chicken nuggets, tomato sauce & a popper - apple, orange or abc 
Sandwiches available Wed, Thurs, Fri	Vegemite, Jam or Honey \$2.00	Cheese or cheese & Tomato \$3.00
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