



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324
2/2/2015 Week 2 Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A Warm Welcome back in 2015

A special welcome back for 2015. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. A special welcome is extended to all new students, families and staff. I am sure you will find this year a very rewarding one. My apologies for the length of this newsletter but I believe it is important to keep you well informed with what's happening at our terrific school.

Staff Changes

There are a few changes to our staff this year.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Edwards and Mrs True on our Year 5 (Stage 3 class). Miss Winney also returns replacing Miss Howard while she is on maternity leave.

Welcome to Miss Davies who is undertaking the Learning and Support Teacher role and to Miss Cooper who joins us in the teacher / librarian role.

With our current enrolment of 192 students, we have formed 8 classes as follows:

Teaching Staff

Kindergarten: Mrs Andrews- Allies
Kindergarten / Year 1: Mrs Booth- Brigade
Year 1: Mrs Ingram- Heroes
Year 2: Mrs Maloney (AP)- Mates
Year 3/4: Mrs Bryant and Mrs Fowler- Poppies
Year 4/5: Mr Weightman (AP) – AIF
Year 5: Mrs True and Mrs Edwards– Cadets
Year 6: Miss Winney - Squadron

Miss Cooper is our librarian (Monday-Tuesday)
Mrs Avery teaches reading recovery, undertakes special Aboriginal education initiatives and Relief from Face to Face (RFF)
Mrs Vella and Miss Davies are our Learning and Support Teachers (LaST)
Mr Rob Browne returns as our counsellor on Wednesday each week.

Administration Staff

Mrs Hammond- School Administrative Manager
Ms Cameron- School Administrative Officer
Mr Russom- General Assistant

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Evans
Mrs Corrigan
Mrs Baker
Mrs Searle

Honorary staff member

Mr Merv Nagle who has helped out in a voluntary capacity since 1991! Thanks, Merv.

2015 Class Names

Our class names for 2015 are based around the centenary of the ANZACS. This provides another way for our students to remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

2015 School Bell times

8.55am-9.55am	Session 1
9.55am	Crunch and Sip program incorporated into Session 1
10.55am-11.10am	Supervised lunch eating
11.10am-11.50am	Lunch break
11.50am-1.35pm	Session 2
1.35pm-1.55pm	Snack Attack
1.55pm-2.55pm	Session 3

Weekly Assembly

All parents are welcome at our weekly assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am each Friday. Our first assembly will be held on **Friday 6 February**.

The assembly will include the following elements

- Acknowledgment of country or Welcome to country.
- School Song
- Principal's address, announcement of the student of the week and the presentation of school awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards)- Linked to Orange Communication Cards
- Class item (short item linked to the class teaching and learning program) or Parliament updates / reports
- Reports and messages
- School merit awards (2 per class)
- Caught Being Good Raffle (4 prizes per week).
- New in school uniform award
- National Anthem
- Dismissal and return to class.

What is Crunch and Sip?

Crunch and Sip is a break in primary schools for students to 'refuel' on fruit and salad vegetables and 'rehydrate' with water, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration. Many students are not eating enough fruit and vegetables for general health. Eating a diet rich in fruit and vegetables will promote normal growth in children and protect them against disease later in life.

Crunch and Sip also has benefits for the academic performance, concentration and behaviour of students. Research indicates that students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Crunch and Sip takes a 'whole school' approach, with the program incorporated into school policy.

Weekly communication cards "The Orange Card"

To ensure there is ongoing communication between school and home in relation to student behaviour, the weekly communication card is sent home each Friday. Full details about this were sent home with the orange card last Friday. Kindergarten students will bring this card home for the first time this week.

The weekly communication cards are linked to the achievement of a school badge. A School Badge is provided to all students who can be "On Track" with their behaviour for a minimum of 35/38 weeks of school during the year (DIAMOND AWARD). Please sign and return the cards EVERY week to ensure the students get the opportunity to achieve the diamond award and receive a badge.

2015 Calendar of School Events

To assist families with planning in advance to attend school functions, a copy of the planned events and the dates for a plethora of school events and activities is attached. Please keep this in a handy location for ready reference throughout the year.

<http://school.schoolnews.com.au/teagardensps/>

Tea Garden Public School Rules

The rules cover all areas of school life. The four rules are:

Be Safe

Be Kind

Be Fair and

Be Great

Posters promoting the four rules are displayed in all classrooms.

Coming Up

Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 11 February

Competent swimmers are invited to attend our swimming carnival for 8 year olds and over on Wednesday 11 February at Tea Gardens Pool.

Students **must be able to swim 50m competently** in order to participate, as this is a competitor's carnival only. Permission notes were distributed last Friday. 8 year old students in Year 2 who can swim and compete in 50 metre events may also attend. Please contact the office, or your child's teacher, if you would like a permission note. Notes for this are due back by Wednesday 4 February. NO entries will be accepted post this point.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

Our meet the teacher evenings will occur this week. The meet the teacher event is an ideal time for parents to meet their child's teacher(s) and hear more about the stage and class activities planned for the year ahead.

On Wednesday 4 February at 6pm, parents of students in the following classes are invited to meet the class teacher in their rooms.

AIF- Mr Weightman (4/5 Class)

The Poppies- Mrs Fowler / Mrs Bryant (3/4 Class)

This will then be followed at 6.30pm by parents being invited to the following rooms:

The Cadets- Mrs Edwards / Mrs True (5 Class)

The Squadron- Miss Winney (Year 6 Class)

On Thursday 5 February, at 6pm parents of students in the following classes are invited to meet the class teacher in their

rooms.

Allies- Mrs Andrews (Kindergarten)

Brigade- Mrs Booth (Kindergarten / Year 1)

Heroes- Mrs Ingram (Year 1 Class)

This will then be followed at 6.30pm by parents being invited to:
Mates- Miss Maloney (Year 2 Class)

The evenings provide parents with the opportunity to personally introduce themselves to the teachers. Please keep in mind that the objective of the evening is for parents and teachers to meet one another; it is not designed to be a parent / teacher interview, as in many cases teachers are still getting to know your child.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday and/or Thursday evening.

School Photos – Wednesday 25 February

Photos have been organised for Wednesday 25 February. Envelopes will be sent home 2 weeks prior to this date and must be returned with correct money by the day before the photos. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be used for this expense.

Kindergarten Best Start

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 provides information about each student to guide teaching and learning and gives practical advice to parents to support learning at home.

The 2015 Best Start process was completed on Friday. Kindergarten parents will be invited to a special meeting with the Kindy teachers between 23-26 February to receive a detailed report and discuss the early progress of our newest learners.

Thank you to our staff who administered this assessment and to all families for supporting this important activity. I would also like to take this opportunity to especially welcome our 30 new Kindergarten students who formally started big school today.

Bouquets

Tasha Howard and her husband welcomed the arrival of their baby boy James in the last week of the school holidays. Our best wishes are extended to the family.



P&C Australia Day Weekend BBQ at Masters Hardware

Thanks are extended to our small but dedicated group of helpers at the P&C BBQ fundraiser. Thanks are extended to Karen Katz, Jude Woodfield, Miriam Avery, Rachel Cooper and Angela Condie for working tirelessly throughout the day. In addition, thanks to Hannah, Chris and Harry for their wonderful assistance too. The P&C made a profit of \$432.83 to support our ongoing fundraising goals.

What's New?

New Home Readers

Thousands of dollars have been spent on replacing our aging sets of home readers. The new high interest levelled readers will support the reading habits of students at our school.

Inspiring kids to read

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-life/back-to-school-jackie-french-inspires-children-to-read-20150128-12xf1q.html>

Voluntary School Contribution

The voluntary contribution is set in collaboration with the school P&C. Further details regarding the voluntary contribution amount for 2015 will be known post the first P&C meeting.

P&C News

The P&C successfully supports and enriches the quality education of our students through a number of activities. These activities are possible with the combined support of parents and community members.

All parents and citizens are welcome to join the P&C, meetings are held monthly. Becoming a member is a great way to get involved and stay in touch with what is happening at school. The children love seeing their parents, family and friends participating in their school life. It is also a great way to meet other parents and make new friends.

If you would like more information feel free to send an email to

tgpspandc@gmail.com

The first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 February commencing at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

Our thoughts and prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with Merv after he lost his brother Kel at 94 years of age after battling poor health.

Merv's brother, Kel Nagle won the 1960 Centenary British Open Championship and a record 61 home golf tournaments.

We are thinking of you at this very challenging time.

Electronic Newsletters

To register, go to <http://www.teagardens-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters-and-notes>

Click the "Newsletters and Notes" top menu and then click "View newsletters and notes."

You can also access newsletters and notices via the iPhone, iPad, Android and web apps. To

download, visit: <http://apps.schoolnews.com.au>

If you do not have access to the internet, please complete the form below and return to the school office.

Family Law update - Important information for parents

The Department recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that have been obtained.

We are currently updating our records to reflect the information contained in existing court orders only. Any other information that may have been provided anecdotally (e.g. requests limiting a parent's access to school) cannot be actioned unless clearly documented in a current court order.

Please contact the office if you require further information.

Breakfast Club

The Red Cross Breakfast Club will commence next Tuesday 10 February. Breakfast Club is available to all students from 8.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Volunteers needed for Wednesdays. Anyone who would be able to spare a morning for an hour or so, please contact the office.

Junior Golf

Golf lessons at the Golf course commence on Monday 9th February from 4pm to 5pm.

Lessons are free. Transport to the course may be available after school.

Please contact Mr Weightman if you are interested.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

I do not have access to the internet at home or work and request to have a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with my youngest child each Monday. Please return note to the office.

Name:

Youngest child's name:

Youngest child's class:

"I didn't know my child could perform like that!"

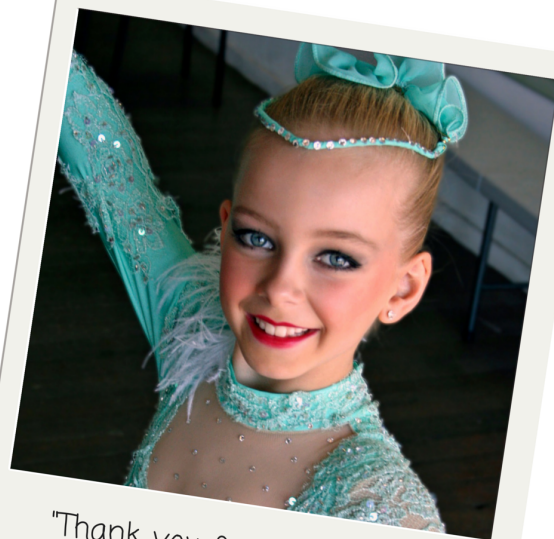
They'll be dancing their heart out, beaming with joy and standing confidently in the spotlight!

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In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon's parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

www.wep.org.au **1300 884 733** info@wep.org.au

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER
TERM 1 - 2015 – ALL MEALS \$4.50

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY Deb Smart Amy Rodgers (9-2)	THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Melisa Brown (9-12) Vanessa Ray (9-2)	FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Lee Burgess (9-12) Kylie Patteson (9-12) Peta Shelton (9-2)
Rissole & gravy round roll  **Optional bbq or tomato sauce**	Chicken & pasta bake with a *mini side salad 	Plain hamburger round roll *salad & *sauce <u>OR</u> Cheese burger round roll & *sauce  *Sauce -bbq or tomato sauce
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY Deb Smart Katharine Pollock (9-2)	THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Bea Treharne (9-12) Karen Stewart-Katz (9-2)	FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Rikky-Lee Pettit (9-12) Kate Mitchell (9-2)
Sweet chilli chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayonnaise  **optional sweet chilli sauce**	Meatballs with pasta & bolognaise sauce with garlic bread  **optional parmesan cheese**	Pizza subs - hawaiian - tomato paste, ham, pineapple & cheese <u>OR</u> bbq sauce chicken & cheese on a long roll 
WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY Deb Smart Amanda MacSween (9-12) Carolyn Jeffries (9-2)	THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Leanne Whitby (9-12) Lerane Jarman (9-2)	FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Kerylee Bates (9-12) Krystael McDougall-Neal (9-2)
Spaghetti bake with a *mini side salad 	Toasties – 1 ½ toasties ham & cheese <u>OR</u> ham, tomato & cheese 	Mini nachos  *Optional sour cream & sweet chilli sauce
WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY Deb Smart Rikky-Lee Pettit (9-12) Ngaire White (9-2)	THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Jacinta Roberts (9-12) Jen Ewen (9-2)	FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Bill Ewen (9-12) Lee Burgess (9-12) Trudy Brumby (9-2)
Ravioli with bolognaise sauce & garlic bread  **Optional parmesan cheese**	<u>'MEAL DEAL OF</u> <u>THE MONTH'</u> Chicken salad wrap with a <u>FREE</u> 200ml *Popper   *Popper – orange or apple/blackcurrant	Hotdog with sauce on long roll <u>OR</u> chips & gravy   *Sauce - bbq, tomato or mustard **Optional cheese on hotdog**
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	DANIELLE DRISCOLL	0421976137

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH Deb Smart Angela Randell (9-12) Bea Treharne (9-2)	THURSDAY 5TH MARCH Danielle Driscoll Rikky-Lee Pettit (9-12) Vanessa Ray (9-2)	FRIDAY 6TH MARCH Danielle Driscoll Lee Burgess (9-12) Katherine Pollock (9-2)
BLT'S – bacon, lettuce, tomato & *sauce round roll  *Sauce - bbq or tomato sauce*	Chicken nuggets (6) with tomato sauce <u>OR</u> Chicken burger with lettuce & mayonnaise round roll 	Hot potato with bolognese sauce  *Optional sour cream & sweet chilli sauce
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Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread  **optional parmesan cheese**	Pizza – hawaiian – tomato paste, ham, pineapple & cheese <u>OR</u> bbq sauce chick- en & cheese (2 slices) 	Scrambled egg, bacon, tomato & *sauce wrap  *Sauce - bbq or tomato sauce
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Chicken & gravy long roll  **Optional bbq or tomato sauce**	Tacos (2) –lettuce, tomato & cheese  *Optional sour cream & sweet chili sauce	Macaroni & cheese with a *mini side salad 
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<u>'MEAL DEAL OF THE MONTH'</u> Ham salad wrap with a <u>FREE</u> 200ml *Popper  *Popper – orange or apple & blackcurrant	Lasagna with a *mini side salad  **Optional parmesan cheese**	Party pie (2) or Large sausage roll  **Optional bbq or tomato sauce**
<u>*Mini salad – lettuce, tomato & cucumber</u>	<u>*Salad on hamburger - lettuce, carrot, tomato & beetroot</u>	<u>*Salad on wrap - lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber</u>

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN PRICE LIST TERM – 1 – 2015
CANTEEN OPEN WED, THURS & FRI

<u>PRE – ORDERED LUNCHES</u> - please have lunch orders in by 9am on canteen days	\$4.50
<u>PRE – ORDERED SANDWICHES AVAILABLE</u> - vegemite, honey or jam	\$1.50
<u>*please have students name, class & lunch order clearly on a lunch bag*</u>	
<u>DRINKS</u> - can be pre-ordered with lunch order or purchased at snack times	
Bottled water – small	\$1.00
Bottled water – large	\$1.20
Fruit Juice 200ml popper – orange or apple & blackcurrant	\$1.00
Fruit juice 250ml pop top – orange or apple & blackcurrant	\$1.60
Low fat flavoured milk 300ml – chocolate or strawberry	\$1.50
Milo – hot or cold	\$1.00
Slush puppies – <u>available at lunch snack only</u>	\$2.00
<u>SNACKS AVAILABLE</u>	
Frozen 100% juice drops	4 FOR \$0.20
Frozen yoghurt bytes	4 FOR \$0.20
Fresh fruit – seasonal	FROM \$0.50
Frozen fruit – seasonal	FROM \$0.50
Pikelets – butter or jam	2 FOR \$0.50
Muffins – chocolate chip or blueberry	\$0.50 EACH
Small cup of custard – plain or with milo	\$0.50 EACH
Small cup of yoghurt – plain or fruit flavoured	\$0.50 EACH
<u>ICE CREAM & ICE BLOCKS AVAILABLE</u>	
Quelsh 100 % fruit sticks – mixed flavours available	\$0.50
Juices – wildberry or tropical	\$0.70
Mini calippo – raspberry or pineapple	\$1.00
Moosies – chocolate or blue moon	\$1.00
Vanilla ice cream cup – plain or with milo	\$1.20
Paddle pop funny finger	\$1.20
Paddle pop lemonade icy twist	\$1.30