



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

9/2/2015 Week 3 Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Student of the Week

Each week, the staff at Tea Gardens Public School meet together to discuss students who have been excellent school citizens. The nominations are discussed and a student is selected to become the 'Student of the Week'. We announce our 'Student of the Week' at our weekly assembly each Friday. Students are rewarded with a \$5 voucher to the Ice Cream Shack. It is with great pleasure to announce that our first 'Student of the Week' is Noah Rodgers from the Brigade class. Noah has settled quickly and worked solidly in class since returning to school in 2015.

Bouquets

Parents Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who availed themselves of the opportunity to "meet the teacher" last week. In total we had 55 parents attend the information sessions. Thanks are also extended to all the staff for their attendance and preparation for the information sessions.

Kindergarten students have prospered during their first week of "big school". I know that both the students and teachers alike were exhausted after an action packed first week.

Special parent meetings for Kindergarten will be held between 23-26 February to go through the Best Start results and discuss practical ways you can support your child's learning at home.

Coming Up

Golf Program- commences Monday 9 February at 4pm

At our assembly last Friday, we were joined by Andrew, the local golf pro. Andrew invited all our students to the free golf program running at Hawks Nest Golf Club on a Monday after-

noon from 4-5pm throughout the first term. If you are interested in attending, meet Mr Weightman at the golf course this afternoon.

P&C Meeting- Tuesday 10 February commencing at 7pm in the school library

Tea Gardens Public School P&C will be holding its first meeting for the year, tomorrow night at 7pm in the School Library. All Parents, Carers or Grandparents are welcome to come along.

This is our last General Meeting before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) next month (Tue 10th March) where all committee positions are declared vacant & nominations are called to fill all positions. For the P&C Committee to continue we require the following positions to be filled: - President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer.

The P&C is responsible for fundraising to help improve our school. The P&C also runs & operates our School Canteen.

Being on the P&C Committee is not hard, you just need to be able to donate some time & your skills to help keep this important part of the school going. The meetings are very informal & are a great way to get involved in your child's school & have your say.

If you are interested in getting involved, please come along to the meeting tomorrow night. If you require any further information, please leave your details with the Office & we will contact you or drop us an email at tgpspandc@gmail.com

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.

Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 11 February

All students (turning 8 or more in 2015) and who are able to swim 50m are invited to attend our swimming carnival this Wednesday 11 February at Tea Gardens Pool. It's not all about winning the race; it's more about doing your best and having a go. We look forward to hearing about our students striving to achieve their personal bests during the carnival. Thank you to Mrs Fowler for all her work behind the scenes in preparation for our swimming carnival. **The house captains were elected** on Wednesday. Congratulations to:

► **Corrie:** Shea Matenga & Lachlan Callcott

► **Stephens:** Georgia Stevenson & Dane Pope

► **Tomaree:** Indianna McDonald & Dylan Smith

► **Yacaaba:** Haley Steadman & Tyreece Wolfram

Weekly Assembly- Friday 13 February

This week, the Squadron class (Miss Winney) will run our assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am on Friday. All parents are welcome to attend.

The class assembly roster for semester one is as follows:

| Term | Week | Date | Class |
|------|------|---------|--|
| 1 | 3 | 13/2/15 | Miss Winney |
| 1 | 4 | 20/2/15 | Ministers (Zone Swimming) |
| 1 | 5 | 27/2/15 | Induction Assembly (Clean Up Schools Day) |
| 1 | 6 | 6/3/15 | Mrs Edwards / Mrs True |
| 1 | 7 | 13/3/15 | GRANDPARENTS Day |
| 1 | 8 | 20/3/15 | Ministers |
| 1 | 9 | 27/3/15 | Mrs Fowler / Mrs Bryant |
| 1 | 10 | 3/4/15 | Good Friday |
| 2 | 1 | 24/4/15 | Mr Weightman (ANZAC Ceremony) |
| 2 | 2 | 1/5/15 | Ministers |
| 2 | 3 | 8/5/15 | Mrs Maloney (Stewart House Day) |
| 2 | 4 | 15/5/15 | Ministers (NAPLAN Week) |
| 2 | 5 | 22/5/15 | Mrs Ingram (Walk Safely to School Day) /Parliament Opening |
| 2 | 6 | 29/5/15 | Ministers |
| 2 | 7 | 5/6/15 | Mrs Booth |
| 2 | 8 | 12/6/15 | Ministers |
| 2 | 9 | 19/6/15 | Mrs Andrews |
| 2 | 10 | 26/6/15 | Athletics Carnival- No assembly |

School Photos – Wednesday 25 February

Photos have been organised for Wednesday 25 February. Envelopes have been sent home for your perusal. Any orders must be returned with correct money by the day before the photos. Alternatively, you may pay for the photos online. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be used for this expense.

Reminder: 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.

The weekly communication cards are linked to the achievement of a school badge. A School Badge is provided to all students who are “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.

Attendance

When students are absent please make sure you advise the office in writing, in person or by phone As Soon As Possible.

To ensure we are monitoring attendance more accurately, a phone intervention program will commence shortly. It is likely that on most occasions when your child is away / absent from school, a representative from the school will make contact with your family to check on the wellbeing of the absent student.

Recent changes to the Department of Education Attendance Policy

Exemptions are available for long term absences related to illness, but are no longer available for family holidays. This new policy has only just been introduced. This means that children who will be away from school during school time and going on a family holiday will be marked as absent and the absences will appear on the report card. More information will be available regarding this change soon.

Library News

The first issue of Book Club for 2015 has now been handed out. For those parents new to our school, Book Club is a service we provide to families through Scholastic Australia. The school receives a commission for purchases made by the school community. This commission provides the school library with new resources. If you wish to purchase a book please return your order form and the correct money to the office NO LATER THAN Monday 16 February. If you would like to collect your order yourself – rather than it being handed to a child, please attach a note and you can collect your order from the office. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Inc. Credit card is also available – please see order forms for details regarding this option. Please note that while we promote the value of reading this is a voluntary exercise. Rachel Cooper (Teacher/Librarian)

Message from the Catholic Church at Tea Gardens.

This year the Catholic Parish will be organising Sessions for any child, from Year 3 to Year 6, who has not made their First Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents if you would like your child/children to be involved in these preparation Sessions or you would like further information, could you please contact: SR MARGARET VALENTINE RSC on 0409 774 834 or 4997 1822 or

email: margvalentine@yahoo.com.au BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2015.

Looking forward to hearing from you and thank you for your interest.

Sr Margaret

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem _ Little Aussie Songsters Competition

In celebration of Australia Day 2015, the Australia Day Council of NSW (ADCNSW) has launched the Little Aussie Songsters competition for Australian primary school aged children.

The competition creates a unique opportunity for primary students to participate in a fun and easy way which celebrates the Australian spirit. The stakes are high with the overall and division winners securing fantastic prizes (see below).

- Prize for overall individual winner (P&O cruise to the Loyalty Islands)
- Prize for overall group winner (school visit by Voice 2014 winner Anja Nissen)
- Prizes for individual age division winners (3 divisions are K-2, 3-4 and 5-6)
- Relevant links to K-6 syllabus outcomes (for teachers)
- Important dates in 2015 for finalists and winners

The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Please refer to the competition website www.aussievault.com.au/songster for the terms and conditions and for further information.

For more information on Australia Day events visit www.australiaday.com.au

Useful Websites

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

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>



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:

Signed: Date:

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library days:

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| MONDAY: | Year 6 Year 2 Year 4/5 K/1 | Squadron Heroes AIF Brigade | Miss Winney Mrs Ingram Mr Weightman Mrs Booth |
| TUESDAY: | Year3/4 K Year 2 | Poppies Allies Mates | Mrs Fowler Mrs Andrews Miss Maloney |
| FRIDAY: | Year 5 | Cadets | Mrs True |

Library Bags

We would like to encourage each student to have a library bag. This helps to protect the books from food and drink spills in bags and also helps to minimise the loss of books both at school and at home.

Scholastic Book Orders

Catalogues for Scholastic come out twice a term. The due date for these orders is stamped on the front of the catalogue and is also advertised in the newsletter.

Student orders enable our school to earn reward points which are then used to purchase new resources for our library.

Book orders are due back 16 February.

Borrowing/Returns

Parents/Carers could you please make sure that your children return their library books each week on their Library days. Library books may also be returned any day in the returns box in the entrance to the library.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 6th February 2015. They were:

ALLIES

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| Matilda Fidden | Working well in class |
| Dayle Gaiter | Working well in class |

BRIGADE

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| Noah Rodgers | Working well and trying his best with all his work |
| Grace Ridgeway | Settling in well to "big" school and trying her hardest |

HEROES

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| Kobi Wells | Excellent effort during story writing |
| Deagon Cook | A responsible and mature attitude towards Year 1 |

MATES

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| Zarlii Ray | Her conscientious approach to her classroom work |
| Darcy Ingram | His leadership skills and helping others in need |

POPPIES

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| Cameron Jeffries | Enthusiastic contributions to class discussions |
| Kaitlyn Smith | Enthusiastic contributions to class discussions |

AIF

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| Makai Dvorik | Enthusiastic participation |
| Alanah Hinitt | Question answering |

CADETS

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| Piper Matenga | Beautiful handwriting and bookwork |
| Ezra Fa'asolo | Enthusiasm for mathematics |

SQUADRON

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| Georgia Stevenson | Being elected as class Captain for Term 1 |
| Paddy Nickle | Being elected as class Captain for Term 1 |

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- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



Uniform Shop—Prices

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| Open Mondays | 2.30pm—3.00pm |
| Wednesdays | 8.15am—8.45am |
| Fridays | 8.15am— 8.45am |

Girls Summer Dress Uniforms \$50 each

Size 4 to Size 16

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Blue Polo Shirts | \$18 (Long Sleeve \$20) |
| Yellow Polo Shirts | \$18 (Long Sleeve \$20) |
| Navy Culottes | \$20 |
| Navy Ponte Pants | \$18 |
| Navy Zip Jumper | \$25 |
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| Grey Shorts | \$15 |
| Grey Long Pants | \$18 |
| Bucket Hat | \$12 |



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CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER
TERM 1 - WEEK 3 2015 – ALL MEALS \$4.50

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| 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  | Meatballs with pasta & bolognese sauce with garlic bread  | Pizza subs - hawaiian - tomato paste, ham, pineapple & cheese OR bbq sauce chicken & cheese on a long roll  |
| **optional sweet chilli sauce** CANTEEN SUPERVISOR | **optional parmesan cheese** DANIELLE DRISCOLL | 0421976137 |

Class Captains Term 1 2015

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| Allies | Dayle Gaiter | Matilda Fidden |
| Brigade | Rory Ingram | Disa |
| Heroes | Deagon Cook | Summer Watson |
| Mates | Darcy Ingram | Amelia Henning |
| Poppies | Jacob Avery | Elle Newlin |
| AIF | Braiven Megallon | Jade Johnson |
| Cadets | Toby Avery | Sophia Jeffries |
| Squadron | Patrick Nickle | Georgia Stevenson |

Welcome Kindergarten 2015



say cheese

School Photo Day is
25 February 2015

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



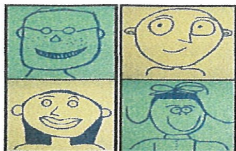
- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Tea Gardens Public School P&C Association
PO Box 209, Tea Gardens NSW 2324 Email: tgpspandc@gmail.com
ABN: 79 870 133 748

The P&C would like to welcome new and old families back to
Tea Gardens Public School in 2015!

What is a Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association ?

The P&C is your opportunity to help shape and improve your child's school. It offers parents the chance to be informed and contribute to educational matters relating to the school including school policies, canteen, uniform, special projects etc. It is also a great way to meet other parents from the community.

IN SHORT - The P&C helps to make the school the best it can be.

The P&C fundraise through -

The Annual Easter Art Expo - which raises between \$1,0000 and \$15,000
Mother's and Father's Day Stalls
Myall River Festival Duck Derby
Trivia Night
Pie Drive
Election Day BBQs

The P&C offers support to the school through donations for items such as-

The COLA (covered outdoor learning area)
Sports shed
Air Conditioners
Interactive Whiteboards
IPads
School hats for all new children
Subsidies for school camps & Young Leaders Day
Educational Resources as suggested by the Principal and staff.

Our current fundraising priorities are funds for new play equipment and new air conditioners.

Every Parent/Carer brings unique experiences, ideas and perspectives to our school, so please get in touch and be involved!



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You are invited!

Tea Gardens Public School P&C Meeting

All parents are welcome to join our meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the library.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for
TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY**

If you would like to receive more information or receive our newsletters please join our mailing list by emailing your name and phone number to tgpspandc@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jude Woodfield
P&C V. President
0404 464 465

Karen Stewart-Katz
President
0412 443 403

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1 2015

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball



For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well! Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day!

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4



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Anaphylaxis

The Department of Education and Communities has ensured that all government schools are provided with a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Risk of Anaphylaxis

It is estimated that 2 to 3 people in every 500 will have a severe allergy. Since 2000, there has been an increasing prevalence documented in North America, UK, Europe & Australia. Unpublished evidence indicates an increasing number of pre-school age children with food allergies are at risk of anaphylaxis.

Common allergens that can cause anaphylaxis

Foods
peanuts/other nuts
egg white
sesame
seafood
kiwi fruit

Common allergens that can cause anaphylaxis

Insects
bee
wasp
jack jumper ant
Medications
Antibiotics
anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g. aspirin, Nurofen)

Common allergens that can cause anaphylaxis

Latex
balloons

swimming caps / goggles
latex gloves

Generalised allergic reaction

skin: hives, welts, rash
feeling warm and flushed
swelling of face, eyes, lips
abdominal pain
nausea, vomiting
diarrhea

Anaphylaxis symptoms

difficulty / noisy breathing
swelling of tongue
swelling / tightness in throat
difficulty talking and/or a hoarse voice
wheeze or persistent cough
loss of consciousness and/or collapse
pale and floppy (young children).

Anaphylaxis Plans

As part of the health care plan the school has already, or is implementing a number of strategies to ensure that the triggers for an Anaphylactic reaction have been eliminated or significantly reduced. These include:

- Peanut and nut products are not available from the canteen.
- The Breakfast Club does not provide peanut butter, or nut products.
- Students and staff are washing their hands after eating and prior to starting their class activities.
- Ensuring students who have peanut products on their sandwiches etc wash their hands after eating.

We seek your support

As parents and carers we seek your support in helping us reduce the risk of any student who may be at risk of Anaphylactic shock by:

- Not providing sandwiches that have peanut butter, or Nutella on them
- Not sending in packets of peanuts
- Not sending in food items that are based on peanuts
- Talking with the class teacher or myself if you have any questions or queries.

We greatly appreciate your co-operation with working together to ensure that all our students are safe and supported at school.