



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324
22/4/2015 Week 1 Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO

I trust that your children have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. It has certainly been a different start to term two with the wild weather wreaking havoc across the Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest areas over the past twenty four hours. Thanks are extended to the parents who assisted by keeping their children at home on Tuesday. Power to the school has been restored, however we have sustained some water and tree associated damage. This damage has been reported and action has been taken to swiftly rectify the issues.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

We look forward to announcing our next student of the week at our assembly on Friday.

WHAT'S NEW

Over the holiday period, the pavers adjacent to the toilets and library have been replaced with concrete. This has eliminated a number of trip hazards. The area has also been tested out, with the drains coping fairly well during the deluge.

BOUQUETS

Art & Craft Expo 2015

Many thanks are extended to the dedicated group of volunteers who ensured the 38th Annual P & C Art & Craft Expo was a great success. Opening Night was a great success with \$2,450 raised by the auction sale of students class artworks. It was a great night with lots entertainment, food and fun.

It is estimated that the P & C raised approximately \$14,000. This money has been earmarked by the P & C to go toward the replacement of fixed playground equipment. Total cost of this project is approx. \$30,000.

Thanks are extended to Christine Wisemantel for co-ordinating this fundraising effort. Also, thanks to our group of volunteer parents and P&C representatives who spent many hours before, during and after the expo to ensure its continued success.

A Big Thank You!

A special thank you to John Charbel, Nicholas Watson and Peta Shelton, plus staff members who assisted us with furniture removal for the Art and Craft Expo. Your assistance was really appreciated.

Mrs Booth and Mrs Andrews

Thank you!

Thanks to Hugo and Jane Elstermann from Hawks Nest Newsagency for their kind donation of 2 sets of Disney Little Library CD's and books. These will be a great asset to our L3 Stage 1 reading activities.

Mrs Booth and Mrs Ingram.

COMING UP

Junior Golf

Golf will recommence this Term on Tuesday afternoons, not Mondays as in Term 1. Please meet Mr Weightman at the Golf Club at 4.00pm.

Rugby League Training Wednesday 29 April

Our team will be participating in the Newcastle Knights Knockout on Tuesday 21st May 2015. Venues TBA within the Newcastle region. To support our participation in this event, Rugby League training will re-

commence next Wednesday 29 April. Students who have already turned 10 and are interested in representing our school as part of the rugby league team are required to attend. Please report to Mr Clemson and Mr Coyle at 3:15pm at Memorial Park. Training will conclude at 4:10pm. Parents are requested to organise alternate arrangements for their child to return home.



As you would be aware, 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. One great way to build a deeper connection with the ANZAC Spirit is to be involved in the school and town based services. Further information about these services are as follows:

Peter Sinclair Gardens Service- Wednesday 22 April- 10am

Today, our student leaders will be representing our school community at the annual ANZAC Day service at Peter Sinclair Gardens. The students will participate in the service by laying a wreath, lowering the flag to half mast or undertaking a prepared reading.

ANZAC Assembly-Friday 24 April

All students are asked to bring a flower or small posy for the school's ANZAC Service on Friday 24th April. Mr Weightman's class, the AIF's will be co-ordinating our ANZAC assembly **commencing 9.10am**. Three representatives from the RSL will also be in attendance to talk to the students about their involvement in war and conflict. All parents and members of the community are welcome to attend.

Centennial Commemorative Plaque Unveiling- Friday 24 April

At 11am, on Friday, our student leaders will be attending a special ceremony down at ANZAC Memorial Park which will include the unveiling of a special plaque by our student Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.

Anzac Day (25 April)

Anzac Day is on Saturday 25 April. Each year we encourage all students to march and participate in this very special community service. Students are asked to wear summer uniform and the arrangements are:

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| 10.00am | Assemble at corner Ogden and Marine Drive |
| | March starts a short time after |
| 11.00am | Anzac Day service at the War Memorial |

The Tea Gardens RSL Sub-Branch invites all people to attend and join in the Commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC, to ponder the sacrifices of those who served their country and gave their lives so that we all may live in a free and peaceful society.

A list of the organisations and individuals who generously donated money for the purchase of books to our school library will be detailed in our next newsletter.

Tea Gardens Library ANZAC Display

Next week, our classes will be taking the opportunity to walk down in class or stage groups to Tea Gardens Library to have a closer look at ANZAC display. If you have any concerns with your child participating in this event, please contact your child's teacher A.S.A.P.

NAIDOC Week preparation meeting

The Aboriginal Education Team at Tea Gardens Public School would like to invite any interested parents to a morning tea next Monday 27 April, commencing at 11am in the school hall. We are organising NAIDOC celebrations and would really value your ideas and input into the organisation of activities that your children will be involved in. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. The theme for 2015 is "We all stand on sacred ground: learn, respect and celebrate". The theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement 2016 Application

Applications of intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016 has been sent home to Year 4 students today. If you have not received a form and are interested in applying, please contact the school office. There are no paper enrolment forms available. Online applications can be made at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and are open on 27 April 2015. Please note that our closest schools with opportunity classes include: Rutherford Public School, New Lambton Sth Public School, Soldiers Point Public School, Tighes Hill Public School and Maryland Public School.

Interrelate—Change of Date now on Thursday 30 April

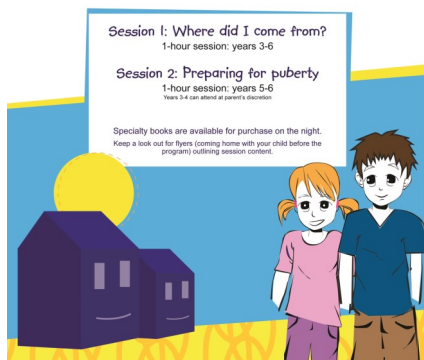
Please note that the Interrelate information evening for students in Year 3 to Year 6 has changed to Thursday 30th April. See attached information/booking form attached to this newsletter.



When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.



Rewards Program update

Student Banking –Tuesday

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from our Outer Space Saver: range for students to redeem.

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket



2014-2015
NSW Family Energy Rebate

\$150*
TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

Trade & Investment
Resources & Energy

**Apply before
Midnight
16 June 2015**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88

\$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2015! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you're kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MYALL COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC.

WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD OF APRIL 2015 AT 7PM

AT TEA GARDENS COUNTRY CLUB, BOARD ROOM

LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK CLUB IS DUE
BACK ON
MONDAY 4TH MAY**



Myall BITS & BYTES

TV AERIALS COMPUTERS
TELEVISIONS WHITEGOODS
HIFI CCTV & MUCH MORE

205 Myall Street, Tea Gardens NSW 2324

4997 0542 0429 449 308



URGENT HELP NEEDED

Myall Coast Little Athletics Centre has been operating now for five years at Myall Park, Hawks Nest. We have always had a strong and steady group of people running it over the years but as our season ends we will be losing six of our eight current committee members.

We wish for this centre to continue but a much needed call out for new families and a committee to proceed next season is urgent. We operate on Friday nights from September to March. Roles are varied on the committee from the executive roles to a line marker, canteen, uniforms officer or simply a starter or timing each week.

Little Athletics offers something different to the kids of the area with Medowie and Raymond Terrace and Forster being the closest centres to us. We cater to the Myall Coast area with children coming from Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest, Karuah, Pindimar, Bundabah, North Arm Cove and Bulahdelah.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday the 23rd of April at 7pm in the Board Room at Tea Gardens Country Club**. We would love to see some new faces so come along and keep our centre going.

Little Athletics is for everyone. Parents can be involved and children of all abilities. Little Athletics is all about **Family, Fun and Fitness**.

For further information about joining the Myall Coast LAC please call the Secretary, Melisa Brown on 0437 970 685.

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 - WEEK 11 2015

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL NO CANTEEN
THURSDAY 23rd APRIL NO CANTEEN
FRIDAY 24th APRIL NO CANTEEN
CANTEEN WILL RESUME NEXT WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR DANIELLE DRISCOLL 0421976137

Good for Kids good for life

Fussy eating in children

Fussy eating is normal; one day your child will be ravenous, the next day they will be picky. Children's appetites are affected by their growth cycles, which is all part of their development.

Here are some simple tips to manage fussy eaters:

Get into good habits

Ensure children get regular meals and snacks throughout the day
Set time limits for meals
Limit talk about your child's food fussiness in front of them

Create a pleasant atmosphere at meal times

Turn off the TV
Give everyone an opportunity to talk

Allow some choice

Allowing limited choice in what they eat e.g. would you like grapes or a pear

Introducing new foods

Start with small serves of the new food
It may take 10-15 times of offering before a child will take a liking to the new food

Eating with other children can help exposure to new foods
Always try to eat the same food as your children and talk about how yummy it is or isn't this flavour nice etc.

For more information on fussy eating go to: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/fussy_eating.html



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Phone 4924 6499

TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK

More than just Ice Cream!!

Tasty Tuesday!
"Bollocks!"

Auntie Jessie's Cottage Pie...

The best Beef Mince with Onions, Garlic, Carrots, Peas & Corn, Mushrooms & a splash of Worcestershire Sauce, topped with Creamy Smashed Potatoes & melted Cheese served with a crusty damper roll!

\$15.00

Great for Take away

it's a meal in itself!

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

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

Meat supplied by: **Jeff's Quality Meats** PH: 02 4997 0766

Gluten Free Friendly!

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Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school!

With over 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. *We know how to help break the ice.* Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)

This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent's discretion)

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session \$25 per family | 2 sessions \$30 per family

LESS \$10 FUNDED BY P & C = Family Cost: 1 session \$15 per family / 2 sessions \$20 per family

Where: **TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL**

When: **Thursday, 30th April 2015 ***** Please note the date change**

Time: Where did I come from? – 6:00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7:15pm sharp

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class -----

A Special Evening Program

Name of family: _____

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: Where did I come from? ☐ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque (payable to school)



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