



# Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324  
27/4/2015 Week 2 Term 2

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

#### Student of the Week

Congratulations are extended to Gemma Brown from the Poppies class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Gemma receives the acknowledgement for being an excellent helper at the Election Day BBQ and also being a fantastic helper at the Easter Art and Craft Expo. Congratulations Gemma on being a much deserved recipient of this week's award!



## BOUQUETS



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### ANZAC Day Ceremonies and Services

Over the past week, I have repeatedly heard positive comments like "you must be very proud of your students". These comments have been made in relation to our students' active participation in the Peter Sinclair Gardens ANZAC Service, the school ANZAC Service coordinated by the A.I.F class, the commemoration plaque opening and the Tea Gardens ANZAC Day March and Service. Our students have represented our school with distinction and I would like to thank and congratulate all our students in attendance at these events for the stellar jobs they did. Congratulations one and all!



Many thanks are also extended to the school and community band that performed for an extended period on Saturday before and during the service. This once again highlights the diverse ability of our staff, students and members of the community.

### Severe Weather and Storm Event

We are still cleaning up after the recent storms. Luckily, the power was restored midway through last Tuesday which allowed us to have improved operational ability for the remainder of the week. A number of staff were hindered in their attempts to make it to school but we have managed to remain operational during the period. We have sustained some damage ranging from water damage to a number of trees requiring attention after losing limbs or being uprooted.

Thank you to the parents who have offered assistance in the clean-up

following the natural disaster. Unfortunately, due to Work, Health and Safety regulations, we are unable to accept these kind offers of assistance at this time. The damaged areas have been assessed and made safe. We are now awaiting approval for the insurance works prior to the real clean up occurring.

### Myall Coast Messenger ANZAC Writing Competition Winners

Congratulations are extended to the flowing students who were the winners and highly commended entries for the ANZAC Writing Competition: Winners:

Years 3/4 - Jade Johnson

Years 5/6 - Grace Burke

*Both girls received \$100 worth of VISA Gift Cards thanks to the Myall Coast Messenger*

Highly Commended:

Years 3/4 - Cameron Jeffries

Years 5/6 - Lily-Arum Laws

### New Science and Technology Curriculum

This year, implementation of the NSW Science and Technology K-6 syllabus became mandatory for all NSW primary schools. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare and trial new units of work for all classes K-6.

The new syllabus aims to foster a sense of wonder, expand children's natural curiosity and develop an enthusiasm for Science and Technology, with opportunities for all students to think scientifically and to appreciate both the natural and made worlds.

Knowledge and Understanding content is divided in to two strands:

- Natural Environment
- Made Environment

These are further divided into 7 sub-strands that provide a continuum of learning that links with the strands of the Years 7-10 Science syllabus e.g. Material World K-6 provides a foundation for the Chemical World strand in Years 7-10.

The Skills content is organised in two strands:

- Working Scientifically
- Working Technologically

Working Scientifically develops skills in:

- identifying and asking questions about the world
- planning and conducting investigations
- using scientific inquiry
- evaluating the quality of findings and evidence
- drawing on processes and design ideas.

Working Technologically develops student skills in:

- recognising problems and opportunities
- designing and producing possible solutions to the needs and wants of their world
- exploring and defining design tasks
- generating and developing ideas
- producing and evaluating solutions

## COMING UP

### P & C Meeting

The P & C Committee will be hold a meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm in the school library. All welcome.

### 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 recommence 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.

### Tea Gardens Library ANZAC Display

This 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.

### Interrelate— 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.

### Red Cross Breakfast Club

Due to the storm damage, the Red Cross Breakfast Club will be starting up next week. (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am)

### NAPLAN 2015

The dates for NAPLAN, the National Assessment Program for all students in Years 3 and 5 are as follows:

- Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing task
- Wednesday 13 May – Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Maths
- Friday 15 May – Catch up day for students who missed a test due to absence

Please keep these dates free to ensure that your child does not miss out.

### Weekly Assembly- 1st May

This Friday, our Ministers will be hosting the weekly assembly. Assembly commences at 9.10am. All parents and visitors are welcome.

### Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between **Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015**.

The application website is at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

### Stewart House Donation Drive

Last Friday afternoon, envelopes were given to the youngest student in the family to raise money for Stewart House. A \$4000 holiday is up for grabs when you place a \$2 donation into these envelopes. Your donation needs to be back to school by Friday 8th May (Stewart House day). Students will be able to buy a special Stewart House torch key ring for \$3 each on Stewart House day with the sales of these also going towards this great charity.

Good luck!

Mrs True and Mitchell B

### Useful Websites

#### Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

#### Financial literacy

Does your child need help with business and economics? Here's info on

credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/business-and-economics/credit-cards>

#### Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing>

#### Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

### REMINDERS

#### Voluntary School Contribution

The school contribution has been set in collaboration with the school P&C. The contribution amount for 2015 has remained unchanged at \$50 per family. Please endeavour to pay this ASAP to the school office. Payment of this contribution allows us to replace much needed resources used in our school. Many thanks to the parents who have already paid this year's contribution!

#### School calendar

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>

#### Year 6 Fun Shot & Parliament Photo

MSP Photography have provided orders for the Year 6 students "Fun Shot 2015" and Parliament Photo. These orders went home last week. A copy of these photos are on display in the office foyer.

### LIST OF DONATIONS FOR ANZAC MEMORIAL

Mr Ian Dunlop
C.T.C. Centre
Great Lakes Council
Hawks Nest Golf Club
Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Surf Lifesaving Club
Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens Progress Association
Karuah and District RSL Cricket Club
Lioness & Lions Clubs of Tea Gardens Hawks Nest
Myall Coast Historical Society
Myall Community Art & Craft Centre
Myall Park Tennis Club
Myall River View Club
Port Stephens Local Area Police Command
R.S.L. Sub Branch
Rotary Club Of Myall Coast
St Andrews Anglican Church
Tea Gardens Country Club
Tea Gardens Women's Bowling Club
Tea Gardens Fire and Rescue
Tea Gardens Fishing Club
Tea Gardens Men's Bowling Club
Tea Gardens Public School P & C Association
Tea Gardens Red Cross Association and Youth Challenge
Tea Gardens School & Community Band
Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Family Research
The Tea Gardens Grange Residents Social Committee

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## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 24th April 2015. They were:

### ALLIES

Mitchell Henning Working well in class  
Summa Fitzgerald Working well in class

### BRIGADE

Delilah Newlin Excellent reading and writing progress  
Will Barlow Enthusiastic participation when answering questions

### HEROES

Sam Alchin Contributing positively to class discussions  
Rosie Whitby Contributing positively to class discussions

### MATES

Jackson Hind Working well in class  
Ricky Nguyen More consistent effort in class activities

### POPPIES

Kim Deng Being a reliable student  
Kaitlyn Smith Having a mature attitude

### AIF

Sonny Braddick Enthusiasm and help at our ANZAC assembly  
Kiera Bentley-Baker Being helpful in class

### CADETS

Allysha Randall An excellent Bali assignment  
Ryver McDonald An excellent Bali assignment

### SQUADRON

Haley Steadman Caring in class  
Taylor Simmons Quality work

## Good for Kids good for life

### Traditional Indigenous Games

Did you know that AFL is said to have been influenced by the Traditional Indigenous game of Marn-grook played by Aboriginal groups in Victoria using a ball made out of twisted possum hair?

In fact, many of the modern games and sports that we love playing have links to the traditional games of the past. These games have been gathered together and developed into a great resource - Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games.

To access the Yulunga resource, go to <http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/all/indigenous/games>

**Kai** is a game that is featured in the Yulunga resource. Kai is thought to have been from the Torres Strait Islands. A group of people would stand in a circle and sing the Kai wed ball song as they hit the ball into the air with their palms. The game was traditionally played using the thick, oval, deep-red fruit of the kai tree.

#### Playing the game:

Players stand in a circle and pass the ball to each other by striking the ball upwards into the air with the palms of their hand in the direction of another player. The aim of the game is to keep the ball in the air as long as they can without dropping it. The ball is passed to another player much like hitting a "volley" in a game of volley ball. Try using different types of ball e.g. tennis balls, volley balls, beach balls, and balloons.

Did you know? Kai wed, also used as kamut wed for string-figure 'ball playing'.

**Reference:** The Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games resource



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### 2014-2015 NSW Family Energy Rebate



2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM  
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

\* eligibility criteria apply



Apply before  
Midnight  
16 June 2015




FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL - [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)

WEB - [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)

## CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 2 – 2015 – ALL MEALS \$4.50

WEDNESDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL Danielle Driscoll Amy Rodgers (9-2)	THURSDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL Deb Smart Lerane Jarman	FRIDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY Danielle Driscoll Lee Burgess (9-12) Peta Shelton (9-2)
Chicken & gravy long roll 	Toasties – 1 ½ toasties ham & cheese <u>OR</u> ham, tomato & cheese 	<u>NEW</u> Minced beef stroganoff with pasta & veg 
**Optional bbq or tomato sauce**		
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	DANIELLE DRISCOLL	0421976137

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

## 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, 30<sup>th</sup> 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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