



# Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324  
4/5/2015 Week 3 Term 2

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

#### Student of the Week

Congratulations are extended to Caitlin Condie from the AIF class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Caitlin receives the acknowledgement for being a diligent student who always does her best. She enthusiastically joins in with class work and always gives her best effort. Congratulations Caitlin on being a much deserved recipient of this week's award!



### BOUQUETS

#### Myall Coast Messenger ANZAC Writing Competition

A big thank you to the Myall Coast Messenger for their donations of prizes, which were awarded to the ANZAC Writing Competition winners. I'm sure the students will appreciate their gift cards.

#### Tea Gardens Library ANZAC Display

Thank you to Carol Johnson, Norm Webber and the rest of the organising committee responsible for the fantastic ANZAC display at the public library. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed looking at the displays, hearing stories and watching visual footage about the ANZACS.

#### Stage 3 Reading + University = Career Choices Careers Through Reading

Our Year 5 students were fortunate to be part of the Careers through Reading program conducted by The University of Newcastle's Aim High Team. Thank you to everyone involved in this terrific program.



Careers Through Reading began as a partnership with Cessnock Public School and has since been delivered in a number of aim high schools including here at Tea Gardens. The core of the program involves University students reading to small groups of primary school children books that are related to the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) the students are studying. This allows both Uni and school students to share their current experiences of education and aspiration to eventual professions in a friendly and non-threatening space. The program strengthened the existing literacy block already provided in the school.

During the five visits students continued to learn to

- Interact confidently with their peers
- Speak confidently in group discussions
- To listen strategically
- To read with comprehension

Below in today's newsletter, I have also included a copy of Lilly Arum's report which gives you an insight into what the kids thought about the program.

#### National Disability Data Collection

Last year, our staff completed initial training to support the national data collection. In 2015, all schools are required to participate in the data collection process. The process is underpinned by the Disability

Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). Over the coming weeks, I will be providing updates and additional information through the newsletter to increase awareness within our school community about this process.

#### Art & Craft Expo 2015 from the P & C

Tea Gardens Public School P & C Committee wish to thank the following businesses and individuals for supporting our school:

Altitude Travel	MV Wallamba "The Wally" Ferry Service
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Marline Marine and Tackle	Woodward Garden Centre
Meals on Wheels	Wootton Valley Butchery
Moonshadow Cruises	<i>and everyone else who has supported our event!</i>
Moore's Laundromat	

**Art & Craft Expo Raffle Winner:** Congratulations goes to the winner of this year's raffled art work from the Art & Craft Expo 2015, painted by Peter Fennel "Rainstorm in Paris", John Estens.

### COMING UP

#### Junior Golf

Golf will on Tuesday afternoon. Please meet Mr Weightman at the Golf Club at 4.00pm.

#### Rugby League Training

Due to the ongoing state of the grounds in Tea Gardens, training for Rugby League this week has been moved to Myall Park in Hawks Nest to allow for students to be in attendance.

Training will commence at 3.30pm. It is vital that all members of the team are present to allow our players to develop the teamwork required. A trial game against Tanilba Bay has been tentatively booked for Friday 15 May 2015.

### Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday and Friday this week. All classes will visit the stall in the morning, one class at a time. Leftover gifts will be offered for sale on Friday. Gifts range from 50 cents to \$10. There will also be students art works from the Art & Craft Expo for sale at \$5 each.

We need helpers for the stall on both days. If you are able to help out please come on Thursday at around 8.30am to help set up.

### 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.

### 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](http://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 South Public School, Soldiers Point Public School, Tighes Hill Public School and Maryland Public School.

### Weekly Assembly- 8th May

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

### Friday 8th May – Stewart House Day Key Ring /Torch Fundraiser

Please make sure that all donations for Stewart House are in by Friday for your chance to be in the draw for a \$4000 holiday. Students will be able to buy a special **Stewart House torch key ring for \$3** each on Friday with the sales of these going to this great charity.



### Breakfast Club

The Red Cross Breakfast Club will be commencing tomorrow. Students are able to come to school at 8.30 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings to enjoy a Red Cross breakfast.

### P&C Meeting

The P&C will be meeting on Tuesday 12th May at 7:00pm in the school library. Please come along and be an active member of our school community.

### School Plan (2015-2017) and 2014 Annual School Report

Copies of our school plan and annual school report are now available on our school website. If you would prefer a hard copy, please call the school office and we will happily send a copy of each home.

### Aim High- Careers through Reading- Student Report

*Over the last couple of weeks before the holidays, year five have been attending a fun program called "Aim High". Aim High has been teaching us about careers through reading and has helped us all in one way or another.*

*There was a smile on all of our faces as we said hello to Kirrily and Liam for the very first time. Most of us had not understood*

*what reading could do for our future careers but after we listened to Kirrily our minds just started to open up. At the end of our first session with aim high, most of us were desperately wanting to listen more and couldn't wait until the following Wednesday. Our second session with aim high kicked off with a bang! Kirrily had brought some university students with her this time, we had to interview them about university. Although many university students said that the food was their favourite thing about uni, a few people said that their favourite thing about uni was learning new things every day. We had to read with our university students as well as interviewing them, all the books we read were different to the last groups book. On our last day we all read the same book- "Hope". We all loved our experience with aim high and wished that they could keep coming to our school but sadly they had to leave. Year four's they will be coming to visit you next year. I have interviewed a few lucky students and here is what they had to say about aim high:*

*Casey's favourite part of aim high was the last session where we made kites and had a kite race.*

*Grace learnt that reading is very important for our future careers.*

*Flynn's favourite book was the Mischiefians he liked how they stole things.*

*Seth highly enjoyed all of the activities equally.*

*I even interviewed my teacher Mrs Edwards, this is what she thought about us being taught by aim high:*

*Mrs Edwards was excited to see aim high again as she has had previous experiences with them on discover uni day. She said that aim high was very well organised and very informative. Mrs Edwards was sure that this event was going to be a good one. And it was.*

*Our minds have certainly opened up since our visits with aim high, although we might not have a clue of what we want to be when we're older, we now realise how many opportunities reading can give us later in life.*

### Class Captains—Term 2

Congratulations to the following students for being voted Class Captains for their class this term.

Class Captains Term 2 2015		
Allies	Shae Roberts	Stephanie McShane
Brigade	Jack Nolan	Grace Ehlefeldt
Heroes	Finn Matenga	Abigail Alderton
Mates	Isla Brumby	James McCarthy
Poppies	Mia McDonald	Cameron Jeffries
AIF	Stephen	Lilly-Ann White
Cadets	Jamie Freebody	Abbie Smith
Squadron	Indianna McDonald	Mitchell Barr

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### Official Opening of Parliament

Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to attend Tea Gardens Public School's 26th Official Opening of Parliament on Wednesday 20th May 2015 commencing at 10am.

### REMINDERS

#### Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion—16 June to 18 June 2015

Expenses for this excursion may be paid as part or full payment. Payment slips were sent home last week. All payments need to be finalised by Friday 5 June 2015. The total cost for this excursion is \$370 per student.

#### 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. Orders must be placed before 14th May 2015.

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 1st May 2015. They were:

### ALLIES

Sienna Riley Working well in class  
Jack Bradney Working well in class

### BRIGADE

Grace Ridgway Working well and "sounding out" unknown words in story writing  
Noah Pettit Learning his sight words and reading well

### HEROES

Montanna Delaney Improvement and increased confidence in reading  
Kalista-Lee Hall Great participation during library visit

### MATES

Coby Bates His interesting contributions to class Discussions  
Jessie Lawler Her conscientious effort in class

### POPPIES

Arabella Sylvaney Taking pride in the presentation of her work  
Isaac Mitchell Making a positive start to Term 2

### AIF

Ciara Ridley Excellent work in spelling  
Braiven Megallon Pleasing work in all areas

### CADETS

Zane Pietsch Excellent contributions to class discussions  
Sophia Jeffries Taking on additional tasks with ease

### SQUADRON

Tyreece Wolfram Good work in presenting his space project  
Brandon Price Good work in presenting his space project

## Rewards Program update

### Student Banking –Tuesday

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

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket



## Good for Kids good for life

### Importance of Breakfast

Did you know that breakfast literally means breaking the fast from overnight?

One in four Australian children skip breakfast and research has shown that students who do find it difficult to concentrate in class and may be lethargic in the playground. They may also choose more high sugar, high fat snacks or overeat because they are so tired and hungry.

Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day and should be eaten every day. Some children may have a long distance to travel to school, while others take a while to wake up and be ready to eat breakfast so here are some quick on the go breakfast ideas:

- \* Fruit bread or a fruit hot cross bun
- \* Banana
- \* Breakfast drinks e.g. Up and Go
- \* Cheese sandwich
- \* Untoasted muesli and low fat yoghurt
- \* Cereal bites e.g. fruity bites, cheerios, mini wheats etc.
- \* Boiled egg

For more information on breakfast ideas go to: [http://](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking/importance-of-breakfast.aspx)

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## CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 3 – 2015 – ALL MEALS \$4.50

WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY Dan Driscoll Katherine Pollock (9-12) Vanessa Ray (9-2)	THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MAY Deb Smart Stephen Liney (9-12) Jacinta Roberts (9-2)	FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY Dan Driscoll Carolyn Jeffries (9-12) Krystael McDougall-Neal (9-2)
Plain hamburger with salad on a round roll 	<b>NEW</b> Chicken meatballs with bolognese sauce & pasta 	Scrambled egg & bacon wrap 
**Optional bbq or tomato sauce**	**Optional parmesan cheese**	**Optional bbq or tomato sauce**
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	DANIELLE DRISCOLL	0421976137

A photograph of two young boys sitting at a table in a classroom, looking at a book. The boy on the left is wearing a green t-shirt and has his arms crossed. The boy on the right is wearing a colorful, patterned t-shirt and has his hand on his chin. The book they are looking at features a large, vibrant, abstract illustration with orange, yellow, and blue colors. A pencil lies on the table next to the book. In the background, other students are seated at tables, and a bookshelf is visible.

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