



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

2/3/2015 Week 6 Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Kim Deng from the Poppies class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Kim receives this accolade for being settled, polite and conscientious in class. Congratulations Kim on receiving this award!



BOUQUETS

Ministers and House Captains Induction

Congratulations are extended to our House Captains, and Student Parliament who were inducted into their roles at our assembly last Friday.

Prime Minister
Minister for Transport
Minister for Education
Minister for Sport
Minister for Pupil Welfare
Minister for Special Events
Minister for the Environment
Minister for Building and Health
Leader of the Opposition
Shadow Minister for Transport
Shadow Minister for Education
Shadow Minister for Sport
Shadow Minister for Pupil Welfare
Shadow Minister for Special Events
Shadow Minister for the Environment
Shadow Minister for Building and Health
Speaker of the House
Deputy Speaker of the House
Hansards

Cole Johnson
Shona Miller
Taylor Simmons
Paddy Nickle
Indianna McDonald
Mitchell Barr
William Markham
Nathan Katz
Sophia Jeffries
Flynn Crozier
Lily-Arum Laws
Ryver McDonald
Abbie Smith
Casey O'Bryan
Toby Avery
Luke McCarthy
Shea Matenga
Dylan Smith
Georgia Stevenson
Mikelle McAliney-Nelson, Abby Fenner
Dane Pope
Tyreece Wolfram
Haley Steadman

Sergeant of Arms

Usher of the Black Rod

Tomaree Captains Mikelle McAliney-Nelson & Dylan Smith
Corrie Captains Shea Matenga & Lachlan Callcott
Yacaaba Captains Haley Steadman & Tyreece Wolfram
Stephens Captains Georgia Stevenson & Dane Pope

Boating Education Visit

We were fortunate to be joined by Stuart and Gavin from Maritime Services who came out to educate our students about being safe around boats and the water. Visits such as these are important, given our proximity to the beautiful waterways of the Great Lakes region. The students loved trying out a variety of personal flotation devices / lifejackets to ensure that they had one that was the correct type and size. Students also participated in life jacket races- an event that the students thoroughly enjoyed. All students received a show bag filled with information to share with parents about boating safety.



Clean Up Australia Day – 25th Anniversary

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school Clean Up Day. It was great to see the students enthusiastically help keep our school and the surrounding area clean! Special thanks to our Minister for the Environment (William Markham)



COMING UP

The golf program is on again! Monday 2 March at 4pm

All our students are invited to the free golf program running at Hawks Nest Golf Club on a Monday afternoon from 4-5pm throughout the first term. If you are interested in attending, meet Mr Weightman at the golf course this afternoon.

Art Show Meeting- tomorrow evening

Planning for this year's Art and Craft Expo are well underway. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening commencing at 6.30pm in the school library.

Weekly Assembly- Friday 6 March

This week, Mrs Edwards' and Mrs True's Cadets class will be hosting the assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and concludes at around 9.45am each Friday. All parents are welcome to attend. The class assembly roster for the remainder of semester one is as follows:

Term	Week	Date	Class
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

Newcastle Writers Festival and Creative Writing Workshop at the University Of Newcastle - Year 5 and 6

On Monday 16 March, 10 students nominated by teaching staff will join with students from Bulahdelah CS to go to the Newcastle Writers Festival. The students will attend a workshop conducted by Liz Anelli (<http://www.lizanelli-illustration.com/>) at Lovett City Library. Following this, I have arranged with KIRILY STOKES, School Liaison Officer of the AIM HIGH Program for the students to travel to the University of Newcastle where they will attend a creative writing workshop by Matt Lumb (author of the Hope Book). The ten students nominated to attend these special writing workshops will be informed over the coming days.

REMINDERS

Voluntary School Contribution

The voluntary contribution has been set in collaboration with the school P&C. The voluntary contribution amount for 2015 has remained unchanged at \$50 per family.

Tell them from Me Student Feedback Survey (For students in Years 4-6)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home last Monday with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 6 March**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Myall Coast Messenger is conducting a Centenary of Anzac writing competition for students in Years 3-6.

The Writing Competition is in 2 Sections

Year 3 and 4 - 300 words

Year 5 and 6 - 500 words

The theme of the competition is "The Anzac Spirit"

For example....



- ▯ My ancestors served - What does ANZAC mean to me? -
- ▯ Recognise the bravery and sacrifices made by the diggers
- ▯ 100 years after the landing at Gallipoli
- ▯ Why is ANZAC Day still important to us?
- ▯ Tales about the horror of war and the strength of comradeship.

Stories are due by Friday 3rd April

Prize for each group - \$100 Visa Gift Card

Prizes presented at Tea Gardens School Anzac Day Ceremony on 24th April

Many thanks to the team at the Messenger for their ongoing commitment to our school.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge commences today. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9.

The PRC has a list of books for each Challenge level, catering for students in Years K-2, Years 3-4, Years 5-6, Years 7-9. Students read books from the booklists at or above their Challenge level to complete the Challenge. The book lists are made up of a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and drama and include a wide variety of Australian authors.

To register the books read as part of the challenge, the students need to use their student logon which is the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.

For additional information about the Premier's Reading Challenge <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/faqs.html>

Evacuation Drill

At school we have regular evacuation drills and practices to ensure we all respond appropriately in case of an emergency. A practice has been scheduled for school sometime this week. We practice various forms of evacuations annually to comply with Work, Health and Safety requirements.

Zone Rugby League Trials

On Wednesday 4 March, Nathan Katz, Will Markham, Cole Johnson, Mitchell Barr and Tyreece Wolfram will go to Raymond Terrace to participate in the Zone Rugby League Trials. We wish them the best of luck.

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held next week on Wednesday 11 March from 1.10pm.

The running order for the carnival will be as follows:

12/13 years boys	3km
12/13 years girls	3km
11 years boys	3km
11 years girls	3km
Early Stage 1 boys	Fun Run
Early Stage 1 girls	Fun Run
10 years boys	2km
10 years girls	2km
Stage 1 boys	Fun Run
Stage 1 girls	Fun Run
8/9 years boys	2km
8/9 years girls	2km

Students will be required to wear their sport uniform on both Wednesday and Friday for next week only.

Grand Parents and Grand Friends - 13 March 2015

All grandparents and grandfriends are invited to attend this special morning on Friday 13 March commencing at 9.10am. Classes have been preparing items for a special assembly. This will be followed by an opportunity to visit classrooms and a special morning tea.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)- Year 2-6

Last week, a registration form to enter these competitions was sent home. Please complete the form with payment if you are interested in getting your child to sit one or more of these assessments. Payment and forms are due to be returned to school no later than Friday 27 March 2015.



TEA GARDENS SOCCER CLUB

CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS

TRIAL GAMES FOR 2015 SEASON START SOON:

- WEEK ONE- 7th of March
- WEEK TWO- 14th of March
- WEEK THREE- 21st of March
- WEEK FOUR- 28th of March

All boys and girls welcome turning age 5 to 15 years in 2015.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW ON LINE:

Just log on to www.myfootballclub.com.au and follow the links to player registrations. If you have any difficulties with self registration we will happily assist you on weeks 2 and 3 of the trial games at Memorial Park starting at 9am

- Mini's 5 to 7 years \$75
- Midi's 8 to 10 years \$85
- Juniors 11 to 15 years \$95

**REGISTRATION PROMOTION:

Register by the **22nd March 2015** and receive the following kit for only **\$15**

- Soccer ball
- Shin pads
- Club shorts
- AND a pair of Diadora soccer boots

REMINDER for all, we still need coaches and trainers!!!

Please contact Tea Gardens Soccer Club by email on teagardenssc@gmail.com or call Trev 0416 077 898

DONATIONS FOR CHILDRENS

CLOTHING (0 - 12 YEARS)

FOR VILLAGE IN MZIMBA (MALAWI AFRICA) ONE STEP MISSION IN MALAWI

This charity was instigated to support orphans of AIDS and Malaria victims.

Bernard Hillman is currently in Hawks Nest and will be travelling to Mzimba, Malawi, Africa mid- March 2015 to continue to support the villagers.

Any unwanted summer clothing for the orphans would be greatly appreciated. Please leave all donations of clothing at school office. Many thanks for your support.



For further information please call Bernard Hillman on 0476 252 685 who will be more than happy to share a greater insight to this appeal.

Further details are available in foyer of school office.

2014-2015 NSW Family Energy Rebate

\$150*
TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

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
WEB - www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK

More than just Ice Cream!!

Tasty Tuesday!

As one is away... another is born!
In loving memory of Uncle Bill

Life is traditional...

Cornish Pastie

Potato, swede turnip, skirt steak, salt & pepper wrapped in home made pastry.
The original real miner's lunch box! **\$15.00**

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

Please have your Order in by 8pm Sunday
(No Orders guaranteed after this time! :-)

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

Great for Take Away!

Sorry... CONTAINS WHEAT



HOMework HELP

Tea Gardens Library

a great place to be every

Wednesday

during school term

3.15pm ~ 4.45pm

snack provided.

- **FREE** homework help
- **FREE** internet access
- **FREE** specialist resources
- **FREE** printing
- **FREE** photocopying/ scanning
- **FREE** reservations.

A great opportunity for students.
Friendly, relaxed atmosphere and
individual assistance with
homework, assignments and
research.

No bookings necessary.

Students will need to bring their
library card, or parents can come
along initially to join children under
16 years of age and grant internet
access. Students will be encouraged
to use the library databases and
windows programs.

Tea Gardens Library
Marine Parade Tea Gardens
Telephone : 4997 1265

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 27th February 2015. They were:

ALLIES

Zoie Hunter Working well in class
Stephanie McShane Working well in class

BRIGADE

Ashton Baillie Working very hard in class and reading recovery
Grace Ehlefeldt Creating imaginative stories

HEROES

Lorelai Milne Trying hard whilst reading
Seth Rawlings Confident and fluent reading

MATES

Kayla-Jane Horne Excellent work in spelling
Murray Woodfield Conscientious approach to his class work

POPPIES

Ocearn Grant Enthusiastic presentation of her news
Kim Deng Taking pride in the presentation of her work

AIF

Lilly-Ann White Pleasing application
Jade Johnson Great work in maths

CADETS

Joaquin Viera Trying hard with mathematics
Flynn Crozier Improvement in subtraction

SQUADRON

Lachlan Callcott Working well in class
Abby Fenner Working hard in maths

SINGING AND GUITAR LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

\$30 FOR 1/2 HOUR

- **BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE**
- **LEARN PERFORMANCE SKILLS**
- **BUILD CONFIDENCE**
- **CALL JO 0481 282 344**



SCHOOL UNIFORM

**STOP YOUR CHILD LOSING THEIR JUMPERS
AND OTHER ITEMS OF UNIFORM AT SCHOOL**

**IRON-ON LABELS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP—ADMIN OFFICE.**



LABEL ORDER:

CHILD'S FULL NAME:

CLASS: _____

Number of labels @ 50 cents ea- _____

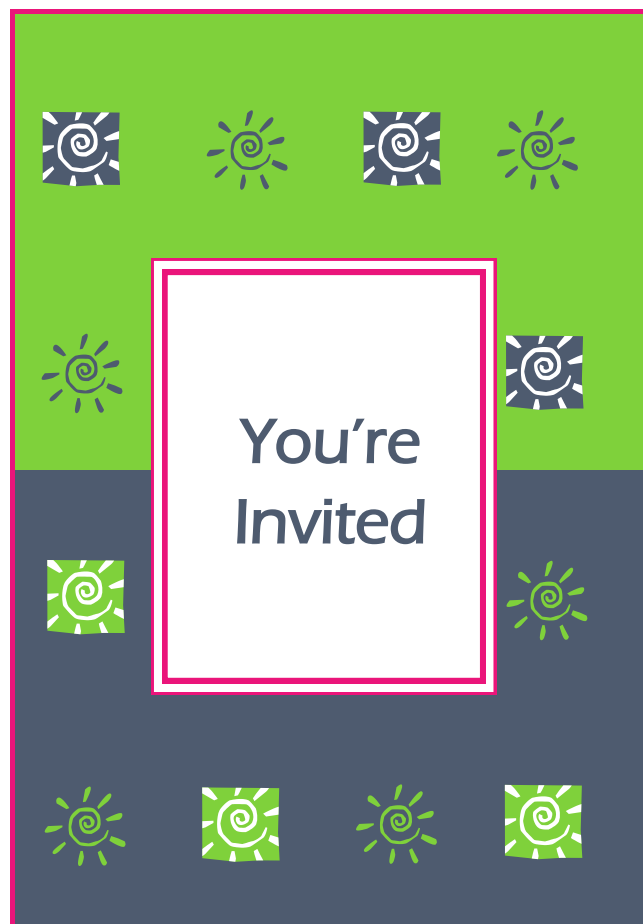
Amount Encl: _____

**TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER
TERM 1 - WEEK 6 2015 – ALL MEALS \$4.50**

**PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN ON FRIDAY
13 MARCH DUE TO GRANDPARENTS DAY**

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH Danielle Driscoll 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 Deb Smart, 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 bolognais sauce  *Optional sour cream & sweet chilli sauce
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	DANIELLE DRISCOLL	0421976137

**GRANDPARENTS DAY—FRIDAY 13 MARCH
VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HELP IN KITCHEN AND DONATE CAKES, SLICES AND/OR SAVOURY.
PLEASE CONTACT DANIELLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANY WAY—PHONE 0421 976 137**



**GRANDPARENTS &
GRANDFRIENDS DAY
2015**

**Tea Gardens Public School
wishes to invite all Grandparents
and Grandfriends
to our special day on
Friday 13th March 2015**

Time: 9.10am	Special Assembly
10.10am	Visits to classrooms
11.00am	Morning Tea in hall

You can arrange a grandfriend for your child or



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:

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

*GST exclusive – GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

Where: TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2015

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)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 | Fax: (02) 8882 7890

schoolservices@interrelate.org.au
www.interrelate.org.au



Tea Gardens Public School P & C Association

Art & Craft Expo 2015

6.30pm Thursday 2nd April to 3.00pm Monday 6th April

All proceeds raised will be to provide and upgrade facilities at Tea Gardens Public School

CORRESPONDENCE TO: Art & Craft Expo
P O Box 298

TEA GARDENS 2324

CO-ORDINATOR: Christine Wisemantel - 0400 490 717

VENUE: Tea Gardens Public School, Witt Street. TEA GARDENS

An invitation is extended to you, your friends and family to the official

OPENING NIGHT

6.30pm Thursday 2nd April 2015

Tickets \$20.00 – includes light supper and complimentary glass of wine

Wine and beer will be available for purchase on the night

Tickets may be purchased from Tea Gardens Public School

OR at the door

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR 38TH ART & CRAFT EXPO



ARTIST—PETER FENNEL

"Romantic Impressionism" is

Peter's description of his

approach to painting. His unique

style softens the Australia he

loves so well, but being a self

taught artist has enabled him to

approach the Australian

landscape and its people with a

refreshing individuality. His

treatment of light and its effect

on form is all important in his

paintings.

RAFFLE \$1 PER TICKET

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

SCHOOL OFFICE

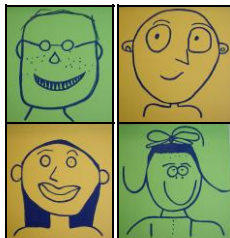
TO WIN A "PETER FENNEL" ARTWORK

VALUED AT \$1,500

ART & CRAFT EXPO 2015 HELPERS ROSTER

SET UP EASELS IN HALL MONDAY 30TH MARCH FROM 3PM		Rob Browne or Cathryn Gamble,(5pm onwards) Jude Woodfield									
HELP RECEIVING ART WORK TUESDAY 31ST MARCH—10AM TO 2PM											
HELP RECEIVING ART WORK & CRAFT WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL—10AM TO 2PM											
SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS On the following dates		21/2 HN	28/2 HN	7/3 TG	13/3 SCHOOL	14/3 HN	21/3 TG	28/3 SCHOOL			
				J Woodfield							
POSITION	↓	OPENING NIGHT 2nd APRIL	FRIDAY 3/4 9am—1pm	FRIDAY 3/4 1pm—5pm	SATURDAY 4/4 9am-1pm	SATURDAY 4/4 1pm-5pm	SUNDAY 5/4 9am—1pm	SUNDAY 5/4 1pm-5pm	MONDAY 6/4 9am—12pm	MONDAY 6/4 12pm-3pm	
SALES DESK					J Woodfield		J Woodfield				
FRONT ENTRY/ RAFFLE TICKETS											
CRAFT											
SANDWIZARD Student Helpers											
TEA & COFFEE & COLD DRINKS											
PACK UP MONDAY 6/4 From 3pm		Rob Browne or Cathryn Gamble	J Woodfield								

MESSAGE FROM THE P & C COMMITTEE- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED ALL NEW HELPERS WELCOME.....THANK YOU TO ALL WHO OFFER THEIR HELP EACH YEAR.....REMEMBER “MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”THIS YEAR ALL FUNDS RAISED FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE GOING TOWARDS NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR OUR PLAYGROUND...



Tea Gardens Public School P&C Association

P.O. Box 209 Tea Gardens NSW 2324

Email: tgpspandc@gmail.com

ABN: 79 870 133 748

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know the P&C plays a large part at Tea Gardens Public School. The main role of the P&C is to raise money to help the school get additional equipment and supplies that are not provided by the government.

Over the past few years, the P&C has raised over \$30,000, which has gone towards the purchase of 10 iPads, upgrades to wireless connectivity and paying for half of the new sports shed. In addition to purchasing items for the school the P&C also subsidises special events like the Young Leaders Day, Canberra/Snowy Mountain excursion, Interrelate, as well as new hats for all new students to the school.

Currently money is being raised for a new playground which will include climbing frames, soft fall & edging, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The P&C is also responsible for the running of the School Canteen. The P&C employ the Canteen Supervisor and the Assistant Supervisor. In addition, the P&C rely on volunteers to assist in the smooth running of the Canteen, which many of our children enjoy.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up and a new executive committee will be elected. We will need to fill the following positions:- President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in helping out with any of these positions please contact the school & leave your contact details. A member of the current Committee will call you back. In addition, Christine Wisemantel has been appointed as the 2015 Art & Craft Show Co-Ordinator, so a lot of work has been taken off the Executive Committee for this annual event.

We are also trying to encourage more people to get involved; we are currently looking at the idea of having Parent Representative for each class. We envisage this representative could act as a coordinator to share relevant information with other parents and carers about class matters and special events that benefit the school and the students. We hope that this may encourage adult representation of the different classes at fund raising events such as the trivia night, as well as creating a nice social network and strengthening the team of volunteers assisting with other major fundraising events.

Please indicate your interest by returning the bottom section of this form to the office or email your details to tgpspandc@gmail.com

() I would like to be the representative for class _____

() I would like to receive information in relation to class _____

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

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