



# Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

10/8/2015 Week 5 Term 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Tyler Rodgers from the Mates class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Tyler receives the acknowledgement for trying hard in all areas of school life. Tyler brings a positive attitude towards learning. Congratulations Tyler on being named this week's student of the week.



Come to our assembly this Friday to find out who will be our next Student of the Week! Assembly commences at 9.10am and everyone is welcome. This Friday, due to the Zone track carnival, the ministers will once again be hosting our assembly. Please come along and join us!

Assemblies for the remainder of the term are as follows:

14 August- Ministers

21 August- The Cadets (Mrs Edwards and Mrs True)

28- August- The AIF (Mr Weightman)

4 September- The Poppies (Mrs Fowler and Mrs Bryant)

11 September- Ministers

18 September- The Mates (Miss Maloney)

## Uniform Policy Survey

Over the past year, a considerable amount of effort has gone into updating and revising our school uniform policy. As part of the consultation process, we would value your feedback on the new draft policy before full implementation and enforcement next year. A copy of the draft policy was attached to last week's newsletter with a brief set of questions to allow for your feedback. If you have lost your copy, please make contact with the office and we will happily send you another copy of the survey home.

## BOUQUETS

### STEM Science

Last Thursday the A.I.F. and Year Four students from The Poppies finished their last week of the Careers Through Science program. This Newcastle University project aims to develop positive attitudes towards science and link science to a range of career opportunities. Over the month the students learnt about the scientific method and performed a number of experiments. These included making slime, creating a lava lamp, mixing food colouring and growing seeds. All agreed the program was both fun and educational with students wishing the program went for longer.



## COMING UP

### P&C Meeting 11 August

Our August P&C meeting will be tomorrow evening, 11 August commencing at 7pm in the school library. Please come along and be an active member of our school community.

### Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Vi Barnett Oval, Raymond Terrace this Tuesday 11 August (field events + 800m races) and Friday 14 August (track events). All students need to be at the oval by 9.15am.

Our field events + 800m team are: Tyler Rodgers, Gemma Brown, Braiden Dvorik, Lilly-Ann White, Sophie Frazer, Makai Dvorik, Grace Burke, Sophia Jeffries, Ethan Pinch, Fletcher Gessey, Luke McCarthy, Riley Barry, Ryver McDonald, Zane Pietsch, Zane Rid-

ley, Abby Fenner, Mikelle McAliney-Nelson, Cole Johnson, Dane Pope, Hayden Harvey, Mitchell Barr, Nathan Katz and Will Markham.

Our track team are: Haleigh Simmons, Jessie Lawler, James McCarthy, Tyler Rodgers, Kaitlyn Smith, Kallen Craft, Charli Alchin, Lilly-Ann White, Sophie Frazer, Jermaine Wolfram, Allysha Randall, Sophia Jeffries, Ethan Pinch, Austin Battle, Ryver McDonald, Luke McCarthy, Zane Ridley, Abby Fenner, Haley Steadman, Mikelle McAliney-Nelson, Taylor Simmons, Cole Johnson, Mitchell Barr and Nathan Katz.

We wish all of our competitors the best of luck!

### Spell a thon- "Sponsor a Speller"

Our students will be participating in a "Sponsor a Speller" fundraiser to replace old air conditioners within a number of classrooms at our school. Recently, sponsor a speller forms were sent home. It is hoped that students practise their set word lists and collect sponsorship donations or pledges from now until Thursday 27 August. Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts.

### "Favourite Movies" Student Social- 18 August

The social is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of August. Entry costs \$1.00, years 3-6. The theme is favourite movie character, there will be a prize for best dressed. If you want to buy a drink you will need to bring another dollar. Stephens and Yacaaba are bringing the food. There will be a DJ. It will start at 6:00 and ends at 7:30.

Casey O'Bryan

Shadow Minister for Special Events



### Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Presentations

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. To help your children stay safe online, Tea Gardens Public School is hosting Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations. Designed for parents, teachers and students, these presentations are provided by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner as part of a national program of Cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation for parents is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- ◇ the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- ◇ potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, Identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- ◇ tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by a Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

Tea Gardens Public School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. The Cybersmart Programs are highly sought after. In fact, we booked this event more than 18 months ago. We are pleased to finally announce the presentation schedule at Tea Gardens Public School.

The parent Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on:

**Monday 24th of August 2015 commencing at 6.30pm**

To register your attendance, please contact the office to secure your place as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

### LINKS TO 2015-2017 SCHOOL PLAN - STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3- "QUALITY COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS"

#### Parent Forum- 28 August 2015

At Tea Gardens Public School, we are always looking for ways to continue to improve our school. To support this ongoing improvement, parents are invited to a forum to provide feedback. The forum will be held following our weekly assembly in the school hall commencing at 10am on Friday 28 August. Areas of discussion will include Learning, Safety, Behaviour, Consultation, Approachability, School Image, School Improvement and Relationships. Please take the time to contribute to our strategic directions including: Excellence in Student Learning and School Culture; Teacher and Leader Learning and Quality Community Relationships.

#### Father's Day- Free BBQ Breakfast

Are you a Dad or Mum or significant other of one or more of our students? Well, on Friday 4 September, we are going to host a BBQ breakfast for you and your kids. We are in the process of planning this free event and would love if you would make the time to come and join us. We will get some sporting equipment out as well so if you feel like shooting some hoops or kicking a ball with your kids, you will get the opportunity to do this as well. Hopefully this year, the weather will be a little kinder to us!

To assist with numbers for catering purposes, please indicate on the return slip below your family name and numbers planning on joining us on Friday 4 September. Alternatively, please RSVP via email to [teagardens-p@school.det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:teagardens-p@school.det.nsw.edu.au)

### FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

**FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 7.30am to 8.45am**

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### "KINDY16"

##### Kindergarten Orientation- Dates set for 2015

Our Kindergarten Orientation program starts on **Thursday 22 October**. The children spend time in the classrooms with teachers. At the same time, our prospective 2016 Kindy parents are offered an information session on a range of topics including:

- Is my child ready for school?

- The First Day
  - The A-Z guide to Tea Gardens
  - What is Best Start?
  - What do students learn in Kindergarten?-
  - **A day in the life of Kindergarten**
  - How can parents participate?
  - Our Uniform
  - What if my child has special needs?
  - The role of the School Counsellor
  - Question and Answer session
- Parents will take a tour around our facilities and meet the Principal and staff who can answer all of your questions.

If you have yet to register your children as part of our Kindy 2016 intake, please contact the school ASAP to assist with planning. You can do this either by calling in, phoning the school on 0249970286 or emailing the school at [teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Mark Clemson**  
Principal

## REMINDERS

### School Contributions

Thank you to parents who have paid their School Contribution of \$50 per family. This amount is set by the P & C and helps pay for the much needed resources for all our students at Tea Gardens Public School.

Outstanding invoices were sent home last week. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Eftpos is available at office.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Great Aussie Book Swap

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ Over 50% of very remote Indigenous families speak an Indigenous language
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- ⇒ Less than 36% of people in a remote community have access to a library and books
- ⇒ Only 40% of Aboriginal children are at school until year 12.
- ⇒ You can be part of the solution by being part of this year's Great Aussie Book Swap

We have registered to participate in the Great Book Swap again this year, to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).

The Great Aussie Book Swap works in the following way:

1. Children bring in a book they love but can bear to part with.
- Dates: Monday 24 August – Tuesday 25 August**
2. The student ministers will collect the books and display them on tables adjacent to the hall. **Date: Wednesday 26 August**
3. Students bring in a gold coin donation for the right to choose a new book from the tables to take home – hence the Book Swap. **Date: Wednesday 26 August**
4. The gold coin donations will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to provide books and literacy resources to kids in remote communities.

You can find out more about the ILF at [www.indigenouliteracyfoundation.org.au](http://www.indigenouliteracyfoundation.org.au)

### Book Week Parade- 25 August

On Tuesday 25th August our school will be hosting a book parade as part of "Book Week 2015". Students are asked to dress up as a book character and if possible bring a copy of the book on which their character is based.

### Premiers Reading Challenge concluding soon - 21 August

The Premiers Reading Challenge is concluding shortly. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to read 30 books and students from 3-6 are required to read 20 books. The challenge finishes on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. All online records must be completed by this date. Please make sure that your child/ren are recording the books they read so that they can complete the challenge before this time. Students from year 3 onwards have been shown how to log onto the Premiers Reading Challenge website through their student portal <https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/> at school. This can also be done at home. To do this, follow the student portal link provided, students then log into their Kidspage page and the Premier's Reading Challenge can be found under Learning. If you have any record sheets at home, please start to send them in so that I can also begin recording student reading. Thank you.

Rachel Cooper- Librarian

### Walk on the Wildside Photographic Competition

This year the Hawks Nest Wildside Festival is again having a photo competition with divisions for both primary aged photographers and older ages. Each division has two prizes: a native fauna photo and a native flora photo. Each winner gets his or her photo mounted on canvas.

The competition is being co-ordinated by the Myall Coast Messenger newspaper. Detail can be found at: [http://www.walkonthewildside.net.au/index\\_files/photocomp.htm](http://www.walkonthewildside.net.au/index_files/photocomp.htm)

### Request for support at school for student's with Health Conditions

We are currently updating our records of all students with health conditions who may require medication or support at our school. Forms will be sent home to all parents with children who have known medical conditions. These forms are to be completed by parents and returned to the office as soon as possible.

If your child has an allergic reaction, then an action plan will be included and needs to be completed and signed by your medical practitioner.

If your child has asthma, then an action plan managing your child's asthma will be included and also needs to be completed and signed by your medical practitioner.

All parents with children who have medical conditions will also receive a consent for doctor to provide information about their child's health condition. These also need to be completed and signed by parent.

Tickets available  
from school office



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 7th August 2015. They were:

### ALLIES

Mitchell Henning Working well in class  
Amarlieah Mobbs Working well in class

### BRIGADE

Noah Pettit Listening well and trying hard with his Writing  
Will Barlow Working hard to hear sounds in words

### HEROES

Chloe Hodges A great start back at TGPS  
Sam Alchin Trying hard with spelling in his story writing

### MATES

Matilda Bryant Her consistent effort and application in spelling  
Haleigh Simmons Her excellent reading and comprehension

### POPPIES

Isaac Mitchell Writing an interesting sizzling start  
Shaylee Gibbs Trying hard and having a positive attitude

### AIF

Stephen Always doing his best  
Breanna Foran Being a polite hard worker

### CADETS

Toby Avery Great knowledge of animal adaptations  
Casey O'Bryan Consistently excellent spelling results

### SQUADRON

Jonathan Hawes Enthusiasm for science activities  
Shea Matenga Working well in Mathematics



Season 2015/16 Commences 11 September 2015  
Friday nights concludes March 2016  
Excludes school holidays

Register on-line **LANSW** or contact the centre on 0457 671 400 or 0437 970 685  
or email [myallcoastlac@hotmail.com](mailto:myallcoastlac@hotmail.com)

Registration Days will also be held on:

Sat 22nd August 2015 Tea Gardens Library- 9.30am to 11.30am

Wed 2nd September 2015 Tea Gardens Public School- 2.30pm-4.30pm

Bring birth certificate for proof of age  
Registration \$80 per athlete \$48 Tiny Tots.  
Uniform cost \$50

## Rewards Program update

### Student Banking –Tuesday

Available in Term 3, we have two new reward items from our Outer Space Savers range for students to redeem.

- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch

## Good for Kids good for life

### GIFTS TO GET YOU MOVING

Stuck for ideas on what to buy your child as a present?

Why not choose something that encourages them to be physically active? For example:

- Skipping rope
- Hula hoop
- Balls – soccer, football, basketball, netball
- Kite
- Frisbee
- Climbing Frame
- Skateboard (don't forget the helmet and pads)
- Scooter
- Badminton Set



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There are lots of options for all sorts of budgets. Why not include a gift each birthday that gets your kids moving for years to come!

Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District



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### Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 6, 8, 10 and 12 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit [www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations).

TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK

More than just Ice Cream!!

**Tasty Tuesday!**

Shack Style...  
**CHAR SIU BEEF & PORK SPARE RIBS!**

Fall off the Bone, mouth watering, slow cooked Beef & Pork ribs caramelized in Char Siu Bar-B-Q marinade and served on a bed of smashed potatoes...  
**Finger lickin' good!!!**

**\$15.00**

Great for Take away!

To ensure you don't miss out on your favourite dishes, please e-mail your order direct to: [anne@teagardensicecreamshack.com.au](mailto: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**

**Sorry... CONTAINS WHEAT**

## TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Kindergarten 2016

Parents who have children starting Kindergarten in 2016, please fill in the form below to let our school know about your child? Your child must be turning 5 years of age before 31st July 2016.

Tea Gardens Public School will be holding Kindergarten Orientation sessions in Term 4.

Letters will be sent out to all children's parents outlining dates and itineraries.

Please let us know of your child starting kindergarten in 2016 as soon as possible.

### Expressions of Interest—Kindergarten 2016 Registration

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (M/F) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(First Name/Surname)

Siblings enrolled at Tea Gardens Public School? \_\_\_\_\_

(First Name/Surname)

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

If you know of any children in the community that may be starting school next year please ask parents to contact us on 4997 0286.

## Canteen News

**Fresh for Kids and the Sydney Markets** are running a fruit and vegetable promotion and our school canteen have been invited to participate.

This promotion will be running for 6 weeks from Monday 10th August to Friday 18th September.

Students are rewarded with a sticker with each purchase of food from the canteen that contains fresh/frozen fruit and/or vegetables.

Once students have received 2 stickers, they will instantly receive a **Fresh for Kids** colour pencil with character eraser—there are 7 to collect. Their completed entry forms, which will be kept in the canteen will be sent back to the Sydney Markets to go into a draw to win some fantastic major prizes including:




- 1 x Home entertainment pack (TV and Blu-Ray Player)
- iPad Minis
- Fresh for Kids gift packs and
- Cinema gift cards

There will also be a prize for the school that sends back the highest number of entries per student.

Let's get behind this promotion and see how many entry forms we can get. Fresh/frozen fruit available each canteen day. Please check the canteen menu for meals that contain fruit and vegetables, It all counts!!!



## TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>12<sup>TH</sup> August</b> <b>Dan Driscoll Ngaire White (9-12)</b> <b>Vanessa Cook (9-2)</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>13<sup>TH</sup> August</b> <b>Deb Smart (9-12)</b> <b>Karen Katz (9-2)</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>14<sup>TH</sup> August</b> <b>Dan Driscoll Bill Ewen (9-12)</b> <b>Jamie Hall (9-2)</b>
<b>Rissoles &amp; gravy with mashed potato &amp; veg</b>  <b>*Veg – Peas, corn &amp; carrot*</b>	<b>Chicken nuggets (6) with tomato sauce</b> 	<b><u>NEW</u></b> <b>Hawaiian burger</b>  <b>*Pineapple, cheese, tomato, lettuce &amp; tomato sauce*</b>
<b>Sandwiches available</b> <b>Wed, Thurs, Fri</b>	<b>Vegemite, Jam or Honey</b> <b>\$2.00</b>	<b>Cheese or cheese &amp; Tomato</b> <b>\$3.00</b>
<b>CANTEEN SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>DANIELLE DRISCOLL</b>	<b>0421976137</b>