



# Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

17/8/2015 Week 6 Term 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Nathan Katz from the Squadron class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Nathan receives the acknowledgement for working hard in class. Congratulations Nathan 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, the Cadets class will be hosting our assembly. Please come along and join us!

Assemblies for the remainder of the term are as follows:

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. Another copy of the draft policy has been sent home today with a brief set of questions to allow for your feedback.

## BOUQUETS

### Zone Athletics Carnival

Last week 34 students represented the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Raymond Terrace. Congratulations to all the students for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents for transporting the students to the event and special thanks to the parents who were able to take extra students with them. Congratulations to Lilly-Ann White and Sophie Frazer who have qualified to represent Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Regional Carnival in Newcastle on Friday 28 August.



## COMING UP

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

Our school social will be held tomorrow evening for students in Years 3-6 from 6pm to 7.30pm. 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 to bring 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

### 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.

### 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.

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

**Monday 24th of August 2015 commencing at 6.30pm. No cost**

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 BBQ BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 7.30am to 8.45am

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

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

#### 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)

#### "KINDY16"

##### Kindergarten Orientation

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**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Great Aussie Book Swap

- ⇒ DID YOU KNOW? Over 50% of very remote Indigenous families speak an Indigenous language
- ⇒ 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.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.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 this Friday! - 21 August

The Premiers Reading Challenge is concluding on Friday. 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 return these now so that I can also finish recording the information about the books read. Thank you.

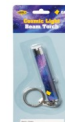
Rachel Cooper- Librarian

#### 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







## FLORA AND FAUNA PHOTO COMPETITION

Entries to the Myall Coast Messenger - myallcoastmessenger@gmail.com

Entries Close 5pm Wednesday 9th September

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)

**For the tenth year the Wildside Festival, celebrating the natural environment of Hawks Nest, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11-13 September 2015.**

**In conjunction with the Festival there will be a monster photo competition supported by the Myall Coast Messenger.**

- ♦ Four winners will have their photos printed on a mounted canvas frame
- ♦ Two entry divisions - Primary School students and Adults (amateurs only, please)
- ♦ Two categories in each division - Myall Coast Native Flora and Myall Coast Native Fauna
- ♦ Digital photos 1 Megabyte or larger taken in the last 12 months may be sent to the Myall Coast Messenger - myallcoastmessenger@gmail.com Please attach Name, Address, Phone Number and school details if applicable.

Entries will be judged by local identity and photographer Christian Patteson. Entries close 5pm on 9 September 2015 and results will be announced at the Hawks Nest Community Hall at 3pm on Saturday 12 September. Once again, our school has been encouraged to submit entries.



## 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.

### 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.

### A reminder to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or is a new health condition develops. (forms are available from school office)

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided in writing to the principal.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

### Stage 2 Excursion

On Thursday 3 September, Stage 2 students are having an excursion to Timbertown and Billabong Koala Wildlife Park near Port Macquarie. Notes with the information about the excursion were sent home in Week 4. Please return your child's permission note and money to school as soon as possible to secure their seat on the bus. Please note that **notes and money are due by Friday 21 August.**

### SCHOOL SOCIAL

Years 3 to 6

Tuesday 19 August

6pm to 7.30pm

Theme

"Favourite Movie Character"

Entry \$1

Drinks \$1

Stephens & Yacaaba to bring food



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 14th August 2015. They were:

### ALLIES

Stella Gatenby Working well in class  
Summa Fitzgerald Working well in class

### BRIGADE

Grace Ridgway Great story writing  
Noah Rodgers Great effort and quality work

### HEROES

Deagon Cook Excellent behaviour and application  
Abigail Alderton Positive contribution to class discussions

### MATES

Kayla-Jane Horne Her interesting and informative writing  
Maeve Brumby Her dedicated approach to her learning

### POPPIES

Amber O'Bryan For using lovely expression in her reading  
Tori Lee For trying hard to write imaginative narratives

### AIF

Jacob Mifsud Listening and answering questions  
Breanna Foran Excellent behaviour and application

### CADETS

Lilliarna Baillie Employing a range of techniques in poetry writing  
Jarrod Schmidt Employing a range of techniques in poetry writing

### SQUADRON

Tyreese Wolfram Working well in mathematics  
Dylan Smith Excellent attitude towards class work



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

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 13 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015.

We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

## Good for Kids good for life

### HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

In winter it can be easier than usual to say no to exercise and eat more energy dense, nutrient poor foods for comfort and warmth.

But this doesn't have to be the case! Here are some ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious and warming!

- Soups – Think pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches – fill them with baked beans/ cheese, ham/cheese/tomato or roast beef/baby spinach/tomato/avocado
- Mini Pizzas – made using English muffins, tomato paste, lean meat/veg and topped with grated cheese; cooked under the grill/in the oven
- Casseroles – pack them full of veg such as potato, carrot, peas, celery or pumpkin.



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**aspirations**  
Longitudinal Study

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NEWCASTLE  
AUSTRALIA

### 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).

Tickets available  
from school office





## 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. **(juice drops not included)**

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:

1st Prize 1 x Home entertainment pack (TV and Blu -Ray Player)

2nd Prize 3 x Apple iPad Minis

3rd Prize 10 x Fresh for Kids gift packs

4th Prize 20 x 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!!!



TOTAL PENCILS  
RECEIVED THIS WEEK 42  
POPPIES CLASS WON THE MOST




## Slush Puppie Promotion

Every time you buy a Slush Puppie for \$2 you have a chance of winning a free Slush Puppie!

You can redeem the free one on the next canteen day.



## TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>19<sup>TH</sup> August</b><br><b>Dan Driscoll Vanessa Ray (9-12)</b><br><b>Karen Katz (9-2)</b>  | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>20<sup>TH</sup> August</b><br><b>Deb Smart Stephen Liney(9-2)</b><br><b>Lerane Jarman (9-2)</b>  | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>21<sup>TH</sup> August</b><br><b>Dan Driscoll Lee Burgess (9-12)</b><br><b>Leesa Ellicott(9-2)</b>  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Scrambled egg, tomato &amp; bacon wrap</b><br><br><b>**Optional bbq or tomato sauce**</b> | <b><u>NEW</u></b><br><b>Chicken &amp; veg noodle stir fry</b><br><br><b>*Veg – broccoli, carrot, beans*</b> | <b>Hot dog with sauce &amp; cheese</b><br><br><b>*Sauce - bbq or tomato *</b><br><b>*Mustard also available*</b> |
| <b>Sandwiches available</b><br><b>Wed, Thurs, Fri</b>   | <b>Vegemite, Jam or Honey</b><br><b>\$2.00</b>   | <b>Cheese or cheese &amp; Tomato</b><br><b>\$3.00</b>   |
| <b>CANTEEN SUPERVISOR</b>   | <b>DANIELLE DRISCOLL</b>   | <b>0421976137</b>   |



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## Ensure your child gets the best start: Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Program



**At Tea Gardens Public School, we want you to feel informed and confident about starting school. Join us for our Kindergarten Orientation Program for a taste of life at our great school.**

Starting school can be both an exciting and anxious time for parents and children. It's important to us that you get good information to make the start of school an enjoyable experience for you and your child.

Come and participate in the excitement of this new phase in your child's education. Our Kindergarten Orientation Program is designed for this purpose.

From the moment you and your child enter our school, you'll find our highly qualified staff ready to give you all the advice and guidance to get started. You'll find that support will continue throughout your child's education at Tea Gardens.

Our Kindergarten Orientation program takes place over four weeks in Term 4. During this time, the children spend time in the classrooms with teachers and other students.

Meanwhile, parents are offered an information session on Thursday 29 October 2015 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?
- How can parents participate?
- Our Uniform
- What if my child has special needs?
- The role of the School Counsellor

You will take a tour around our first class facilities and meet the Principal and staff who can answer all of your questions.

We look forward to working together to provide the best possible start for your child.

For more information about our Kindergarten Orientation program, contact our Principal, Mark Clemson, or our Kindergarten Team Leader, Christine Maloney, or our Best Start coordinator, Debbie Booth, on 4997 0286 or send an email to [teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Come and see our vibrant learning community in action on:**

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|----------|----------------|
| Thursday | 29 October     |
| Thursday | 5 November     |
| Thursday | 12 November    |
| Thursday | 19 November    |
| Time:    | 8:55am–10:55am |

Tea Gardens Public School  
25 Witt Street  
Tea Gardens NSW 2324  
Phone: 4997 0286



## Cybersmart TIP#17

### ***Excessive Use***

Too much time online can impact on your health and wellbeing, family, relationships, work or education.

To  
find out more  
about how you can keep  
your child safe online  
attend the upcoming  
cybersafety presentation  
schedule in your  
school.

Session details:

**Tea Gardens Public School**

**Monday 24 August**

**from 6.30pm**

## Tea Gardens 2015 Book Character Parade

Tuesday 25 August from 9.15am



**You're invited to our  
2015 Book Character  
Parade!**

Please come along and join in the fun as we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Children's Book Week.

Our celebrations will start with a Book Character Parade under the COLA.

Students will then participate in shared reading followed by a variety of activities across the remainder of the day.



### To do list

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|-----------------------|---|
| This week:            | Help make a costume.<br>Get excited and charge up the camera. |
| Next week:<br>Tuesday | 25 August 2015<br>Come to the Book Parade                     |
| Time:                 | 9:15am–9:45am   |

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