



# Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324  
31/8/2015 Week 8 Term 3

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Evie Braddick from the Heroes class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Evie receives the acknowledgement for being a very cooperative student who is always responsible, plays fairly and always strives to improve herself. Congratulations Evie 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 Poppies class will be hosting our assembly. Please come along and join us!

Assemblies for the remainder of the term are as follows:

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

11 September- Ministers

18 September- The Mates (Miss Maloney)

## BOUQUETS

### Parent Forum

Many thanks are extended to the parents who attended our forum last Friday. Discussion was wide ranging and focused on the continual improvement of our school. Many great ideas were provided which will be incorporated into our school over the coming years.

### THE TELL THEM FROM ME- Partners in Learning – Parent Survey

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: Tell Them From Me parent feedback survey.

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 parents to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about our school.

To commence the survey, please click on the following link:

[https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j\\_acegi\\_security\\_check?j\\_username=parent18257&j\\_password=Tea3175](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18257&j_password=Tea3175)

### Book Week Celebrations

Congratulations to all the students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 who took an active part in our parade and other activities to celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week. It was fantastic to see the students and staff all dressing up and joining in with all the fun!

Thank you to those parents, grandparents and family members who were able to attend the parade. Many thanks are extended to Ms Cooper for coordinating the activity.

### A Free Book for Every Student

Earlier this year, Ms Cooper entered a Scholastic Book Club promotion on behalf of our school and we were fortunate to win second place in the promotion. The win meant that our school

received a free age appropriate book per student. These books were distributed to the students last Tuesday or Wednesday as part of our book week festivities. Happy reading!

### Great Aussie Book Swap

Many thanks are extended to the students who participated in the 2015 Great Aussie Book Swap. We were able to raise in excess of \$120 to provide books and literacy resources to students in remote Indigenous communities.

### Port Stephens Zone Athletics Champion

A big congratulations to Lilly-Ann White who was named the junior girls champion at the Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival held earlier in the term. Lilly-Ann will receive her medal at Presentation Day.

### Hunter Region Athletics Representatives

Congratulations to Sophie Frazer and Lilly-Ann White who were part of the Port Stephens Zone Team at the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival last Friday. Sophie ran in the 800m race and Lilly-Ann's events were high jump, long jump, discus, 100m, 200m and 800m.

### Regional Athletics Carnival results

Congratulations to both Lilly and Sophie who came 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively in the 800m at regional. Special congratulations to Lilly who won the Junior Girls High Jump at regional level and will now attend the state athletics carnival in Sydney.

### CyberSmart Presentation

I am sure the parents who were able to attend the Cyber Safety presentation last Monday evening came away with plenty of food for thought. If you were unable to make the event but would like to know more, check out <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information> for further information about being safe online and to report cyber bullying.

## COMING UP

**Spell a thon- "Sponsor a Speller"**- over the next two days, students will be tested on their spell a thon words. Following this, the sponsorship forms will be returned home to enable students to collect sponsorship monies pledged.

All monies raised will go directly toward the cost to replace our aging air-conditioning units. Thank you for your support of our fund-raising efforts.

### Science and Engineering Challenge – Maitland Discovery Day 8.30am – 4pm

Our Year 6 students and selected Year 5 students will be heading off to Maitland High School this Wednesday to participate in the annual Science and Engineering Discovery Day. Thanks are extended to the Rotary Club of Myall Coast for contributing funds to this excursion to reduce the overall costs to our students in attendance. We are the reigning school champions so hopefully we will be able to perform strongly in the set challenges again this year. Good luck to our teams!

## Stage 2 Excursion

The Stage 2 major excursion to Timbertown and Billabong Koala Wildlife Park will be occurring this Thursday 3 September. All students will need to be at school by 7:15am as the bus will be departing at 7:30am sharp. The bus will arrive back at school at approximately 5.00pm. Students are required to wear full school uniform including a school hat and school jumper. All students will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle in a small back pack. Students may choose to bring a camera and a small amount of spending money, but no responsibility will be taken for these by the teachers. No gaming devices, MP3 players or iPods are to be brought on the excursion. Students with asthma will need to carry their Ventolin with them at all times. If you have any questions regarding the excursion, please see your child's class teacher.

## Father's Day Stall

Our fabulous P&C will be hosting a Father's Day stall this Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The gifts at the stall range from \$2 -\$10 in price. Volunteers are required from 8.30am on both days.

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

It's not too late to register your interest in attending this event. Are you a Dad 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 Enrolments 2016

Where are you? It's time to enrol for next year. Please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016. 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)

## 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.

**Mark Clemson**  
**Principal**

## Pink / Red Mufti Day- Student Parliament Initiative

On Thursday 10 September, Cricket NSW will be hosting In2Cricket development clinics with our classes. Students are invited to wear pink / red clothes to school on this day with a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be sent to the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Mitchell Barr

Minister for Special Events

## Regional Cricket Trials

Congratulations to Nathan Katz and Cole Johnson who were successful at the Port Stephens Zone Cricket trials held earlier in the year. Both boys will now have the opportunity to progress to the Hunter regional trial to be held in Thornton on Wednesday. Good luck boys!

## Premier's Sporting Challenge

The Premier's Sporting Challenge has wrapped up for 2015. The challenge is held each year over a 10 week period with students keeping a record of their daily physical activity. The aim of the challenge is to encourage students to be active and engage them in sport and physical activity. All students will receive their certificate in the coming weeks.

## P&C NEWS

- **Thompson's Pie Drive Order forms are due back today.**
- **P&C Meeting**—The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September commencing at 7pm in the school library.

- **"Around the World" P&C Trivia Night**

Saturday 17 October. Book your table of 8 for just \$80. Dress up and win a prize! This is an over 18's event.

- **Myall River Festival and Duck Derby**

We will again be running the traditional Duck Derby with some fantastic prizes to be won! We will need parent helpers in shifts throughout the day, just giving up an hour or two of your time will be invaluable to the success of our event.

## 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 have been sent home. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Eftpos is available at office.



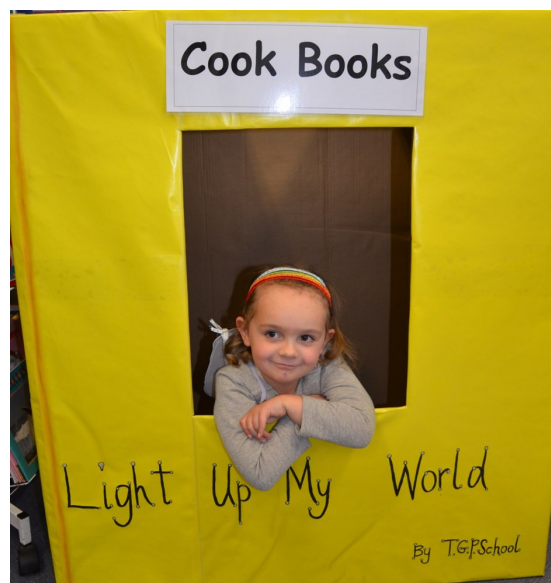
### Book Week Festivities – 25 August

Last week, our students celebrated Book Week with a book parade where students were invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Paddington, Spiderman, Dorothy and the Cat in the Hat were some of the many stars in our parade.

Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest Pre School came to the parade and afterwards participated in some shared reading with Kindergarten and Year 3 / 4 students. This provided a fantastic opportunity for the students at the school to read to the pre-schoolers and build a connection in preparation for many of these littlies coming to 'big school' next year.

The theme for Children's Book Week this year is "Books Light Up Our World". Our students learnt about light through a variety of science experiments during the day, they also used technology to design book covers, made lanterns, put themselves in a book, dramatised some of the short-listed books and artistically designed some of their own light bulbs.

They were visited by our local librarian Mrs Carol Johnson and learnt about what our local library has to offer. It was wonderful to see great participation by staff, students and parents leading up to and throughout the day.  
Ms Cooper- Teacher / Librarian



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

We are currently updating our records of all students with health conditions who may require medication or support at our school.

Forms have been 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 the child's parent.



## FLORA AND FAUNA PHOTO COMPETITION

Entries to the Myall Coast Messenger - [myallcoastmessenger@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 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.



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 28th August 2015. They were:

### ALLIES

Jack Bradney Working well in class  
Charlotte Clarke Working well in class

### BRIGADE

Jack Browne Excellent reading and writing skills  
Jack Nolan Improved application to all his work

### HEROES

Finn Matenga Working hard in reading  
Logue White Improvement in spelling during story writing

### MATES

Zane Halloran Working well in Mathematics  
Jessie Lawler Working hard in Mathematics

### POPPIES

Sienna Aliendi Improvement in reading  
Jaymii Ray Trying hard to work independently

### AIF

Charli Alchin Always producing quality work  
Ciara Ridley Excellent narrative writing

### CADETS

Abbie Smith Being a happy and friendly class member  
Ethan Pinch Improvement in multiplication

### SQUADRON

William Markham Outstanding effort in PDHPE  
Dane Pope Enthusiasm for activities in class

## Good for Kids good for life

### WINTER RECIPE: HEALTHY NACHOS

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Tortillas	4
Minced garlic	1 Tsp.
Mince, lean	500g
Carrot, grated	1
Kidney beans, canned	200g
Tomatoes, canned	1 x 400 g
Mexican seasoning or spice mix	2 Tbsp.
Cheese, reduced fat	1/2 cup



#### METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 160 degrees. Brown mince in a large pan and drain liquid.
2. Mash kidney beans and add to mince along with seasoning, garlic, carrots and tomatoes. Simmer for 5 minutes.
3. While the mince mixture is simmering, spray the tortillas with olive oil and cut each into 6 pieces. Then toast in the oven for 5 minutes. Remove and allow to cool.
4. Arrange tortillas pieces in a bowl and add mince mixture on top. Sprinkle with cheese.

Makes 4 serves



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**aspirations**  
Longitudinal Study



#### 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).



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

**TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK**

More than just Ice Cream!!

**Tasty G'day Tuesday!**

**Rissolle**

*covers!*

Gotta go a good ol' onion & garlic rissolle drenched in homemade onion gravy! Served with new potatoes, fresh steamed vegies & a broccoli & cauliflower cheese bake!

**\$15.00**

*(Psst... Don't want to cook tonight!)*

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)

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

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

Meat kindly supplied by: **Jeffs Quality Meats**  
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY  
PH: 02 4997 0766

Great for Take away

**Gluten Free Friendly!**

## 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!!!



## 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.



Tickets available from school office



## TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>2<sup>ND</sup> September</b> <b>Dan Driscoll Jamie Hall (9-12)</b> <b>Bea Treharne (9-2)</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup> September</b> <b>Deb Smart Lerane Jarman (9-12)</b> <b>Stephen Liney (9-2)</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> September</b> <b>Dan Driscoll Lee Burgess (9-12)</b> <b>Katherine Pollock (9-2)</b>
<b>Meatballs &amp; pasta with bolognaise sauce</b>  <b>**Optional parmesan cheese**</b>	<b>Quiche (ham) with a side salad</b>  <b>**Side salad – lettuce, tomato &amp; cucumber**</b>	<b><u>NEW</u></b> <b>Curried chicken with rice</b>  <b>**Optional plain yoghurt &amp; naan bread**</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>

Get ready to go

# \* AROUND THE WORLD \*

For the Tea Gardens Public School P&C Fundraising

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 \* 6.30 for a 7pm start in the school hall  
Tables of 8 @ \$80 (call to join a table!)

Dress up for great night of fun and prizes!

Tea, coffee and slice provided BYO food and drinks.

To book please call the school on 4997 0286  
or call Jude on 49972135

\*This is an over 18s event.



### 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
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- Intergalactic Rocket
- E.T.DVD



### 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.



## **KARUAH AND TEA GARDENS DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY KARUAH AND DISTRICT RSL CLUB

WELCOME TO THE SEASON 2015/2016

CALL FOR PLAYERS OF ALL STANDARDS

THE CLUB FIELD TEAMS IN:

**THE SENIORS COMPETITION IN THE DUNGOG DISTRICT .** ( THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT BEING 13 YEARS AND OVER AS AT SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>).

**THE JUNIOR COMPETITION IN MAITLAND DISTRICT.** STARTING FROM UNDER 10's THROUGH TO UNDER 16's NUMBERS PENDING. THE AGE OF YOUR CHILD AS AT SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> GOVERNS THE AGE GROUPING i.e. if your son is 10 on September 1<sup>st</sup> you would play him UNDER 11's. FOR GIRLS THEY CAN PLAY UP TO TWO YEARS BELOW THEIR AGE i.e. if your daughter is 12 on September 1<sup>st</sup> she could play 13's but can play 12's or 11's depending on her ability. ALL JUNIOR TEAMS ARE SUPPLIED WITH EQUIPMENT TO COMPETE WITH EACH WEEK. TEAMS ARE MANAGED BY QUALIFIED COACHES WHERE POSSIBLE.

**KANGA CRICKET FOR FIRST TIME CRICKETERS FROM 7 YEARS TO 11 YEARS.** RUN AT KARUAH WEEKLY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS BY QUALIFIED COACHES.

COACHING COURSES ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE CLUB OVER COMING WEEKS. IT IS A SIX HOUR COURSE ON EITHER A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. THIS COURSE HELPS FIRST TIME COACHES....WHICH WE MAY WELL NEED. YOU CAN ENQUIRE WITH SAM REES, CLUB SECRETARY, 0421599148. THOSE INTERESTED IN CAN CONTACT :

**SENIOR PLAYERS/KANGA** SAM REES CLUB SECRETARY 0421599148

**JUNIORS** GRAEME JOHNSON CLUB PRESIDENT 0418972049

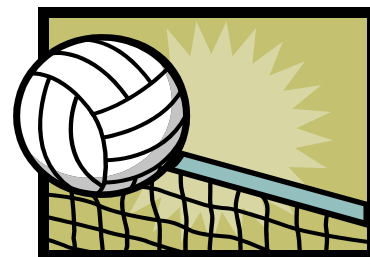
KEEP AN EYE OUT IN LOCAL PAPERS AND FOLLOW THE CLUB ON FACEBOOK TO BE UPDATED WITH TRAINING AND SIGN UP DAYS FOR ALL GRADES OVER COMING WEEKS.

**FACEBOOK : Karuah Tea Gardens District Cricket Club**

## **Junior Tennis Coaching Myall Park Tennis Club, Hawks Nest.**

School holidays, after school and weekends.

For children of all ages and abilities.



**Dates:** Sept school holidays      Thurs Sept 24-Fri Sept 25      9am to 12 noon.  
Term 4 –First week of school.

**Includes:** Private and group coaching, squads, competition and recreation programs

**Ages and abilities:** All ages-beginner to competition.

**Time:** After school, weekends- Depending on response and day preferences.

**Email:** [cherden2@myune.edu.au](mailto:cherden2@myune.edu.au)

**Bookings essential:** 0400 331 553 and 4992 1753.

Coaching conducted by **Chris Herden** - Tennis Australia Club Professional, 25 years international and Australian coaching experience, former top ranked NSW junior, USA College player.