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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Student of the Week

Congratulations to Amelia Henning who is this week's student of the week. Amelia receives our student of the week award for always working hard in all areas as well as being a polite and friendly class member.

Amelia receives a certificate and is rewarded with a \$5 voucher to the Ice Cream Shack. Well done Amelia! We look forward to announcing our next student of the week on Friday.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Merit Award recipients who received awards at our weekly assembly.

Class	Students	Reason
Lobsters Yinga	Evie Lane	Consistent effort in all learning areas.
	Oliver McCormack	For his positive approach towards his work.
Platypus Yapii	Stella Jacobsen	Fabulous effort in writing.
	Memphis De Haas	Great work with odd and even numbers.
Possums Bilu	Riley Harris	Showing respect and following instructions.
	Ronin Steadman	Demonstrating his personal best in literacy.
Sea Turtles Guraa Gurrwa	Rhani Genner	For her improved confidence and development in reading.
	Cydee Adams	Her enthusiasm and application towards her independent maths activities.
Snakes Batjay	Tyler Russell	Excellent efforts in poetry.
	Georgia Lawler	Enthusiastic participation in League Stars.
Dingoes Dapin	Charlotte Clarke	For flexibility in mathematical thinking.
	Jackson Legault	For enthusiastic participation in League Stars.
Goannas Girriwa	Sam White	Excellent identification of split digraphs.
	Bianka Patteson	Excellent results in spelling.
Gum Trees Gurambak	Anthony McMahon	Writing a beautiful poem about kindness.
	Ricky Nguyen	Helping young students in League Stars.

BOUQUETS

Myall Dolphins Visit- Friday 25 October

Congratulations to a number of our Youth Challenge students who went down to the Myall Dolphins visit last Friday. The performances were varied including but not limited to students: playing instruments, telling jokes, singing, dancing, performing and public speaking. A very positive experience for all involved.



Myall River Duck Derby- Saturday 26 October

Many thanks to our staff who coordinated the Myall River Duck Derby fundraiser this year. A sincere thank you to the surf lifesaving club for releasing and collecting the ducks on our behalf and to the wonderful Mrs Booth who dressed as a duck throughout the day. Mrs Booth was a real trooper remaining in costume whilst working through the heat. A special thanks to all our corporate sponsors who made donations to the school's fundraising effort.

The winners of the duck race were:

1st Place: Duck Number 161 sponsored by Cameron O'Brien

2nd Place: Duck Number 147 sponsored by Joel Ellicott

3rd Place: Duck Number 291 sponsored by Jen Blades

2019 Corporate Duck Winner was Brian Clark Plumbing

Thank you to all our corporate duck sponsors including:

Ellicott TG Engineering, Auto Care, Jeff's Quality meats, Myall Engineering, JA Howarth Constructions, Woodward's Nursery, Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Pharmacy, Tile Rescue, Datry's, Kevin Scaiffe, Bels, Tea Gardens Auto Electrics & Mechanical, Geoff's House and Yard Handyman Services, Stocko's Servicing, Tea Gardens Post Office, Fiona's Family Café, Tea Gardens Complete Dental, Silks Hairdressing, Hook and Cook, Leon's Hawks Nest / Tea Gardens Plumbing Services, Sudz, Tea Gardens Real Estate, Brian Clark Plumbing, Tea Gardens Hotel, Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Properties, Tea Gardens Pet Supplies, Myall River Bakery, Howell Connect Electrical, Graham Baker Plumbing, Hawks Nest Newsagency, First National Real Estate, Mungo Road Surf, IGA Hawks Nest' Salty Lane, Tea Gardens Fish Market, Lofty Crane Services, Sheargold Property Group, Nepean (Durness) and Myall Coast Legal.

The business cards of each of our sponsors are on display in the school office.

NRL LEAGUE STARS VISIT



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Tea Gardens Public School is fortunate to have committed and dedicated teachers who support our students, parents and broader community. Last week, we celebrated World Teachers Day and it was pleasing to see our teachers acknowledged for their efforts at our assembly last Friday. THANK YOU to our wonderful and amazing staff!!!

BANDANNA DAY <https://www.canteen.org.au/bandanna-day/>

Our Bandanna Day was a big hit raising over \$606 for CANTEEN. Thank you to everyone for supporting this very worthy cause.

THE GIRRAWA GAZETTE



HOW DID WE MEASURE UP?

Wow! What an exciting term we are having so far! We have been enjoying lots of hands on learning in all areas, especially in maths. During our most recent lessons we have been learning about volume and capacity. First we had to grasp the concept that volume is how much space something takes up, while capacity is how much something can hold. From here we investigated just how big 1m^3 is by creating our own constructions using newspaper and mask-

ing tape in a STEM challenge. Watching the urgency and excitement of all groups as the timer ticked down was a clear indication of how much they enjoyed the task! The winning team consisted of Kobi, Finn, Seth and Beau. Well done boys! During the next lessons we learned about using different strategies to measure the volume of a variety of yummy chocolates. We learned that if objects are cuboids (box shaped) we can measure their

length, width and height and use the formula $V = l \times w \times h$. This worked really well for the Smarties. If they are not cuboids we can use the *displacement method* (sinking them in water) to see how many mL of water they push away. Each mL is equal to 1cm^3 . Did you know that a small packet of Maltesers is 45cm^3 ? We wonder how much of that is actually chocolate, not just air!

KICKING GOALS!

On Wednesday, 23rd October the students had a ball (pun intended) when the league stars visited the school. Sweaty smiles and puffed laughter filled the bottom oval as the students learned some basic NRL skills. Some lucky students even won mini footies to

take home. The workshops were held to promote the League Stars clinics that will be held in after school session during the term. Be sure to check you child's bag for the information you will need to sign them up for the program.



SCIENCE MATTERS



This term we are learning about solids, liquids and gases in science. Last week we investigated the properties of liquids and learned about how the density of different liquids makes them interact differently. Our minds were blown when the first set of blue and red waters mixed, but the second didn't. I had kept a little secret that the red water



was hot and the blue was cold. This experiment demonstrated that hot water is less dense than cold, so in the first set it rose up through the cold water, in turn mixing the colours. In the second set the hot water was already on top, so it stayed put, keeping the colours separate!

GURAMBAK GOSSIP

GUM TREES WORK HARD IN THEIR LAST TERM OF PRIMARY SCHOOL



A class of poets

The Gum Trees class have begun testing out their writing skills in a poetry unit, exploring a range of poetic devices such as metaphors, similes and rhyme. Cinquain poems are a verse of five lines that do not rhyme. We experimented with this type of poem, writing some beautiful poems about topics of student's choice.

Haiku's were next to discover. Three lines with a pattern of syllables: 5, 7, 5. Students worked hard to check their syllables and follow the rules of the Haiku.



Tea Gardens Debating Teams A and B - Team A: Liam McKenzie, Isla Brumby, Haleigh Simmons, Natureh Fenton-Holt (absent from photo)
- Team B: Tyler Rodgers, Jessie Lawler, Amelia Henning, Anthony McMahon

Rights, matter, debating, Canteen...

Parliament Report

Our first Parliament sitting of Term 4 proved exciting as students had their say about issues around the school. Year 6's were keen to wear their Year 6 shirts more often and Stage 2 students were fighting to stop the cutting down of trees out the back playground. Ministers had lots to report on, including PBL lessons taken over by Year 5 students this term, sun safety, safety around the streets on Halloween and the progress of our building works. James McCarthy was absent in his role as he was representing our school and the Hunter Region in a cricket competition. Well done to James for his efforts on the team this year!



The Gum Trees have been diving deep into their learning so far this term – learning about rights, states of matter and playing rugby league.

In History this term, Year 6 have been asking serious inquiry questions about the rights of all humans and the inequalities that exist today and in Australia's recent history. Students put on their thinking caps to understand what a right is and how the lack of rights would affect their lives. We will be delving into this further, looking closely at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their struggles for rights over history.

Solids, liquids, gases... what makes up these states? How do we distinguish between them? How do they change through the states? Are some materials multiple states of matter? All questions students in the Gum Trees will be exploring this term in Science in a range of hands on science experiments.

Our two debating teams have been working extremely hard to argue about Flexible seating in classrooms and benefit or lack thereof for students in round 3 of the debating competition. Tea Gardens Team A, debating as the affirmative team in this round against Mitchell's Island Public School put forward some strong arguments and rebuttals, but unfortunately were defeated by the opposition last week. Tea Gardens Team B will be debating as the negative team against Wingham Brush Public School this Thursday. Good luck!

Last Friday was the 25th annual Bandanna Day to raise money for Canteen – a charity for children battling with cancer. Minsiter for Special Events, Haleigh Simmons and the entire Year 6 class worked hard to sell 120 bandannas and raise a whopping \$606 for the charity. Well done to all who were able to donate, it was so wonderful to see so many colourful bandannas at school on Friday.

High School Transitions

The end of Year 6 is approaching and the Gum Trees are preparing for a number of transition days at their future High Schools. We are feeling excited and nervous for these days but are looking forward to experiencing a real taste of life in High School. All students attending a public high school will be attending an Orientation Day on the 3rd of December at their future school.

COMING UP

Kindergarten 2020- Orientation Program continues Thursday 31 October

Our Kindergarten orientation program continues this week. At this stage, we have 26 students commencing with us for Kindergarten next year. If you have not yet registered your child for next year's kindergarten, it's not too late, please call 02 4997 0286 to commence the process.

Selective High School Applications close soon. Attention parents of Year 5 students.

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, using specialised teaching methods and materials at the appropriate level.

Year 7 enrolments are available in:

- seventeen fully selective high schools
- twenty-four partially selective high schools
- four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school for the school term. Find out more about boarding at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/agricultural-high-schools>
- one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, for students in rural and remote areas. Find out more at <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

See a list of selective high schools and their websites the end of this document. A map is at <http://www.maptive.com/ver3/Selective>

Find more information about catering for academically gifted students with high potential in NSW at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education>

Parents of students enrolled in NSW government and non-government primary schools, home schools, interstate and overseas schools can apply.

Parents of Aboriginal students are encouraged to apply for selective high school placement. Find out more at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information/student-experience>

For further information and support, parents can speak with their child's current principal, or contact their local Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor.

P&C NEWS

P&C November General Meeting will be held on 12 November commencing at 7pm in the school library.

P&C Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 10 December

ADVANCE NOTICE of the upcoming P&C AGM – Tuesday, 10 December. The P & C Association AGM is being held on Tuesday 10 December at 7:00pm after the monthly P&C Meeting.

All positions will be declared vacant.

Members of the current Executive have indicated that they are not seeking re-election. This gives the opportunity for some new people to be on the P&C. To ensure the successful continuation of our P&C it is crucial that these roles are filled. Please join us, we look forward to seeing you.

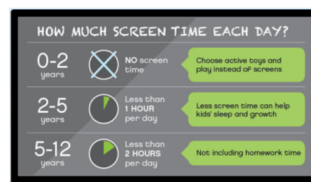
Good for Kids good for life

TURN OFF SCREENS AND GET ACTIVE!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

How can parents help?

- Ensure kids have at least one hour of physical activity a day.
- Limit kids total screen time to less than 2 hours per day.
- Remove TV sets and computers from your child's bedroom.
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like walking the dog or joining a sports team.



Source: Make Healthy Normal and the 24-hour Movement Guidelines

NSW Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

info@goodforkids.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Positive Behaviour for Learning

School Focus of the week is: Following teacher instructions – Respect.

Safety	Personal Best	Respect
Look out for others	Encourage your peers	Kind words
Personal space	Welcome others	Good listener
		Be a friend

Have Your Say on Before and After School Care

The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public primary schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform, a parent web form has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments.

The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure the extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have you say today at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday	4 November	Whizzy Waterdrop	12pm K-2
Wednesday	6 November	Bulahdelah Show Student Night	
Wednesday	6 November	Peter Sinclair Remembrance Day Service	2 student ministers and Mr Clemson in attendance
Monday	11 November	Remembrance Day	
Tuesday	12 November	P&C Meeting	
Wednesday	20 November	Volunteers Morning Tea	
Mon-Thurs	25 November-28 November	Swim Scheme (Week 1)	Learn to Swim Program @ Tea Gardens Pool
Tuesday	26 November	Christmas SRE Service	
Wednesday	27 November	Youyoong AECG Meeting and AECG Awards Night	Hunter River High School / Murrook Cultural Centre
Mon-Thurs	2-5 December	Swim Scheme (Week 2)	Learn to Swim Program @ Tea Gardens Pool
Thursday	5 December	Aboriginal Games afternoon	More information to follow
Monday	9 December	Reports home today	Semester Two reports go home
Monday	9 December	Presentation Day	
Tuesday	10 December	P&C Meeting and AGM	All positions are declared vacant and a new committee are elected
Wednesday	11 December	Year 6 Farewell	Venue to be advised / TBC
Wednesday	18 December	Students last day	Summer Vacation
Sunday	22 December	Community Christmas Carols	

Great Christmas Present Ideas!

Imagine your child's artwork as the feature of a beautifully presented calendar, diary or gift cards for 2020! Support our school's fundraising by ordering these individualised calendars, cards, diaries, notebooks, sketchbooks, tea towels, pillowcases and tote bag.

Your child will create their own unique picture and it will be professionally printed onto any of the following items.

		
Calendar \$14	Cards – 8 per pack \$14	Pillowcase \$25
		
Diary, Notebook or Sketch Pad - \$18		Tea Towel - \$25
<p>Please complete one order form for each child. More forms available at the front office.</p> <p>Orders with payment are due at the school office by: Friday 8th November, 2019</p> <p>Orders back in time for Christmas...</p>		 Tote / Shopping Bag - \$25

Christmas Fundraiser Order Form

Name _____ Class _____

Item	Cost per item	Quantity	Total
Calendar	\$14		
Notebook	\$18		
Cards (pack of 8)	\$14		
Diary	\$18		
Sketch Pad	\$18		
Pillowcase	\$25		
Tote / Shopping bag	\$25		
Tea Towel	\$25		
		Grand Total	

Fun, Easy & Creative Fundraising

-Turn your child's artwork into these AMAZING products-



Greeting Cards

\$14



Diaries, Notebooks & Sketchpads

\$18



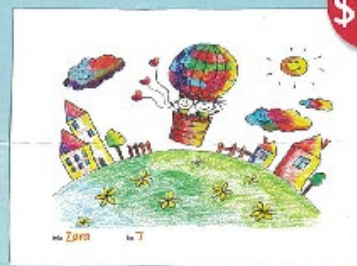
Pillowcases

\$25

Calendars



\$14



Tea Towels

\$25



Tote Bags

\$25

Great
gifts



Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

ORDERS DUE: Friday 8th November

An order form will be sent home with your child.



ISSUE 7 IS OUR BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION



Don't forget your Issue 7
Book Club orders which are due:

Monday 28 October

Issue 7 is a BUMPER Christmas catalogue that
is sure to have something for everyone!



Book Club LOOP
The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

BONUS!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!





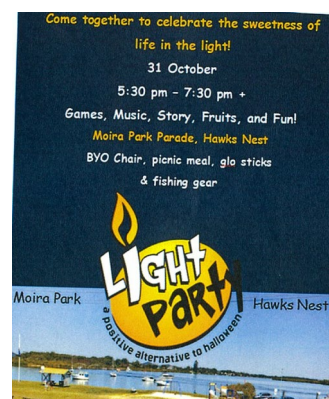
Congratulations to the 3/4 Dingoes class for winning the class with the most fruit purchased over the Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids promotion. Congratulations to Gingerlily Shelton for the student who won the most fruit purchased & a total of 14 collector stamper pens earned throughout this promotion. A total of 114 entries were posted down to the Sydney Markets for the major draw. We were very lucky for one of our Students

to have won a prize in this major draw. Congratulations Gingerlily Shelton for winning one of the fourth prizes in this draw winning a Tupperware lunch pack. Thank you to all the Students who were involved in this promotion & enjoyed making good choices purchasing fruit & veg from the Canteen & collecting their stamper pens throughout this wonderful promotion.

The Snack Shack



Special of the week
Thursday 31st & Friday 1st
Frozen Banana &
Yoghurt Pops
\$1.00



Tea Gardens Public School Anti-bullying Policy

Bullying behaviour has three key features. It involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship. It is ongoing and repeated, and it involves behaviours that can cause harm. The NSW Department of Education requires all NSW public schools to have an Anti-bullying Plan which details the strategies implemented to reduce student bullying behaviours.

A copy of our anti-bullying plan is located at https://teagardens-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/t/teagardens-p/localcontent/Anti-bullying-plan_2019_signed.pdf

We all have a part to play in eliminating bullying. If you are concerned about a particular situation or relationship that you feel is bullying. **Please make an appointment with your child's class teacher** so this can be effectively addressed at school level.

Key findings about Student Engagement – Perspectives of Students: from the Term 4 Tell Them from Me Survey as reported in the 2018 Tea Gardens Public School annual report highlighted:

•**The percentage of students who are victims of bullying at our school is 9% lower than the NSW Government norm**

•**83% of students felt they had positive relationships** and have friends who they can trust and who encourage them to make positive choices.

For more information about anti-bullying and how we can all be part of the solution can be found at: <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/>