

# Tea Gardens Public School



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## Newsletter Issue 1



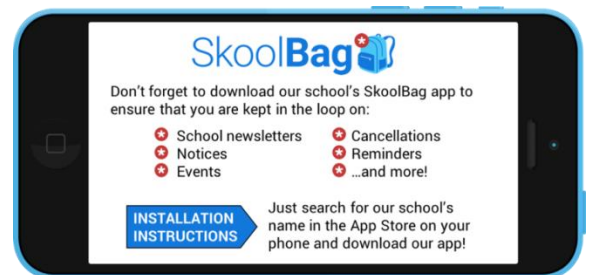
Wednesday 30 January 2019

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A very warm welcome is extended to all existing families and to our new families for the 2019 school year. We are looking forward to watching our students grow and learn throughout the year. Our staff formally returned to school yesterday for a productive day of learning and school planning.

#### Download the SkoolBag App now!

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#### Staffing Updates

In 2019, we have formed eight classes. We welcome **Miss Elise Dunford** and **Mr Guy Feeney** who are new to our staff on our Year 3/4 classes. Welcome to our school!

At the same time, I'd like to acknowledge the contributions and efforts of **Miss Browne, Miss Huish and Miss Mathewson** who left us at the end of 2018.

Thank you for your efforts!

#### Our 2019 Teaching Staff are as follows:

Kindergarten: Mrs Ingram

Kindergarten / Year 1: Mrs Howarth

Year 1 / Year 2: Mrs Howard / Mrs True

Year 2 / Year 3: Mrs Bryant

Year 3/4: Mr Feeney

Year 3/4: Miss Dunford

Year 5: Mrs McFayden / Mr Walsh

Year 6: Miss Kelly

Mrs Andrews takes key learning area relief from face to face teaching or RFF (Tuesday – Friday).

Miss Cooper is our teacher librarian (Monday-Tuesday).

Mrs Vella is our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) 3 days per week.

Mrs Avery is our Aboriginal Education Teacher (Thursday)

#### **Administration Staff**

Mrs Hammond- School Administrative Manager

Ms Cameron- School Administrative Officer

Mr Russom- General Assistant

#### **School Learning Support Officers**

Mrs Eades, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Evans, Mrs Baker and Mrs Searle support our students with additional learning and support needs.



#### **Kindergarten start their learning journey!**

Today we welcomed 23 new Kindergarten students into our Kindergarten and Kindergarten / Year one classrooms.

#### **Welcome Kindergarten!**

<http://www.newsofthearea.com.au/kindergarten-kids-start-school-at-tea-gardens-primary-46623>

#### **Kindergarten Best Start**

Each year all Kindergarten students entering government schools in NSW participate in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge that our youngest learners bring to school.

Additionally, the assessment provides information about each student to guide teaching and learning and gives practical advice to parents to support learning at home.

The 2019 Best Start process will be completed over the next four weeks during school time. Kindergarten parents will be invited to a special meeting with the Kindy teachers to receive a detailed report and discuss the early progress of our newest learners following the completion of this activity.

#### **2019 School Bell times**

8.55am-9.55am	Session 1
9.55am	Crunch and Sip program incorporated into Session 1
10.55am-11.10am	Supervised lunch eating
11.10am-11.50am	Lunch break
11.50am-1.35pm	Session 2
1.35pm-1.55pm	Snack Attack
1.55pm-2.55pm	Session 3

#### **Assembly**

All parents and community are welcome at our weekly assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am each Friday. Our first assembly will be held this Friday 1 February, 2019.

The assembly will include the following elements:

- Acknowledgment of country or Welcome to country.
- School Song
- Principal's address, announcement of the student of the week and the presentation of school awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards)- Linked to GREEN Communication Cards
- Class item (short item linked to the class teaching and learning program) or Parliament updates / reports
- Reports and messages
- School merit awards (2 per class)
- PBL Guula Koala Raffle (4 prizes per week).
- National Anthem
- Dismissal and return to class.

### Our Crunch and Sip program

Crunch and Sip is a break in primary schools for students to 'refuel' on fruit and salad vegetables and 'rehydrate' with water, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration.

Many students are not eating enough fruit and vegetables for general health. Eating a diet rich in fruit and vegetables will promote normal growth in children and protect them against disease later in life.

Crunch and Sip also has benefits for the academic performance, concentration and behaviour of students. Research indicates that students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

Crunch and Sip takes a 'whole school' approach, with the program incorporated into school policy. Crunch and Sip is supported by Tea Gardens Coles.

### Weekly communication cards "The Green Card"

We aim to ensure there is ongoing communication between school and home in relation to student behaviour through systems including the weekly communication card which is sent home each Friday. Full details about the communication system will be sent home with the green card this Friday.

The weekly communication cards are linked to the achievement of a school badge. A school badge is provided to all students who are "On Track" with their behaviour for a minimum of 35/38 weeks of school during the year (DIAMOND AWARD). Please sign and return the cards EVERY week to ensure the students get the opportunity to achieve the diamond award and receive a badge.

### 2019 Calendar of School Events

We are currently developing a School Calendar to assist families with planning in advance to attend school functions, a copy of the planned events and the dates for a plethora of school events and activities will be sent home once completed. Please keep this in a handy location for ready reference throughout the year.

### Tea Garden Public School Expectations

Our school expectations cover all areas of school life under the areas of Respect, Safety and Personal Best. Posters promoting our expectations are displayed in all classrooms and other areas around the school.

## COMING UP

### Swimming Carnival- Tuesday 5 February

Our 2019 School Swimming Carnival supports the natural progression of students as they progress from developing to competent swimmers. All students (turning 7 or more in 2019) AND who are able to swim a minimum of 25m are invited to attend our swimming carnival next Tuesday 5 February at Tea Gardens Pool. It's not all about winning the race; it's more about doing your best and having a go.

Students wishing to attend the carnival are able to nominate for either:

**"Competitor"** – 50 metre two lap events (or greater) which allow for representative progression to the Port Stephens Zone Carnival (subject to the placings and times of the competitor). **OR**

**"Participant"** - 25 metre one lap events for fun with no opportunity for progression through the Primary School Sports Association (P.S.S.A) representative pathway. These events are for students who are able to swim 25 metres but may find longer distances more challenging.

### 2019 School Swimming Carnival Program

START 9:30am	Age Races	Event Type
100 metres	Open 100m Freestyle	Competitor only – Opportunity for progression through the PSSA representative pathway.

50 metres	8 Years, 9 Years and 10 Years	Competitor only
25 metres	7 Years, 8 Years, 9 Years and 10 Years	Participant only. No progression opportunity.
50 metres	11 Years, 12 Years and 13 Years	Competitor only
25 metres	11 Years, 12 Years and 13 Years	Participant only. No progression opportunity.
50 metres Backstroke	Junior Backstroke, 11 Years Backstroke, Senior Backstroke	Competitor only
25 metres Novelty	Participant Noodle Challenge- 7 Years, 8 Years, 9 Years and 10 Years	Participant / Novelty. No progression opportunity.
50 metres Breaststroke	Junior Breaststroke, 11 Years Breaststroke, Senior Breaststroke	Competitor only
25 metres Novelty	Participant Noodle Challenge- 11 years, 12 years, 13 years	Participant/Novelty
50 metres Butterfly	Junior Butterfly, 11 Years Butterfly, Senior Butterfly	Competitor only
25 metres Novelty	Competitors Noodle Novelty Events	Competitor only. No progression.
Medley	Open Medley	Competitor only
12:10pm	Return to School	All participating students

We look forward to hearing about our students striving to achieve their personal bests during the carnival. Thank you to Mr Gilmour-Walsh for all his work behind the scenes in preparation for our swimming carnival. Permission notes went home today with further details.

### **Meet the Teacher Evenings- Wednesday 6 February**

On Wednesday 6 February, Tea Gardens Public School will be hosting our annual “Meet the Teacher” evening. The meet the teacher event is an ideal time for parents to meet their child’s teacher(s) and hear more about the stage and class activities planned for the year ahead.

The schedule for our evening is as follows:

At 5:15pm parents of students in Mrs Ingram’s Kindergarten class are invited to meet her in the classroom.

At 5:45pm parents of students in the following classes are invited to meet the class teacher in their rooms.

Mrs Howarth (Kindergarten / Year 1)

Mrs Howard and Mrs True (Year 1 /2 Class)

At 6.15pm parents are invited to the following rooms:

Mrs Bryant (Year 2/ 3 Class)

Miss Dunford (Year 3/4 Class)

Mr Feeney (Year 3/4 Class)



At 6:45pm Mr Clemson will outline the requirements to support the successful transition from Primary to High School for parents of students in Year 6.

This will then be followed at 7:00pm by parents being invited to the following rooms:

Mrs McFayden (Year 5 Class)

Miss Kelly (Year 6 Class)

The evening will provide parents with the opportunity to personally introduce themselves to the teachers. Please keep in mind that the objective of the evening is for parents and teachers to meet one another; it is not designed to be a parent / teacher interview, as in many cases teachers are still getting to know your child. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening.

#### **Mathletics Information Sessions in the school library at 5pm and 6pm on Wednesday 6 February.**

Mr Walsh will also provide information sessions on the online Mathletics subscriptions provided to each student which have been funded by the school P&C for use in 2019. By attending one of these sessions, you will be able to see firsthand how to log in to the program and see the types of activities available to support the online mathematics learning at home.

#### **School Photos – Wednesday 20 February**

Photos have been organised for Wednesday 20 February. Envelopes will be sent home 2 weeks prior to this date and must be returned with correct money or credit card details on photo day. Unfortunately school based EFTPOS is not available to be used for this expense.

### **P&C Update**

#### **P&C General Meeting**

The P&C successfully supports and enriches the quality education of our students through a number of activities. These activities are possible with the combined support of parents and community members. All parents and citizens are welcome to join the P&C, meetings are held monthly. Becoming a member is a great way to get involved and stay in touch with what is happening at school. The children love seeing their parents, family and friends participating in their school life. It is also a great way to meet other parents and make new friends. If you would like more information feel free to send an email to [tgspandc@gmail.com](mailto:tgspandc@gmail.com)

The P&C AGM was held in December, 2018 with all positions filled with the exception of President for 2019. Melisa Brown- 2018 outgoing president has agreed to remain in this role in a casual capacity until the February general meeting. To ensure the successful continuation of our P&C it is crucial that this important role is filled. **Please join us for the first P&C meeting on Tuesday 12 February commencing at 7pm** in the school library. New members are always welcome.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**



Welcome to the library in 2019.

**Did you know:** students can already begin recording books for the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) 2019! Students can access the new PRC page at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> and begin recording titles to their reading log. To log on, use your student username and password as you do to access the student portal. It is easy to find books that belong to a variety of genres and reading lists for each year level.

Come and visit the library to explore new displays and try to work out who the book character silhouettes are. Remember to bring a library bag to your library lesson so that you can borrow books straight away.

Rachel Cooper  
Teacher Librarian



## **HOMEWORK HELP**

### **Tea Gardens Library**

a great place to be every

**Wednesday**

during school term

**3.15pm ~4.45**

Afternoon tea 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.**

**Tea Gardens Library  
Marine Drive  
Tea Gardens  
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### **School Uniform News**

Protect your eyes too!

We have school sunglasses available from our uniform shop for \$12 each.

(Small, Medium and Large with UV400 Protection)



# "THE SNACK SHACK" CANTEEN – SUMMER MENU for Term 1- 2019

## Pre-Ordered Items on brown paper bag

Sandwiches, Rolls, Wraps and Salad Bowls	Cost
Vegemite sandwich	\$2.00
Cheese (L/F) sandwich	\$2.50
Salad Bowl (Italian Dressing or Mayo L/F)	\$3.00
Add chicken, roast beef or ham	\$1.00
Add egg or cheese (L/F)	\$0.50
Chicken, beef or ham & salad roll	\$4.00
Chicken, beef or ham & salad wrap	\$4.00
Salad = lettuce, carrot, cucumber and tomato	included
Add cheese (L/F)	\$0.50
Chicken, lettuce & mayo (L/F) wrap	\$3.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo (L/F) wrap	\$3.50
Hamburgers and Hot Rolls	Cost
Roast chicken or roast beef & gravy long roll	\$4.00
Cheese burger (C/M)	\$4.00
Includes: Beef patty (L), cheese (L/F) and tomato sauce	included
Chicken burger (C/M)	\$4.50
Includes: Chicken patty (L), lettuce, tomato and mayo (L/F)	included
Aussie Burger (C/M)	\$4.50
Includes: Beef patty (L), lettuce, tomato, beetroot and BBQ sauce	included

Items below available at snack breaks.

Drinks	Cost
Slush puppie (Small 170mLs)	\$1.20
Slush puppie (Large 250mLs)	\$2.00
(C/M) Fruit smoothies (selected days)	\$1.50
Smoothies include fresh or frozen fruit, yoghurt (L/F) & Milk (L/F)	included
Frozen Snacks	Cost
99% Frozen juice drops (2)	0.10c
99% Frozen juice drops (4)	0.20c
Frozen pineapple ring	0.30c
Frozen seasonal grapes	0.50c
Frozen fruit soft serve cups (C/M)	\$1.00
Includes Frozen fruit, cream (L/F), sugar and vanilla	included
Frozen yoghurt (L/F) & fruit pops (C/M)	\$1.30
Includes frozen fruit & yoghurt (L/F) layered	included
Fresh seasonal fruit juice frozen pops (C/M)	\$1.20
Fresh orange juice frozen pops (C/M)	\$1.00
Quelsh fruit stick	0.50c
Moosies	\$1.50

Nuggets, Toasties & Subs	Cost
Chicken nuggets (4)	\$3.00 with sauce \$3.50
Chicken nuggets (6)	\$4.00 with sauce \$4.50
Chicken nuggets (8)	\$5.00 with sauce \$5.50
Cheese (L/F) toastie	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese (L/F) toastie	\$3.50
Cheese (L/F) & tomato toastie	\$3.50
Ham, cheese (L/F) & tomato toastie	\$4.00
Pizza subs (2) ham and cheese (C/M)	\$4.00
Toppings = ham, cheese (L/F) and tomato paste	Included
Pizza subs (2) Hawaiian (C/M)	\$4.50
Toppings = ham, pineapple, cheese (L/F) and tomato paste	Included
Drinks	Cost
Bottled water 500mls	\$1.50
99% Fruit juice 200ml popper	\$1.50
Flavours: orange, apple or apple & blackcurrant	available
Flavoured low fat milk 300mL	\$1.80
Flavours: chocolate or strawberry	available
Milo- hot or cold (C/M)	\$1.50
Includes: Milo with milk (L/F) 250mLs	included

No pre-ordering is required

Snacks	Cost
Seasonal fresh fruit cup	\$1.00
Apple slinky	0.60c
Plain rice crackers (6)	0.20c
Milo custard (C/M). Custard (L/F) with milo added.	0.70c
Plain air popped Popcorn (C/M)	0.20c
(C/M) Pikelet (selected days only)	0.50c
Includes jam or margarine	included
(C/M) Muffin (selected days)	\$1.00

Type	Code
Canteen Made	C/M
Low Fat	L/F
Lean	L



## **Term 1 2019 Canteen Volunteer Roster**

<b><u>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</u></b> Caroline Alchin 9 - 12 Camille Partridge 9 - 2
<b><u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Bea Treharne 9 - 2	<b><u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Debbie Johnson 9-12 Peta Shelton 9 - 2
<b><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Mel Adams 9 - 2	<b><u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Camille Partridge 9 - 12 Vanessa Ray 9 - 2
<b><u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February</u></b> Stephen Liney 9 - 12 Rebecca Blakeney 1 - 2	<b><u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</u></b> Kat Pollock 9 - 12 Caroline Alchin 9 - 2
<b><u>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Brooke Turner 9 - 2	<b><u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</u></b> Peta Shelton 9 - 12 Camille Partridge 9 - 2
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<b><u>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Kate Mitchell 9 - 2	<b><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Vanessa Ray 9 - 12 Kat Pollock 9 - 2
<b><u>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</u></b> Mel Adams 9 - 2	<b><u>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</u></b> Camille Partridge 9 - 12 Debbie Johnson 9 - 2
<b><u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April</u></b> Brooke Turner 9 - 12 Rebecca Blakeney 1 - 2	<b><u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</u></b> Vanessa Ray 9 - 12 Caroline Alchin 9 - 2

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE CALL DANIELLE DRISCOLL (Canteen Supervisor)

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