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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
Weekly Communication
Classroom and Playground 2019

Name: _____ Class: _____

Term One

Week	ON TRACK	Needs Improvement	Teacher Comment (only if required)	Parent Signature
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Term Two

Week	ON TRACK	Needs Improvement	Teacher Comment (only if required)	Parent Signature
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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 were sent home with the green card last 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.

Download the SkoolBag App now!

At Tea Gardens Public School, we use the Skoolbag App to communicate important messages, updates and electronic weekly newsletters. Search for Tea Gardens Public School in the App store or Google Play store to download. From week 4, newsletters will only be sent digitally unless a hardcopy is requested for 2019. Use the slip below.



I WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER commencing from 18 February

Student Name : _____ Class: _____

BOUQUETS



2019 Class Names

2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages. With the support of language teachers from Murrook Cultural Centre and the endorsement of our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), our school is in the process of identifying the correct spelling and pronunciation of our class names in Gathang, the language of the Worimi people. Once determined, we will be moving to using the Gathang words to represent our classes this year.

Class Captains for Term One

Congratulations to the following students for being Class Captains for Term 1:

Class	Captain	Captain
Lobsters – Mrs Ingram	Isla Cook	Jaxon Phillips
Platypus- Mrs Howarth	Ellie Rawlings	Ryan St Pier
Possums- Mrs Howard and Mrs True	Layla Wyvill	Andrew Landers
Sea Turtles- Mrs Bryant	Cydee Adams	Noah Faint
Snakes- Miss Dunford	Sashaa Barrie	Rory Ingram
Dingoes- Mr Feeney	Zoie Hunter	Jack Bradney
Goannas- Miss McFayden	Evie Braddick	Ethan Avery
Gum Trees- Miss Kelly	Jye Trace	Zarlii Ray

House Captains

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as this year's house captains:

House Group	Captain	Captain	Vice-Captain	Vice-Captain
Tomaree	Jye Trace	Matilda Bryant	Joesph Heeley	Karly Biffin
Yacaaba	Anthony McMahon	Evie Braddick	Ethan Avery	Deena Clemson
Stephens	Jack Fardell	Grace Ehlefeldt	Lewis Smith	Sam Alchin
Corrie	Maeve Brumby	Seth Thompson	Kalista-Lee Hall	Hayden Laird

STUDENT BANKING NEWS



2019 Polar Saver Awards

We're excited to announce the new Polar Savers reward items for 2019.

Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set

Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler

Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards

Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

Students can redeem 10 silver Dollarmites tokens for a Polar Savers reward by completing a redemption slip and returning the whole slip with the students name and banker ID on Tuesdays - School Banking day.

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 tomorrow at Tea Gardens Pool. It's not all about winning the race; it's more about doing your best and having a go.

Students 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

Please contact the office immediately if you have forgotten to return the swimming permission note and money.

Meet the Teacher Evenings- This 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.

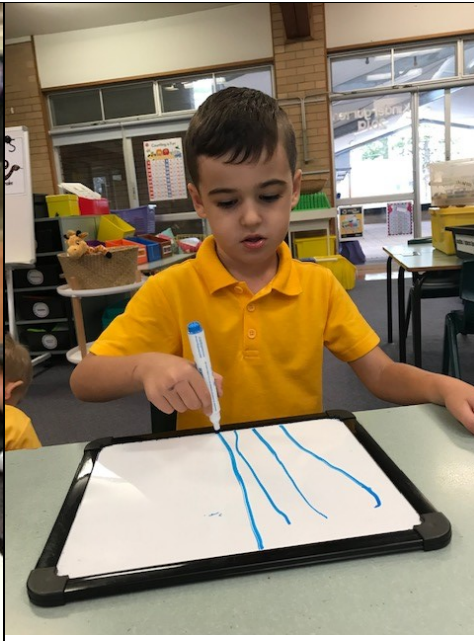
Save the Dates

Induction Assembly for Parliament and House Captains – Friday 1 March

Grand Parents Day- Friday 22 March

K-2 Oakdale Farm Excursion – Thursday 11 April

Kindergarten Week 1



MERIT AWARDS

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

Class		
Lobsters	Oliver McCormack	Displaying excellent listening skills and positive participation
	Jaxon Phillips	Displaying excellent listening skills and positive participation
Platypus	Lucas Edwards	Being a great listener and following instructions
	Ellie Rawlings	Her excellent behaviour and being a great role model
Possums	Ivy Pearl Carter-Hughes	Settling in well to her class routines
	Ronin Steadman	Participating in all class activities
Sea Turtles	Terran Sikora	His effective use of paragraphs in his story writing
	William Browne	His effective use of paragraphs in his story writing
Snakes	Kathleen O'Brien	Being a positive role model
	Rory Ingram	Being a positive role model
Dingoes	Grace Ehlefeldt	Being a respectful and helpful student
	Mitchell Henning	Displaying great abstract thinking skills
Goannas	Deena Clemson	Excellent recall of maths facts
	Cameron O'Brien	Excellent recall of maths facts
Gum Trees	Amelia Henning	Creating a beautiful self portrait with pastels
	Jye Trace	An excellent start to year 6

Assembly is held on Friday morning commencing at 9:10am and everyone is welcome. This Friday, the Ministers will be hosting the assembly. We will also be welcoming our new Kindergarten students and presenting them each with a book. We look forward to seeing you there.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

School Focus of the week is: All Settings expectations

Safety	Personal Best	Respect
Follow teacher instructions	Always do your best	Take care of property
Listen when others are speaking	Be a positive role model	Right place, right time
Wear school uniform	Challenge yourself	Hands and feet to self
Use appropriate language	Be proud of yourself	Report problems
Treat all staff and visitors with respect	Participate	Be prepared

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 tgpspandc@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.



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.

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Tea Gardens
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DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

15 February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday, 5 February 2019 is Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day raises awareness about the positive role of digital technology and explores ways we can all contribute to creating a better, safer internet.

Coordinated by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner in Australia and celebrated in over 130 countries, this year's Safer Internet Day theme is 'Together for a better internet'.

Parents are encouraged to get involved and support our young people in developing the critical skills required to successfully navigate the online world. These skills take time to develop but they can help us in all areas of life - online and off.

Respect - I treat myself and others the way I like to be treated

Responsibility - I am accountable for my actions and I take a stand when I feel something is wrong

Reasoning - I question what is real

Resilience - I get back up from tough situations

The eSafety iParent site (<https://esafety.gov.au/iparent>) is packed with resources to help you address online safety with your children. Or take the Screen Smart Parent Tour (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>) to help your child manage online issues should they arise.

In school Library lessons this week we will be discussing how to stay safe online as well as completing various activities on online safety.

Book Club

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club again this year and catalogues will be sent home up to twice per term during the school year.

The first issue was sent out on Friday 1st February. Please take a look through these catalogues and place your order before 15th February.

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!



Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

SCHOLASTIC

Rachel Cooper
Teacher Librarian

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

