

# Tea Gardens Public School



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Student of the Week!



Congratulations to Liam who is this week's student of the week award winner. Liam was nominated for demonstrating a positive attitude towards school and his learning. He consistently follows our school expectations of personal best, respect and safety. Liam has shown significant improvement in his learning this year through perseverance and commitment.

Liam receives a \$5 voucher to use at the Ice Cream Shack.

Well done, Liam.

#### PBL Reward Day- Wednesday 20 October- Out of Uniform Day

Students can wear casual clothes to school on Wednesday because of students filling the Guula barrel with safety, respect and personal best tickets. Congratulations on this achievement!

#### Planning for 2022

As we continue our planning for 2022, we kindly ask if you could notify the school office by phone or email if your child/children will not be returning to Tea Gardens Public School next year. The number of students at our school affects the planning for classes and school organisation for 2022.

#### Kindergarten Enrolment – 2022

Any families who may have a child starting Kindergarten in 2022 and have not yet enrolled, we encourage you to start the enrolment process as soon as possible. Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5, on or before 31 July that year. If you know of any friends or other community members who have children who are due to start next year, please encourage them to make contact with the school via phone, email or enrol online via the enrolment button at <https://teagardens-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>.

## P&C Fundraising

**The Pie drive** collection day is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. More information to come regarding pick-up location and times. Watch this space!

**The Coin-a-thon** challenge will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Keep collecting and sending in those coins. Which class will triumph with the longest coin line?

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At our monthly P&C meeting last week, some questions were asked around **COVID -19 requirements in schools**. To support open lines of communication, see below some of the important COVID reminders.

All schools have COVID-safe plans and are taking precautions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on-site.

### Attending school

Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or
- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.

In circumstances where students or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

### Close Contacts

Self-isolation periods and testing requirements differ for close contacts based on their exposure and vaccination status. If you are identified as a close contact, an authorised contact tracer from NSW Health or from the department's Health and Safety directorate will contact you and let you what you need to do.

### COVID intensive learning support program

In November 2020, the NSW Government announced a one-off funding support for department schools to deliver targeted, intensive tuition for students who have been disadvantaged by the move to remote and/or flexible learning.

The purpose of the COVID intensive learning support program is to deliver intensive small group tuition for students with the greatest need in 2021, helping to close the equity gap for disadvantaged students in all NSW Department of Education primary, secondary, central and SSP.

The COVID intensive learning support program is for the full year and provides additional support to all schools ensuring identified students benefit from high-quality literacy, numeracy or specific subject area small group tuition that best meets their learning needs, led by teachers and educators working in partnership with classroom teachers.

## COVID Safe School Operations

- Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (including parents and carers).
- While on school sites masks are **required** indoors for all staff and all students Year 7 and above. Masks are **recommended** indoors for primary students.
- Reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible.
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted.
- School canteens can operate with conditions.
- Staff interactions limited with physical distancing.
- No assemblies.
- No excursions.
- No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services).
- No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes).
- All staff at Level 3 schools must be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

## Drop off and pick up

- Many thanks to our parents who are socially distancing and wearing masks at pick up and drop off. Do not congregate in the school playground or outside the school grounds
- parents and carers to pick up and drop off their children from designated location at front of school
- high visibility jackets are available for each teacher
- obey the road rules and parking signs as they are still in operation
- take care driving in the school zone as more children may be walking or cycling to school
- find a safe place away from the gate to wait and meet their child in the afternoon
- follow school's arrangements for students who arrive late to school
- encourage parents to drop their independent children away from the school so they can safely walk into the school

## Hygiene and cleaning

Enhanced cleaning arrangements remain in place, which are:

- an additional 25% of cleaning provided to schools for the daily clean
- day cleaners wipe down high-touch surfaces
- schools and workplaces have supplies of hygiene products
- bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels
- hand sanitiser is provided where appropriate.
- Safe infection control procedures are in place.

## Kindergarten Orientation

For orientation visits, students are allowed on site. Parents and carers are only permitted to drop off and pick up their child and must not remain on-site. See the flyer below for additional information.

## QR Code sign-in process have been replaced by School Visitor Check in

From today, staff, visitors, and contractors will use the School Visitor Check-in system.

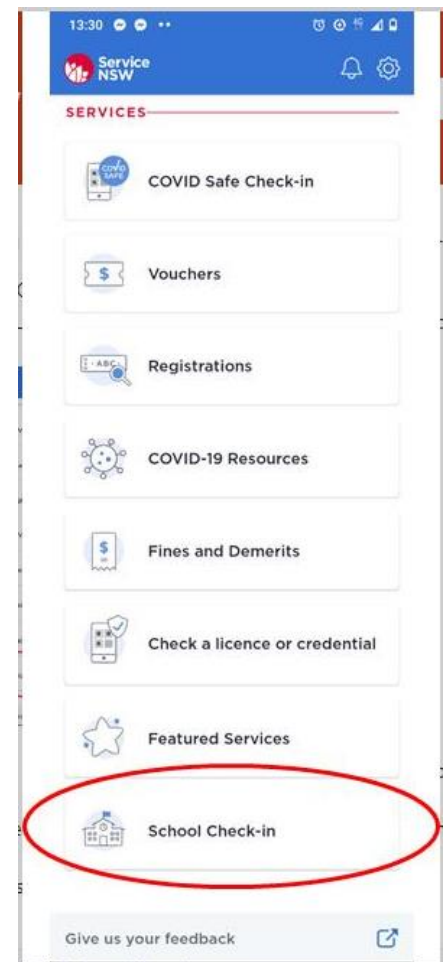
## Ventilation

Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings may be used where practicable.

The department's ventilation and asset use recommendations are informed by:

- NSW Health advice
- independent expert advice from Steensen Varming
- research from the Doherty Institute
- guidelines from the World Health Organisation.

This advice tells us that maximising natural ventilation in our learning spaces is the most effective method for minimising the spread of COVID-19 as it is a very effective way to disperse particles in the air. This can be best achieved by opening doors and windows.



Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 29 October 2021.

Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

On Friday 29 October, you can say a big thank you to teachers by posting a photo in your sunglasses on Twitter or Facebook, either on your own or with family or friends. Use these tags: #BrightFuture @aitsl

Explore photos from 2020 for inspiration: <https://twitter.com/i/events/1320498810343231489>

From 14 October, help collect a million virtual apples to thank teachers across Australia at [www.worldteachersday.edu.au](http://www.worldteachersday.edu.au). Other ideas for how parents/carers and students can get involved are included in this article: <https://worldteachersday.edu.au/for-parents-community>

## MERIT AWARDS

CLASS	STUDENT	REASON
Pumpkins	Nixon	Displaying great catching and throwing skills.
	Kayleigh	Consistent effort learning sight words.
Snow Peas	Tia	Enthusiastic participation in SMART spelling.
	Koby	Positive approach to school life and always showing kindness.
Star Fruit	Billy	An excellent week of learning
	Kaitlyn	Outstanding reading
Dragon Fruit	Andrew	For his effort and application in all areas
	Harley	A pleasing academic improvement in all areas
	Jaxon	Extensive vocabulary words in his descriptive writing
Lilly Pillies	Amarni	Consistent improvement in all areas.
	Lachlan	Focused learning in mathematics and writing.
Grapes	Ella	Writing a fantastic poem about her family
	Maddison	Dedication to learning tasks
Pineapples	Tahli	Being kind to staff and peers
	Kalli	Team work in PE
	Bethany	Her outstanding poem about her family
Peaches	Ronin	Skip counting forwards and backwards
	Ruby	Independently filling a story scaffold

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

STUDENTS	CLASS	PBL reason
Marley	Pumpkins	Showing respect for school furniture.
Eadie	Snowpeas	Showing respect for school furniture.
Billy	Starfruit	Showing respect for school furniture.
Logan	Dragonfruit	Showing respect for school furniture.
Zara	Grapes	Showing respect for school furniture.
Zoie	Pineapples	Showing respect for school furniture.
Ruby	Peaches	Showing respect for school furniture.

## **Tell Them from Me Survey- Year 4-6 Students only**

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Opt out notes are being sent home this week with additional information.

## **Attention Year 5 Parents and Students - Minister Leadership Speeches 2022**

Students in Year 5 have the opportunity to prepare a speech to become a school minister in 2022.

In the speech, the student should address the questions:

- Why do you want to be a leader of Tea Gardens Public School?
- What skills do you have that would make you a valued member of our school parliament?

The speeches will be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents and family members are not allowed to attend. The students' positions will be announced at Presentation Day at the end of this term.

### **School Travel for 2022**

Students who need a travel pass for 2022 can apply now.

If you have changed address, or are changing schools, please update details on the Transport for NSW portal. New kinder students can apply here too.

[transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)





# Tea Gardens Public School Kindergarten 2022



## Is your child starting 'big' school next year?

Tea Gardens Public School is welcoming enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 and look forward to the opportunity to be a part of your child's education. At Tea Gardens Public School all children connect, succeed and thrive.

Enrolments are now done online via the 'Enrolment' button on our website at <https://teagardens-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Enrolling now will enable us to let you know of any up and coming events including information package mail outs and information regarding our orientation program.

School news and highlights can be located on our school Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeaGardensPS> and past newsletters can be viewed on the school website.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school:  
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# TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2022 ORIENTATION PROGRAM



**Before attending orientation you must have**

- Completed your enrolment form

**On the day of orientation**

- QR code check in
- Parents and carers are allowed onsite for drop off and pick up
- You must be free of any flu like symptoms
- Please pack fruit/vegetable and a water bottle for crunch and sip.

Phone: 49970286

Email: [teagardens-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:teagardens-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)

Address: Witt Street, Tea Gardens



## 01

Thursday 28th  
October,  
9:15 – 10:45 am

## 02

Thursday 4th  
November,  
9:15 – 10:45 am

## 03

Thursday 11th  
November,  
9:15 – 10:45 am

## 04

Thursday 18th  
November,  
9:15 – 10:45 am



## Help Kids Fight Cyberbullying and Other Mean Online Behavior

Most kids will encounter mean behavior at some point in their digital lives. For some kids, this experience is a blip that's easily forgotten, while for others it can have deep, long-lasting effects. For parents, the key is staying involved in kids' lives -- both online and off -- so they can step in and offer help if necessary. With guidance from parents and educators, kids can learn how to dodge the drama and stand up for others.

### Part-Time Work available!

ISS are looking for a part time cleaner to work at Tea Gardens Public School.

If you are interested and available, please contact Heather on 0407 277 065



# REGISTER NOW!

## Girls Cricket

Suitable for ages 8 to 17 years  
No experience required. All equipment supplied  
Register at <https://play.cricket.com.au>



**Nelson Bay Cricket Club**  
Fridays 4:30pm to 6:00pm  
29th October to 17th December 2021  
Korora Oval  
Enquiries: [nelsonbaycc@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonbaycc@gmail.com)

 **ALL GIRLS JUNIOR CRICKET**



*A supportive environment for girls of all ages to build skills, take risks, and have fun!*



## TGPS Canteen Menu Thursday and Fridays Only

### Pre-Ordered Lunches in a paper bag (20c)

## Sandwiches & Wraps

<b>Cheese</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Salad</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Chicken, Lettuce &amp; Mayo wrap</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Egg, Lettuce &amp; Mayo Wrap</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Fish Finger Wrap</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Ham &amp; Salad</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Chicken &amp; Salad</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>add Cheese</b>	<b>.50c</b>
<b>On a Bread Roll</b>	<b>.50c</b>

## Hot Food

Party Pie	\$1.50
add Tomato or BBQ sauce	.50c
Chicken Breast Nuggets x 4	\$3.00
Chicken Breast Nuggets x 6	\$4.50
Chicken Breast Nuggets x 8	\$6.00
add Tomato or Bbq sauce	.50c
Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$3.50
Chicken & Cheese Toastie	\$3.50
add avocado	.50c
add tomato	.50c
Roast Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Hamburger (inc Salad)	\$4.50
Chicken Burger (inc Salad)	\$4.50
all Patties are Canteen made	
add Cheese	.50c
Tacos (2) Meat, Cheese, Salad	\$4.00

**Wholemeal bread available for all sandwiches and toasties**

### Salad inc Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber and Carrot

## Pre-Ordered Drinks with Lunch Orders

<b>Bottled Water 500ml</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Juice Poppers, 99% 200ml</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Apple, Orange or</b>	
<b>Apple and Blackcurrant</b>	
<b>Chocolate or Strawberry Milk</b>	<b>\$1.80</b>
<b>Milo, Hot or Cold</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

**Drinks and Snacks available during snack break and lunch**

Slush Puppie Small	\$1.20
Slush Puppie Large	\$2.20
Frozen Fruit Juice drops 2 for	.10c
4 for	.20c
Frozen Pineapple rings	.30c
Frozen Peaches or Pears	.30c
Quelch Fruit Stick	.50c
Moosies	\$1.50
Plain Air Popped Popcorn	.20c
Milo Custard	.70c

**The following are all snacks  
made in the canteen and will  
be available on select days**

<b>Pikelets with Jam or Margarine</b>	<b>.50c</b>
<b>Cupcakes (plain or with fruit)</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Vege sticks with Dip or Yoghurt</b>	<b>.70c</b>
<b>Frozen Fruit Soft Serve</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Frozen Fruit and Yoghurt Pops</b>	<b>\$1.30</b>
<b>Fresh Juice Frozen Pops</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>

**Low fat dairy products used in all Meals**

**Volunteers are always welcome, please contact me, Katherine Pollock, or the school administration**