



Tea Gardens Public School

Witt Street, Tea Gardens, 2324

16/2/2015 Week 4 Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Deagon Cook from the Heroes class for being named our 'Student of the Week'. Deagon received this award for coming back with a responsible and mature attitude towards learning. Deagon is always willing to help others and is always happy and keen to learn.



BOUQUETS

Thank you to Mrs Fowler for organising our school swimming carnival and doing all the work behind the scenes to get our school team ready to represent the school at the zone swimming carnival this Friday. Good luck to all of our competitors. We will be handing out our ribbons to swimming carnival event winners on Friday 27 February at assembly.

COMING UP

The golf program is on again! Monday 16 February at 4pm

All our students are invited to the free golf program running at Hawks Nest Golf Club on a Monday afternoon from 4-5pm throughout the first term. If you are interested in attending, meet Mr Weightman at the golf course this afternoon.

Art and Craft Expo Meeting- Tuesday 17 February commencing at 6.30pm in the school library

Tea Gardens Public School P&C will be holding an Art and Craft Expo planning meeting commencing at 6.30pm tomorrow night.

If you are interested in getting involved, please come along to the meeting. If you require any further information, please leave your details with the office & we will contact you or drop us an email at tgpsandc@gmail.com

Weekly Assembly- Friday 20 February

This week, the Ministers will be hosting our assembly. At assembly, we will welcome all our Kindergarten students to the stage and present them with a book to welcome them formally to "Big School". Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am on Friday. All parents are welcome to attend.

The class assembly roster for semester one is as follows:

Term	Week	Date	Class
1	4	20/2/15	Ministers (Zone Swimming Carnival)
1	5	27/2/15	Induction Assembly (Clean Up Schools Day) Swimming Ribbons
1	6	6/3/15	Mrs Edwards / Mrs True
1	7	13/3/15	GRANDPARENTS Day
1	8	20/3/15	Ministers
1	9	27/3/15	Mrs Fowler / Mrs Bryant
1	10	3/4/15	Good Friday
2	1	24/4/15	Mr Weightman (ANZAC Ceremony)
2	2	1/5/15	Ministers
2	3	8/5/15	Mrs Maloney (Stewart House Day)
2	4	15/5/15	Ministers (NAPLAN Week)
2	5	22/5/15	Mrs Ingram (Walk Safely to School Day) /Parliament Opening
2	6	29/5/15	Ministers
2	7	5/6/15	Mrs Booth
2	8	12/6/15	Ministers
2	9	19/6/15	Mrs Andrews
2	10	26/6/15	Athletics Carnival- No assembly

School Photos – Wednesday 25 February

Photos have been organised for Wednesday 25 February. Envelopes have been sent home for your perusal. Any orders must be returned with correct money **by the day before photo day**.

Alternatively, you may pay for the photos online. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be used for this expense.

REMINDERS

Yummy Crunch and Sip!

Our school is an active participant of the Crunch and Sip ® Program. Students are provided with the opportunity during the day to eat vegetables and fruit as well as to drink water throughout the day.

Why are vegetables and fruit important?

As a group vegetables and fruits are rich in vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients important for growth and development. They provide dietary fibre, needed to avoid constipation.

Why is water important?

Not drinking enough water can quickly cause dehydration which can lead to headaches and irritability, particularly in children. Thirst is not a good indicator– by the time children feel thirsty, they are already dehydrated.

Children rarely drink enough water and often forget to drink unless reminded.

Allowing and reminding students to drink water in class helps them to drink more.

For further information

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunch-sip.aspx>

Weekly communication cards "The Orange Card"

To ensure there is ongoing communication between school and home in relation to student behaviour, the weekly communication card is sent home each 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.

Voluntary School Contribution

The voluntary contribution has been set in collaboration with the school P&C. The voluntary contribution amount for 2015 has remained unchanged at \$50 per family.

Attendance

When students are absent please make sure you advise the office in writing, in person or by phone ASAP.

To ensure we are monitoring attendance more accurately, a phone intervention program has commenced. It is likely that on most occasions when your child is away / absent from school, a representative from the school will make contact with your family to check on the wellbeing of the absent student.

Mark Clemson
Principal

Message from the Catholic Church at Tea Gardens.

This year the Catholic Parish will be organising Sessions for any child, from Year 3 to Year 6, who has not made their First Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents if you would like your child/children to be involved in these preparation Sessions or you would like further information, could you please contact: SR MARGARET VALENTINE RSC on 0409 774 834 or 4997 1822 or email: margvalentine@yahoo.com.au BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2015.

Looking forward to hearing from you and thank you for your interest.

Sr Margaret

20 CONVERSATION STARTERS TO GET YOUR CHILD TO TALK ABOUT THEIR DAY AT SCHOOL

1. What was your favourite subject at school today? Why?
2. What was your favourite part of school today? Why?
3. What did you learn at school today?
4. What did you do during lunchtime today?
5. What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today?
6. Did anything funny happen at school today?
7. How much homework did you get today?
8. What was your favourite food in your lunchbox today?
9. If you could pack your own lunch box tomorrow, what would you pack?
10. What books did you read at school today?
11. Did you write a story today? Tell me more about it
12. Did you play any sports? What did you play?
13. If you could change one thing about today, what would it be?
14. Did anything upset you at school today?
15. Is there anything you learnt at school today that you need

extra help with?

16. Which kids did you sit with at lunchtime?
17. What friends did you play with at lunchtime?
18. Who are you looking forward to seeing the most tomorrow and why?
19. Who was the friendliest person in your class today and why?
20. Who did you hang out with the most today?

HANDY WEBSITES

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assignment starters for the arts

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts>

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

SPORT NEWS

Swimming Carnival



On Wednesday 11 February, 35 students participated in our 2015 swimming carnival. The students are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and willingness to 'have a go' in their age group events. At the conclusion of the events, the students enjoyed some novelty noodle races with Mrs Baker and Miss Winney proving to be fierce competitors! We were then treated to the 'Year 6 vs Miss Winney' race with Miss Winney taking out first place!

Thank you to Mrs Baker, Miss Winney, Miss Davies and Mr Clemson for their assistance on the day. Thanks also go to Jude and Tony Woodfield and Karen Stewart-Katz for assisting with time keeping and the parents and family members who came along to cheer on the competitors.

Ribbons for the school carnival will be presented and age champions announced at our school assembly on Friday 27 February.

Zone Swimming Carnival



Congratulations and best of luck to the following students who will be competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Lakeside Leisure Centre, Raymond Terrace on Friday 20 February: Darcy Ingram, James McCarthy, Charli Alchin, Jade Johnson, Lilly-Ann White, Zane Pietsch, Sophia Jeffries, Luke McCarthy, Mitchell Barr, Nathan Katz, Cole Johnson and Paddy Nickle.

Separate notes have been forwarded to these students and need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 17 February.

Zone Cricket Trials

Congratulations to Cole Johnson, Nathan Katz and Will Markham who participated in the Zone Cricket Trials on Tuesday 10 February. As yet, the team has not been announced.

Kathryn Fowler
Sport Coordinator



ABSENCE INFORMATION

An absence explanation must be received within seven (7) days or the Department of Education and Communities will deem it as an unjustified absence which cannot be altered.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

Parents, if you have changed any details e.g. your address, mobile phone, home phone or emergency contacts, could you please make sure you let the office know so we able to keep an accurate record. It is important for us and your children that we able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Electronic Newsletters

To register, go to <http://www.teagardens-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters-and-notes>
Click the "Newsletters and Notes" top menu and then click "View newsletters and notes."
You can also access newsletters and notices via the iPhone, iPad, Android and web apps. To download, visit:
<http://apps.schoolnews.com.au>



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

I do not have access to the internet at home or work and request to have a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with my youngest child each Monday. Please return note to the office.

Name:

Youngest child's name:

Youngest child's class:

Signed: Date:

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1 2015

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball



For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well! Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day!

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released



SINGING AND GUITAR LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS \$30 FOR 1/2 HOUR

- BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE
- LEARN PERFORMANCE SKILLS
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- CALL JO
0481 282 344

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 13th February 2015. They were:

ALLIES

Stella Gatenby Working well in class
Jaylah Sheather Working well in class

BRIGADE

Deena Clemson Imaginative and creative writing
Korban Patteson Producing wonderful work and being a responsible class member

HEROES

Heidi Deng Taking pride in her book work
Summer Watson Trying hard writing and being class Captain

MATES

Leah Gatenby Being a responsible worker
Zane Halloran Trying hard to improve his fluency

POPPIES

Lenny Ehlefeldt Excellent participation in class discussions
Ellie Watson Being a helpful member of the class

AIF

Charli Alchin Consistently doing her best
Tony Hind Working steadily in class

CADETS

Zane Ridley Being a helpful and friendly class member
Fletcher Gessey Improvement in his handwriting

SQUADRON

Mitchell Barr Helping others
Jackson Gibbs Trying hard in class

Uniform Shop—Prices

Open Mondays 2.30pm—3.00pm
Wednesdays 8.15am—8.45am
Fridays 8.15am— 8.45am

Girls Summer Dress Uniforms \$50 each




Size 4 to Size 16

Blue Polo Shirts \$18 (Long Sleeve \$20)
Yellow Polo Shirts \$18 (Long Sleeve \$20)
Navy Culottes \$20
Navy Ponte Pants \$18
Navy Zip Jumper \$25
Maroon Shorts \$12
Grey Shorts \$15
Grey Long Pants \$18
Bucket Hat \$12



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LEATHER
SCHOOL SHOES
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\$10 pair
LIMITED STOCK
AVAILABLE AT
ADMIN OFFICE
BOYS SIZES
11 to 5
GIRLS SIZES 1
3 to 5**

**TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER
TERM 1 - WEEK 4 2015 – ALL MEALS \$4.50**

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY Deb Smart Amanda MacSween (9-12) Carolyn Jeffries (9-2)	THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Leanne Whitby (9-12) Lerane Jarman (9-2)	FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY Danielle Driscoll Kerylee Bates (9-12) Krystael McDougall-Neal (9-2)
Spaghetti bake with a *mini side salad 	Toasties – 1 ½ toasties ham & cheese <i>OR</i> ham, tomato & cheese 	Mini nachos  *Optional sour cream & sweet chilli sauce
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	DANIELLE DRISCOLL	0421976137

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Capturing School Moments

say cheese

School Photo Day is

25 February 2015

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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