PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week
Congratulations to Darcy Ingram from the Team class for being selected as this week’s Student of the Week. Darcy receives this award for assisting other students in the playground and being a positive class member. Congratulations Darcy for being an excellent school citizen.

Staff News
Ms Maloney is on Long Service Leave for term two. Ms Maloney is being replaced by Miss Huish. We welcome Miss Huish to our staff for term two.

What’s New?
A new 6m x 9m shed has been jointly funded by the P&C and the Department of Education and Communities. The new shed will soon be home to our sporting equipment. Many thanks are extended to the P&C for part funding this valuable addition to our school.

Bouquets
ANZAC Service
Many thanks are extended to Ray, Jim and Ted from the RSL who spoke at our special school ANZAC ceremony last term. Thanks for sharing your stories with us!

Thanks are also extended to the students who attended the Community Service ready to march in school uniform only to be redirected to a service at Tea Gardens Country Club. Congratulations to the school and community band for playing during the ceremony.
Art and Craft Expo!
Wow. What a week. Many thanks are extended to the dedicated group of volunteers who ensured the 37th Annual P&C Art and Craft Expo was a great success. It is estimated, that the P&C raised approximately $12,000. This money has been earmarked by the P&C to go toward replacement fixed playground equipment. Total cost of this project is approximately $30,000.

Rachael Corrigan
Congratulations to Rachel Corrigan one of our School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) who presented at the SLSO Professional Learning Conference in the Hunter Valley yesterday. Rachael spoke about the role of the SLSO in Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are fortunate to have talented School Learning Support Officers including Rachael supporting students at our school.

Coming Up

NAIDOC Week preparation meeting
The Aboriginal Education Team at Tea Gardens Public School would like to invite any interested parents to a morning tea next Monday 5 May commencing at 11am in the school hall. We are organising NAIDOC celebrations and would really value your ideas and input into the organisation of activities that your children will be involved in. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year the National NAIDOC theme is Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond. The theme was selected by the National NAIDOC Committee to honour all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of our Country.

Rugby League Training
Students in our 2014 Rugby League team are requested to attend training tomorrow afternoon commencing at 3.30pm and concluding at 4.30pm. Students will walk down to Memorial Park with Mr Clemson at this time. If required, parents are requested to make alternate arrangements for home travel.

Weekly Assembly
Our student ministers will be hosting our assembly this Friday 2 May. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Mother’s Day Stall (Thursday 8 May and Friday 9 May 2014)
Next week, the P&C are operating a Mother’s Day stall in the school library. Gifts range from $3 to $5. Parent volunteers are required to assist with manning the stall.

Don’t forget, students’ individual artworks not purchased from the Art and Craft Expo will also be on sale for $5. These would make a lovely personalised gift for Mother’s Day.

NAPLAN 2014
The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 in May this year – May 13, 14, 15.

Opportunity Class Placement in 2015 (Attention Year 4 parents)
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your Year 4 child, you need to do so soon. Applications close on 16 May 2014.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Official Opening of Parliament 2014
You are invited to the 25th Official Opening of Parliament on Wednesday 21 May commencing at 10am. I look forward to seeing you at this very special event.

2013 Annual School Report is online
The Tea Gardens Public School Annual School Report is now available on our website under the “Our School” tab.

Mark Clemson
Principal
Expression of Interest
Casual Canteen Assistant

Expressions of interest are asked for the paid position of Canteen Assistant in a casual capacity (1 day per week, 5 hours per day).

The position involves:

- Assisting with purchase of food from Coles.
- Assisting with supervision of canteen volunteers and rosters.
- Assisting and supervision of the canteen menu to comply with school policy.
- Daily reconciliation of monies taken and banking.
- Cleaning and maintenance of canteen and equipment.
- Catering for special events (volunteer capacity)
- Stocktaking

Knowledge of OH&S practices & Food Handlers Certificate would be an advantage, but not essential. Please address your expression of interest to Tea Gardens Public School P&C, Casual Canteen position and hand in to the School office on or before Friday 2nd May 2014. For enquiries contact P&C President, Karen Stewart-Katz on 4997 1274 or 0412 443 403.

Stewart House Balls Fundraiser
To raise money for Stewart House, we will be selling bouncy balls for $3.00 on Friday 9 May. Students will be able to purchase a ball outside the library at lunchtime. There are only a limited amount so they will be sold on a first in best dressed basis.

To further assist Stewart House, envelopes will be sent home in which you can make a $2.00 donation. In doing this, you will be placed in a draw to win a $4,000 holiday. Envelopes need to be returned by May to the front office.

Emily True

Breakfast Club
There will be no Breakfast Club this week and it will resume in week 2. Thank you to all the Red Cross ladies who make this wonderful service for our students.

Year 6 /Parliament Photos
Order forms for the Year 6 group photos (fun shot and group/Parliament members) were sent home last week. These orders can be done online at $15 each. Copies of the photos are on display at the school office.

THANKS FROM THE PRIDE CLASSROOM
Mrs Booth wishes to thank Mr Hawkins, Mr Rodgers, Mr Avery and Mr Clemson for their help in moving the heavy furniture from the Pride classroom so that the Art stands could be set up in their room.

P & C Meeting
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CANTEEN NEWS—TERM 2 WEEK 1

NO CANTEEN WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FRIDAY 2/5 (Christine Wisemantel, Lisa Birrell)

Mini Nachos                                                    $4.50 meal only

PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERING MEAL DEALS. MEALS ARE $4.50.

DRINKS SOLD SEPARATELY

SMALL JUICE POPPERS  $1.00
LARGE JUICE POPPERS  $1.30
MILK      $1.20
Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly. Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

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 an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

These items are redeemable for 10 tokens each.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 11 April 2014. They were:

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<td>Stephen</td>
<td>Settling well into our class</td>
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<td>Jamie Freebody</td>
<td>Excellent work habits &amp; a positive attitude</td>
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<td>Always staying on task &amp; completing work Quickly</td>
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<td>Reeffe Leslie</td>
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Mother’s Day Stall

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The Tea Gardens Public School P&C Association would like to sincerely thank the following business for their contribution of donations & services towards this year’s Art & Craft Expo.

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The Tea Gardens Public School P&C Executive Committee would like to sincerely thank the following people for their contribution of time, help & advice towards this year’s Art & Craft Expo. Huge thanks goes to Lexis Smith our Art Show Co-Ordinator, who has done a fantastic job of organising this event. This year we have raised approximately $12,000 that goes directly to the school. Without the help of many people throughout the school & the wider community, this important fundraiser would not be possible.

We express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped out including:-

Lee Anderson
Karen Baker
Pete, Jordan, Lucas & Riley Barry
Laura Blatch
Deb Booth
Melisa, Kasey & Gemma Brown
Trudy & Paul Brumby
Vanessa Cooke
Angela Condie
Colleen, Jen & Bill Ewen
A Faint
Galleries in the Gardens
Margaret Gooding
Michelle Henning
Greg, Kayla & Indyanna Horne & Blake Smith
Carolyn & Sophia Jeffries
Roz Jones
Nathan & Leon Katz
Jo & Jomeca Lafaialii
Merv Nagel
Paddy Nickle
Karen Partridge
Toni Power
Chez Rands
Red Cross
Chris, Cassy & Mia Reilly
Billie-Lee Reynolds
Barry Russom
Melinda, Brett & Joshua Scott
Matt Schmidt
Bryan Stevenson
Janelle Swadling
Ian Trehan;
Fiona Webb
Shelley Williams
Christine Wisemantel
Chris & Murray Woodfield
Mark Woolard

The Class Artwork Auction Results

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Tea Gardens Public School P & C Association held its 37th Annual Art & Craft Expo over the Easter long weekend at the School.

The festivities started on Thursday evening with the Opening Night, which was well attended by almost 100 people. There were auctions; including the much sort after class art work, with a school record of $600 being attained by the sale of Miss Winney’s Armada class.

A huge thank you goes to Lee Anderson for doing a fabulous job as MC, Bryan Stevenson for being the Auctioneer, Heidi Davidson for providing the delicious food and Jo Lafaialii the DJ who provided the music & lights. Special thanks also to Michelle Henning for organising our opening night decorations and to Paul & Carolyn from Marlin Marine & Tackle for their generous donation in providing raffle prizes.

Congratulations to our raffle winners of our Super Sunday draw; 1st Prize to Jenny McLennan, 2nd Prize to Sue Nagel and 3rd Prize to Neryl Genner. Glenn Cookson was the winner of the Doreen Shaw painting.

The expo was well attended over the 4 days, although the wonderful weather may have played a part in attendance being slightly down. A special thanks goes to Peter Fennell our Feature Artist, who also conducted a painting demonstration and to Tania Hackett and Jenni Robbins for doing a demonstration of Paverpol.

The P & C would like to thank all the business that donated prizes and everyone that helped bring this event together, without generous support from Parents and the Community, this successful event would not be possible. This year we have raised approximately $12,000, with all funds going directly to the School.