PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Piper Matenga from the Corps class for being selected as this week’s Student of the Week. Piper receives this award for being a helpful, responsible class member who sets a great example for other students to follow. Piper works to a high standard and always does her best.

Staff News

Mr Russom, our General Assistant is taking recreation leave for the next two weeks. We hope Mr Russom enjoys this hard earned break. We would also like to thank Mr Nagle for his ongoing voluntary contributions in and around our school.

What’s New?

We have received a large amount of books as a result of the very kind and generous donations from a variety of community organisations from the ANZAC day ceremony. Thank you to

The Grange Social Committee
Tea Gardens Baptist Church
Hawks Nest Golf Club
Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens Surf Lifesaving Club
Youth Challenge
Lions Club
Myall Community Art & Craft Centre
Myall Park Tennis Club
Myall River View Club
Progress Association
Tea Gardens Country Club
R.S.L. Sub Branch
Rotary Club of Myall Coast
Rural Fire Service
Tea Gardens Fire and Rescue
Lioness Club of Tea Gardens Hawks Nest
Tea Gardens Men’s Bowling Club
Tea Gardens P & C Association
Tea Gardens Red Cross Association
Tea Gardens School and Community Band
Tea Gardens Country Club Women’s Bowling Club
St Andrews Anglican Church
Myall Coast Historical Society
Tea Gardens RS & CC Fishing Club
Myall Catholic Parish
CTC Centre
Great Lakes Council

Bouquets

NAIDOC Week preparation meeting

Many thanks are extended to the parents, students and the Aboriginal Education Team at Tea Gardens Public School for coming together to plan ideas to create a meaningful set of NAIDOC week activities. We look forward to the NAIDOC Week activities in 2014.

Mrs Condie

Thanks are extended to Mrs Condie who gives up her time each week to help organise and prepare our school choir.

Coming Up

Rugby League Training

Students in our 2014 Rugby League team are requested to attend training each Monday and Wednesday afternoon commencing at 3.30pm and concluding at 4.30pm. Students will walk down to Memorial Park with Mr Clemson at the conclusion of bus duty. If required, parents are requested to make alternate arrangements for home travel.

Weekly Assembly

Our Mob Class will be hosting the assembly this Friday 9 May. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Mother’s Day Stall (Thursday 8 May and Friday 9 May 2014)

On Thursday and Friday, 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.

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

Parliament sittings
Over the next two weeks, in preparation for our 25th official opening, students in Year 3-6 will have parliament on Friday 9 May and Friday 16 May at 12pm in the school hall.

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.

Mr Frank Potter- Executive Director Public Schools NSW recently wrote to Chris Woodfield to congratulate all our student leaders. Mr Potter went on to say that our parliament “offers an outstanding model of student participation, by providing opportunities for students to communicate ideas and opinions about school improvement and to be involved in the decision making process.

I wish you, and your peers, well as you commence your discussions and celebrate this wonderful milestone”

Change of date and time for our next P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 May commencing at 6.30pm in the school library.

Library Day Changes for the Pride and Corps
Two classes have swapped library days this term. The Pride class now have library on a Monday and the Corps will go to the library on a Wednesday.

Approaching Your School
A guide for seeking information and expressing concerns
From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together. These guidelines aim to:

- provide a framework to ensure concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

**NB. No parent should directly approach another person’s child.**

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<td>Directly <strong>contact your child’s teacher</strong> to clarify information, or <strong>Contact the office</strong> to make an appointment with the teacher and / or supervisor. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to meet</td>
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<td><strong>Contact the class teacher</strong> for a classroom problem. <strong>Contact the stage supervisor</strong> for playground problems.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact office.</strong> State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact the office</strong> to convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, medication etc.</td>
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Stage Supervisors for Term 2 in 2014:

Early Stage 1 - Kindy  Mrs Booth
Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2  Mrs Booth
Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4  Mr Weightman
Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6  Mr Weightman

Mark Clemson
Principal

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

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Bookclub orders are due back by 16 May. Please remember to put your name on the order form.

CANTEEN NEWS—TERM 2 WEEK 2

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY (Jen Ewen/ HELP NEEDED)
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BLTs or Bacon/BBQ sauce roll  $4.50 meal only

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Rissoles/ mash potato/ gravy  $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

2013-2014
Family Energy Rebate

$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS
APPLY ONLINE NOW!
* eligibility criteria apply

DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
/info/familyenergyrebate

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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.

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**Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 2 May 2014.**

**PRIDE**
- Evie Braddick: Great answers in class discussions
- Logue White: Fantastic story writing

**ARMY**
- Heidi Dang: Working well in class
- Dallas Stockes: Working well in class

**TEAM**
- Indyanna Horne: For great spelling attempts when writing
- Jaydon Condie: Enthusiasm during music sessions

**MOB**
- Sienna Aliendi: Continual participation in class discussion
- Braiden Dvorik: Completing his work on time

**POD**
- Mathew Price: Application in maths
- Jemima Ryder: Beautiful handwriting

**TROOP**
- Grace Burke: Fast typing on computers
- Abbie Smith: Working hard in all areas

**CORPS**
- Lilliarna Baillie: Pleasing behaviour in class
- Toby Avery: Great work in Science

**COLONY**
- Dakota Edgerton: Persevering in all aspects of school
- Braith Cotterill: Persevering in his school work and attitude in class. Well done.

**ARMADA**
- Cole Johnson: Being elected as one of our class captains
- Georgia Stevenson: Being elected as one of our class captains

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

The P&C would like to ask for volunteers to help with the Mother’s Day stall on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th May from 9-11am in the Library. We will have gifts between $3 - $5 for the children to purchase. Your help would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
VITAMIN BEAD'S
EXCLUSIVE Mother's Day offer
INSTORE
Wednesday 7th May 5-7pm
Friday 9th May 5-7pm
Grab 2 items and get the 3rd 50% off*
Applies to lowest value item.
Register to receive your free gift on the night.
Champagne & nibbles provided
Ph 0409985299
Like & comment on Facebook
E- vitaminbead@gmail.com
Shop 2/13 Maxwell Street
Tea Gardens
TEA GARDENS SOCCER CLUB
Trial Games Information

**Dates to remember:**
Trials game: 10th of May at Memorial Park start at 9am. (Last chance to register with assistance)
Season starts 17th of May (cannot play unless registered)

**Team age groups:**
- Mini’s - ages 5yo to 7yo - $75 rego
- Midis - ages 8yo to 9yo - $85 rego
- Juniors - ages 10yo to 15yo - $95 rego

**Player Registration:**
please visit [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) to register and receive your player FFA number
if you have any problems with on-line registration; please contact Trev on 0416 077 898
All new Mini’s registered to Tea Gardens Soccer Club receive a kit with socks, shin pads and a ball for FREE care of Newcastle Football.
All new Middies and juniors registered to Tea Gardens Soccer Club receive socks for FREE care of Tea Gardens Soccer Club.

**Calling All Volunteers:**
To have the club running smoothly we ask for your help with the following small but important roles.
- Coaches and Wednesday afternoon trainers
- Help with setting up the fields on Saturday mornings
- Mini & Middy referee’s
- BBQ cooks and canteen helpers

**ALL games for all age groups are played at**
Memorial Park Tea Gardens

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**Wallaroo State Forest Fun Run**
Sunday May 18th at Wallaroo State Forest

Just 10 km north of Raymond Terrace.
Turn off the Pacific Highway at Nine Mile Creek Rd (at the overhead electronic road advisory sign)

**Starting times:**
- 10km – 10am
- 6km – 12:00
- 2km – 1:30

The 3 runs follow fire trails through a tranquil forest setting.

**Entry fees**
- $15.00 per adult
- $10.00 for 16 yrs & under
- $40.00 per family
- $5.00 per additional run

**A free Wallaroo State Forest Fun Run singlet**
for the first 40 entries received by May 16. Sizes only guaranteed till May 2

**Entries on the day will be accepted up to 30 minutes before each run**

**Categories include:**
- individual
- husband & wife
- parent & child
- school team

**Trophy and medals for the fastest school team in the 2km**
Trophies for the winners of each run. Medals for category winners. Lucky draw prizes.

**Hosted by Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre**

Enquiries – Deidre 0418 962 185