PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week
Congratulations to Lyn Vo from the Corps class for being selected as this week’s Student of the Week. Lyn receives this award for consistent application and hard work.

Bouquets

Parliament Opening
I would like to congratulate all students (our honourable members) and staff (our senators) who assisted in making the 25th Official Opening of the Tea Gardens Public School Parliament a very successful one. It’s great to think that something that began after a visit to Canberra twenty-six years ago to give the students ‘a voice’ in implementing change at our school is still going strong in 2014. We had approximately 60 people representing a variety of organisations within our great community at the opening. This in itself highlights both the connection and the value our community holds with our school and student parliament. A number of special guests attended the opening including Mr Craig Baumann, the Member of Parliament for Port Stephens, Mr David Willard, Director Great Lakes Network, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC, former Governor of NSW and also Mr Martin the first Governor General of TGPS and former principal of Tea Gardens Public School. We were also joined by students, staff and parents from Bulahdelah Central School.

Over the past year I have been impressed by the school parliament and what it can achieve. Parliament is held every three weeks and gives all students, but particularly those students in Year 3 to Year 6, a say in what happens at school. The 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.

Elected positions from Prime Minister down are filled by Year 5 and 6 students, with Christopher Woodfield our 2014 Prime Minister and other students filling ministries and shadow ministries reflecting the students’ practical input into the running of the school, for example Building and Health, Pupil Welfare, Education, Environment, Sport, Transport and Special Events.

I am extremely impressed by the Senate (our staff) as they work through the motions the parliament has carried and how they come to an agreement about ideas and changes that things can and will work, rather than just dismiss the ideas and suggestions that the students have put forward.

Leadership comes in many shapes and forms. Positive role models demonstrate honesty, knowledge, are hardworking, care about others and themselves, care about the environment and can work together as part of a team. People who have these qualities are people we should aspire to be. Being a member our school Parliament is something younger students aspire to and is certainly valued by both the school and wider community.

I look forward to a year of lots of new ideas, positive changes and teamwork. I would like to thank Miss Winney for her role as parliamentary advisor. This role is extremely important, as it provides support to the new members of parliament each year.

Finally, a huge thank you to our parent volunteers who catered for this special event! Congratulations everyone!

Extra Curricula Activities - Golf and School Music Program
A number of staff at our school organise and commit to additional responsibilities each year. Today I would like to especially thank Mr Weightman who continues to give up his personal time to run a very successful junior golf academy. In addition, I would also like to thank Mrs Booth for also donating many hours to develop our musicians of the future. We are extremely fortunate to have talented staff like Mr Weightman and Mrs Booth at Tea Gardens Public School.

Junior Golf Academy
Golf will be beginning again this afternoon for this term. It will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:00pm until 5:05pm unless otherwise notified.

Rugby League Helpers
Many thanks and gratitude to David Coyle and Col McCarthy for their assistance with training the 2014 Tea Gardens Rugby League team. We look forward to selecting our next team of players early in 2015.

Our team represented the school with lots of pride last Tuesday in New Lambton.

After collecting the points from a bye in Round 1, the team performed as follows:
- Kotara South Public School- drew 2 tries all
- Our Lady of Lourdes Tarro- lost 2 tries to 1
- St Pauls Gateshead- lost 4 tries to nil
Cessnock Public School- lost 4 tries to 1

A special thanks to the unsung heroes- the boys’ parents and grandparents who assisted with transport to and from the knockout and training each week.

Coming Up

This week is National Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June 2014
National Reconciliation Week focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This week classes will be undertaking special activities in recognition of the week.

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Our stage two students and teachers are very excited about their excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp from Wednesday – Friday this week. We look forward to hearing lots of stories when the students return to school on Friday afternoon.

Weekly Assembly
Our Ministers will be hosting our assembly this Friday 30 May. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Other
National Sorry Day
Today is National Sorry Day where we acknowledge and raise awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians.

PSSA Updates
Boys Soccer
The boys are playing against Grahamstown PS in Raymond Terrace today. We wish the boys the best of luck.

Girls Soccer
The girls are playing this Thursday against Medowie PS. We wish the girls the best of luck.

Regional Union trials
Best wishes to Christopher Woodfield who is progressing to the Hunter Union regional trial on 20 June in Mayfield.

Aspirations- Longitudinal Study
Attached to today’s newsletter is the first look at school level data from the Aspirations study. Last year, our Year 4 and 6 students were part of this study which will track student aspirations over time. This is a valuable opportunity to reflect on the educational and current career aspirations of our senior students.

Mark Clemson
Principal

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp Reminder
The Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion is on this Wednesday 28 till Friday 30 May. Please ensure that all outstanding money has been paid and notes have been returned to the office. The Great Aussie Bush Camp bus will be collecting the students from school at 9.30am on Wednesday morning. Students need to be under the COLA by 8.55am (normal bell time). Students will leave camp at 12.45pm on Friday 30 May and return to school by bus arriving at approximately 1.00pm. Parents may meet the bus and take their child home if they wish, otherwise students will remain at school until the normal time of 2.55pm.

Thank you,
Stage Two Teachers

Canteen News—Term 2 Week 4

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY (Ngaire White/Christine W)
Fried rice / spring rolls $4.50 meal only

THURSDAY 29 MAY (Melinda Scott)
Ravioli with Bolognese sauce $4.50 meal only

FRIDAY 30 MAY (Christine Wisemantel, Trudy Brumby)
HELP NEEDED)
6 nuggets with tomato sauce $4.50 meal only
Or chicken burger

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

Please phone Christine if able to help in Canteen.
4997 0717 or 0400 490 717
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 23 May 2014. They were:

**PRIDE**
- Deena Clemson: Making great strides in her reading
- Ethan Avery: Reading with expression and fluency

**ARMY**
- Rosie Whitby: Great sounding of words
- Sam White: Great sounding of words

**TEAM**
- Jessie Lawler: Great effort in assembly practice
- Ryder Egloff: Great effort in assembly practice

**MOB**
- Lenny Ehlefeldt: Improved work ethics
- Isla Brumby: Great description of rainforests

**POD**
- Charli Alchin: Outstanding effort and application in all areas of learning
- Jade Johnson: Outstanding effort and application in all areas of learning

**TROOP**
- Natasha Marlin: Working well in reading groups
- Georgia McKillop-Davies: Being a pleasure to teach

**CORPS**
- Hannah Gatenby: Excellent application in class
- Zane Pietsch: Pleasing work in spelling

**COLONY**
- Bianca Clarke: Excellence in maths
- Charlie Pietsch: Respect in class

**ARMADA**
- Cameron Vaerua: Excellent work in Fast maths
- Hayden Krohn: Improvement in literacy

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**TEA GARDENS SOCCER CLUB**

www.teagardensssc.com

Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au:
- Minis- ages 5yo to 7yo - $75
- Middles- ages 8yo to 10yo - $85
- Juniors- ages 11yo to 15yo - $95

All new Minis registered receive a kit with socks, shin pads and a ball for FREE.
All new Middies and Juniors registered receive socks for FREE.

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

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**TEA GARDENS INAUGURAL FUN RUN**

Date:  Sunday 6 July 2014
Where:  Tea Gardens Lions Lookout

Time:  6 kms 10am for 14 yrs and over,
- 4 kms 10.45am for 10 yrs and over
- 2 kms 11.30am for under 13 yrs and Open Walkers 4 kms and 2kms only.

Prizes:  6 kms and 4 kms 1st Trophy.  2nd and 3rd Medals Male and Female.  Category winners 1st only.  First three across the line, not eligible for category prizes.  2 kms: medals for 1st only in the Open and age categories


Barbecue and soft drinks will be available

Contacts:  Charles Ringuet 4997 1215
- Colin Bertram  4997 2191

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**FOR SALE**

Single trundle bed—
- 2 mattresses—1 brand new, never used
- $200.00
- Or with linen $250.00

Phone 4997 0555
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COMPARISON TO PARTICIPATING NSW SCHOOLS

Student Education Plans

YOUR SCHOOL
21 students

Student Career Plans

YOUR SCHOOL
18 students

Top 5 Career Choices

YOUR SCHOOL
NSW SCHOOLS
1. School Teacher
2. Sportsperson
3. Visual Artist
4. Veterinarian
5. Life Scientist

61%

67%

61%

28%

14%

6%

PARTICIPATING NSW SCHOOLS
1681* students

PARTICIPATING NSW SCHOOLS
1164* students

Managers & Professionals (e.g. doctor, teacher)
Technicians & Trades (e.g. electrician, baker)
Community, clerical & sales (e.g. real estate agent, police officer)
Labourers & Machinery Operators (e.g. cleaner, truck driver)

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