PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week
Congratulations to Charlie Pietsch who is this week’s Student of the Week. Charlie always works well in class. She is always polite and applies herself in all areas. Charlie had outstanding behaviour whilst on camp and fulfils her role as a student minister with pride. Congratulations, Charlie on being named this week’s student of the week.

Bouquets

Fundraising $$$$ returned
Many thanks are extended to our students who have returned their fundraising monies from our Aerobics for an Air conditioner fundraiser. The current amount collected from 36 students totals $1064. Please assist us in achieving our goal of replacing the air conditioners in the Army classroom by returning the money raised through the collection of sponsorship. We are aiming to raise $6800 to support the purchase and installation of 2 x Daikin single phase Inverter Split Systems rated at 9.5kW each unit. Every dollar counts!

Pleasing numbers attend various Education Week activities
It was pleasing to see many parents coming in to watch the Public Speaking Finals, support our open classes and have a picnic lunch with their children last Wednesday. Thanks for being part of your children’s education!

Parents assisting with transport
In a week as busy as we had last week, I am reminded time and time again of how fortunate we are to have parents willing to support the transportation of our students to a number of events in and around Newcastle, Hawks Nest, Raymond Terrace and Largs. Without the assistance of these parents, many students would miss out on the opportunity to represent Tea Gardens Public School.

To all the parents who have assisted in the last week or on previous occasions, THANK YOU!!!

Coming Up

P&C Meeting- 12 August 2014
The P&C Executive have decided to hold the August meeting of the P&C tomorrow evening commencing at 7pm in the school library. Please come along and be active members of our vibrant community school.

Great Aussie Book Swap
We have registered to participate in the Great Book Swap again this year, to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). Hannah Avery is our student Ambassador for 2014. Hannah joins Ambassadors from other schools who have also nominated students who share a strong sense of social justice, a passion for literacy and have great leadership skills.
to assist with promoting the event.

The Great Aussie Book Swap works in the following way:
1. Children bring in a book they love but can bear to part with. **Dates: Monday 1 September – Tuesday 2 September**
2. The student ministers will collect the books and display them on tables in the hall. **Date: Thursday 4 September**
3. Students bring in a gold coin donation for the right to choose a new book from the tables to take home – hence the Book Swap. **Thursday 4 September**
4. The gold coin donations will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to provide books and literacy resources to kids in remote communities.

You can find out more about the ILF at [www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au)

**Father’s Day Breakfast - Friday 5 September from 7.30am-8.45am**
Are you a Dad of one or more of our students? Well, on Friday 5 September, we are going to host a BBQ breakfast for you and your kids. We are in the process of planning this free event and would love if you would make the time to come and join us. We will get some sporting equipment out as well so if you feel like shooting some hoops or kicking a ball with your kids, you will get the opportunity to do this as well.

Return slips for catering purposes will be sent home in next week’s newsletter. Alternatively, please RSVP via email to: teagardens-p@school.det.nsw.edu.au (Please give your family name and numbers planning on joining us on Friday 5 September)

**“KINDY15” Kindergarten Orientation- Dates set for 2014**
Our Kindergarten Orientation program starts on **Thursday 30 October**. The children spend time in the classrooms with teachers. At the same time, our prospective 2015 Kindy parents are offered an information session on a range of topics including:
- Is my child ready for school?
- The First Day
- The A-Z guide to Tea Gardens
- What is Best Start?
- What do students learn in Kindergarten?- A day in the life of Kindergarten
- How can parents participate?
- Our Uniform
- What if my child has special needs?
- The role of the School Counsellor
Parents will take a tour around our facilities and meet the Principal and staff who can answer all of your questions.
If you have yet to register your children as part of our Kindy 2015 intake, please contact the school ASAP to assist with planning. You can do this either by calling in, phoning the school on 0249970286, completing the attached form or emailing the school at teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Mark Clemson**
Principal

**Tea Gardens Public School Public Speaking Final**
On Wednesday 6th August, 4 students from each stage competed in the annual TGPS Finals of the Public Speaking Competition. They spoke in front of the school, parents and guests. The finalists were Early Stage One – Deena Clemson, Poppy Rapley, Seth Rawling and Sam White Stage One -Harry Linderman, Gethyn Bryant, Murray Woodfield and Lorelei Genner. Stage Two – Lily-Arum Laws, Zane Pietsch, James Linderman and Sophia Jeffries. Stage Three – Alex Hinett, Mia Reilly, Christopher Woodfield and Kasey Brown.

Stage 3 students had the further challenge of a one minute impromptu speech on the topic of “My Favourite Letter of the Alphabet" at the end of their prepared speech.

All speakers from Kindergarten to Stage Three were congratulated on their efforts and participation as well as teachers and parents for their support of the event by the adjudicator, Mr Daryl Martin. He also commented on the high standard of all the participants. The finalists presented interesting and informative speeches which delighted the audience. The winners were:
- Early Stage One – Seth Rawlings
- Stage One – Lorelei Genner
- Stage Two – Sophia Jeffries
- Stage Three – Alex Hinitt

**Christine Maloney**
Zone Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who represented the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Raymond Terrace last Tuesday and Friday.

A big thank you to the parents who were able to transport their children to the event. Special thanks to Mel Brown and Ngaire White who were able to take extra students and equipment.

Special thanks also go to Mrs E and Mrs True for their assistance over the two days.

**Kathryn Fowler**
Sports Coordinator
Pie Drive

We are holding a Pie Drive with delicious Thompson’s Pies to raise much needed funds for our school. The pies will be delivered fresh, ready to eat or can be frozen for up to six months. Please share the order form with family and friends. Orders and correct money must be returned to the School Office by Thursday August 21st.

Pies will be available for collection from the Canteen on the morning of Wednesday August 27th. If you require your order to be stored until 3pm please advise us of this on your order form as limited refrigerated storage will be available.

Order forms are available from the school office.

The Lamingtons are delicious!! Thank you for your support.
TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
Expressions of Interest—Kindergarten 2015
Registration

Child's Name: ____________________________ (M/F) Date of Birth: ________________

Siblings enrolled at Tea Gardens Public School? ________________________________
(First Name/Surname)

Parents Name: ___________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Phone (H): ___________________ (W) _______________ Mobile: _______________

If you know of any children in the community that may be starting school next year please ask parents to contact us on 4997 0286.
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 8th August 2014. They were:

**PRIDE**
- Delilah Newlin: Excellent story writing and sounding out unknown words
- Kelson Hawkins: Excellent mathematical and oral reading skills

**ARMY**
- Rosie Whitby: Working well in class
- Seth Rawlings: Working well in class

**TEAM**
- Zarlii Ray: Always trying to produce the best writing she can
- Amelia Henning: Always trying to produce the best writing she can

**MOB**
- Lorelei Genner: Her excellent speech
- Kim Deng: Her Excellent work in reading

**POD**
- Mya Hawkins: A great effort completing the sight word program
- Braiven Megallon: An outstanding effort and application in all areas of learning

**TROOP**
- Olivia Fitzgerald: Excellent spelling results
- Keira McGregor: Excellent spelling results

**CORPS**
- Piper Matenga: Effort in English
- Zane Pietsch: Great work in Maths

**COLONY**
- Biance Clarke: High standard of work
- Amelia Fenwick: High standard of work

**ARMADA**
- Amber Sunner: Kind and caring student
- Faith McKay: Always working well in class

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**STUDENT BANKING**

**TUESDAYS**

10 Tokens redeemed for each of the following items

- Term 3 only
  - Whale shark pencil case
  - Penguin/Shark plush key ring

- Term 3 & 4
  - Dollarmites moneybox
  - Swimming Bag

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**Good for Kids** good for life

**Healthy Drinks**

Did you know that a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains not one but 6 teaspoons of sugar?

Water has no added flavours, colours, sugar or energy so it’s the best way for kids to quench their thirst.

Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, while the fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones.

Tips to help children drink more water:

- Offer water when children are thirsty
- Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes
- Keep water in the fridge so it’s cold
- Freeze half a water bottle the night before and fill the remainder with cold water before packing the lunchbox
- Send a water bottle to school for Crunch&Sip®

Milk is also a nutritious drink that children should consume, as it’s important for strong bones and teeth.

**Reference:**

Adapted from Healthy Kids: “Choose water as a drink” fact sheet accessed from www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

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**Parliament and Civics Education Rebate**

Stage 3 Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the
Semester 2 Golf Program
Commencing 19/8/14

This semester new golf pro Andrew McCormack will head the after school golf proram at Hawks Nest Golf Club. Mr Weightman will assist with lessons and equipment.

Andrew is the new professional at Hawks Nest Golf Club replacing the long serving Steve Denning. He completed his professional traineeship at Waratah Golf Club. In 2009, in the second year of his traineeship, he won the NSW Trainee Pro Championship held at Hawks Nest Golf Club. Before moving to Hawks Nest to take up the head professional role, Andrew ran the golf range at Cardiff.

After school sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 4pm till 5:05pm in Term 3.

Students from K to 6 are invited to participate. Students may use their own equipment or clubs provided by the school.

Entry to the program is free.

Mr Weightman will be able to transport up to four students to the course after school. See the expression of interest below.

EXPRESSİON OF INTEREST Term 3, 2014 – Please complete and return to school.

I am interested in enroling my child/ren in the after school golf program on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm till 5:05pm.

Student’s name/s: .......................................................... .......................................................... ..........................................................

I require transport to the course after school. (Please tick).