PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week
Congratulations to Braiven Megallon who is this week’s Student of the Week. Braiven receives this award for always being keen to assist in the classroom and help his peers. Braiven is dedicated to his learning and comes to school with a smile on his face every day. Congratulations Braiven on being named this week’s student of the week.

Bouquets
This week is SASS recognition week. SASS Recognition week is a time and an opportunity to thank and recognise all the additional workers generally employed by the DEC within our school. These include but are not limited to: Mrs Lindy Hammond, Ms Linda Cameron, Mrs Wendy Searle, Mrs Karen Baker, Mrs Deb Smart, Mrs Rachael Corrigan and Mr Barry Russom. And although not paid for his ongoing work, commitment and dedication, how can we forget Mr Merv Nagle who has been assisting in a voluntary capacity since assisting at a Working Bee in 1988! Thank you everyone for making our school a very special place!

Congratulations to Keira McGregor, Lilly-Ann White and Dakota Edgerton who competed in the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale last Friday. Keira came third in her 100 metres race and will now compete at the State Athletics Carnival in Sydney next month, Well done, Keira!

Coming Up
Golf
Golf is back to the regular Tuesday afternoon session from 4pm-5.05pm. This semester, there is no charge for this activity.

Assembly this week
This week’s assembly will be hosted by the Ministers. Please come along and be a member of our audience. Assembly commences at 9:10am each week. Assembly Roster for the remainder of the term is as follows:

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Don’t forget about our Great Aussie Book Swap
The Great Aussie Book Swap works in the following way:
Children bring in a book to swap. If you forgot to bring a book in today, you can still bring a book in to swap tomorrow – **Tuesday 2 September**
The student ministers will collect the books and display them on tables in the hall.
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**
The gold coin donations will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to provide books and literacy resources to kids in remote communities.

Free BBQ Breakfast- Please return the slip below if your family is intending on coming. This will assist with catering for our special event!
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.

To assist with numbers for catering purposes, please indicate on the return slip below your family name and numbers planning on joining us on Friday 5 September. Alternatively, please RSVP via email to teagardens-p@school.det.nsw.edu.au

FATHER’S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
7.30am to 8.45am

Family name: ____________________

Number attending: ___________
Father’s Day Stall
I am impressed with the variety and the selection of items being offered for sale from $3 to $6 at this year’s P&C Father’s Day Stall. Also Students artworks from Art & Craft Expo for sale are $5. I am confident that there will be some happy Dads on Sunday. Items will be on sale at the stall on Wednesday 3 September and Thursday 4 September between 9am-11am. Helpers are required to assist at the stall. Please contact our P&C President, Karen on 0412 443 403 if you can help out!

P & C Meeting
The Next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 September at 7pm in the library. All welcome to attend.

Starting School- Kindergarten 2015
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 or emailing the school at teagarnden-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

One of the things we do every year is a satisfaction survey for parents, teachers and students. The 2014 survey has been prepared and is accessible via a link included in the email with this newsletter. Your support in completing the survey is very much appreciated. As an added incentive, we have a $50 COLES Gift Card to give away in a prize draw. Everyone who completes the survey (and their name) will be entered in the draw. Click on the following link to complete the survey. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3QH763W

Has your family paid the voluntary contribution for 2014?
Pay your 2014 Voluntary Contribution of $50 per family and go in to the draw to win a bike! The draw will take place at assembly on Friday 19 September! Each family who has paid the voluntary contribution by this date will receive one ticket in the draw. 100 percent of the monies collected from the 2014 voluntary contributions are going towards the replacement cost of air conditioners.

School Pavers- Expressions of Interest. Funds raised through the sale of these pavers will go toward air conditioner replacement.
Our school has approximately 950 excess pavers. If you are interested in placing a silent bid for any or all of the excess pavers, please submit the details to the school office, on a piece of paper in a sealed envelope, no later than Tuesday 9 September. Paver bids will be considered on Wednesday 10th September. Remember to include the following: Your Name, Contact Number, Number of pavers bid on and the price offered per paver.

Mark Clemson Principal
Tea Gardens Public School Presents

"At The Movies"

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**Canteen Supervisor**

**Tea Gardens Public School**

Tea Gardens Public School Parents & Citizens Association is seeking a Canteen Supervisor for 2-3 days per week during school term.

The person will be responsible for the management & operation of the school canteen on designated canteen days (Wed-Fri), other events and functions nominated by the P&C Executive Committee, including occasionally catering off-site, such as Athletics Carnival.

The position requires management & direction of canteen volunteers and the person will work closely with the P&C Executives and the School Principal.

The person will be paid Award Wage (including superannuation) for 5 hours per day, 2-3 days per week.

The successful applicant will require:

- A current Drivers Licence & own transport.
- Previous Canteen experience.
- Knowledge of OH&S Practices and Food Handling experience essential.
- Working with Children Check.

Send your application together with a current Resume, to Tea Gardens Public School P&C, Witt Street, Tea Gardens 2324. Applications close Friday 5th September 2014. For further enquiries, please contact P&C President, Karen Stewart-Katz on 4997 1274 or 0412 443 403.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A MERIT AWARD ON FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 2014. THEY WERE:

**PRIDE**
- Jack Nolan: Making a great German flip book
- Elidjah Wolfram: Counting to ten in German on his own

**ARMY**
- Lewis Smith: Great dancing skills
- Sam White: Great dancing skills

**TEAM**
- Leah Gatenby: For a great effort when reading
- Ryder Egloff: For a great effort when writing in class

**MOB**
- Haleigh Simmons: For her excellent work in reading
- Tori Lee: For improvement in reading fluency

**POD**
- Jacob Mifsud: For great work in 2D shapes
- Tony Hind: For improved effort in reading groups

**TROOP**
- Georgia McKillop-Davies: Beautiful book work
- Sonny Braddick: Improved behaviour in class

**CORPS**
- Hannah Gatenby: Pleasing application
- Jarryd Schmidt: Diligence with concert rehearsal

**COLONY**
- Abby-Jo Banks: Great participation and catching up in dance
- Ethan Stevenson: Completing work quickly and quietly

**ARMADA**
- Mitchell Barr: Excellent application in mathematics
- Jordyn-Lee Johns: Consistently working well in class

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**STUDENT BANKING**
**TUESDAYS**
10 Tokens redeemed for each of the following items:
- Whale shark pencil case
- Penguin/Shark plush key ring

**TERM 3 ONLY**
- Dollarmites moneybox
- Swimming Bag

**TERM 3 & 4**

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
**WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER—9am-11am**
**THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER—9am-11am**
GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN LIBRARY FROM $3 TO $6

STUDENT ARTWORKS AVAILABLE $5 each
Hawks Nest
RIDE THE WILDSIDE

3 Fun Rides
Jump on your bike and join us for some fun-filled rides around Hawks Nest

Sunday 14 September 2014

Ride details
- Family ride 7km
- Intermediate ride to Dark Point 28km
- Enthusiasts ride to Bombah Point 53km

What you need to know
- Registration from 8.00am at Hawks Nest Surf Club
- Rides start from 9.00am
- All rides finish with a BBQ
- $10 entry fee for adults (includes BBQ)
- Kids under 15 ride free
- All children under 10 to be accompanied by an adult

For details on this event please phone 4997 1883

For more information visit transport.nsw.gov.au/cycling

Wild Side Festival
FLORA AND FAUNA PHOTO COMPETITION

Entries to the Myall Coast Messenger email: myallcoastmessenger@gmail.com
Entries close 5pm Wednesday 10th September

- Two Entry Divisions
  - Primary School students
  - Adults (amateurs only, please)
- Two Photo Categories in each division
  - Myall Coast Native Flora
  - Myall Coast Native Fauna
- The Four Winners will have their photos printed on a mounted canvas frame

Photo Specification
- Digital Photos 1 Megabyte or larger taken in the last 12 months

Please provide full details
Name, Address, Adult or Primary School entry
If Primary School please name your school

Entries will be judged by local photographer Christian Patteson
Entries close 5pm on 10th September 2014

Results will be announced at 3pm on Saturday 13 September at Hawks Nest Community Hall
Enquiries by email myallcoastmessenger@gmail.com

FUN RUN
2014 RAYMOND TERRACE
SUN 14 SEPT 2014
WALK, RUN OR PUSH
2km | 4km | 8km
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT raymondtterracefunrun.com.au

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Bullying:
Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools Policy

The NSW Department of Education and Communities rejects all forms of bullying. No student, employee, parent, caregiver or community member should experience bullying within the learning or working environments of the Department.

Bullying

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyber bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long term effects on those involved including bystanders.

Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying.

Bullying behaviour can be:
- **verbal** eg name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats
- **physical** eg hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- **social** eg ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- **psychological** eg spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

The term “bullying” has a specific meaning. The school’s Anti-bullying Plan sets out the processes for preventing and responding to student bullying. The school has a range of policies and practices, including welfare and discipline policies that apply to student behaviour generally.

Schools exist in a society where incidents of bullying behaviour may occur. Preventing and responding to bullying behaviour in learning and working environments is a shared responsibility of all departmental staff, students, parents, caregivers and members of the wider school community.

**School staff** have a responsibility to:
- respect and support students
- model and promote appropriate behaviour
- have knowledge of school and departmental policies relating to bullying behaviour
- respond in a timely manner to incidents of bullying according to the school’s Anti-bullying Plan.

In addition, teachers have a responsibility to:
- provide curriculum and pedagogy that supports students to develop an understanding of bullying and its impact on individuals and the broader community.

**Students** have a responsibility to:
- behave appropriately, respecting individual differences and diversity
- behave as responsible digital citizens
- follow the school Anti-bullying Plan
- behave as responsible bystanders
- report incidents of bullying according to their school Anti-bullying Plan.

**Parents and caregivers** have a responsibility to:
- support their children to become responsible citizens and to develop responsible online behaviour
- be aware of the school Anti-bullying Plan and assist their children in understanding bullying behaviour
- support their children in developing positive responses to incidents of bullying consistent with the school Anti-bullying Plan
- report incidents of school related bullying behaviour to the school
- work collaboratively with the school to resolve incidents of bullying when they occur.

**All members of the school community** have a responsibility to:
- model and promote positive relationships that respect and accept individual differences and diversity within the school community
- support the school’s Anti-bullying Plan through words and actions
- work collaboratively with the school to resolve incidents of bullying when they occur.