PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back for what I am sure will be a very busy final term of 2015.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Student of the Week
Congratulations are extended to Charli Alchin from the AIF class who was our final student to be named ‘Student of the Week’ in term three. Charli received the award for being a polite, consistent worker who is a delight to teach. Congratulations Charli on being named student of the week.

Come to our assembly this Friday to find out who will be our next Student of the Week! Assembly commences at 9.10am and everyone is welcome. This Friday, our ministers will be hosting our assembly. Please come along and join us!

Bouquets
Merv Nagle
Thanks are forwarded to Merv for all his work over the holidays in keeping our school looking great.

THE TELL THEM FROM ME - Partners in Learning – Parent Survey is closing soon!
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


The survey is a great opportunity for our parents to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about our school.

To commence the survey, please click on the following link:
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?
j_username=parent18257&j_password=Tea3175

Coming Up
“Around the World” P&C Trivia Night
Saturday 17 October. Book your table of 8 for just $80.
Dress up and win a prize! This is an over 18’s event.

Under the Sea Book Fair is coming to the library

In Week 3 (Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 October) we will be holding our annual Book Fair. Just like last year it will be a Scholastic Book Fair and hopefully it will once again be very successful.

The fair will be open before school on Monday and Tuesday. We hope to see everyone at our fair. Prices of books and stationery range from $1 to $25. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

Rachel Cooper
Teacher Librarian

Kindergarten Orientation commences on 29 October
Our Kindergarten Orientation program starts on Thursday 29 October. The children spend time in the classrooms with teachers. At the same time, our prospective 2016 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
Question and Answer session
Parents will take a tour around our facilities and meet the Principal and staff who can answer all of your questions. It is possible some previous communication about the starting date for the program has had conflicting information. The date Kindergarten Orientation commences is on Thursday 29 October. Please add this date to your calendars.

Myall River Festival and Duck Derby – Saturday 31 October 2015
The P&C will again be running the traditional Duck Derby with some fantastic prizes to be won! We will need parent helpers in shifts throughout the day, just giving up an hour or two of your time will be invaluable to the success of our event. Duck numbers are on sale for $5 each from the office.

KINDY16
Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
It’s time to enrol for next year. Please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016. You can do this either by calling in, phoning the school on 0249970286 or emailing the school at teagardens-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Mark Clemson
Principal
Tea Gardens Public Library Promotion
Tea Gardens Public Library is running a competition for our students to encourage borrowing and use of the public library here in Tea Gardens. They are offering a free book to each student in the winning class who has the most members sign up for a library card. Those of you who already have a library card, let the librarians know the next time you use the library and ask them to add your name to the list. Application forms and information was left for each of the classes during Book Week. So, get in there and join the Great Lakes library.

KARUAH AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
SEASON 2015/2016
CALLING ALL JUNIORS
Karuhah and District Cricket Club have nominated sides in the Maitland District Junior Cricket competition. Games start at 8.30am and finish no later than 11.30am each Saturday. They break for the Christmas School holiday period. The club have Under 10’s, Under 13’s and Under 15’s at this stage. We still have room for under 12 players as there are excess numbers in the 12 and 13 age brackets. Girls can play two years below their age group as well. Everyone is welcome along for a game.
Anyone interested must attend training at Memorial Oval, Witt Street, Tea Gardens this THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 4.30PM so sides can be finalised as the first game is SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER.

Contact Graeme Johnson 0418972049 for further details. Registration is $65.00 which gets you a shirt and cap. Then it is $5.00 per game per week. All players are covered by insurance through the association they play under and coaches are qualified.

P&C NEWS
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REMINDERS
Request for support at school for student’s with Health Conditions—Urgent
We are currently updating our records of all students with health conditions who may require medication or support at our school.
Forms have been sent home to all parents with children who have known medical conditions. These forms are to be completed by parents and returned to the office as soon as possible.
If your child has an allergic reaction, then an action plan will be included and needs to be completed and signed by your medical practitioner.
If your child has asthma, then an action plan managing your child’s asthma will be included and also needs to be completed and signed by your medical practitioner.
All parents with children who have medical conditions will also receive a consent for doctors to provide information about their child’s health condition. These also need to be completed and signed by the child’s parent.

A reminder to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or is a new health condition develops. (forms are available from school office)

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided in writing to the principal.
Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.
Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

If you require access to a computer at school to complete the survey. Please contact Mark Clemson – School Principal who will make these arrangements for you.

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education’s TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 18th October 2015. They were:

ALLIES
Izabelle Pollock  Working well in class
Jenayah Hall  Working well in class

BRIGADE
William Barlow  Effort and application to all his work
Kathleen O’Brien  Excellent improvement in writing

HEROES
Bianka Patteson  A great effort in visual arts
Cameron O’Brien  Excellent artworks and drawings

MATES
Zarlii Ray  For her fantastic presentations and Application
Claire Carter  For always trying her best

POPPIES
Braiden Dvorik  Enthusiastic participation in PE & Sport lessons
Shannon Stockell  Improvement in reading

AIF
Braven Megallon  Answering questions thoughtfully
Breanna Foran  Listening carefully

CADETS
Riley Barry  Working well with averages
Ethan Pinch  Excellent contributions to classroom discussions

SQUADRON
Haley Steadman  Working hard to improve her projects
Paddy Nickle  Excellent attitude and application in all areas

Staff car park

The staff car park is for staff only. Please do not use the car park to drop off and pick up your children. Please teach your children to enter and exit the school grounds using the pedestrian access gates located on Ogden Street or Witt Street.

Disabled parking and bus zones

Only cars displaying a valid disabled parking tag may park in the disabled parking area. Cars are not permitted to park or drop off children in bus zones between 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm.

Penalties exceed $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.
HELP NEEDED TERM 4 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN OUR CANTEEN.

Canteen Volunteer

Name: ____________________________________________ Telephone: ______________________

Child’s Name: _________________________________________ Class: ___________________________

Please nominate: (day which you prefer to work and how often)

- ☺ Wednesday
- ☺ Thursday
- ☺ Friday
- ☺ 9am-12pm
- ☺ Weekly
- ☺ Fortnightly
- ☺ Monthly
- ☺ 9am-2pm

Many Thanks,
Danielle Driscoll
Canteen Supervisor
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