STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations are extended to Tyreece Wolfram from the Squadron class who is the final student of the week for 2015. Tyreece receives student of the week for being a mature and responsible student with a good work ethic. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the other 2015 Student of the Week Award winners. Keep up the great work!

BOUQUETS
Swim School- thank you!
Many thanks are extended to Mrs Booth for coordinating this annual program. In addition, thanks to our supervising staff and extensive parent volunteers who make this all possible. A fantastic team effort! (See report enclosed)

Mufti Day- thank you!
Wow! What a fantastic effort, from the Mufti-Day last Thursday. $190 was raised to support Christmas lunch for those less fortunate. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile event and giving back to our local community.

Diamond Award Recipients
Congratulations are extended to all 141 students who have gained diamond awards for excellent behaviour in the classroom and playground throughout 2015. The awards are designed to recognise and celebrate the achievements of students who have been able to follow the school rules and expectations of being safe, being kind to one another, being fair and considerate and being great or in other words being the best person they can be by always doing their personal best. We are very proud of you all!

Year 5 Student Leadership Elections
I was really impressed by the way many of our Year 5 students presented their speeches on why they’d like to be a student leader at Tea Gardens in 2016. We look forward to announcing our new student leaders at Presentation Day this Friday.

Year 6 student leaders- Thank you
Our final parliamentary sitting was held on Friday. It has been wonderful to see the growth in the student’s leadership skills and maturity over the past year.
Special thanks to our 2015 student leaders:
Cole Johnson - Prime Minister
Paddy Nickle- Deputy Prime Minister / Minister for Sport
Nathan Katz – Minister for Building and Health
Mitchell Barr- Minister for Special Events
Indianna McDonald- Minister for Pupil Welfare
Shona Miller- Minister for Transport
William Markham- Minister for the Environment

Taylor Simmons- Minister for Education
I look forward to hearing great things in the future about all of our Year 6 students.

What’s NEW
New Air Conditioners
New air conditioners have been installed in Mrs Booth’s and Mr Weightman’s class rooms today.

COMING UP
Stage 3 CPR Training
Stage 3 students will be undertaking CPR training on Tuesday.

Combined Christmas Scripture Service – Tuesday 8 December
The annual Christmas Scripture Service will be held tomorrow at the Anglican church. The service commences at 2.05pm and will include puppets and songs by the Quizworx group. Our students will walk to and from the Anglican Church supervised by teachers and School Learning Support Officers. Students will return to school by 2.55pm. Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome.

Year 6 Farewell – this Wednesday
On Wednesday 9 December we officially say farewell to our Year 6 students. The dinner will be held at Mumm’s Restaurant commencing at 5pm and the social will follow at the school. We would like to wish our departing students well as they embark on the next stage of their schooling and look forward to hearing about their successes over the many years to come.

Year 6 Farewell Social- this Wednesday
Students from Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to attend the Year 6 Farewell Social which will be held on Wednesday night 9/12/15. The dance / social will be held at Tea Gardens Public School from 7pm to 8.00pm. The entry cost for the social is $1 per person. The social will be followed by the presentation of certificates and a slideshow to our graduating students. This presentation will conclude no later than 8.30pm. Parents are asked to collect their child/children from the COLA at school promptly at the conclusion of the event.

P&C and School Canteen- Christmas Function
The P & C and School Canteen will be holding their Christmas Dinner on Thursday evening at 6.30 at Benchmarks. Please email the P & C on tgpspandc@gmail.com if you are attending. Numbers are required by Wednesday so a booking can be confirmed.

Presentation Day- this Friday
On Friday, we will hold our annual presentation day at the Baptist Church commencing at 1.10pm. Please come along and join in the acknowledgement and celebration of student
Debbie Booth and Lindy Hammond

wonderful day.

So please embrace the Christmas spirit and help make Christmas luncheon.

assist the purchase of food for this wonderful community members of our community, who are alone, enjoy a won-

We also held an out of uniform day, on Thursday 3

placed in the school foyer to accept these gift donations.

receive a small gift with love from us all. A basket has been

by donating items such as soaps, powders, socks, choco-

Sue and Joe both need our assistance as they

each year caters for around 80 people.

We currently have 23 students enrolled for Kindergarten in 2016. It’s still not too late to enrol for next year. Please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. 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

Library News

Please assist us as we prepare for the new library system Department of Education system, “Oliver” to be imple-

Cadets Class- Local Library Winners

The Cadets class had the largest percentage of students signing up to get a library cards at Tea Gardens town library. Each student in the class received a book prize proudly presented by Carol Johnson from the library. Thank you to all students who participated in this book week competition. We hope you enjoy using the library cards over the summer holiday period.

Community Christmas

Support

For the past 14 years Sue and Joe Douglas and their many helpers, have volunteered to provide Christmas lunch and festivities for those community members who have no families to share their day with. This is a wonderful event for these people and each year caters for around 80 people. Sue and Joe both need our assistance as they volunteer to keep this special event going. We can help by donating items such as soaps, powders, socks, choco-

 librarians is less than $100.00. This will assist the purchase of food for this wonderful community Christmas luncheon. So please embrace the Christmas spirit and help make members of our community, who are alone, enjoy a won-

Debbie Booth and Lindy Hammond- Coordinators

Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy

What is PVC?
PVC Subsidy is available for eligible school students, who are residents of NSW< where there is no public transport available for all or part of the journey. PVC Subsidy is paid on a daily basis between home and the transport pick up point/school. PVC Subsidy may also be available on medi-
cal or safety grounds. A special return journey must be made each morning and afternoon.

Who is eligible?
i) A resident of New South Wales
ii) 4 years, 6 months of age or older: and
iii) Enrolled at a registered day school: and
iv) Residing more than 1.6 kilometres walking distance from the nearest transport pick up point or school; and
v) Be eligible for free government education. Students who are not eligible for free government education are not eligible for subsidised travel.
vi) An infant student; ie: attending kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are exempt from the distance criteria between home to school provided there is no public transport.

Transport for NSW will accept PVC Subsidy applications eligible for Semester 2, 2015 until the last day of Term 4, Friday, 18 December 2015. Any applications received after this date will not be eligible for Semester 2, 2015.

For more information please contact the PVC Subsidy Team:
Toll free: 1800 010 123
Email: pvc@transport.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.transport.nsw.gov.au

Student Semester 2 Reports

Student reports for Semester 2 will be sent home on Mon-
th December. Please return your child’s report fold-
er to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Class Parties—Tuesday 15th December

All Stages will be participating in their end of year class parties on Tuesday 15th December. Permission notes have been sent home with all students. If you do not have a copy of this note please contact the office.

Mark Clemson
Principal

Library News

Please assist us as we prepare for the new Department of Education library system, “Oliver” to be implemented at our school early next year. Please return all books immediately.

REMINDEERS

Work Health and Safety—Medical Conditions

Around 8 weeks ago, school office staff sent home forms to parents for students who have been diagnosed with medical conditions, including asthma. These forms were to be completed by a medical practitioner and returned to school as part of our work, health and safety compliance. This includes and medication your child may need to take at school. (eg ventolin and spacer).

At present many of these forms have not been returned. Your cooperation in is very much appreciated to ensure the safety and well-being of your child and other students.
Music Program
The music program has now finished for this term and year. It would be appreciated if all music accounts could be finalised as soon as possible and any musical instruments returned if your child is not participating in the program next year.
Thank you, Debbie Booth
### Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 4 December 2015. They were:

**ALLIES**
- Summa Fitzgerald: Great acting skills in drama activities
- Shae Roberts: Working well in all areas

**BRIGADE**
- Deena Clemson: Excellent effort and application
- Noah: Improvement in all areas

**HEROES**
- Kobi Wells: Fantastic effort at swim school
- Bianka Patteson: Asking positive questions during news time

**MATES**
- Anthony McMahon: Improvement in application
- Ricky Nguyen: Improvement in application

**POPPIES**
- Jacob Avery: Excellent sportsmanship in physical education lessons
- Isaac Mitchell: Great use of technology presenting his powerpoint slideshow

**AIF**
- Sophie Frazer: Responsible behaviour in class
- Breanna Foran: Always applying herself

**CADETS**
- Lachlan Groot: Completing more set tasks
- Jarryd Schmidt: Enthusiasm at swim school

**SQUADRON**
- Joel Keegan: Enthusiasm for swim school
- Jackson Gibbs: Being a pleasure to teach

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### CANTEEN ROSTER AND MEMU 9th—11th December

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Swimming School 2015
For the past two weeks 120 students participated in our school learn to swim sessions or squad training. The weather was the best we have had for some years and the water temperature the warmest also, which allowed us for eight days of uninterrupted learning and practice. It was wonderful to see the younger students in particular grow in water confidence and their understanding of safety around water. During our squad sessions it was equally as good to watch these swimmers accomplish their personal best in stroke correction and improving the distance they could consistently swim.
Our swimming school could not take place without staff and parent commitment. The involvement by our parents and grandparents every day was very much appreciated, as many of these participated every day of our program. Thank you to: Graham Pollock, Kate Mitchell, Peter Bryant, Nick Patteson, Gary Smith, Caroline Alchin, Nicole French, Sharney Baillie, Paul Keegan, Louise Mitchell, Caroline Jeffries, Maryanne Patteson, Montana Edgerton, Leesa Ellicot, Abbie Newel, Kate Ridgway, Trudy Edgerton and Kiera Bell.
SUMMER KIDS’ CAMPS
THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

✓ New friendships  ✓ Fun  ✓ Safe

Summer is all about having FUN in the great outdoors. There is no better way for kids to jam-pack their school holidays with adventure and excitement than by attending a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp.

Choose from day programs and residential camps to Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (Journeys). Activities include raft building, mountain biking, flying fox, giant swing, cookouts and more. With so many programs on offer, you’ll be sure to find a camp your kids will love.

Kids’ day camps start from $50. Residential camps include 24-hour supervision, accommodation, meals and activities, and many offer supervised transport to and from Central Station, Sydney.

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps | 13 13 02
tb.com/nswsportandrecreation

Good for Kids good for life
Staying Active in the Heat

When it’s hot outside it can be tempting to become a couch potato in order to stay cool.

Here are some tips for staying active when the weather warms up:

- Plan outdoor activities in the cooler parts of the day such as early morning or late afternoon
- Wear light-weight clothing in light colours
- Have water available at all times
- Play in the shady areas out of direct sunlight
- Include indoor activities such as twister or dancing to music.

PHONE 4924 6499

TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK

Sunday 31 January 2016
Port Stephens Netball Clinic
Port Stephens Netball Courts (William Bailey St, Raymond Terrace)

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm
Age: 6-14 years
Cost: $45 per person (inc. GST)
(including coaching and a goody bag)
Bring: Water bottle and comfortable clothes

For registration, please go to www.spmnetball.com/clinics
Registrations close 28th January 2016.
Places are limited so get in quick!

Tasty Tuesday!!

“Aunty Jessie’s Cottage Pie…”

The best Beef Mince with Onions, Garlic, Carrots, Peas & Corn, Mushrooms & a splash of Worcestershire Sauce, topped with Creamy Smashed Potatoes & melted Cheese served with a crusty damper roll!!

It’s a meal in itself!!

$15.00

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