STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations are extended to Georgia Stevenson from the Squadron class who is the student of the week. Georgia receives student of the week for: displaying perseverance; working well in class; always being happy with a smile on her face; having a wicked sense of humour and being a valuable member of the class. Congratulations Georgia.

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
Kindy Orientation
On Thursday we welcomed our 22 new 2016 Kindergarten students to their first orientation session. Many thanks are extended to Mrs Booth for coordinating this very important annual program. Future student session dates include:
Thursday 5 November 2015 from 9-11am
Thursday 12 November 2015 from 9-11am
Thursday 19 November 2015 from 9-11am

World Teachers Day
On Friday, schools around Australia celebrated World Teachers Day. It is an opportune time to recognise, acknowledge and express our appreciation of all our teaching staff for the wonderful job they do each and every day nurturing the love of learning in our students. Our staff give so much of themselves to educate and care for the students at our school. Thank you!

Myall River Festival Performances
Many thanks are forwarded to Miss Winney and Mrs True for coordinating our Junior and Senior dance groups at the Myall River Festival. Our groups were outstanding!

P&C Duck Derby
Huge thanks are extended to Mrs Woodfield and Mrs Avery for their efforts in manning the duck stall all morning. Thanks to the other members of the P&C who came down to assist too. Special mention to our annual duck, Mrs Booth, who got our sales moving!

Approximately $2100 was raised through the sale of ducks.
Winning duck numbers were:
First Place: Georgia Mason
Second Place: Rachel Cascarino
Third Place: Karen Katz
Corporate Duck: Ella’s Boutique
Lantern Parade
We had a solid turnout for the Myall River Parade. Thank you to all the students who participated in this event.

Book Fair
Thank you to everyone who purchased items from the Book Fair. Our school received $492 in Scholastic Rewards which will be put towards purchasing new resources for our school. A special thanks to Ms Cooper for coordinating this worthwhile event.

COMING UP
P & C Meeting
The next P & C meeting will be held next Tuesday 10 November commencing at 7pm in the school library. All parents and members of the community are welcome.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
It’s still not too late 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

Our second Kindergarten Orientation session is on this Thursday 5 November
Our Kindergarten Orientation program continues this Thursday. The pre-schoolers will spend time in the classrooms with teachers and also watch the NRMA Safety Presentation.

NRMA Science and Safety Presentation- Parents are invited to the 9am session
Road Safety, that’s the hot topic at school this week as we host the NRMA Science & Road Safety Day here on Thursday 5 November. Let’s make our school community safer by demonstrating good road safe behaviour. Parents, grandparents and carers we all know your child’s safety is your number one priority, why not join us after drop off on Thursday to watch the first NRMA Science and Road Safety show?
Don’t forget your helmets!
Any students who have a helmet are asked to bring their helmets to the NRMA Science Show.

Bulahdelah Show- Student Night
“Public Speaking”
On 11 November, our public speaking winners have been invited to the Bulahdelah Show to present public speaking items. Formalities commence promptly at 7pm. Good luck to our representatives. Winners of the Bulahdelah writing competition will also be announced. In fact, I know 10 of our students will be receiving awards.

Town Remembrance Day Service
Peter Sinclair Gardens
A number of our student leaders will be representing our school at the 2015 Remembrance Day Service at Peter Sinclair Gardens on Tuesday 10 November at 10am. We look forward to our student leaders doing us proud.

Remembrance Day Service
Mr Weightman is coordinating a brief Remembrance Day Service at school next Wednesday. The service commences at 11am. Meanwhile, Cole Johnson and Paddy Nickle will join me at the Town Service at ANZAC Park to pay our respects and assist in laying a wreath as part of this service. Lest we forget.

Volunteers Morning Tea- 17 November
On Tuesday 17 November, our school will be hosting a morning tea to say “thank you” to our parents and other community members who have assisted our school in many ways during the year. Invitations will be sent this week.

REMINDERS
MS Office 2016 for home use – FREE!!
As part of the department’s Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work-at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for free. For your child to access their free copy of MS OFFICE 2016 please click on the following link https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.aspx?cmi_mnuMain=8fb89d35-b838-dd11-abb7-0030485a6b08
The student will need to login using their DoE email address e.g mary.poppins3@education.nsw.gov.au

Office 2016 Quick Start Guides
Keeping up with changes to software can be a challenge at times. If you choose to become an early adopter of the latest release of MS Office, you will want to check out Microsoft’s great range of quick start guides that were recently published. There’s a separate guide for each of the modules of Office 2016 which should help you get up to speed quickly. https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/Office-2016-Quick-Start-Guides-25f909da-3e76-443d-94f4-6cdf7dedc51e

Permission to Photograph
A note was sent home last week regarding permission to photograph/video your child by the Department of Education to use as a training tool for other teachers. This videoing will take place on 18th November and only students who have returned their note will be videoed. If you would like your child to participate and haven’t yet returned the form please do so as soon as possible.
Thank you.
Debbie Booth

Swimming School and Squad Training
Swimming school and squad notes sent home last week. Please return your child’s note, as soon as possible. There will be a limit on the number of students wishing to participate in squad training.
Thank you.
Debbie Booth
**Head Lice**

**The facts**

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

**Treatment**

daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)  
school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day.

**Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice**

- As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
- regularly check your children's hair  
- teach older children to check their own hair  
- tie back and braid long hair  
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

**What you can expect from your school**

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice.

Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.

The school will send a letter home to parents when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

The school will also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible.

In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.


**Nitbusters is occurring at our school on Wednesday 18 November**

Our school will be coordinating a Nitbusters Program  
The Nitbusters program is a NSW Health initiative to reduce the prevalence of head lice in the community. This project was developed in consultation with the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations and the NSW Department of Education. It educates school children and parents about head lice and how to screen for and treat them as a community. The program is aimed not at eradicating head lice but at identifying and managing infestations. Nitbusters tries to educate communities through schools about the most effective ways to reduce populations of head lice by encouraging school ‘Nitbuster days’. On this day, parents who have consented for their children to be included in the program will have their hair checked by a School Learning Support Officer. All students checked will receive a letter to take home indicating one of the following:

- No head lice were found  
- Nits (eggs) were found  
- Head lice and nits (eggs) were found

In addition, the letter will offer suggestions on treatment options if required.

If you are happy to have your child(ren) checked, please return the consent form to school.

Participation in the Nitbusters program is voluntary (although strongly encouraged). Consent to participate can be withdrawn at any time. Individual results are confidential. Reporting would only be in general terms like e.g. “On the day 157 students were checked with the following results:

- 87 Students had no head lice found  
- 42 students with Nits (eggs) were identified  
- 28 students had head lice and nits (eggs)"

**After School and Vacation Care Survey Response**

Thanks to the 11 families who responded to the After School and Vacation care services survey. Mrs Genner has received a reply from BuziKidz indicating that based on the numbers provided and the current number needed to sustain the service the company does not foresee establishing another service in Tea Gardens.

Taking into consideration, staffing costs, insurance, consumables and rent the numbers needed to establish and sustain After School care is approximately 20 per day and Vacation Care would be 25-30 children. If the need for an OOSH to run in the future arises the company would be more than happy to consider it.

Mark Clemson  
Principal
BOOK WEEK CHAMPIONS

During book week all students participated in a stage writing competition organised by Miss Cooper and the classroom teachers. Thank you to local author Ian Dunlop for judging the finalists' works, and to Richard Booth from Hydrocore for donating the medallions. The outstanding finalists and champions were:

**Early Stage One Champions:** Jack Browne, Gracie Ehlefeldt  
**Other Finalists:** Stephanie McShane, Amarliah Mobbs, Zoie Hunter, Matilda Fidden

**Stage One Champions:** Evie Braddick, Darcy Ingram  
**Other Finalists:** Deena Clemson, Disa Godwin, Seth Rawlings, Heidi Deng, Isla Brumby, James McCarthy, Tyler Rodgers

**Stage Two Champions:** Cameron Jeffries, Kim Deng  
**Other Finalists:** Simone Miller, Gethyn Bryant, Ciara Ridley, Jade Johnson

**Stage Three Champions:** Sophia Jeffries, Grace Burke  
**Other Finalists:** Allysha Randall, Indianna McDonald, Locklin Dennis, Piper Matenga

The Book Week Writing Champions

**EARLY STAGE ONE**

**The Shortest Giraffe** - by Jack Browne
The baboon was going to take a picture but one thing was not right. Giraffe was too small, so they had to get up to the right height. They made a tower and giraffe stood on the tower. They then took the perfect photo.

**The Shortest Giraffe** - by Gracie Ehlefeldt
It was time for baboon to take a photograph but the short giraffe was too small. He was sad. He cried because he didn’t want to spoil the photo.

**STAGE ONE**

**The Shortest Giraffe** – by Evie Braddick
When the baboon took the photograph of the giraffes, the giraffes tried all sorts of things to get Geri up to their height. But the giraffes weren’t thinking right. It was a little caterpillar who solved the problem. The little caterpillar said “You need to put Geri on a horse to get him up to your height.” The photo was perfect.

**My Favourite Movie**

My favourite movie is “Brave”. I watched it when I was 5 and half years old. I watched it at the Newcastle cinemas when mum got her teeth checked.

“Brave” is about a girl called Merida. She is a princess who lives in some huts. During the movie a big ugly almost dead bear comes in and chops her dad’s leg off. Next they find a palace and her mum forces her to do everything.

I like the story about the “Brave” girl. The thing I like about “Brave” is when the baker puts the key in her dress and the three little beans have to get it. I didn’t like when the dad gets his leg chopped off and he squealed like a girl.

The characters in my movie are Merida who is a girl who loves being out in the country and her mum who is a Queen that is very intelligent and needy. The three little bears are greedy and really funny. Last but not least her dad is a brave funny dad that likes adventures.

My score out of ten would be 9 and a half. I recommend that everyone see this movie because of how funny it is. Also I think that the pictures might interest some people.

Darcy Ingram
Excavator Trouble

By Cameron

The excavator had been out the front digging up the street all morning. Suddenly there was a loud explosion I looked out the window. There was a lot of smoke. I wanted to find out what had happened to the excavator, so I ran outside. I had to wait until the smoke went away, so I went inside and had lunch.

By the time I had finished lunch the smoke was gone. All I could see was a deep hole I jumped down into the hole and saw a broken pipe. Some petrol must have split on some water because petrol and water mixed together makes an explosion. There were lots of tunnels.

Suddenly a mole popped out of one of the tunnels and told me to follow him. So I did. Down the tunnel we went. At the end of it there was the excavator and its driver. They were both fine.

But how were we going to get the excavator out of the tunnel? The mole had an idea. He would make the tunnel big enough for the excavator. So that’s what we did. Then we lifted it out with a crane and got a plumber to fix the pipe. Then the excavator kept on digging.

The Paint Bomb

By Kim

The excavator had been out the front digging up the street all morning. Suddenly there was a loud explosion. I went downstairs and looked out the front door and there the smell of smoke I felt my heart was pumping and just then I saw my Mum “Mum!” I yelled. Then I saw Dad.

I went outside and looked into the hole and there was a bomb! I looked at it again and I saw a timer. That meant it was going to explode! I tried to stop it but it didn’t stop.

There was 5 minutes left. I gave it to my Dad and he stepped on the bomb but the timer was still ticking. Now there were 10 seconds left. Then BOOM! There was paint everywhere.

“Ooh it is a paint bomb!” I said. Then I went inside to clean myself up.

Time Travel by Grace Burke

Stage 3

Who am I? by Sophia Jeffries

I didn’t know I was looking for it until I found it then it changed me for life. I woke up on Monday, a long day ahead of me, school wasn’t good I had no friends and all the teachers hated me. My life was bad. Why did I need to go to school? I never listened in class or had fun in the playground, I’d be happy to be home schooled. I pulled myself out of bed and dragged my lazy legs in to the kitchen. My mum smiled sweetly but it meant nothing to me. My parents were divorced and since they broke up I didn’t care anymore - life meant nothing to me. Mum and Dad were only young and didn’t know what they were doing but it proves one mistake can hurt a lot of people.

I eventually reached the bus stop and climbed on the vandalised school bus. I sat half way down the bus as usual. I pulled my hoodie down over my face not wanting to look at any one. My head against the window, half asleep. I grabbed my old school bag as the bus pulled up at North State High.

The science teacher was going on about something I wasn’t listening, I don’t pay attention remember! The teacher was wearing a red shirt with the words “SCIENCE IS LIFE”. The classroom was full of maps and odd things in jars. Science quotes where written all over the walls like “You are atoms and this won’t work unless all the atoms work.” Mr Eterment was into what he was saying though I couldn’t hear much.

He held up a clipboard with a picture of a rain forest on it. Below the picture in green writing were the words, “Amazing two week excursion in the Tasmanian jungle.” Who would go to the hot sticky bug filled jungle in the middle of Tasmania for two whole weeks, I know I wouldn’t. Mr Eterment stuck the note to the wall, then looked me square in the face and said in a disappointed voice, “Amelia, you haven’t handed your science project in, it was due last term” “I know,” I answered walking out to my locker.

All through lunch I sat behind a tree in the shadows where no one could see me. I was the shadow in a bright room, the darkness in a day. I watched all the other high schoolers - the “cool kids” playing with their friends laughing and smiling. The last time I smiled was a year ago when my mum and dad had surprised me with a visit from my Nan and Pop. It was good then with the laughs and smiles, when mum and dad would smile every day, but it has changed now ever since the divorce. I couldn’t bear to think about it.

It went on for weeks at school. I was lonely at home and I was grumpy - until the day of that excursion, in Tasmania!

Mr Eterment was reading out the names of people who were going on the excursion, Crystal Wemsler, nerd, Joe Letan, nerd, Tristean Newmen, nerd, I’m not trying to be mean but they were all nerds, they really loved all the school subjects, always studied and never talked normally. They were always saying things like “I have 02 hours to finish my project,” and “I just missed the hoop by one over four of a centimetre.”

But at least they weren’t loners like me.

Then Mr Eterment called out the last name “Amelia Heatherist.” Nerd .... hang on that’s me! I looked around, Angus Rahorer smirked, he must have put my name thinking it would be funny.***************

Excerpts Only
Myall River Dancers
The Tea Gardens Public School dancers stunned a large audience with their talent at the Myall River Festival on Saturday. Stage 2 and Stage 3 dancers had been practising over two terms to perfect their routines. The Stage 2 dancers entertained viewers with an “Underground ghetto” routine while the Stage 3 groups wowed with a “Please don’t stop the music” jazz dance. Here is an insight into how the dancers thought they performed.

“I was worried because when I was dancing, my shoelace became untied,” Abbie S
“I went on stage excited. The crowd loved my solo dance,” Cameron
“I was nervous when I went on stage and I was worried I may forget the moves,” Mikelle
“It was great and I had lots of fun dancing,” Haley.

“I was so excited when I walked onto the stage, but the crowd loved us,” Lenita
“The Stage 3 group were confident with no fear and the Stage 2 group were proud of their performance,” Joaquin

Mrs True and Miss Winney

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CAFE ROSTER AND MENU  4—6 NOVEMBER

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**CANTEEN SUPERVISOR**

**DANIELLE DRISCOLL**

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ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

Parents, if you have changed any details e.g. your address, mobile phone, home phone or emergency contacts, could you please make sure you let the office know so we can keep an accurate record. It is important for us and your children that we can contact you in case of an emergency. Phone 4997 0286 Thank You
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 30 October 2015. They were:

**ALLIES**
- Bailey Mifsud: Working well in class
- Izabella Pollock: Working well in class

**BRIGADE**
- Larz Vider Richards: Improved participation this week
- Delilah Newlin: Working well and producing quality work

**HEROES**
- Chloe Hodges: Fantastic improvement in reading
- Montanna Delaney: Effort in learning her sight words

**MATES**
- Kayla-Jane Horne: For her conscientious approach to all tasks
- Zane Halloran: For his excellent reading results

**POPPIES**
- Arabella Sylvaney: Consistent application in all areas
- Shaylee Gibbs: Working cooperatively in group work

**AIF**
- Caitlin Condie: Thoughtful answers to questions
- Jermaine Wolfram: Pleasing application in class

**CADETS**
- Lilly-Arum Laws: Excellent work with decimals
- Fletcher Gessey: Becoming more involved in class room activities

**SQUADRON**
- Abby Fenner: Excellent application in all areas
- Nathan Katz: Being a responsible and hard working student

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Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

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**Unwrapping Christmas**

Commencing November, the whole family is invited to St Andrew’s Anglican Church, Tea Gardens for a unique month-long Christmas Program.

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd November - Starts 4:30 pm

- Kids take home a Christmas decoration
- Make your own Advent Calendar
- Free sausage sizzle each Sunday
- Treasure hunt, songs, smiles & fun

**Win a NEW CAR or $13,000.00 cash**

Tickets available from school office
Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates
Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens
Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes
Late applications will not be accepted
Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email
Thursday 10 March 2016
Selective High School Placement Test
Early July 2016
Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.
There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit*

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement

* In this document, Unit refers to the High Performing Students Unit.

‘Parent’ is defined under the Education Act 1990 as a ‘guardian or other person having custody or care of a child’.