PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week
Each week, the staff at Tea Gardens Public School meet together to discuss students who have been excellent school citizens. The nominations are discussed and a student is selected to become the ‘Student of the Week’. We announce our ‘Student of the Week’ at our weekly assembly each Friday. Students are rewarded with a $5 voucher to the Ice Cream Shack. It is with great pleasure to announce that our first ‘Student of the Week’ is Noah Rodgers from the Brigade class. Noah has settled quickly and worked solidly in class since returning to school in 2015.

Bouquets
Parents Information Evening
Thank you to all the parents who availed themselves of the opportunity to “meet the teacher” last week. In total we had 55 parents attend the information sessions. Thanks are also extended to all the staff for their attendance and preparation for the information sessions.

Kindergarten students have prospered during their first week of “big school”. I know that both the students and teachers alike were exhausted after an action packed first week.

Special parent meetings for Kindergarten will be held between 23-26 February to go through the Best Start results and discuss practical ways you can support your child’s learning at home.

Coming Up
Golf Program- commences Monday 9 February at 4pm
At our assembly last Friday, we were joined by Andrew, the local golf pro. Andrew invited all our students to the free golf program running at Hawks Nest Golf Club on a Monday afternoon from 4-5pm throughout the first term. If you are interested in attending, meet Mr Weightman at the golf course this afternoon.

P&C Meeting- Tuesday 10 February commencing at 7pm in the school library
Tea Gardens Public School P&C will be holding its first meeting for the year, tomorrow night at 7pm in the School Library. All Parents, Carers or Grandparents are welcome to come along.

This is our last General Meeting before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) next month (Tue 10th March) where all committee positions are declared vacant & nominations are called to fill all positions. For the P&C Committee to continue we require the following positions to be filled: - President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer.

The P&C is responsible for fundraising to help improve our school. The P&C also runs & operates our School Canteen.

Being on the P&C Committee is not hard, you just need to be able to donate some time & your skills to help keep this important part of the school going. The meetings are very informal & are a great way to get involved in your child’s school & have your say.

If you are interested in getting involved, please come along to the meeting tomorrow night. If you require any further information, please leave your details with the Office & we will contact you or drop us an email at tgpspandc@gmail.com

Voluntary School Contribution
The voluntary contribution is set in collaboration with the school P&C. Further details regarding the voluntary contribution amount for 2015 will be known post the first P&C meeting.

Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 11 February
All students (turning 8 or more in 2015) and who are able to swim 50m are invited to attend our swimming carnival this Wednesday 11 February at Tea Gardens Pool. It’s not all about winning the race; it’s more about doing your best and having a go. We look forward to hearing about our students striving to achieve their personal bests during the carnival. Thank you to Mrs Fowler for all her work behind the scenes in preparation for our swimming carnival.

The house captains were elected on Wednesday. Congratulations to:
► Corrie: Shea Matenga & Lachlan Callcott
► Stephens: Georgia Stevenson & Dane Pope
► Tomaree: Indianna McDonald & Dylan Smith
► Yacaaba: Haley Steadman & Tyreece Wolfram

Weekly Assembly- Friday 13 February
This week, the Squadron class (Miss Winney) will run our assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am on Friday. All parents are welcome to attend.
The class assembly roster for semester one is as follows:

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**School Photos – Wednesday 25 February**
Photos have been organised for Wednesday 25 February. Envelopes have been sent home for your perusal. Any orders must be returned with correct money by the day before the photos. Alternatively, you may pay for the photos online. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be used for this expense.

**Reminder: Weekly communication cards “The Orange Card”**
To ensure there is ongoing communication between school and home in relation to student behaviour, the weekly communication card is sent home each Friday.

The weekly communication cards are linked to the achievement of a school badge. A School Badge is provided to all students who are “On Track” with their behaviour for a minimum of 35/38 weeks of school during the year (DIAMOND AWARD). Please sign and return the cards EVERY week to ensure the students get the opportunity to achieve the diamond award and receive a badge.

**Attendance**
When students are absent please make sure you advise the office in writing, in person or by phone As Soon As Possible.

To ensure we are monitoring attendance more accurately, a phone intervention program will commence shortly. It is likely that on most occasions when your child is away / absent from school, a representative from the school will make contact with your family to check on the wellbeing of the absent student.

**Recent changes to the Department of Education Attendance Policy**
Exemptions are available for long term absences related to illness, but are no longer available for family holidays. This new policy has only just been introduced. This means that children who will be away from school during school time and going on a family holiday will be marked as absent and the absences will appear on the report card. More information will be available regarding this change soon.

**Library News**
The first issue of Book Club for 2015 has now been handed out. For those parents new to our school, Book Club is a service we provide to families through Scholastic Australia. The school receives a commission for purchases made by the school community. This commission provides the school library with new resources. If you wish to purchase a book please return your order form and the correct money to the office NO LATER THAN Monday 16 February. If you would like to collect your order yourself – rather than it being handed to a child, please attach a note and you can collect your order from the office. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Inc. Credit card is also available – please see order forms for details regarding this option. Please note that while we promote the value of reading this is a voluntary exercise.

Rachel Cooper (Teacher/Librarian)
Message from the Catholic Church at Tea Gardens.
This year the Catholic Parish will be organising Sessions for any child, from Year 3 to Year 6, who has not made their First Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Parents if you would like your child/children to be involved in these preparation Sessions or you would like further information, could you please contact: SR MARGARET VALENTINE RSC on 0409 774 834 or 4997 1822 or email: margvalentine@yahoo.com.au BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2015.
Looking forward to hearing from you and thank you for your interest.
Sr Margaret

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem _ Little Aussie Songsters Competition
In celebration of Australia Day 2015, the Australia Day Council of NSW (ADCNSW) has launched the Little Aussie Songsters competition for Australian primary school aged children.

The competition creates a unique opportunity for primary students to participate in a fun and easy way which celebrates the Australian spirit. The stakes are high with the overall and division winners securing fantastic prizes (see below).

- Prize for overall individual winner (P&O cruise to the Loyalty Islands)
- Prize for overall group winner (school visit by Voice 2014 winner Anja Nissen)
- Prizes for individual age division winners (3 divisions are K–2, 3–4 and 5–6)
- Relevant links to K-6 syllabus outcomes (for teachers)
- Important dates in 2015 for finalists and winners

The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.
Please refer to the competition website www.aussievault.com.au/songster for the terms and conditions and for further information.

For more information on Australia Day events visit www.australiaday.com.au

Useful Websites
Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Electronic Newsletters
Click the “Newsletters and Notes” top menu and then click "View newsletters and notes."
You can also access newsletters and notices via the iPhone, iPad, Android and web apps. To download, visit: http://apps.schoolenews.com.au

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
I do not have access to the internet at home or work and request to have a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with my youngest child each Monday. Please return note to the office.

Name: ..............................................................................................................................................................
Youngest child's name: .....................................................................................................................................
Youngest child's class: .......................................................................................................................................
Signed: ............................................................................................................................................................ Date: ................................
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 6th February 2015. They were:

**ALLIES**
- Matilda Fidden: Working well in class
- Dayle Gaiter: Working well in class

**BRIGADE**
- Noah Rodgers: Working well and trying his best with all his work
- Grace Ridgeway: Settling in well to “big” school and trying her hardest

**HEROES**
- Kobi Wells: Excellent effort during story writing
- Deagon Cook: A responsible and mature attitude towards Year 1

**MATES**
- Zarlii Ray: Her conscientious approach to her classroom work
- Darcy Ingram: His leadership skills and helping others in need

**POPPIES**
- Cameron Jeffries: Enthusiastic contributions to class discussions
- Kaitlyn Smith: Enthusiastic contributions to class discussions
- Makai Dvorik: Enthusiastic participation
- Alanah Hinitt: Question answering

**CADETS**
- Piper Matenga: Beautiful handwriting and bookwork
- Ezra Fa’asolo: Enthusiasm for mathematics

**SQUADRON**
- Georgia Stevenson: Being elected as class Captain for Term 1
- Paddy Nickle: Being elected as class Captain for Term 1

Library Bags

We would like to encourage each student to have a library bag. This helps to protect the books from food and drink spills in bags and also helps to minimise the loss of books both at school and at home.

**Scholastic Book Orders**

Catalogues for Scholastic come out twice a term. The due date for these orders is stamped on the front of the catalogue and is also advertised in the newsletter.

Student orders enable our school to earn reward points which are then used to purchase new resources for our library.

**Library Information**

**Library days:**
- **MONDAY:** Year 6 Squadron Miss Winney
  - Year 2 Heroes Mrs Ingram
  - Year 4/5 AIF Mr Weightman
  - K/1 Brigade Mrs Booth
- **TUESDAY:** Year 3/4 Poppies Mrs Fowler
  - K Allies Mrs Andrews
  - Year 2 Mates Miss Maloney
- **FRIDAY:** Year 5 Cadets Mrs True

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**Book orders are due back 16 February.**

**Borrowing/Returns**

Parents/Carers could you please make sure that your children return their library books each week on their Library days. Library books may also be returned any day in the returns box in the entrance to the library.

**Introducing Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP for Parents**

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.

Select your school and your child’s class.

Add your child’s first name and last initial (as the school knows who the book is for). Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure.

You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom once you order by the close date.

There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.

**Uniform Shop—Prices**

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**NEW BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES FOR SALE**

$10 pair

LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE AT ADMIN OFFICE

BOYS SIZES
- 11 to 5
- GIRLS SIZES 1 to 5
### TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER

**TERM 1 - WEEK 3 2015 – ALL MEALS $4.50**

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**CAFFEIN SUPERVISOR**

DANIELLE DRISCOLE 0421976137

### Class Captains Term 1 2015

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### Welcome Kindergarten 2015

### MSP Photography

**say cheese**

School Photo Day is 25 February 2015

*Have your child’s school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

* admin@msp.com.au  
* p: 041 235 2703  
* f: 041 235 2703  
* www.msp.com.au

### PIANO LESSONS

**YOUNG OR OLD**

Please call 4997 2949

### SINGING AND GUITAR LESSONS

For children and adults

$30 for 1/2 hour

- Beginner to Intermediate
- Learn performance skills
- Build confidence
- Call Jo

0481 282 344
The P&C would like to welcome new and old families back to Tea Gardens Public School in 2015!

What is a Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association?
The P&C is your opportunity to help shape and improve your child’s school. It offers parents the chance to be informed and contribute to educational matters relating to the school including school policies, canteen, uniform, special projects etc. It is also a great way to meet other parents from the community.

IN SHORT - The P&C helps to make the school the best it can be.

The P&C fundraise through -
The Annual Easter Art Expo - which raises between $1,0000 and $15,000
Mother's and Father's Day Stalls
Myall River Festival Duck Derby
Trivia Night
Pie Drive
Election Day BBQs

The P&C offers support to the school through donations for items such as-
The COLA (covered outdoor learning area)
Sports shed
Air Conditioners
Interactive Whiteboards
IPads
School hats for all new children
Subsidies for school camps & Young Leaders Day
Educational Resources as suggested by the Principal and staff.

Our current fundraising priorities are funds for new play equipment and new air conditioners.

Every Parent/Carer brings unique experiences, ideas and perspectives to our school, so please get in touch and be involved!

You are invited!

Tea Gardens Public School P&C Meeting

All parents are welcome to join our meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the library.

Our next meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY

If you would like to receive more information or receive our newsletters please join our mailing list by emailing your name and phone number to tgpspandc@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jude Woodfield Karen Stewart-Katz
P&C V. President President
0404 464 465 0412 443 403
School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1 2015

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

"I didn't know my child could perform like that!"

They'll be dancing their heart out, beaming with joy and standing confidently in the spotlight!

Watch Your Child Shine with HVT Studio of Performing Arts

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Call Kristy Now: 0413 313 727
& Find out which of HVT’s 7 locations is closest to you
**Anaphylaxis**
The Department of Education and Communities has ensured that all government schools are provided with a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

**Risk of Anaphylaxis**
It is estimated that 2 to 3 people in every 500 will have a severe allergy.
Since 2000, there has been an increasing prevalence documented in North America, UK, Europe & Australia. Unpublished evidence indicates an increasing number of preschool age children with food allergies are at risk of anaphylaxis.

**Common allergens that can cause anaphylaxis**
- Foods
  - peanuts/other nuts
  - egg white
  - sesame
  - seafood
  - kiwi fruit
- Insects
  - bee
  - wasp
  - jack jumper ant
- Medications
  - Antibiotics
  - anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g. aspirin, Nurofen)
- Latex
- Balloons

**Generalised allergic reaction**
- skin: hives, welts, rash
- feeling warm and flushed
- swelling of face, eyes, lips
- abdominal pain
- nausea, vomiting
- diarrhea

**Anaphylaxis symptoms**
- difficulty / noisy breathing
- swelling of tongue
- swelling / tightness in throat
- difficulty talking and/or a hoarse voice
- wheeze or persistent cough
- loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- pale and floppy (young children).

**Anaphylaxis Plans**
As part of the health care plan the school has already, or is implementing a number of strategies to ensure that the triggers for an Anaphylactic reaction have been eliminated or significantly reduced. These include:

- Peanut and nut products are not available from the canteen.
- The Breakfast Club does not provide peanut butter, or nut products.
- Students and staff are washing their hands after eating and prior to starting their class activities.
- Ensuring students who have peanut products on their sandwiches etc wash their hands after eating.

**We seek your support**
As parents and carers we seek your support in helping us reduce the risk of any student who may be at risk of Anaphylactic shock by:

- Not providing sandwiches that have peanut butter, or Nutella on them
- Not sending in packets of peanuts
- Not sending in food items that are based on peanuts
- Talking with the class teacher or myself if you have any questions or queries.

We greatly appreciate your co-operation with working together to ensure that all our students are safe and supported at school.