PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week

Congratulations are extended to Michael Civic from the Poppies class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. Michael receives the acknowledgement for displaying initiative, having lovely manners, being a hard worker and being an excellent researcher. Congratulations Michael on receiving this award!

BOUQUETS

State Election P&C BBQ

Many thanks are extended to our wonderful volunteers at the BBQ last Saturday. Thanks to Melisa Brown and Gemma Brown, Karen and Leon Katz, Vanessa Cook, Christine Wismantel and Miriam and Hannah Avery. Initial estimates indicate that in excess of $700 profit was made on the day. This is an amazing achievement with all funds raised going directly to support improvements for the students at Tea Gardens Public School! Special thanks are extended to Mrs Avery who coordinated this fundraising effort.

Solid State Circus

The students had a ball at the performance earlier today. The performers had the audience enthralled for the duration of the show. I am sure you will hear all about the death-defying acts when your kids come home this afternoon.

Young Leaders Day -2015 Student Reports

“Last Sunday 22nd March and Monday 23rd March, the Student Ministers and the Speaker of the House attended Young Leaders Day in Sydney. On Sunday, we travelled down to Sydney and we went to Sydney Tower at sunset. The view was amazing. We stayed at a hotel in Sydney overnight and everybody was really excited and looking forward to the day. On Monday, we went to Young Leaders Day. Throughout the day we got to listen to some very interesting speakers including Bindi Irwin, Rachael Leahcar (finalist on the Voice), The Honourable Mike Baird (Premier NSW) and Dylan Parker and James Norton (Paper Planes Movie). My favourite was probably Bindi Irwin because she spoke about a variety of topics and kept us interested. It was an awesome experience.” Taylor Simmons.

“All the Ministers and Speaker of the House went to YLD on 22-23 March. When we arrived in Sydney, we walked through the streets of Sydney to Centrepoint Tower. We went up to an outstanding height and looked down at all the amazing architecture. We then went to Darling Harbour and had dinner. After dinner, we went to a park with obstacles- it was a lot of fun. On Monday we arrived at the QANTAS Arena in Sydney for Young Leaders Day. We heard from lots of inspirational speakers who have had ups and downs in their lives and told us how to manage in these situations. They taught us how to be a good leader and how to cope. I loved listening to Dylan and James telling us about their experiences throughout their lives and their involvement in making the paper planes movie. It was great to hear that they even got to represent Australia at the International paper plane competition. We had a very good experience and wish the best of luck to the new 2016 ministers; I am sure they’ll have a lot of fun and enjoy the experience too.” Cole Johnson.

COMING UP

Art & Craft Expo

We are ready to celebrate our 38th Annual Art and Craft Expo- It’s hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. All parents are invited to our opening night this Thursday! Tickets are $20 each and available from the door. The entry fee covers the cost of food and a complimentary glass of bubbly on arrival. This is an 18+ only event. One of the special items during the evening is the auctioning off of a special piece of art created by each class. I can assure you that the quality of this year’s class art is once again outstanding and these pieces will look stunning in your home! In addition, a MEGA raffle with a large variety of donated prizes will be on offer. Add to this live music and great company and I am sure the 2015 Opening will be a very memorable one! We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are unable to attend the Opening, don’t forget that our Art and Craft Expo runs for the duration of the Long Weekend- $2 entry for adults and big kids. Primary aged students and younger kids are free of charge. Come along and look at the fantastic art and craft which is on offer for sale. A number of reasonably priced art activities are available for the kids to do while you look around and enjoy the masterpieces. While you are there, why not reserve
your children’s individual artwork for $5- these too will look fantastic at your place. (See page 6 of this newsletter)

Term 2 2015
Students return to school on Tuesday 28 April. Wishing all a safe and Happy Easter break.

Rugby League- Wednesday Afternoon
Our team will be participating in the Newcastle Knights Knockout on Tuesday 21st May 2015 venues TBA within the Newcastle region. To support our participation in this event, Rugby League training will continue this Wednesday the 1st April Students who have already turned 10 and are interested in representing our school as part of the rugby league team are required to attend. Please report to Mr Clemson and Mr Coyle at 3:15pm at Memorial Park. Training will conclude at 4:00pm. Parents are requested to arrange alternate arrangements for their child/ren to return home.

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Excursion
Classes from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be going on an excursion to The Australian Reptile Park at Somersby on Wednesday 1 April. The bus departs school at 9am and will be returning to school by 3.45pm. Parents are required to collect their child/children at this time.

Easter Hat Parade
Please join us for the Easter Hat Parade (K–2) to be held on Thursday 2 April commencing at 12pm. Students in K–2 are able to wear casual clothes on the day.

Weekly Assembly- There is no assembly this week.

REMINDERS
Voluntary School Contribution
The school contribution has been set in collaboration with the school P&C. The contribution amount for 2015 has remained unchanged at $50 per family. Please endeavour to pay this ASAP to the school office. Payment of this contribution allows us to replace much needed resources used in our school. Many thanks to the parents who have already paid this year’s contribution!

Anzac Writing Competition
The Myall Coast Messenger is conducting a Centenary of Anzac writing competition for students in Years 3-6. The Writing Competition
2 Sections
Year 3 and 4 - 300 words
Year 5 and 6 - 500 words
The theme of the competition is “The Anzac Spirit”
For example:
· My ancestors served - What does ANZAC mean to me?
· Recognise the bravery and sacrifices made by the diggers
· 100 years after the landing at Gallipoli
· Why is ANZAC Day still important to us?
· Tales about the horror of war and the strength of comradeship.
Stories are due this week!!!
Prize for each group - $100 Visa Gift Card
Prizes presented at Tea Gardens School Anzac Day Ceremony on 24th April.

Many thanks to the team at the Messenger for their ongoing commitment to our school.

Useful websites
Primary and High school
Easter reading
Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here:
What's your child reading right now?
Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Parent-teacher interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings.
Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

School calendar
What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.
Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

Zone Cross Country
Tea Gardens Public School had 33 students represent our school at the Zone Cross Country carnival last Friday. Students had to endure 2km and 3km races in stifling heat over sand and long grass. All students gave their all and exhibited excellent behaviour. Here are some reviews of the day.
“I saw lots of friends from other schools,” Sophia.
“It was a rough track with many obstacles,” Lily-Arum.
“It was nerve-racking not knowing what could happen in the race,” Piper.
“You had to run through sand and over logs,” Ethan.
A special mention to the following students who placed in the top 5.
Lilly Ann White – 1st 10 years girls.
Sophie Frazer – 3rd 10 years girls.
Braiden Dvorik – 3rd 8/9 years boys.
Congratulations to all students who competed.
Mrs True
Simple and inexpensive physical activity

Increasing the amount of physical activity in your child's day is a simple and inexpensive way to improve their health and wellbeing. Being active needn't cost a lot or take up a lot of time. Here are some fun and easy ways to include more activity in your child's day:

- Playing games like 'Simon Says' or 'Follow the leader'
- Playing with the dog
- Going for a walk
- Playing in the park
- Dancing in the lounge room
- Kicking a ball in the backyard

Encourage your kids to be creative while having fun and being active, for example:

- To make bats or racquets, roll up newspaper or use cardboard tubes
- For markers or obstacles for games, use plastic bottles, containers or shoes
- Brooms or mops can be used for hurdles or the limbo bar
- Chalk, rope or masking tape are great for game markings e.g. hopscotch, handball

If you have a backyard, make the most of it! Play hopscotch or elastics, chalk up some handball markings, create a soccer goal from bins or other backyard objects or you could put up a netball or basketball hoop.

There are lots of simple and inexpensive ways to help your kids be active every day.

Reference: Q4: The Coast in Motion - Family ACTIVation Pack

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Myall Coast Little Athletics Centre has been operating now for five years at Myall Park, Hawks Nest. We have always had a strong and steady group of people running it over the years but as our season ends we will be losing six of our eight current committee members.

We wish for this centre to continue but a much needed call out for new families and a committee to proceed next season is urgent. We operate on Friday nights from September to March. Roles are varied on the committee from the executive roles to a line marker, canteen, uniforms officer or simply a starter or timing each week.

Little Athletics offers something different to the kids of the area with Medowie and Raymond Terrace and Forster being the closest centres to us. We cater to the Myall Coast area with children coming from Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest, Karuah, Pindimar, Bundabah, North Arm Cove and Bulahdelah.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday the 23rd of April at 7pm in the Board Room at Tea Gardens Country Club. We would love to see some new faces so come along and keep our centre going.

Little Athletics is for everyone. Parents can be involved and children of all abilities. Little Athletics is all about Family, Fun and Fitness.

For further information about joining the Myall Coast LAC please call the Secretary, Melisa Brown on 0437 970 685.

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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CANTEEN SUPERVISOR: DANIELLE DRISCOLL 0421976137

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Phone 4924 6499
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 27th March 2015. They were:

**ALLIES**
Willow Miller  
Working well in class

Paige Cameron  
Working well in class

**BRIGADE**
Gingerilly Shelton  
Working hard to improve her reading skills

Sam White  
Using terrific language in his story writing

**HEROES**
Bianka Patteson  
Listening well during story time

Finn Matenga  
Developing his writing skills and story structure

**MATES**
Harley Delaney  
For always trying his best

Haleigh Simmons  
For excellent contributions in all areas

**POPPIES**
Gethyn Bryant  
Using great expression when reading

Lorelei Genner  
Improved book work

**AIF**
Cooper Connolly  
Being an enthusiastic worker

Caitlin Condie  
Working to a high standard

**CADETS**
David Edgerton  
Great summarising

Lachlan Groot  
Great knowledge of times tables

**SQUADRON**
Mikelle McAliney-Nelson  
Excellent participation in the Year 6 Sports Day

Shea Matenga  
Excellent participation in the Year 6 Sports Day

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **MYALL COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC.** will be held on Thursday 23rd of April 2015 at 7PM at Tea Gardens Country Club, Board Room

$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2015! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free $1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.
Tea Gardens Public School P & C Association
Art & Craft Expo 2015

6.30pm Thursday 2nd April to 3.00pm Monday 6th April

All proceeds raised will be to provide and upgrade facilities at Tea Gardens Public School

CORRESPONDENCE TO: Art & Craft Expo
P O Box 298
TEA GARDENS  2324

CO-ORDINATOR: Christine Wiseman - 0400 490 717
VENUE: Tea Gardens Public School, Witt Street. TEA GARDENS

An invitation is extended to you, your friends and family to the official

OPENING NIGHT

6.30pm Thursday 2nd April 2015

Tickets $20.00 – includes light supper and complimentary glass of wine
Wine and beer will be available for purchase on the night
Tickets may be purchased from Tea Gardens Public School
OR at the door

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR 38TH ART & CRAFT EXPO

ARTIST—PETER FENNEll
Romantic Impressionism" is Peter's description of his approach to painting. His unique style softens the Australia he loves so well, but being a self taught artist has enabled him to approach the Australian landscape and its people with a refreshing individuality. His treatment of light and its effect on form is all important in his paintings.

RAFFLE $1 PER TICKET
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
SCHOOL OFFICE
TO WIN A “PETER FENNEll” ARTWORK VALUED AT $1,500
CLASS ART WORKS FOR AUCTION ON THURSDAY EVENING AT OPENING

BRIGADE

ALLIES

MATES

HEROES

AIF

SQUADRON

+PLUS THE CADETS AND THE POPPIES (NOT PICTURED)