PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Student of the Week
Congratulations are extended to Caitlin Condie from the AIF class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. Caitlin receives the acknowledgement for being a diligent student who always does her best. She enthusiastically joins in with class work and always gives her best effort. Congratulations Caitlin on being a much deserved recipient of this week’s award!

BOUQUETS
Myall Coast Messenger ANZAC Writing Competition
A big thank you to the Myall Coast Messenger for their donations of prizes, which were awarded to the ANZAC Writing Competition winners. I’m sure the students will appreciate their gift cards.

Tea Gardens Library ANZAC Display
Thank you to Carol Johnson, Norm Webber and the rest of the organising committee responsible for the fantastic ANZAC display at the public library. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed looking at the displays, hearing stories and watching visual footage about the ANZACS.

Stage 3 Reading + University = Career Choices
Careers Through Reading
Our Year 5 students were fortunate to be part of the Careers through Reading program conducted by The University of Newcastle’s Aim High Team. Thank you to everyone involved in this terrific program.

Careers Through Reading began as a partnership with Cessnock Public School and has since been delivered in a number of aim high schools including here at Tea Gardens. The core of the program involves University students reading to small groups of primary school children books that are related to the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) the students are studying. This allows both Uni and school students to share their current experiences of education and aspiration to eventual professions in a friendly and non-threatening space. The program strengthened the existing literacy block already provided in the school. During the five visits students continued to learn to
- Interact confidently with their peers
- Speak confidently in group discussions
- To listen strategically
- To read with comprehension

Below in today’s newsletter, I have also included a copy of Lilly Arum’s report which gives you an insight into what the kids thought about the program.

National Disability Data Collection
Last year, our staff completed initial training to support the national data collection. In 2015, all schools are required to participate in the data collection process. The process is underpinned by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). Over the coming weeks, I will be providing updates and additional information through the newsletter to increase awareness within our school community about this process.

Art & Craft Expo 2015 from the P & C
Tea Gardens Public School P & C Committee wish to thank the following businesses and individuals for supporting our school:
- Attitude Travel
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- Tea Gardens Hotel/Motel
- Tea Gardens Ice Cream Shack
- Tea Gardens Real Estate
- Tile Rescue
- Toboggan Hill Park - Nelson Bay
- Vitamin Bead
- Woodward Garden Centre
- Wootton Valley Butchery
- and everyone else who has supported our event!

Art & Craft Expo Raffle Winner: Congratulations goes to the winner of this year’s raffled art work from the Art & Craft Expo 2015, painted by Peter Fennel “Rainstorm in Paris”, John Estens.

COMING UP
Junior Golf
Golf will on Tuesday afternoon. Please meet Mr Weightman at the Golf Club at 4.00pm.

Rugby League Training
Due to the ongoing state of the grounds in Tea Gardens, training for Rugby League this week has been moved to Myall Park in Hawks Nest to allow for students to be in attendance. Training will commence at 3.30pm. It is vital that all members of the team are present to allow our players to develop the teamwork required. A trial game against Tanilba Bay has been tentatively booked for Friday 15 May 2015.
Mother's Day Stall
The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday and Friday this week. All classes will visit the stall in the morning, one class at a time. Leftover gifts will be offered for sale on Friday. Gifts range from 50 cents to $10. There will also be student art works from the Art & Craft Expo for sale at $5 each. We need helpers for the stall on both days. If you are able to help out please come on Thursday at around 8.30am to help set up.

NAPLAN 2015
The dates for NAPLAN, the National Assessment Program for all students in Years 3 and 5 are as follows:
- Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing task
- Wednesday 13 May – Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Maths
- Friday 15 May – Catch up day for students who missed a test due to absence

Please keep these dates free to ensure that your child does not miss out.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement 2016 Application
Applications of intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016 has been sent home to Year 4 students today. If you have not received a form and are interested in applying, please contact the school office. There are no paper enrolment forms available. Online applications can be made at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and are open on 27 April 2015. Please note that our closest schools with opportunity classes include: Rutherford Public School, New Lambton South Public School, Soldiers Point Public School, Tighes Hill Public School and Maryland Public School.

Weekly Assembly- 8th May
This Friday, The Mates will be hosting the weekly assembly. Assembly commences at 9.10am. All parents and visitors are welcome.

Friday 8th May – Stewart House Day
Key Ring /Torch Fundraiser
Please make sure that all donations for Stewart House are in by Friday for your chance to be in the draw for a $4000 holiday. Students will be able to buy a special Stewart House torch key ring for $3 each on Friday with the sales of these going to this great charity.

Breakfast Club
The Red Cross Breakfast Club will be commencing tomorrow. Students are able to come to school at 8.30 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings to enjoy a Red Cross breakfast.

P&C Meeting
The P&C will be meeting on Tuesday 12th May at 7:00pm in the school library. Please come along and be an active member of our school community.

Copies of our school plan and annual school report are now available on our school website. If you would prefer a hard copy, please call the school office and we will happily send a copy of each home.

Year 6 Fun Shot & Parliament Photo
MSP Photography have provided orders for the Year 6 students “Fun Shot 2015” and Parliament Photo. These orders went home last week. A copy of these photos are on display in the office foyer. Orders must be placed before 14th May 2015.

Class Captains—Term 2
Congratulations to the following students for being voted Class Captains for their class this term.

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Official Opening of Parliament
Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to attend Tea Gardens Public School’s 26th Official Opening of Parliament on Wednesday 20th May 2015 commencing at 10am.

REMINDERS
Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion—16 June to 18 June 2015
Expenses for this excursion may be paid as part or full payment. Payment slips were sent home last week. All payments need to be finalised by Friday 5 June 2015. The total cost for this excursion is $370 per student.

What reading could do for our future careers but after we listened to Kirrily our minds just started to open up. At the end of our first session with aim high, most of us were desperately wanting to listen more and couldn’t wait until the following Wednesday. Our second session with aim high kicked off with a bang! Kirrily had brought some university students with her this time, we had to interview them about university. Although many university students said that the food was their favourite thing about uni, a few people said that their favourite thing about uni was learning new things every day. We had to read with our university students as well as interviewing them, all the books we read were different to the last groups book. On our last day we all read the same book- “Hope”. We all loved our experience with aim high and wished that they could keep coming to our school but sadly they had to leave. Year four’s they will be coming to visit you next year. I have interviewed a few lucky students and here is what they had to say about aim high:

Casey’s favourite part of aim high was the last session where we made kites and had a kite race.

Grace learnt that reading is very important for our future careers. Flynn’s favourite book was the Mischievians he liked how they stole things.

Seth highly enjoyed all of the activities equally. I even interviewed my teacher Mrs Edwards, this is what she thought about us being taught by aim high:

Mrs Edwards was excited to see aim high again as she has had previous experiences with them on discover uni day. She said that aim high was very well organised and very informative. Mrs Edwards was sure that this event was going to be a good one. And it was.

Our minds have certainly opened up since our visits with aim high, although we might not have a clue of what we want to be when we’re older, we now realise how many opportunities reading can give us later in life.

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Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 1st May 2015. They were:

ALLIES
Sienna Riley  Working well in class
Jack Bradney  Working well in class

BRIGADE
Grace Ridgway  Working well and “sounding out” unknown words in story writing
Noah Pettit  Learning his sight words and reading well

HEROES
Montanna Delaney  Improvement and increased confidence in reading
Kalista-Lee Hall  Great participation during library visit

MATES
Coby Bates  His interesting contributions to class discussions
Jessie Lawler  Her conscientious effort in class

POPPIES
Arabella Sylvaney  Taking pride in the presentation of her work
Isaac Mitchell  Making a positive start to Term 2

AIF
Ciara Ridley  Excellent work in spelling
Braiven Megallon  Pleasing work in all areas

CADETS
Zane Pietsch  Excellent contributions to class discussions
Sophia Jeffries  Taking on additional tasks with ease

SQUADRON
Tyreece Wolfram  Good work in presenting his space project
Brandon Price  Good work in presenting his space project

Canteen Menu & Volunteers Roster Term 2 Week 3 – 2015 – All Meals $4.50

WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
Dan Driscoll  Katherine Pollock (9-12)
Vanessa Ray (9-2)
Plain hamburger with salad on a round roll
**Optional BBQ or tomato sauce**

THURSDAY
7TH MAY
Deb Smart  Stephen Liney (9-12)
Jacinta Roberts (9-2)
Chicken meatballs with bolognese sauce & pasta
**Optional parmesan cheese**

FRIDAY
8TH MAY
Dan Driscoll  Carolyn Jeffries (9-12)
Krystael McDougall-Neal (9-2)
Scambled egg & bacon wrap
**Optional BBQ or tomato sauce**

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR
DANIELLE DRISCOLL
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Importance of Breakfast

Did you know that breakfast literally means breaking the fast from overnight? One in four Australian children skip breakfast and research has shown that students who do find it difficult to concentrate in class and may be lethargic in the playground. They may also choose more high sugar, high fat snacks or overeat because they are so tired and hungry.

Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day and should be eaten every day. Some children may have a long distance to travel to school, while others take a while to wake up and be ready to eat breakfast so here are some quick on the go breakfast ideas:

* Fruit bread or a fruit hot cross bun
* Banana
* Breakfast drinks e.g. Up and Go
* Cheese sandwich
* Un toasted muesli and low fat yoghurt
* Cereal bites e.g. fruity bites, cherrios, mini wheats etc.
* Boiled egg


Rewards Program update

Student Banking – Tuesday

Available in Term 2, we have two new reeward items from our Outer Space Savers range for students to redeem.

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket

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**Careers Through Reading Program**

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

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2019! 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.