PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Hannah Gatenby from the Cadets class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. Hannah receives the acknowledgement for always completing work to the best of her ability, being kind and always doing the right thing. Congratulations Hannah on being a much deserved recipient of this week’s award!

BOUQUETS

26th Official Opening of the School Parliament

Congratulations to everyone for another successful Parliament Opening. Special congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students undertaking significant roles in this year’s parliament. I look forward to a year of lots of new ideas, positive changes and teamwork. I would like to thank Miss Winney for her role as parliamentary advisor. This role is extremely important, as it provides support to the new members of parliament each year. Leadership comes in many shapes and forms. Positive role models demonstrate honesty, knowledge, are hardworking, care about others and themselves, care about the environment and can work together as part of a team. People who have these qualities are people we should aspire to be. Being a member of our school Parliament is something younger students aspire to and is certainly valued by both the school and wider community. Congratulation emails are starting to pour in, including from the office of our local state member indicating that “Ms Washington thoroughly enjoyed attending your event yesterday and she is hoping to talk about it at parliament next week.”

and “Well done, again – another great opening. It never fails to impress me – such a great event giving the students the opportunity to be involved in decision-making on school issues. They were so well-behaved too – congratulations to everyone involved – thanks for inviting me again this year, also thanks for double mention of the girls’ participation in the cove’s International Women’s Day – keep up the good work!” Maureen Kelly OAM

and “I have had the incredible privilege of watching most of these kids grow up & I have to say I’m so proud of them all. They are confident and capable young leaders and we have Tea Gardens Public School to thank for that.” Karen Stewart-Katz

Rugby League Knights Knockout Report

Last Thursday, our boys played in a number of games against teams from across Newcastle and the Hunter Region. In our first match, the boys lost in a close tussle against Denman PS the eventual winner of the day - three tries to one. We followed this up with a win before losing the next three matches. Well done, boys! Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport to and from the venue. In addition, a special thanks to Senior Constable Dave Coyle and Mr Col McCarthy for their assistance with training and coaching our team.

School Debating Team

On Friday, our school participated in a Debate against Nabiac PS via Video Conference. Congratulations to our team including Taylor, Lily-Arum, Sophia and Cole. Many thanks are extended to Mrs True for coordinating the debate. Reports from students on Page 3
Walk Safely to School Day
Thank you to all the students who participated in the Walk Safely to School event last Friday. In addition, many thanks to the staff who met the students at the designated locations and ensured the students safely walked to school.

Coming Up
We have a massive week of events coming up!

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

FREE - Enviro Mentors Program- (2015-2017 School Plan Connection- Strategic Direction 1: Excellence in Student Learning and School Culture)

Marc Harper, a sustainability educator with Keep NSW Beautiful is at our school today and tomorrow taking each of our classes through “Close the Loop” as part of the Enviro Mentors Program. Through interactive games and audio visual material, students find out what and how new items are made from recycled material. Marc will focus on local services and highlight how recycling reduces waste going to landfill and saves resources.

Library News

We are very lucky to have author/illustrator Stephen Michael King coming to visit our school as part of Library and Information Week. Stephen Michael King is well known for his work on many books including but not limited to: Mutt Dog, Leaf, Patricia, Milli, Jack and the Dancing Cat, Henry and Amy and The Man Who Loved Boxes. Stephen also has a number of books shortlisted in the 2015 Children’s Book Council Awards highlighting how fortunate we are to have him coming to us here at Tea Gardens. The presentation will be held in the library. There will be two sessions provided:

1:00 – 1:40 K-3 (Allies, Brigade, Heroes, Mates and Poppies)
1:50 – 2:50 4-6 (AIF, Cadets and Squadron)

Due to these times, there will be a slight variation to snack break on this day.

National Simultaneous Storytime- 27 May at 11am
Our school has registered for National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). The book “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey has been chosen for this year’s NSS.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades K to 6. Our classes will be reading this book in class on 27 May at 11am.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading Challenge is still underway. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to read 20 books and students from 3-6 are required to read 20 books. The challenge finishes on the 21st of August. All online records must be completed by this date. Please make sure that your child/ren are record-

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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ing the books they read so that they can complete the challenge before this time. Students from year 3 onwards have been shown how to log onto the Premiers Reading Challenge website through their student portal https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/ at school. This can also be done at home. To do this, follow the student portal link provided, students then log into their Kidspace page and the Premier’s Reading Challenge can be found under Learning. All Kindergarten students have been supplied with a record sheet, which will need to be returned to school upon completion. If you require a record sheet please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Rachel Cooper
Librarian

The Power of One - Anti-bullying show- Friday 5 June
Normally $5 per student. This event is being subsidised by the school and students are only required to pay $2 each.
The Power of One performance is presented as two, age-appropriate shows. To go with these shows, the school is provided with a mounted pledge poster board that has the Power of One anti-bullying oath on it, which expresses the main message of the show. Both shows end with all of the children in the audience taking the oath:

I will not bully others
I will not stand by while others are bullied
I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it
Because I have the Power of One

REMININDERS
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.

Walk Safely to School Day
Friday the 22nd May was the official, annual Walk Safely to School Day. Unfortunately the weather was not very friendly for us, but thirteen students and six teachers braved the blustery, wet conditions and walked to school.
Well done to all walkers who participated on the day. The Tea Gardens walkers were: Sam White, Haley Steadman, Gethyn Bryant, Maeve and Isla Brumby, Shaylee and Jackson Gibbs and Deena Clemson. These students were accompanied by Miss Maloney, Mrs Avery and Mrs Bryant.
The Hawks Nest students were: Sam and Charli Alchin, Korban and Bianka Patteson, and Kiera Bentley-Baker. These students were accompanied by Miss Winney, Mrs True and Mrs Booth.
A big thankyou, from the Hawks Nest walkers, to Mrs Patteson for taking our photo and dropping our bags at school. This was very much appreciated!
Debbie Booth-Co-ordinator
The Hawks Nest Walkers at the Jean Shaw Koala Reserve ready for the big walk.

On arrival at school.

Stewart House Day
On the 8th, 11th and 12th of May, Mitchell and I sold LED hand torches. There were a total of 80 sold and we raised $240. Thank you to everyone who bought one and helped raise the money for Stewart House Day!
Casey O – Cadets

Debating
On Friday the 22nd of May, our school debating team battled Nabiac Public School in a video conference. Congratulations to Nabiac who won the debate as the affirmative agreeing with the topic, “Canteens should only sell healthy food”. The Cadets class watched the debate and I think that we should have won, but you can’t win them all. It was nerve-racking and exciting doing our first debate and seeing the other team on the video live from their school. The Nabiac students were friendly though and before the adjudicator arrived we were waving to each other. It was a sad loss but we’re back on our feet and ready for the next debate.
By Sophia Jeffries

Debating Report
By Lily-Arum
It was very exciting as we entered the debating room where we would debate with Nabiac Public School by video conference on the 22nd of May. It was a very reasonable debate but unfortunately Nabiac won, our topic was that “school canteens should only sell healthy food”. All four members (Lily-Arum, Taylor, Sophia and Cole) of the debating team are excited for our 2nd debate of which we will be more experienced. We all made some new friends last Friday and are very excited to start the next debate as the affirmative team.
Thank you!
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 22nd May 2015. They were:

**ALLIES**
Paige Cameron  
Great sounding of words
Jack Bradney  
Great sounding of words

**BRIGADE**
Grace Ehlefeldt  
Being a kind, caring and considerate class member
Noah Pettit  
Improved sight word recognition

**HEROES**
Seth Rawlings  
His dedicated approach to all classroom activities
Cameron O’Brien  
Consistent effort in the home reading and sight word program

**MATES**
Harley Delaney  
Always trying his best
Haleigh Simmons  
Excellent contributions in all areas

**POPPIES**
Lenita White  
Great effort writing her character description
Kallen Craft  
Great effort writing his character description

**AIF**
Caitlin Condie  
Always doing her best
Tye Carter  
Excellent application

**CADETS**
Lilliarna Baillie  
Excellent creative writing
Lily-Arum Laws  
Excellent results in multiplication tasks

**SQUADRON**
Dane Pope  
Always working well in Maths
Georgia Stevenson  
Always having a smile on her face

Rewards Program Update

Student Banking – Tuesday

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

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket

Organised vs incidental physical activity

It's not just about sport!

We all know that organised sports like cricket, basketball, soccer and netball are great ways to get our kids physically active, but these are not the only ways.

Incidental physical activity includes all the times throughout the day that we move our body for an extended period of time, it occurs when we are doing other things (like chores, getting from A to B, or playing) and is an important way we burn energy.

Incidental physical activity could include playing in the backyard with your kids, walking to the local shops, school or park instead of driving.

Unlike organised sports, incidental activity doesn't require any uniforms, shoes, equipment, facilities or money.

What opportunities are there for your family to increase your incidental physical activity?

Good for Kids good for life

Phone 4924 6499

CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 6 – 2015 – ALL MEALS $4.50

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**Ham salad wrap**

*NEW*

**Savory mince with vegetables & rice**

**Hot dog with sauce & cheese**

**Optional bbq or tomato sauce**

**Mustard also available**

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR  
DANIELLE DRISCOLL  
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TERM 2 ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

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ARTWORKS FOR SALE
Please don’t forget that we still have many class artworks from the Art Show. These wonderful pieces of art are for sale for $5.00 each. They would look wonderful framed and in your home.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As weather moves into colder times, please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform for winter. All items are available for sale from the office. Navy zipped jackets ($25), Grey Long pants ($18) Long sleeved polo ($20), Navy track pants—sport ($20), Girls Bootleg fleecy pants ($28). We also have some second hand items for sale at $2 each.