PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations are extended to Simone Miller from the Poppies class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. Simone receives the acknowledgement for being a fabulous helper, always being polite, diligent and respectful. Simone always works hard to achieve her goals. Congratulations Simone on being named this week’s student of the week.

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, the ministers will be hosting our assembly. Please come along and join us!

Uniform Policy Survey
Over the past year, a considerable amount of effort has gone into updating and revising our school uniform policy. As part of the consultation process, we would value your feedback on the new draft policy before full implementation and enforcement next year. A copy of the draft policy is attached with a brief set of questions to allow for your feedback.

BOUQUETS
Last week we celebrated the achievements and successes of students and staff as part of our Education Week activities.

Education Week Celebrations
Showcase Day- Many thanks are extended to the Bulahdelah Central School staff in attendance at Showcase day including: Brian Belic, Casey Connell, Tim Cooper, Hannah Lawton, Peter McPherson, Wendy Parsons, Tara Smith and Sonia McDonald. In addition, we were fortunate to be joined by a number of talented students who performed for the school as part of the BCS cultural group.

Christmas in July Luncheon
Each year, I am delighted by the support provided for our Annual Christmas in July luncheon. Many thanks to all the helpers for our annual Christmas in July Lunch. It was a great success with over 150 meals being served. Many thanks to Danielle and her team including: Katherine Riley, Vanessa Ray, Jamie Hall, Katherine Pollock, Deb Smart, Peta Shelton, Carolyn Jeffries, Colleen Ewen, Kate Mitchell, Judy Woodfield, Karen Katz and a visit from Santa.

Danielle and Deb would also like to thank all their wonderful helpers and staff last Friday with Christmas in July lunch. Without your help the children would not have had such a wonderful meal.

Public Speaking Finals
Wow! What about the quality of our public speaking finalists who delighted our students and the many parents in attendance. I was very impressed with all the speakers and extend warm congratulations to the winners of the 2015 Public Speaking Finals including:
- Early Stage 1 – Jack Browne
- Stage 1 – Tyler Rodgers
- Stage 2 – Caitlin Condie
- Stage 3 – Sophia Jeffries

Our Stage 2 and 3 winners will be provided with the opportunity to participate in the Bulahdelah Show student night in November.

COMING UP

Youyoong AECG meeting at Seaham this Wednesday
The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organisation made up of volunteer members.
Your Local AECG is your link to empowering Aboriginal People in Aboriginal Education outcomes.
All people involved or interested in Aboriginal Education are encouraged to be members of their Local AECG.
The next meeting of Youyoong AECG will be held at Seaham Public School, Still Street Seaham commencing at 10am this Wednesday.

P&C Meeting 11 August
Our August P&C meeting will be held next week 11 August commencing at 7pm in the school library. Please come along and be an active member of our school community.

Spell a thon- “Sponsor a Speller”
Our students will be participating in a “Sponsor a Speller” fundraiser to replace old air conditioners within a number of classrooms at our school. Last Thursday, sponsor a speller forms were sent home. It is hoped that students practise their set word lists and collect sponsorship donations or pledges from now until Thursday 27 August. Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts.

STEM Science concludes for Year 4 this Thursday from 12.15-1.35pm.
Careers Through Science (CTS) is a program being offered in our school by the AIM HIGH team from the University of Newcastle to
support the “Working Scientifically” outcomes for stage 2 students. CTS seeks to provide our students with skills to begin to initiate their own investigations and develop ideas for investigation using the processes of “Working Scientifically”. This activity-based model of Careers Through Science aims to raise awareness amongst primary school students of many professional careers, and the pathways to these careers, while simultaneously building skills and further interest in working scientifically.

Port Stephens Zone Track and Field carnival
A reminder that the Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Vi Barnett Oval, Raymond Terrace on Tuesday 11 August (field events) and Friday 14 August (track events). Please ensure green/yellow permission notes and white zone notes are returned to the office as soon as possible. Please note that if your child is attending both carnivals, white zone notes need to be completed for each carnival.

“Favourite Movies” Student Social- 18 August
Our school will be holding a social for students in Years 3-6 on 18 August. Further details will be provided with next week’s newsletter.

Parent Forum- 28 August 2015
At Tea Gardens Public School, we are always looking for ways to continue to improve our school. To support this ongoing improvement, parents are invited to a forum to provide feedback. The forum will be held following our weekly assembly in the school hall commencing at 10am on Friday 28 August. Areas of discussion will include Learning, Safety, Behaviour, Consultation, Approachability, School Image, School Improvement and Relationships. Please take the time to contribute to our strategic directions including: Excellence in Student Learning and School Culture; Teacher and Leader Learning and Quality Community Relationships.

Mark Clemson
Principal

REMINDERS
School Contributions
Thank you to parents who have paid their School Contribution of $50 per family. This amount is set by the P & C and helps pay for the much needed resources for all our students at Tea Gardens Public School.

Outstanding invoices were sent home last week. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Eftpos is available at office.

PVC (Private Vehicle Conveyance) Subsidy Semester 1 2015—Claims delayed
Transport for NSW have been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy as it has introduced a new computer system. We understand this may cause a delay of several weeks. Transport for NSW have apologised for the inconvenience.

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Week Parade- 25 August
On Tuesday 25th August our school will be hosting a book parade as part of “Book Week 2015”. Students are asked to dress up as a book character and if possible bring a copy of the book on which their character is based.

Premiers Reading Challenge concluding soon - 21 August
The Premiers Reading Challenge is concluding shortly. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to read 30 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 recording 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.

Rachel Cooper- Librarian

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

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NEW
Creamy honey mustard chicken & veg with rice

*Veg – beans*

Sandwiches available Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Optional apple sauce**

Roast pork & gravy roll

Ham & egg/mayo salad wrap

**Salad- lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber**

Vegemite, Jam or Honey $2.00

Cheese or cheese & Tomato $3.00

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR DANIELLE DRISCOLL 0421976137
CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC VISIT

BULAHDELAH SHOWCASE DAY
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 31st July 2015. They were:

ALLIES
Stephanie McShane  Working well in class
Zoie Hunter  Working well in class

BRIGADE
Disa  Using imagination and creativity in her Writing
Korban Patteson  Improvement in reading and writing

HEROES
Elijah Wolfram  Improved writing
Montanna Delaney  Being a happy, cheerful class member

MATES
Jackson Hind  Improvement in writing
Amelia Henning  Her diligent effort towards her school work

POPPIES
Cameron Jeffries  Excellent presentation of his speech
Gethyn Bryant  Excellent presentation of his speech

AIF
Braven Megallon  Excellent work in science
Lilly-Ann White  Excellent public speaking

CADETS
Tyleya  Always showing initiative in the class room
Luke McCarthy  Being a mature and helpful class member

SQUADRON
Indianna McDonald  Fantastic participation in Showcase Day
William Markham  Fantastic participation in Showcase Day

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 13 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Good for Kids good for life

LOOKING FOR SOME NUTRIENT PACKED LUNCHBOX SNACKS FOR YOUR ACTIVE CHILD?

Try these seven sensational nutrient packed snacks!

1. Nut free trail mix (pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sultanas, dried cranberries, popcorn)
2. Sultana, cheese & rice crackers
3. Hard boiled egg & cherry tomatoes
4. Fruit salad & yoghurt or custard
5. Rice cakes with avocado and cheese
6. Pre-cooked corn cob
7. Hummus & crackers & capsicum slices

Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District

PHONE 4972 6491
DRAFT Policy Statement

School Uniform

The wearing of uniforms

Purpose
- develops students’ sense of belonging to the school;
- defines an identity for our school within the community;
- provides opportunities to develop school spirit and promote whole school tone and morale;
- increases the personal safety of students; and
- removes the possibility of dress competition.

The school’s uniform has been selected in consultation with parents. We insist your child wear school uniform every day.

Guidelines
- Students unable to wear a uniform will require a note identifying the reason to be given to the class teacher.
- Unless advised otherwise, students are expected to wear the correct uniform every school day.
- Financial support is available if necessary. Please contact the Principal.
- A pool of second hand uniforms is available. If you are unable to supply/provide a uniform, please contact the Principal.
- Parents will be contacted if there is a consistent non wearing of uniform by any student.
- Variation to uniform requirements may be approved for specific reasons (e.g. religious)
- The staff will keep track of uniform compliance.

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UNIFORM SURVEY

Are you happy with the Uniform policy in its current form?

Yes / No

What changes / additions / deletions in relation to the policy would you like to see?

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Any further comments / additional information.

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Thank you for your time in completing the survey. Please return completed surveys to the office.