PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A WARM WELCOME BACK IN 2016
A special welcome back for 2016. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. A special welcome is extended to all new students, families and staff. I am sure you will find this year a very rewarding one. My apologies for the length of this newsletter but I believe it is important to keep you well informed with what’s happening at our terrific school.

Staff Changes
There are a few changes to our staff this year.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Howard (Library and Relief from Face to Face - RFF) and warmly welcome Mr Svensek and Miss Kerr to our teaching staff.

With our current enrolment of 181 students, we have formed 7 classes as follows:

Teaching Staff
Kindergarten: Mrs Andrews - Aduki Beans
Kindergarten / Year 1: Mrs Ingram - Chickpeas
Year 1 / Year 2: Mrs Bryant - Sprouts
Year 2 / Year 3: Miss Maloney (Assistant Principal) - Mung Beans
Year 3/4: Mr Weightman (Assistant Principal) - Rattlesnakes
Year 4/5: Mr Svensek – Butter Beans
Year 5/6: Miss Kerr – Snap Beans

If over the coming weeks, our enrolment increases to a minimum of 183 students (enough to form 8 classes), a number of classes will be restructured to accommodate the increase in student population.

Mrs Booth—Teaching & Learning facilitator (Monday - Wednesday) and RFF (Thursday/Friday)
Mrs Howard is in the library (Monday-Tuesday) and RFF (Wednesday)
Mrs Avery teaches reading recovery, and undertakes special Aboriginal education initiatives
Mrs Vella and Mrs True are our Learning and Support Teachers (LaST)
Mr Rob Browne returns as our counsellor on Wednesday each week.

Administration Staff
Mrs Hammond- School Administrative Manager (Monday –Friday)
Ms Cameron- School Administrative Officer (Monday, Wednesday-Friday)
Mr Russom- General Assistant

School Learning Support Officers
Mrs Evans
Mrs Corrigan
Mrs Baker
Mrs Searle

Honorary “Volunteer” staff member
Mr Merv Nagle who has helped out in a voluntary capacity since 1991! Thanks, Merv.

Did you know?
Our class names for the year are based around the fact that 2016 is the International Year of Pulses. IYP16 aims to heighten public awareness of the nutritional benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition.

2016 School Bell times

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Weekly Assembly
All parents are welcome at our weekly assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am each Friday. Our first assembly will be held on Friday 5 February.

The assembly will include the following elements

- Acknowledgment of country or Welcome to country.
- School Song
- Principal’s address, announcement of the student of the week and the presentation of school awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards)- if required
- Linked to Orange Communication Cards hosted by our Ministers
- Class item (short item linked to the class teaching and learning program) or Parliament updates / reports
- Reports and messages
- School merit awards (2 per class)
- PBL Guula Koala Raffle (4 prizes per week).
- National Anthem
- Dismissal and return to class.
Learning also known as PBL. In the coming weeks, we will launch PBL within our school community. From the consultation process undertaken in 2014-2015, we will be working with students around the priorities of “Respect”, “Safety” and “Personal Best”.

COMING UP
Meet the Teacher Evenings- Wednesday 3 February
On Wednesday 3 February, Tea Gardens Public School will be hosting our annual “Meet the Teacher” evening. The meet the teacher event is an ideal time for parents to meet their child’s teacher(s) and hear more about the stage and class activities planned for the year ahead.

The schedule for our evening is as follows:
At 5:30pm parents of students in the following classes are invited to meet the class teacher in their rooms.
- Aduki Beans- Mrs Andrews (Kindergarten)
- Chickpeas- Mrs Ingram (Kindergarten / Year 1)
- Sprouts- Mrs Bryant (Year 1 /2 Class)
- Mung Beans- Miss Maloney (Year 2/ 3 Class)
- Rattlesnakes- Mr Weightman (3/4 Class)
- Butter Beans – Mr Svensen (4/5 Class)
- Snap Beans- Miss Kerr (Year 5/6 Class)

The evening will provide parents with the opportunity to personally introduce themselves to the teachers. Please keep in mind that the objective of the evening is for parents and teachers to meet one another; it is not designed to be a parent / teacher interview, as in many cases teachers are still getting to know your child.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

AECG Meeting- Wednesday 10 February
We would like to invite all parents of our Aboriginal children and our Community to join us at our school on 10/02/16, at 10am, for the Youyoong AECG meeting! Everyone is welcome!

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Swimming Carnival- Thursday 11 February
Permission notes will be going home this week with further details.

School Photos – Wednesday 24 February
Photos have been organised for Wednesday 24 February. Envelopes will be sent home 2 weeks prior to this date and must be returned with correct money by the day before the photos. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be used for this expense.

Kindergarten Best Start
Each year all Kindergarten students entering government schools in NSW participate in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge that our youngest learners bring to school. Additionally, the assessment provides information about each student to guide teaching and learning and gives practical advice to parents to support learning at home.

The 2016 Best Start process was completed on Friday. Kindergarten parents will be invited to a special meeting with the Kindy teachers between 22-25 February to receive a detailed report and discuss the early progress of our newest learners.

What is Crunch and Sip? Crunch and Sip is a break in primary schools for students to ‘refuel’ on fruit and salad vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration. Many students are not eating enough fruit and vegetables for general health. Eating a diet rich in fruit and vegetables will promote normal growth in children and protect them against disease later in life. Crunch and Sip also has benefits for the academic performance, concentration and behaviour of students. Research indicates that students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

Crunch and Sip takes a ‘whole school’ approach, with the program incorporated into school policy.

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. Full details about this will be sent home with the orange card this Friday.

The weekly communication cards are linked to the achievement of a school badge. A School Badge is provided to all students who can be “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.

2016 Calendar of School Events
To assist families with planning in advance to attend school functions, a copy of the planned events and the dates for a plethora of school events and activities will be sent home this week. Please keep this in a handy location for ready reference throughout the year.

Tea Garden Public School Expectations
The expectations cover all areas of school life. The four expectations are:
- Be Safe
- Be Kind
- Be Fair and
- Be Great

Posters promoting the four expectations are displayed in all classrooms.

COLA Expectations “Covered Outdoor Learning Area”

Safety
- Balls are for the back playground
- Walking space only

Respect
- Keep our area clean

Personal Best
- Share this space with others
- Welcome others to your game

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Everyone, Everywhere, Every time.

During 2015, our school commenced Positive Behaviour for Learning also known as PBL. In the coming weeks, we will...
Thank you to our staff who administered this assessment and to all families for supporting this important activity.
I would also like to take this opportunity to especially welcome our 23 new Kindergarten students who formally started big school today.

WHAT'S NEW?
Mathletics, World Book Online and the School Magazine
The school has purchased 2016 subscriptions for Mathletics and World Book Online. Mathletics is an online computer based Mathematics program which is available for students to use both at school and at home. Student Usernames and Passwords will be coming home shortly. World Book Online has been purchased to complement the introduction of the new Oliver library system. The school has also purchased a subscription to the School Magazine- Australia’s most loved and longest running literary magazine (since 1916) for children. For generations, the Magazine has been introducing young readers to a world of words. The School Magazine is a welcome addition to students here at Tea Gardens.

WHAT'S COMING SOON?
Oliver- Library System launching here at Tea Gardens on 9 February.

Voluntary School Contribution
The voluntary contribution is set in collaboration with the school P&C. Further details regarding the voluntary contribution amount for 2016 will be known post the first P&C meeting next Tuesday evening.

P & C NEWS
The P&C successfully supports and enriches the quality education of our students through a number of activities. These activities are possible with the combined support of parents and community members.
All parents and citizens are welcome to join the P&C, meetings are held monthly. Becoming a member is a great way to get involved and stay in touch with what is happening at school. The children love seeing their parents, family and friends participating in their school life. It is also a great way to meet other parents and make new friends.
If you would like more information feel free to send an email to tgpspandc@gmail.com

The first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 February commencing at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

Art and Craft Expo Planning Meeting – proposed for Tuesday 16 February commencing at 7pm in the school library. Further details to follow in next week’s newsletter.

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

SKOOLBAG APP
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Tea Gardens Public School in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. (See attached instructions)

For Windows users search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device.

Family Law update - Important information for parents
The Department recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.
If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that have been obtained.
We are currently updating our records to reflect the information contained in existing court orders only. Any other information that may have been provided anecdotally (e.g. requests limiting a parent’s access to school) cannot be actioned unless clearly documented in a current court order. Please contact the office if you require further information.

LIBRARY NEWS
This year the library will be open on a Monday and Tuesday. Borrowing will not start till week 4 the 15th of February as the new Library computer system “Oliver” will not be in operation till then. Please bring a library bag if you wish to borrow. Library books found at home over the holidays can still be returned.
The first book club for the year will be going home soon and will be due back on the 10th of February. Scholastic have now combined all year groups into one catalogue allowing you to see all the books available.

Tasha Howard
Librarian

BOUQUETS
In 2015 students from the Poppies were trying to improve their writing using the program “Seven Steps to Writing Success.” We would like to thank Tea Gardens Country Club for donating the funds to purchase the resources to support this writing program. Over the Christmas holidays we hung the Poppies “Trapped in a Snow Globe” stories in the Tea Gardens Country Club they were admired by many.
## TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

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- **Chicken & gravy roll**
  - **Optional bbq or tomato sauce**

- **Ham & egg/mayo salad wrap**
  - **Salad - lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber**

- **Plain hamburger - beef patty & salad with sauce**
  - **Salad – lettuce, carrot, tomato & beetroot**
  - *Sauce – bbq, tomato or mustard*

**Sandwiches also available Wed, Thurs, Fri**
- Vegemite, Jam or Honey $2.00
- Cheese or Cheese & Tomato $3.00

**CANTEEN SUPERVISOR**
- DANIELLE DRISCOLL
- 0421976137

**Meal & Popper - $5.50** - **Meal & Flavoured Milk - $6.00**

## STUDENT BANKING -

**BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY**

These fun rewards are a great way to keep children motivated and demonstrate the value of saving:

- Flying Snake Tail – now available to order
- Wildlife Writer Set – now available to order
- Mud Splat Handball – Released in Term 2
- Outback Pat Bag Tag – Released in Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen – Released in Term 3
- Jump and Skip Rope – Released in Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan – Released in Term 4

### Rewarding good savings

To help reward individual savings efforts, every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, they'll receive a Dollarmites token.

Once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They'll also receive a certificate when they reach certain savings milestones.
CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Come and spend a few hours at your school canteen, meet other parents, help promote healthy eating and having fun.

PLEASE INDICATE WHAT DAYS YOU CAN HELP

Wednesday
9.00am—2.00pm

Thursday
9.00am—2.00pm

Friday
9.00am—2.00pm

PLEASE INDICATE HOW OFTEN YOU CAN HELP

Once a week

Once a fortnight

Once a month

Once a term

On call

YOUR NAME

__________________________

PHONE NUMBER/S

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CHILDS NAME/S

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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE CANTEEN OR SCHOOL OFFICE
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

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