PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Jaymii Ray from the Butter Beans class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. Jaymii receives this award for working extremely well and trying her best in all areas. Congratulations Jaymii on receiving this award!

BOUQUETS

Breakfast Club

The Red Cross Breakfast Club is now up and running for this term. Thank you to the ladies who give their time each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Gluten free weetbix and soy milk are now available too.

AECG Meeting

I was very proud last week listening to Grace, Toby, DJ and Tyleyah as they provided the acknowledgement of country at the Youyoong Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting. They spoke with passion and pride, a fact noted by the representatives at the meeting. Well done. Many thanks are also extended to Mrs Avery who was a driving force behind making this meeting happen here at Tea Gardens and to Danielle in the canteen for organising the catering for the meeting.

School Swimming Carnival

He hasn’t been on our staff for long but Mr Svensek is already proving to be an excellent asset to our school. Thanks are extended to Mr Svensek for organising our carnival for the 63 participants in attendance. A fantastic event!

Oliver Library System

The transfer to the new “Oliver” Library system is complete. Many thanks are extended to Miss Cooper for all her hard work during Term 4 2015 in preparation to changeover and to Mrs Howard for completing the changeover during the early weeks of 2016. Students and staff will be trained in using the new system over the coming weeks with added functionality including but not limited to federated searches using World Book online and the capacity to borrow e-books. Oliver is a welcome addition to our school.

COMING UP

Golf Program- Tuesday 16 February at 4pm

Mr Weightman and Andrew, the local golf pro coordinate a free golf program running at Hawks Nest Golf Club on a Tuesday afternoon each week from 4-5pm. If you are interested in attending, meet Mr Weightman at the golf course tomorrow afternoon.

P&C Art and Craft Expo Planning Meeting

Tuesday 16 February at 7pm

A planning meeting for the 39th Annual Easter Long Weekend Art and Craft Expo is on tomorrow night, Tuesday 16 February commencing at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Voluntary School Contribution

The voluntary contribution has been set in collaboration with the school P&C. The voluntary contribution amount for 2016 has remained unchanged at $50 per family. It would be appreciated if all families would pay this contribution to support the ongoing improvements at Tea Gardens Public School.

Zone Swimming Carnival- Friday 19 February

Students who have qualified for this event have brought home permission notes today. We wish our student representatives the best of luck at the carnival.

Weekly Assembly- Friday 19 February

This week, the Ministers will run our assembly. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 9.45am on Friday. All parents are welcome to attend.

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)- Linked to Orange Communication Cards
- Parliament 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.

The class assembly roster for semester one is as follows:
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sign and return the cards EVERY week to ensure the students
weeks of school during the year (DIAMOND AWARD). Please
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The weekly communication cards “The Orange Card”

To ensure there is ongoing communication between school and
home. Alternatively, you may pay for
photos online. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be
used for this expense.

Best Start – Kindergarten Interviews commence
on 29 February
Special parent meetings for Kindergarten will be held between 29
February – 3 March to go through the Best Start results and dis-

cuss practical ways you can support your child’s learning at

REMINDERS
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School Photos – Wednesday 24 February
Photos have been organised for Wednesday 24
February. Envelopes have been sent home. Any orders
must be returned with correct money by the day
before the photos. Alternatively, you may pay for
the photos online. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available to be
used for this expense.

Attendance
Did you know?
If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by
the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year
of school.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school
is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and in-
crease their career and life options. NSW public schools work in part-
nership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of
children and young people. When your child attends school every
day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain
friendships with other children.

In New South Wales, ‘compulsory school-age’ means that all children
from six years of age are legally required to be enrolled at and attend-
ing school.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to
illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with
medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a
health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the
principal can record the absences as unjustified.

What if my child has to be away from school?
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified
reasons for student absences may include:
• being sick, or having an infectious disease
• having an unavoidable medical appointment
• being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a
funeral)

Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the
school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Par-
ents can contact the school by telephone, written note, text message
or email. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7
day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on
your child’s record. However, if the school has not received an expla-
nation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss
the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provid-
ed if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your
child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded
as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their deci-
sion with you and the reasons why.

Don’t forget: The new SKOOLBAG app also has the capacity for you
to submit student absence information online which is emailed by the
APP to the school email account.

The importance of arriving on time
Arriving at school and class on time:
• Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning
activities scheduled early in the day
• Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
• Give students time to greet their friends before class
• Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by
parent.
Travel
Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.
In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.

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 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”.

This week, our focus is on toilets
Respect
• Keep area clean
• One person at a time in cubical
• Playing games is for the playground

Safety
• Flush and wash
• No food or drink
• Hands to yourself
• Always walk

Personal Best
• Report problems and unsafe behaviour to the teacher on duty

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Our uniform shop is asking for donations of second hand uniform items preferably in the smaller sizes. Many thanks.
TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER
TERM 1 – WEEK 4 – 2016 – ALL MEALS $4.50

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- **Chicken nuggets (6)** with tomato sauce
  - "Optional bbq sauce"

- **BLT’S** – bacon, lettuce & tomato with sauce
  - "Sauce – bbq, tomato or mustard"

- **Chicken & mayo salad wrap**
  - "Salad- lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber"

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**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.