PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to David Edgerton from the Snap Beans class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. David receives this award for working well and trying his best in all areas. Congratulations David on receiving this award!

BOUQUETS

Zone School Swimming Carnival

There were some impressive efforts at the Port Stephens Zone swimming carnival last Friday. Charli Alchin came second in the 10 years 50m freestyle, Darcy Ingram third in the 9 Years 50m Freestyle, our senior girls relay team came third. Lilly Ann White was also named the 11 years age champion after winning the 50m backstroke and butterfly.

COMING UP

Class changes

Last Wednesday, we reformed classes based on our actual enrolment number of 184 students. This has allowed us to form eight classes for the remainder of 2016. Miss Davies is teaching the “Wattle” class until the vacancy is filled through an expression of interest process. Thank you to everyone for your understanding during this transition period.

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.

School Photos – Wednesday 24 February

Photos have been organised for this 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. Payments may also be made online. Logon to: www.msp.com.au (see attachment to this newsletter)

Weekly Assembly- Friday 26 February- Special Induction Assembly, PBL, Kindy Books and Swimming Ribbons

This week, we will be holding our special induction assembly for our Ministers and House Captains. We will also be handing out ribbons for overall event winners from our school carnival and acknowledge the achievements of our zone swim team. In addition, we will welcome all our Kindergarten students to the stage and present them with a book to welcome them formally to “Big School”. Assembly starts at 9.10am and will conclude by 10am this Friday. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Young Leaders Day
Our school parliament student representative committee will be traveling to Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 28 February & Monday 29 February for the 2016 National Young Leaders’ Day at the Allphones Arena. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they arrive home from the trip.

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 discuss practical ways you can support your child’s learning at home.

P&C Art and Craft Expo Planning Meeting- Tuesday 1 March at 7pm
– A planning meeting for the 39th Annual Easter Long Weekend Art and Craft Expo is on Tuesday 1 March commencing at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day—Friday 4 March
All grandparents and grandfriends of students are invited to attend a special assembly on Friday 4 March at 9.30am to celebrate grandparents day. Following the assembly there will be a visit to the classrooms and at 11am morning tea in the hall.

Clean Up Schools Day – Friday 4 March
The Clean Up Schools program is in its 25th year. At Tea Gardens Public School, the minister for the environment will liaise with class teachers to allocate areas and promote the event. Please help keep our school clean and tidy by providing your child with gloves and a plastic bag on the day.
Mrs Avery

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

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 Playground Hat Expectations
- Respect- Compliance with uniform policy
- Safety- Sun safety
- Personal Best- pride in our uniform and sense of belonging

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. Go to the APP store (Apple) or Play Store Button and search for “Tea Gardens” and click on the SKOOLBAG App to install.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Our uniform shop is asking for donations of second hand uniform items preferably in the smaller sizes. Many thanks. Please think about your child’s winter uniform requirements to enable us to order upcoming stock levels. Order forms are available at the office.

School Uniform Policy
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.

School Uniform (See pictures next page)

Girls
- Winter normal wear
  - Navy Blue Pants
  - Navy Culottes
  - Blue Polo- Short Sleeve
  - Dress (no black tights)
  - Navy School Shoes or Black Joggers/ White Socks
  - Navy School Bucket Hat with Logo
  - Navy stockings (No Bike short or tights allowed)

- Sports Wear
  - Maroon Shorts or Skort
  - Yellow Sports Polo
  - White socks with black or white joggers
  - Navy track suit pants in winter
  - Maroon School Bucket Hat with Logo
  - (No Bike short or tights allowed)

- Special Event Formal
  - Sports Wear
  - Blue Formal Shoes
  - Black Formal Shoes (No Joggers)

- Jewellery
  - Except for a wrist watch, stud or sleeper earrings and a signet ring, all other jewellery including dangling earrings, bracelets, anklets and necklaces are not to be worn. This is a safety issue. If students are identified wearing jewellery, they will be asked to remove it. The wearing of make-up at school is not permissible.

- Hats - No hat, play in the shade
  - In accordance with Cancer Council guidelines, children must wear broad brimmed hats (Maroon) when outside. A “No School Hat – Play in the Shade” policy restricts exposure to sunlight.
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 19th February 2016. They were:

**ADUKI BEANS**
- Khesahn Wells  Working well in class
- Jayden Franks  Working well in class

**CHICKPEAS**
- Taryn Bryant  An excellent start to reading
- Noah Pettit  Outstanding effort in story writing

**SPROUTS**
- Elidjah Wolfram  Terrific effort in story writing
- Chloe Hodges  Terrific effort in reading groups

**MUNG BEANS**
- Evie Braddock  For working well in all areas
- Darcy Ellicott  For being a conscientious worker

**RATTLESNAKES**
- Haleigh Simmons  Being a responsible class member
- Darcy Ingram  Being a positive example

**BUTTER BEANS**
- Stephen  Contributions to class history discussions
- Jermaine Wolfram  Contributions to class history discussions

**SNAP BEANS**
- Georgia Stevenson  For trying hard to say new words
- Toby Avery  Always achieving his best

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**Tea Gardens Library**

**Homework Help**  
a great place to be every Wednesday during school term  
3.15pm - 4.45pm

- **FREE** homework help
- **FREE** internet access
- **FREE** specialist resources
- **FREE** printing
- **FREE** photocopying/ scanning
- **FREE** reservations
- Snack provided

A great opportunity for students from Kinder to Year 12 to have individual assistance with homework, assignments and research in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Tea Gardens Library  
Marine Drive Tea Gardens  
Telephone: 4997 1265

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**Tea Gardens Public School**

Wishes to invite Grandparents & Grandfriends to our special Grandparents & Grandfriends Day  
on  
Friday 4 March 2016  
Starting at 9.30am

9.30am  Special Assembly  
Visits to classrooms

11.00am  Morning Tea in Hall

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**HAPPY GRANDPARENT’S DAY!**
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TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER
TERM 1 – WEEK 5 – 2016 – ALL MEALS $4.50

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Sandwiches also available Wed, Thurs, Fri

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CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

| DANIELLE DRISCOLL | 0421976137 |

**Optional parmesan cheese**

*I Side salad – lettuce, carrot, tomato, beetroot & cucumber* 

**Meal & Popper - $5.00**

GRANDPARENTS DAY—FRIDAY 4TH MARCH
VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HELP IN THE KITCHEN
DONATIONS OF CAKES, SLICES OR SCONES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED
(NO NUTS OR SEED PRODUCTS PLEASE)

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 Döllarmites 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.
Say cheese
School Photo Day is 24 February 2016

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

Payments to be made prior to photo day

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1. Connect
   - Logon to: www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE
2. Order
   - Place your online order, and quote your Shootkey number
   - Record your Reference No, and Family Name on envelope
   - Please note that a $1 transaction fee applies to all card payments
3. Photo Day
   - Envelopes must be presented prior to photo day