



Tregear Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *For your Calendar*

**09/12 - Presentation Day**

**12/12 - Year 6 Graduation  
Year 6 Farewell**

**13/12 - Commonwealth  
Bank Excursion**

**15/12 - K - 2 Movie Day**

**BE ON TIME**

**IN LINE**

**AT 5 TO 9**

#### REMEMBER

\*No smoking on school grounds

\*No alcohol on school grounds

\*Make our school secure,

**Phone Security: 1300880021**

Tregear Public School  
Making Connections  
Learning for Life

## FROM THE FRONT DESK

### End of the Year

2011 has been a busy year at Tregear Public School with some fantastic achievements by the school and students. Firstly, almost all classrooms got the last of the Building Education Revolution upgrade with 17 Interactive Whiteboards being installed in their classrooms. All students now have access to Literacy and Numeracy activities which they can play and learn from, as well as instant access to the internet. We had our first ever drumming group that performed at a variety of places and festivals with rave reviews. The school Choir and Dance groups also performed at a number of events showcasing the talent of our students. Kobi Collins made the NSW Rugby League side, the Under 10s won the Panther Trophy while our under 9s were runners up, and our Volleyballers won the PSSA title. Mr Hawkins was voted the 2011 P&C Primary Principal of the year, while our P&C President, Julie Creed, was voted Community Volunteer of the year. The school would also like to say thank you to Miss Vidler (KV) for all of her hard work and dedication for the last 3 years. Miss Vidler will be retraining as a school counsellor next year, a position that needs caring teachers such as Miss Vidler. We wish her well on her next endeavour. A very big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped us throughout the year to make Tregear Public School the special place it is.

### Important Events

Presentation Day is tomorrow starting at 9.30am. Year 6 Graduation Ceremony is on Monday 12th December at 10.00am. The Year 6 Farewell is on Monday night. Reports go home on or after Wednesday 14th December. The last day of school for students is Friday 16th December and students return in 2012 on Monday 30th January. Just a reminder, if your child will be taking early holidays, please remember to write a note or let the office know.

### PSSA Volleyball

Last Friday 2nd December, our Volleyball team had a fantastic victory. We played the Rooty Hill Volleyball team at Hebersham Public School and defeated them in straight sets. The Volleyball team has had a great season this year. We went into the Grand Final with only one defeat. That defeat was against Rooty Hill. so we were prepared for a tough game. The team played as a team and covered the court fantastically, leaving no gaps and no chance for Rooty Hill to score against them. Congratulations to all the players! Amazing game.

## Polynesian Day 2011

This year's Polynesian Day like many before was a great success. The weather was not too kind to us, however most parents and community members braved the elements and came out to support our day. This year we were lucky to welcome local schools to perform. It was lovely to see all the local Polynesian talent we have in our schools. We had local businesses donating food and money to the event. Our own parents and community prepared and donated food. We were fortunate to welcome back Gary Stirling to our stage, who is famous for his Chicken Dance. Our shared lunch is always popular and this year was no different. We fed over 500 children, staff and community members with a variety of food, some children even trying to come back for 3rds!! The Polynesian Day committee would like to thank:

Emerton Fruit Market  
Baiaida Chickens  
Emerton Fish Market  
Minchinbury Fruit Market  
Emerton Pacific Island Food Store  
Timms Island Food Store  
Blackett Pacific Island Food Store  
Blackett Petrol Station  
Oxley Park Public School  
Willmot Public School  
Doonside Public School  
Noumea Public School  
Crawford Public School

We look forward to your further support in the new year. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and community for your food donations and help on the day. We are truly blessed to have such caring and helpful parents in our school.

## Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have all received Principal Awards in the last fortnight.

Kinder:	Rachel Priestly Lane, Romeo Tuitama & Visessio Fonua.
Stage 1:	Jodeci Polutele, Adaman Singh, Shaun Brewer, Miliana Tamani & Ailiyah Simeon.
Stage 2:	Tyler Pettit, McCartney Livingston, Laquahn Tonga & Codee Muirhead.
Stage 3:	Isabelle Doyle, Emileen Fowler, Ali Muhieddine, Linda El Moubayed, Jay Moe, Bayley Borich, Iata Feo, Christopher Palmer, Micheal Wort, Casey Jones & Henry Smith.

## TAFE Outreach Program

Every Wednesday for the last two terms, we have had 10-12 parents participating in a TAFE Outreach gardening program at the school. Not only did the parents learn a bit about plants, soil and gardening, but the school has had some beautiful gardens put in to make the school look better. The program was such a success that the TAFE are hoping to run a more formal horticulture study course in 2012. The parents all receive a certificate from the TAFE on Tuesday at a special presentation day.

## RAD Kits - (Holiday Reading is RAD)

The aim of the Holiday Reading is RAD project is to encourage adults and family members to read with their children each day of the holidays to prevent summer fall-off in reading skills. All students who completed forms to be part of this program last term, will receive their free kits next week. The kits include a reading diary, magazines, bookmark, poster, reading tips for parents, stickers, K-5 reading booklist and a pencil. Students are asked to record their holiday reading in the reading diary and return it to their teacher at the commencement of school next year.

## P&C - Working in Partnership to Build a Brighter Future for our Children

As another year draws to a close, we reflect back over the last 12 months at what we have achieved. At the start of the year we had the Commonwealth Bank come in and open bank accounts for the students who wanted to take part in School Banking. We would like to thank all involved for their hard work in making this a success. We would like to thank Pixi Photos who took wonderful school photos this year. Also thank you to the parents who told us how happy they were with the photos. It is always good to get some feedback. In October, the P&C helped organise a reunion for ex Students of Tregear Public School. Many of those were students who attended in 1968, the first year the school opened. The day was a great success with many people coming from all over Australia. We are also happy to announce that this year due to the success of our fundraising events we were able to support the school by donating the following:

\$1000 for a new fridge for the breakfast club  
\$150 for the students' veggie patches  
\$320 to buy chickens for the chicken shed  
\$100 for Easter Eggs for the Easter Hat parade  
\$80 for Kindergarten Orientation  
\$450 for PSSA affiliation fees  
\$130 for Breakfast club to buy new resources.

We have already committed donating another \$750 early next year. \$400 of this will go towards a fantastic new Home Reading program that can be accessed over the internet and partner a reading program at school. The other \$350 will go towards school blazers for our school leaders to wear when representing Tregear at special events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our fundraising events this year.

### **Summer Fire Safety**

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02\\_bushfire\\_prep.pdf](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf) It is now law, that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start. Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) Remember in the event of a house or bushfire, always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.

## **HELPERS MORNING TEA** **TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

In appreciation of the wonderful work parents and community members have done in the school this year, helpers are invited to a 'Thank-You' morning tea in the staff room on Tuesday 13th December at 10am.



The staff at Tregear Public School would like to wish all students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

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***Remember, it is never too late to join our Christmas Club***