



Tregear Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *For your Calendar*

13/6 - Public Holiday  
14/6 - Stage 3 Footsteps  
15/6 - Mufti Day  
15/6 - Parent Workshop  
16/6 - Police Visit K - 6  
16/6 - Year 3 CARES  
20/6 - Stage 3 Footsteps  
21/6 - P&C Meeting  
21/6 - Song Room Concert  
23/6 - Year 4 CARES  
23/6 - NAIDOC 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: 1300363778**

Tregear Public School  
Making Connections  
Learning for Life

## FROM THE FRONT DESK

### Tregear Online

Tregear has a fantastic website that has information about the school, including past newsletters, an events calendar and lots of photos. The school has a Facebook page that has been running for about 3 weeks and it has 26 followers. We hope that by parents going to the page and clicking on LIKE, they will then get updates to their face book accounts when they are posted. We receive many phone calls on mornings of excursions and sporting events asking if they are still on. Most times this information will be on the facebook page and it is easy to access. A few things we ask is that only 13 year olds and over join (rules of facebook), and that nobody replies to the posts. This is not a discussion page as it is just an update page. If we find that the page is being commented on, we may have to shut it down. The page is [Tregear Public School \\*Official Page\\*](#). We hope, that when we have to give information out about things like carnivals being postponed or excursion updates etc, that parents will get the information earlier, or even when their child is absent.

### Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park is the STAFF car park. Many people are driving into the car park and we have had some near misses, both car crashes and children nearly being hit. It is an OH&S issue and if people continue to come into the car park, we will be passing the rego plates onto the RTA for action. Just last week we had a parent come into the car park and beep the special transport buses, who pick up students with special needs. This is unacceptable and dangerous for our students. The only time parents are allowed to park in the car park are if they have signed on as an in class volunteer at the office, or they have a disabled pass. No Exceptions.

### Year 6 Cadbury Draw

Wow, what a big block of chocolate! Congratulations to Hemeleta from Year 2 for winning 10Kg of Chocolate. And wasn't her Dad the happiest man in Tregear that morning.



### Farewell Mrs McNamee

Mrs McNamee's last day at Tregear Public School was last Friday. We wish her all the best in the near future with the birth of her baby. She will be back next year after her maternity leave. 1M have a lovely new teacher Miss Bennett who has worked very closely with Miss McNamee to ensure a smooth changeover.

## Blue and Red Day

The last State of Origin may not have been the best outcome for NSW, but it was a great day at Tregear with students coming in Mufti and joining in the festivities to raise money for the Year 6 farewell. Due to the success of the first State of Origin, the Year 6 are doing it all again for the second one next week. A gold coin donation is only needed for the mufti day.

## School Banking

School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank has been a rousing success since it started. Each Tuesday, we have about 20 to 50 students banking. This is a great way for students to learn about the importance of saving and managing their money.

## Song Room

Some of our Year 3-6 students are invited to a Song Room concert at the Joan Sutherland Centre on Tuesday 21st June. They will have the opportunity to watch an interschool performance and some students from the 'Captivate' dance theatre. Invited students need to return their permission slip to the office ASAP so they can secure their place. We are looking forward to this special event! We are asking for parent volunteers to assist with a reading program which was rolled out last year as part of a Teacher's Researching Communities project. Due to the success of this program last year where children almost doubled their term's reading results, we have decided to attempt to introduce it across the school. Even if you can only spare one hour a week in a classroom, this will assist our children's reading. Parents who would like to take part, need to attend a brief training session on Wednesday 15th June at 9.15am in the Teacher Resource Room (old library). We hope to see you there. See Julie Lewis for further information. It is a great opportunity to help our kids with reading. On Monday 27th June there will be a parent/community workshop on Cyberbullying. This is an important issue with children and their use of technology. We have a guest speaker coming. Keep this date free and more details will follow.

## 2011 University Competitions.

Again this year, we are providing an opportunity for students to be involved in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run by the University of New South Wales. Students in Years 3-6 are invited to sit the English Examination on Tuesday 2nd August and/or the Mathematics exam on Tuesday 16th August. The exams provide opportunities for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. Every student entering ICAS receives a certificate acknowledging participation. Students are also eligible for awards including High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates. These exams will take place at Tregear Public School on the above dates and the cost is \$7.00 per subject. Notes will be

sent home next week. If you wish your child to sit these exams, permission notes and money must be returned by Friday 24th June. Further information and practice tests can be obtained from the following website: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au).

## P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st June in the P&C room. It is only a fee of \$1.00 to join, so that you can have your say in how the P&C can best support the school.

## World Blood Donor Day

World Blood Donor Day is held on Tuesday 14th June and celebrates the contributions of voluntary blood donors worldwide. Each blood donation has the potential to save three lives. In Australia, only three per cent of the population donates blood while up to 80 per cent of us will need blood in our lifetime. To donate blood, call the Australian Red Cross on 13 14 95 or go to: [www.donateblood.com.au/](http://www.donateblood.com.au/)

## Make Learning Fun

Fun reading, writing, spelling and maths games you can do with your child, are available to download free from the Schools website. There are translated versions available too. Just print them out and stick them on the fridge. Go to:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue02/d\\_readnumtips/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue02/d_readnumtips/index.php)



## New Technology Tools For Your Child

Over the next few weeks, students will see their student portal change with a new look, enhanced features and a new URL. Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE. On Tuesday 14th June, Year 9 students will receive their new student portal. Year 9 will be followed by Year 10, Years 7 and 8, then TAFE. Years 11 and 12, Kindergarten to Year 2 and finally Years 3 to 6 will follow early in term 3. From Tuesday 14th June, all school students will access their student portal from home and at school, from a new URL: <http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>, whether or not they have access to the new student portal. Students will be able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via their student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. The new student portal will have timetable and calendar portlets for students to add their own details. Students will also be able to make their portal look the way they want by changing the colour scheme and rearranging, opening or closing portlets.

## **Meal Deal- \$4.00**

(from Monday 6th June)

Hot Dog  
Flavoured Milk  
Scooby or Pony Biscuits  
2 Jelly Sticks

### **New to the Canteen:**

Pizza Pockets have been discontinued and will be replaced with Pizza Rounders for \$2.50.

Small packets of tissues are available for \$1.00 per packet.

Why not try for recess our "New Toasty Cheese Sandwich" for only \$1.80.

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IGA Brand

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**SMITHS IGA COMMUNITY CHEST SPECIALS  
ON SALE FROM MON 13TH UNTIL SUN 19TH JUNE**

**Arnott's Shapes 3 for \$5.00 200g**

**Primo Middle Bacon Rashers \$7.99kg**

**Nescafe Blend 43 & International Roast Coffee  
\$4.99ea 100/200g**

**Black & Gold Jasmine Rice \$1.49ea 1kg**

**Maggi 2 Minute Noodles \$4.99ea 10x72g**

**Bulla Ice Cream \$5.99ea 4L**

**Sargents Beef Pies \$2.99ea 2pk**

**Eveready AA Batteries \$7.48ea 20pk**

**Sunsilk Shampoo & Conditioner \$2.99ea 400ml**

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IGA to support our school.**

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