



Tregear Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *For your Calendar*

19.9 - S3 Camp - Canberra

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20.9 - P&C Meeting

21.9 - S3 Camp - Canberra

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

### NAPLAN Results & Workshop

The results for this years NAPLAN were sent home this week. If your child is in year 3 or 5 and has not yet brought home their results, please contact the school to arrange to get them. Just a reminder to parents that NAPLAN is only a few tests over a few days at the start of the year, and have many factors that can affect results. Your child's classroom teacher does a number of other assessments and observations of their students, to know exactly where the students levels are and what they need to teach the students to get them to their next level. A workshop will be held on Thursday 22nd September in the connected classroom from 9.15am until 10.30am.

### Swim School

Last Friday was the end of swim school for another year. This year we took 60 well behaved and fantastic students from Years 2 to 6 for four days of swimming lessons at Emerton Leisure Centre. These lessons teach the children the fundamental skills of swimming as well as exposing them to valuable information about water safety. Being able to swim is one of the most important skills you can give your child, especially in Australia where we all like to play in water. Please give serious consideration to enrolling your child in swim school next year. A big thanks to all involved for making the week a great success.

### Canberra and the Snowy Mountains Camp

On Monday 19th September, 50 Stage 3 students will be undertaking an educational tour of Canberra and heading to the Snowy Mountains. **Our campers will be departing from the school at 6:00am sharp. Students need to be at the school at 5:30am.** Just a reminder, everyone needs to bring recess and lunch on the first day. While on this tour, they will participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture and democracy. We will visit Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House and Questacon just to name a few. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of this excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme, towards the travel expenses incurred. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme. Have a great time on camp Stage 3.

### Stage 2 Camp to Brewongle

The Stage 2 overnight camp will take place in Week 2, Term 4 at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre at Sackville. Full cost of the 2 day/overnight camp is \$75. Final payment is due by the end of this term. Please return all medical information forms as soon as possible.

## **'Holiday Reading is RAD' Project – It's Free!!!**

Tregear School has been invited to participate in the 'Holiday Reading is RAD' project for the 2011-2012 summer holidays. 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. Each participating student from Kindergarten to Year 5 will receive a free reading kit in December, which includes magazines and books, a reading diary, bookmarks and stickers. Notes with more information about this project were sent home last week. If you wish your child to participate in the FREE 'Holiday Reading is RAD' project, please return the permission note to school by Wednesday 21st September.

### **Awards**

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

Stage 1: Decoda Orchard & Winnie Ahio

Stage 2: Braiden Kennett-Greenacre & Sussana Zaman

Stage 3: Sabrina Zaman, Bayley Borich, Keteisha Whitton, Fatafehi Tuitupou, & Tori Black

Congratulations to Nadia Cunningham for receiving the \$5 canteen voucher for the environmental award.

### **Father's Day Raffle**

Congratulations to the following people who won a prize in the Father's Day Raffle:

Braiden Fabian - Electric Drill

Kaiden Swift - Aftershave Pack

Robyn Hardge-Scott - Lotto Pack

Lynne Hardge - \$50 Lowes Voucher

Ty Moe - Chicken dinner from Tregear Takeaway

David - Seafood dinner from Tregear Takeaway

### **Library News**

As it comes to the end of term we have a number of books out on loan that have not been returned to school. A note will go home with your child by the end of term stating if your child has any overdue books.



### **Craft Afternoon**

On the first Thursday back next term, 13th October, there will be an art and craft afternoon held in the art room. It will be run by an organisation called Children for Christ. Students will be able to make a range of models using wood and glue. The cost will be \$5.00 per child and will run from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. Parents are encouraged to come along and help their children make the craft. Different models will be displayed a couple of days beforehand.

### **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held in the community room on Tuesday 20th September from 9.15am until 11.00am. This is a great time to come and see what the parents are doing to help in the school and to have your say about the different facets of school.

### **Tregear Takeaway**

Thank you to Tregear Takeaway who kindly donated a new computer to the school last Friday. This is a fantastic gesture by one of our local community businesses. The computer will come in handy giving the students even more chances to do research and online activities.

### **Tregear Festival**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Tregear Festival and we hope you all had an enjoyable time. As a result of the festival, \$2000 will be donated to the Palliative Care Ward at Mt Druitt Hospital. Lyn & Pat.

### **Spring Holidays**

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 23rd September. With warmer weather hopefully upon us, here are some ideas for enjoying the holidays with your family: [www.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays](http://www.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays)

<http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/www.kidspot.com.au>

<http://ourkidz.com.au/content/view/196/156/lang.en/> [www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com)

There is no staff development day on the first day of next Term so all students and staff will return to school on Monday 10th October.

### **Building Self Esteem**

It's never too early to help build self-esteem and resilience in a child. Self-esteem builds a solid foundation for people to deal with life and the many challenges it can pose. The Department of Family and Community Services has a good publication on this subject, as well as more for grandparents who are caring for young children, step families, single parents and coping with grief. Please go to: [www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents\\_carers\\_and\\_families/parenting/general\\_tips\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers.html](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents_carers_and_families/parenting/general_tips_for_parents_and_carers.html)

### **Local Schools, Local Decisions**

The Department of Education and Communities is starting a process of consultation on empowering local public schools. The current rules and processes can make it hard for principals and teachers to respond quickly to these issues. It can be very frustrating when a decision that is made in the best interests of a student is hindered by a process that just doesn't quite fit. "Parents can find this difficult to understand as well" said education minister, Adrian Piccoli. To find out more and to have your say please go to: <http://bit.ly/nyzxX8>

## Football Gala Day

Phil Gould, Panthers Football General Manager invites our junior league families to participate in a Junior Full Field Gala Day on Sunday 25th September 2011. Please visit [www.sportingpulse.com](http://www.sportingpulse.com) for full details.

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### **MEAL DEAL - \$4.00**

(available until Friday 23rd September)

Tukka Tubz Lasagne

Juice Popper

Zooper Dooper

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## IGA Brand

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## **SMITHS IGA COMMUNITY CHEST SPECIALS ON SALE UNTIL SUNDAY**

**Purchase these products among many other great specials and help Smiths  
IGA to support our school.**

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