



Tregear Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *For your Calendar*

3/8 - PSSA

3/8 - Sports In Schools

9/8 - Mini Olympics

10/8 - PSSA

10/8 - Sports In Schools

13/8 to 17/8 - Swim school

17/8 - Parent Workshop on  
Nutrition

**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

### Principal's Report

As the Olympics take our attention these 2 weeks, I want to remind students the difference between being the best and being their best. As long as our students try their hardest, we will always be proud of them and we hope that they show the same attitude towards the people representing our country at the moment. And isn't there a lot of things to be proud of at Tregear Public School at the moment.

Firstly, the fire brigade visit was a huge success last week. This initiative was driven by the P&C about the importance of fire safety. The fire brigade were excellent when discussing the dangers of heaters and fires in winter. The students then got to have a look around in the fire engine and appeared to have really enjoyed the day.

The standard of work in all the classrooms is great and I have had a lot of students coming into my office with good work or showing me their fantastic reading. Kindergarten to Year 6 students have impressed me with their knowledge and neat book work.

The school undertook a mini review last week about how we do literacy and numeracy throughout the school. Staff, randomly selected parents and students were asked questions about learning within the school and the current practices of the school. Documents were also looked at, such as school policies and teaching programs. We haven't been given the final report as yet, but one thing that really shone through from all interviews, was that we all believe our teachers are at school to help our students learn and that our teachers go above and beyond the call of duty. This just emphasises what a great place Tregear is to teach in and for students to learn.

As it is halfway through the year and we know circumstances change such as emergency contacts and phone numbers, we have attached a 'change of details form' to the newsletter. Please fill out anything that has changed since the start of the year. It is important to make sure that we have phone numbers that are not disconnected or have incoming call restrictions in times of emergencies.



Richard Ford

## Education Week and Tregear Olympics

This week was the official Education Week but we have decided to combine our Olympic week with Education week starting on Monday 6th August. On Monday we will have our opening ceremony from 10.20am to 11.00am. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the festivities. During the week there will be lots of activities at lunch time with teacher v's students games. Thursday 9th August will be our open classrooms so parents can come and see their students' great work and after recess will be the Mini Olympics. Parents are welcome to watch the fun.

The open classroom times will be:

Infants and Support classes: 10am to 10.30am

Primary classes: 10.30am to 11.00am

Mini Olympics: 11.30 to 1.30pm  
followed by a free sausage sizzle for the students.

We are also taking donations for World vision that week and even 5 cents can make a difference.

## Stage 2 Local History Tour

Fifty five Stage 2 students took a step back in Blacktown City's past by participating in workstations and lessons of a local history tour program. Students who attended the three hour tour had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the history of Blacktown, namely the Darug People and early school life. We also had a tour of the local history section of the Max Webber Library. All students found the tour and exhibition most interesting and their behaviour was a credit to our school.

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Students in Years 3 to 6 who entered the ICAS English Assessment run by the University of New South Wales sat their examination on Tuesday. The sitting date for students who applied for ICAS Mathematics will be Tuesday 14th August. Certificates for students sitting these assessments will arrive approximately six weeks after the sitting dates.

## Swim School

Being able to swim is an important skill when living in Australia. Swim school will be running in week 5 this term and there are a few spots left for students from Years 2 to 6. The cost of the one week program which includes pool entry, lessons and a bus is \$35.00.

## School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank has advised us that there are no longer any watches available when claiming your prizes with 10 tokens.



## Sport

Sports in Schools is going along well and the students are really enjoying it.

Last week the Royce Simmons A and B sides played in a 7 a side competition. The B's played well and needed to beat Werrington to go to the semis, but just missed out. The A side made the final against Lethbridge Park and narrowly lost 18-12. Congratulations to the A side who were selected to go onto the finals day, mid August, due to playing so well in the final.

The Panther Trophy winning team represented the Penrith district in the All Schools Carnival on Monday. They played well, winning 2 games and only losing to the side that won the competition last year. It was a great effort and the boys got a surprise visit from NSW and Penrith Panther forward, Tim Grant and Panther forward Nigel Plum. The school received a set of new jerseys donated by Panthers Rugby League Club.



## Awards

Congratulations to the following students who gained Principal awards:

Kindergarten: Bre-anna Swift, Tinneka Jung & Kybe Blayden

Stage 1: Leah Mokofisi, William Atie, Marissa Nepata, Liam Terkildsen & Elijah Mataale (2 awards).

Stage 2: Kyle Gregory, Ara Soliven-Poliquit, Elsiha Oliveros & Brittney Maroney

Stage 3: Luke McDougall

## Asthma Awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school aged children. The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma. For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to:

<http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

## **P&C News**

The P&C would like to thank Betta Electrical Minchinbury for a DVD Donation and Eddie Salas Cycles at North Rooty Hill for the \$50 voucher donation.

There is a Vocational engagement course, Greening Tregear which takes place every Tuesday from 9.30am to 12.30am in the Multi Purpose Room for anyone interested.

Also a reminder of the Tregear Presbyterian Church Community Meals will take place on Wednesday 22nd August, Wednesday 26th September, Wednesday 24th October and Wednesday 28th November.

A nutrition workshop will be held on Friday 17th August from 9am to 10.30am in the Breakfast club for any Parents interested. The workshop has been organised by Mrs Marin and the presenter will be our own school nurse Nadia.

## **Cycling Fun**

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website. The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to: <http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

## **Play at Powerhouse**

The Powerhouse Museum's Play at Powerhouse website has a range of fun and interactive activities and games for primary school children. Activities range from how to make your own musical instrument to easy science experiments. Kids can also choose to play a number of interactive games designed to develop fine motor skills and problem-solving. Go to: <http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/>

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

Chicken Tender on a Roll with lettuce & mayo

Sparkling Water

Zooper Dooper

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## IGA Brand

IGA's exclusive store brand product line, IGA Brand, has provided customers a wide variety of products for more than 75 years. With colourful and modern packaging on the outside and high quality ingredients on the inside, IGA Brand offers customers a smart, low cost alternative to national brands.



## **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***