



Tregear Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *For your Calendar*

**17/2 - PSSA Commences**

**22/2 - District Swim Carnival**

**22/2 - Support Unit Beach  
Excursion - Austinmer**

**28/2 - Stage 2 Excursion -  
Planetarium**

**BE ON TIME**

**IN LINE**

**AT 5 TO 9**

### REMEMBER

\*No smoking on school grounds

\*No alcohol on school grounds

\*Make our school secure,

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Tregear Public School  
Making Connections  
Learning for Life

## FROM THE FRONT DESK

### Principal's Report

Welcome back to another exciting year at Tregear Public School. As stated on the first day of school, Mr Hawkins has moved on to a new school and he will be sorely missed. We wish him all the best at his new school and thank him for everything he has done for Tregear PS and the local community.

I will continue to be Acting Principal until the position is filled through a process. Mrs Pelesasa will remain as Deputy Principal. Feel free to contact myself or Mrs Pelesasa at anytime to discuss your child's educational needs.

Mrs Vigneswaran will share the Relieving Assistant Principal position with Miss Booth. Mrs Vigneswaran will supervise years 1 and 2, while Miss Booth will supervise years 5 and 6. Mrs Shortland supervises years 3 and 4, Miss Lewis supervises Kindergarten, and Mrs Plant supervises the support unit.

The start to the year has been very wet and very fast paced with all of our Kindergarten's enrolling and starting last Thursday. They have settled in well and there were less tears this year, by both students and parents.

Attached is a Term Planner for all the dates this term. This is always changing, so the best way to keep up to date with events is to visit our website: [www.tregear-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tregear-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or "like" our Facebook page - Tregear Public School \*Official Page\* to have updates messaged to you.

I would like to say thank you to Miss Caves (3C) who will be leaving us after tomorrow to start a permanent position at Mt Druitt Public School. Miss Caves came to us as a temporary teacher to fill in a year 2 class last year and has been a valuable asset with a lot of experience.

Due to the non stop rain, the grass and weeds have grown very high. Every time we have a sunny break, the lawn mower comes out straight away and it is a priority. Please bear with this and understand that there is nothing we can do about the rain.

The P&C in conjunction with the school, are organising a Working Bee. This will be held in the near future and more information will come out about this in the next Newsletters.

Mr Ford  
Acting Principal

## **Class Restructure**

Although we have had a large number of Kindergarten's enrol this year, we have also lost a lot of families in other grades of the school who have moved out of the area. This means that overall the school has dropped in numbers and we will have to collapse a class. This will be stage 2, class (year 3 and 4) and will impact on all classes in Years 3 and 4. We hope this will be a smooth transition. We do apologise for any inconvenience but this happens at many schools at the start of the year and can't be helped.

## **Payment At The Office**

Please remember when you are paying for things at school, that you try and pay with the correct money. We have limited change at the office and we are also reluctant to give large amounts of change to students in case they might lose the money.

## **Update Of Information**

Over the holidays things may have changed. Many people have phones disconnected, get new mobile numbers, move houses or need a new emergency contact as theirs have left the area. This information is vital to the school especially in an emergency. Attached is a change of details form. Please fill in any new details so that we can update our records.

## **Lunches And Recesses**

Many students come to school without any lunch or stay at home due to not having any lunch or recess. We have a lunch club, a breakfast club and students can get an apple at recess if need be. This is a limited resource that we have and we ask that all students bring their recess and lunch to school where possible. Also sometimes parents bring lunches up to the office late. Many students do not hear messages over the loud speaker and get their recess and lunch late. This disrupts lessons and distracts students. Please make sure your child packs their recess and lunch before school. Lastly, when ordering lunches please make sure your child knows they are getting a lunch order. Sometimes parents order their child's lunch after the child has gone to class. These students then tell their teachers they have no lunch and go to lunch club.

## **Donations**

Do you have any uniforms at home that are too small and still in good condition? These can be used again for smaller students who need a change of uniform at times or families that are struggling to make ends meet. Please feel free to donate your old clean uniforms to the office.

## **PSSA**

PSSA summer sports starts Friday 17th February. Any students who are selected in a Summer team will also be in that team in Term 4. A note will go home soon if your child has been selected in a PSSA team. If your child's team takes a bus to their sport, the cost will be \$4.00 per week.

## **School Banking Day Reminder**

Don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. Books are to be taken to Mrs Marszal's classroom between 8.30am & 9.00am every Tuesday morning. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received when the first deposit at school is made. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens, they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Tregear Public School.

## **High School Placements**

It seems that our students have just started Year 6, but we are asking you to think about what High School they will be attending. Next week an Expression of Interest will go home and will need to be returned by Friday 16th March. If you have any questions please contact Miss Booth.

## **P&C News**

Welcome back everyone to another fantastic year at Tregear. The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. Last year came and went with the P&C introducing School Banking back at Tregear. This went well and will continue this year. For students who would like to open an account, paperwork can be picked up at the front office. We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mr Hawkins and thank him for all of his support, guidance and dedication to our school and community over the last seven years. We wish him all the best at his new school. We welcome back Mr Ford to the hot seat in which we are sure that he will do a wonderful job as Acting Principal. Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February at 9.30am in the P&C room. To be become a financial member and to be eligible to vote at our AGM in March, your \$3.00 memberships fee will need to be paid by the close of this meeting. To be eligible to be a member, you must have a child enrolled at the school or live in the Tregear area. We hope to see you all there.

Parents and Citizens Association

## **We've Got School Covered**

Practical help for parents is available online at the School A to Z site. Created by the Department of Education and Communities, this is a thriving online community with comprehensive homework and school life support for parents that is easy to use, relevant and engaging. There are free apps to download, informative podcasts, videos and articles by experts in the field. Check it out: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au)

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The department's parent resource School A to Z has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year. The 'Getting off to a great start webcast' has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships. The expert panel features advice from a child psychologist, an experienced family doctor and the department's deputy director-general (schools) Greg Prior. Watch the webcast at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start>

Welcome to a new school year. This is the national year of reading and to celebrate, there is a host of literary-related events and competitions happening right around Australia. For an events calendar and more information go to: [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au). Why not make a late New Year resolution to read more yourself? And if you have younger children and don't already read regularly to them, set aside some quality time to help instil a love of books and reading.

## CAN YOUR CHILD START SCHOOL IN 2013?

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