



Tregear Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2012

### *For your Calendar*

- 23/11 - PPP Parenting Program 12.30
- 27/11 - Northholm Grammar - Bush Tucker
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- 29/11 - Chifley College Orientation - Shalvey
- 30/11 - Prefect Speeches
- 30/11 - V8 Super Cars - Student Day
- 04/12 - Scripture Xmas Assembly
- 04/12 - Excursion to Darling Harbour - Support Classes
- 05/12 - Stg 3 Multicultural Day Lunch
- 07/12 - Presentation Day
- 10/12 - Year 6 Farewell

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**IN LINE**

#### REMEMBER

- \*No smoking on school grounds
- \*No alcohol on school grounds
- \*Make our school secure,

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## FROM THE FRONT DESK

### Principal's Message

We are heading towards the end of the year and this will be our second last newsletter for 2012. There has been a lot of talk in the media about the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education. Quality education is hugely important in ensuring our students get the best possible start in life. They are our future and we need to make sure they are lifelong learners. Last weekend a few teachers and myself attended the Community Day of Action at Darling Harbour. It was a massive turn out and it was great that teachers, students, parents, cleaners and office staff were united as one to say how they feel about the cuts to education. At present there is a huge restructure taking place in the department which will ultimately impact on how the school is run and what support is available for our students and teachers. I will keep you posted with any updates I receive.

Tregear Public School has had some fantastic things happening over the last 2 weeks. The stage 1 students had environmental workshops and learnt about protecting the environment.

We had our last Kindergarten Orientation for the year yesterday and the students are looking very excited about coming to big school next year. I would like to thank all the teachers and parents involved in making Kindergarten orientation a success. There is a lot of work behind the scenes that takes place in the lead up to orientation.

Tregear's Got Talent was on last week and the acts did not disappoint. There was some fantastic singing and dancing. It was great to see students show so much confidence in getting up in front of the whole school and performing. Congratulations to all our contestants, especially Laquahn Tonga who took out the overall title. On a side note, all the students watching were fantastic and cheered and encouraged each performer. It was such a great sight to see the school being so supportive.

The Koori Time excursion to Katoomba was also a great success. The students learnt a lot and came back excited.

We are very excited to have a number of year 8 Northholm Grammar students coming to Tregear next Tuesday 27th November and Wednesday 28th November to help within the school. This is part of a program called Kids Giving Back and the students will be helping in the classrooms and helping to create a bush tucker garden.

Mrs Connolly will be going on Maternity leave next week and we wish her all the best in the up coming birth of her child. Mrs McNamee will be taking the class 4 days a week and another teacher for the other day, until the rest of the term.

Mrs Julie Lewis will be leaving Tregear PS in the next 2 weeks. She has been successful in obtaining a promotion as Assistant Principal to Bidwill PS. Before she starts at Bidwill PS next year, she is getting in an overseas holiday. Mrs Lewis has been at Tregear PS for almost 10 years and has done a number of wonderful things. She has taught all grades, reading recovery, reading on track, established the Early Development Centre, relieving Assistant Principal, songroom holiday program, recorder group, drumming group and recently a Literacy and Numeracy leader for Mt Druitt schools. Mrs Lewis will be hard to replace and Bidwill are very lucky to get her. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her career and thank her for her dedication to the learning of the students at Tregear PS.

Just a reminder if any families are intending to travel overseas or interstate before the end of term and during the Christmas holidays, and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2013, could you please notify the office in advance so that we can mark down the appropriate absence codes.

Richard Ford

### **Year 6 Farewell**

Just a reminder that the Year 6 Farewell is on Monday 10th December. Invitations will be distributed in the coming weeks. Please ensure to pay your \$20 to the front office by Friday 7th December.

### **Koori Time Excursion**

On Thursday 15th November, Koori Time, Terry, Martin and myself went on an excursion to the Waradah Aboriginal Centre in the Blue Mountains. The students participated in lots of fun and educational activities. They used ochre and left a handprint on the Welcome Wall, wore Aboriginal coloured bracelets, painted using signs and symbols, listened to a traditional talk and stories, and watched and participated in the emu and kangaroo dance. We all had lunch by the 3 sisters. We even had a sing a long on the bus. It was a great day, enjoyed by all who participated.

Miss Kiernan

It was really fun going to the Waradah Aboriginal Centre in Katoomba. We got to leave a hand mark for our school on the Welcome Wall. We made some stories in our paintings. I loved learning about the Aboriginal culture. We were taught how to play the didgeridoo. We were also taught about all of the spears and tools that they use. Then we saw some traditional performances. They got all the boys up to do the kangaroo dance followed by the girls doing the emu dance. We heard so many stories, like the Seven Sisters. Around the centre there were so many Aboriginal paintings and they looked really good. We even got to smell one of the traditional fires before they danced. We had a lot of fun in the bus too. I wish I was in Year 5 so I could go again next year.

Moana Tauveve



### **V8 Super Cars - Student Day**

On the Friday 30th November, Tregear Public School is lucky enough to be attending the V8 Supercar "Students on Track" day. Selected students will be travelling to Olympic Park to participate in activities and watch the V8 Supercar Drivers running their practise laps before the weekend competition. It is a highly entertaining day and students will also get the opportunity to converse with drivers. We will be leaving from St Marys train station at 8.22am. To those students attending who cannot get to the train station, please see Ms Kingi. We will arrange for transport from school to the station at 8.00am. Remember to bring a hat, lunch, recess and money if you would like to purchase merchandise. Cameras are not permitted on the day.

## Greening Australia

On Tuesday, the people from Greening Australia came to Tregear Public School and helped us start a bush tucker garden. We planted native plants such as a vanilla lily, kangaroo grass and many more. A native plant is a plant which is from Australia and an exotic plant is a plant from another country. Kris and Kate from Greening gave us instructions on how to plant them. The instructions were to pinch the bottom of the plants, then carefully pull it out. After that we had to dig a hole, finally you had to place the plant carefully in the hole and water it after. After that we got to eat some bush tucker.

*Jordan Mackin 5H*

## Kindergarten Enrolments

We have vacancies for kindergarten in 2013. If you know of any children who have not enrolled into a school, please come in and have a chat. We would love them to be a part of Tregear Public School.

## PSSA Volleyball

The Tregear Volleyball PSSA team has had a fantastic year and have made it into the grand final. The grand final will be played at Hassall Grove Primary School (Buckwell Dr) on Friday 23rd November 2012. There will be a Newcombe Ball grand final first which will be played at 3:45pm and the Volleyball grand final against Mt Druitt will begin at 4:30pm. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along and support the team.

## Awards

Congratulations to the following students who earned Principal Awards in the last 2 weeks:

Kindy: Edward Williams, Tinneka Jung, Hendrix Polutele, Ruth Simeon & Jarzae Mahara

Stage 1: Tillyuna Brown, Jasmine Deagan, Ella Evans, Maddy Fletcher-Whiting, Gianna Pecchiari, Maddie Phillips, Natalia Taggart & Bianca White

Stage 2: Trevor Adams, Tiesha Kershaw, Jack Phillips, Hayze Tauveve, Bush Toma Loi, Shania Warwick, Lorin Brown

Stage 3: Toma Matai Toma, Brock Anderson, Jessica Brewer, Leilani Chown, Chloe Gitt, Gemini Togatuki

## Scrapbooking

Everyone is welcome to come along and join our scrapbooking on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the school. There is a \$4.00 fee and you may bring your own things. If you have any enquiries, please contact Leanne Oxenbridge on 0434 648 752 or Di Beamer on 9628 6301.

## P&C News

Due to a Quorum not been met for the Tuesday 20th November meeting, the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December in the P&C room at 9.30am. Please come along for a cuppa and bring some new ideas.

## Breakfast Club – Help Needed!

Our Breakfast Club at Tregear Public School operates each morning from 8.30am to 8.50am in the Community Room. Good nutrition contributes to good health and academic achievement, and the students at our school benefit from the healthy breakfast available each morning. With the support of various organisations, we are fortunate to be able to provide this breakfast free of charge. We are also grateful to the parents and community members who give their time to prepare, serve and clean up in the breakfast club. However, we are desperately in need of more volunteers to help us. If you can spare an hour on any morning of the week and would like to help, please leave your name at the office.

## High School Transition Programs

The High School Transition Program has started for most High Schools. Please check with the High School your child is attending in 2013 for these dates. If you have not yet enrolled your child in a high school, you must visit the high school you intend to enrol your child at and fill in enrolment forms. These are no longer held at the Primary School. Feel free to contact the office and speak to Miss Booth or Mrs Pelesasa in regards to your high school options.

## Tregear Presbyterian Community Church

As some of you are aware, the Tregear Presbyterian Community Church offers free meals, and our final community meal will be on Wednesday 28th November. For further information please contact Rosemary on 0423 059 533 or Raymond on 0423 466 673.

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## Meal Deal - \$4.00

(Mon 26th Nov to Friday 30th Nov)

Sausage Roll

Juice Popper

TNT Ice Block