



Tregear Public School

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NEWSLETTER

6th December 2013

For your Calendar

- 07/12 - Presentation Day 9.00am
- 10/12 - Year 6 Farewell and Graduation Ceremony
- 11/12 - P&C Meeting - 9.30am
- 12/12 - Stage 2 Pool Day Warragamba
- 13/12 - Stage 3 Pool Day Warragamba
- 19/12 - Students Last Day
- 20/12 - Staff Development Day
- 21/12 - Staff Development Day & Staff Last Day
- 29/1 - Staff Development Day
- 30/1 - Students Return

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

Principal's Report

Welcome to the final newsletter for the year. What a great year it has been in every way. We have had increased results of students, many sports representatives, lots of positive feedback about our students fantastic manners and the way they represent the school on excursions, many community activities including TAFE courses, and great things happening in making the school look great.

My most memorable moment of the year was the way the community came together to support the Tregear Extravaganza. The night was a lot of fun and everyone was there due to their "want to help" raise money for the school. This raised a lot of money which enabled us to install a sound system in the hall and update the sound system under the cola.

Polynesian Day was exactly 2 weeks ago, and what a great day it was. We had more acts than ever and the variety of the acts showed what a multicultural event it has turned into. This year we also had parents performing with students. I would like to thank everyone who came to support the day from the community, extended families and the local schools who helped out. We were especially pleased to see ex-Tregear students from Chilfey College Dunheved perform and show the success they are having. Jacob Tawhi and Joe Logo are both year 10 captains this year and we are very proud of their achievements.



Last Tuesday and Wednesday, 48 Year 8 Northholm Grammar students came and spent time helping out with English and Maths lessons, and setting up a bush tucker garden, as part of a Kids Giving Back initiative. They worked with our school leaders to encourage reading with our younger students. The students were fantastic and are a credit to their school. They have great manners and a great work ethic too. Thank you to Northholm Grammar for these two wonderful days. Hopefully we might be able to give something back in the near future.

I was privileged to watch our Volleyballers in the final of the PSSA the other Friday. They played very well in a hard fought game only just going down in 2 sets to Mt Druitt. Both teams should be extremely proud of the great sportsmanship they showed throughout the match.



Last week our 2012 Coota Garang EDC students graduated and are now ready for big school in 2013. We hope they have a wonderful time at Tregear in their school lives.

Last week we had a number of students receive awards for their outstanding achievements this year. Angel Carter received the Chifley College Scholarship for year 7 next year and Bailey Hamlin, Taylan May, Kyle Terkildsen and Luke Terkildsen all received awards for representing Mt Druitt in Rugby League.

Don't forget Presentation Day is tomorrow. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students on this day. Well done to all the students who have tried their best this year. Also the Year 6 graduation and farewell is on next Monday.

With students growing up and not many new young families moving into the area, we have had a decline in enrolments this year. This, coupled with a drop in funding and teacher's returning from different leave means that a few teachers will be not with us next year. I would like to Thank Miss Daher and Mrs Tahu for all their hard work this year and the commitment they have shown to our students. We wish them all the best in the future and hope that we see them next year in some capacity.

We also have to say farewell to Ms McKechnie. Ms McKechnie has been at the school for a number of years now and has been responsible for our students engaging in technologies throughout their school time. She is a very respected teacher who has given a lot to the school and the community, and we thank her for the wonderful things she has been able to setup in the school. We wish her all the best in the future.

The last day of school this term is Wednesday 19th December. If you are going on holidays before that time, please let us know in advance so that we can keep these absences explained and exempted.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday break and that we all return next year ready to learn and move forward.

Richard Ford

Presentation Day 2012

Our School Presentation Day is tomorrow. This will begin at 9.30am in our School Hall. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to join us on this day. Come along and celebrate with us the achievements of our children. We look forward to seeing you all.

Year 6 Farewell

Just a reminder that the Year 6 Farewell is on Monday 10th December. Please ensure to pay your \$20.00 to the front office by tomorrow Friday 7th December.

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.

End Of Year Excursions

Next week most of our children will be participating in end of year excursions:

12th December - Wednesday, Stage 2 will be at Warragamba Pools, cost \$10.00.

13th December - Thursday, Stage 3 will be at Warragamba Pools, cost \$10.00.

14th December - Friday, K-2 will be out on their Movie Day - Richmond Regent Theatre, cost \$17.00.

Please bring your completed permission note and money to the office.

Polynesian Day 2012

On behalf of the Polynesian Committee we would like to say a huge thank you to all our School community. Polynesian Day has now been running for 6 years and every year it gets bigger and bigger. We were lucky to have performances from other countries which are always a delight to see. A big thank you to our local schools that came out to perform, it's nice to see when schools in our local area come together on such an occasion. Thank you to the teachers who brought the students out to perform. Our shared lunch is always a success, our families out do themselves and always donate a large amount of food. Our local businesses always get involved and we are extremely appreciative of their generosity:

Oxley Park Public School

Lethbridge Park Public School

Willmot Public School

Doonside Public School

Crawford Public School

Chifley College, Dunheved Campus

Donations received:

Baiada Chickens

Emerton Palm Pacific Shop

Paradise Island Shop

Blackett Petrol Station

Timms Island Shop

Marathon Meat House

Tregear Chemist

Tregear Nail and Beauty

Tregear Take Away Shop

Tregear IGA

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Congratulations to the winners of our raffle:

1st prize - Mrs Livingstone

2nd prize - Joanne El Moubayed KG

3rd prize - Hayley Gitt 1P

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.

Awards

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

Kindy: Petryisha Mino, Kybe Blayden & Jayda Greig

Stage 1: Harley Hudson, Faatali Vaiusu, Rozee Tauiliili, Fredrick Smith, Destiny Sione, Isabella Porter, Marissa Nepata, Elijah Mataale, William Atie & Jakobe Cochrane

Stage 2: Isszzc Harrison & Kasey Aftanas

Stage 3: Thomas Manson-Walker, Ethan Lane, Emileen Fowler, Sarah Clegg, Yarnosh Varga & Ryan Attard

Support: Kyle Warwick

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.

P&C News

The last P&C meeting for 2012 will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 9.30am in the P&C Community Room. We have a guest speaker who will be attending and sharing fundraising ideas. Please come along and share your ideas.

On behalf of Tregear Public School P&C, we would like to thank everyone who supported us throughout the year.

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking will be on again in 2013. All are welcome to come along and join in. It will be held on each Tuesday from 9.30am to 2.30pm with a small fee of \$4.00 at the school. Please contact Leanne Oxenbridge on 0434 648 752.

Leaving Your Child At Home Alone

Making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone>

Australian Government's Schoolkids Bonus Payment

The Australian Government is introducing an upfront cash payment to help families with the costs of education. Starting from the 1st January 2013, the Schoolkids Bonus will help eligible families with kids at school pay for education expenses. To be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus, you must either be a parent or carer who gets Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child. However, you need to let Centrelink know when your child starts school to start receiving the payment and when your child changes from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school payment. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid into the bank accounts of eligible families with kids in school every January and July. To find out more, please go to:

www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/schoolkids-bonus

Developing A Team Spirit

Team sports help kids to learn that things don't go their way all the time, and that they need to respect their peers. They also help kids with resilience and how to respond to setbacks. Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

Confidence In Public

Kids need to develop their skills for speaking in front of others long before their 21st birthday. If your tips for keeping nerves at bay during public speaking are limited to imagining your audience in their underwear, here is some advice to help your child prepare for their big moment in the spotlight:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

Summer Holiday Camps 4 Kids

CRU Camps is running 25 awesome Christian camps for kids in school Yrs 3-12 this summer holidays. Activities include: water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, dirt-biking, white-water rafting, horse riding, paint wars, craft, campfires, sailing, surf lessons, laser zone, abseiling, climbing, leadership training, new friends, stacks of laughs and much, much more. CRU Camps is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has 80 years experience running safe, Christian camps for kids. For more info and to register please visit cruamps.com.au or call (02) 9874 8933.



Meal Deal \$ 4.00

(Available from Monday 10th Dec to Friday 14th Dec)

**Cup of Hot Noodles (Chic, Beef or Oriental)
Flavoured Milk
Animal Pop Ice Block**



Thank you for ALL of the support in the recent Fruit/Veg promotion. This was very successful and popular with all students.

The Staff of Tregear Public School would like to wish all students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Safe New Year.

(Students return back on Wednesday 30th January 2013)
