



Tregear Public School

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NEWSLETTER

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For your Calendar

22/2 - PSSA

**28/2 - Support Unit Excursion -
Austinmer**

01/3 - PSSA

01/3 - Clean Up Australia Day

04/3 - Meet & Greet Afternoon

**05/3 - Vision Testing -
Kindergarten & EDC**

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

The end of week 4 is almost upon us and what a great couple of weeks it has been. The Kindergarten students have settled in well and lined up with the whole school fantastically this week.

All students have had a positive start to the year and I am very pleased with the standard of work that has been coming down to my office. The students are engaged and seemed much more switched on than previous starts of years.

Martin Galea, our GA will be leaving next Thursday to move to the country. Martin has been the fulltime GA at Tregear Public School for a while, as well as a Teacher's aide. Martin started working at Tregear over 7 years ago doing casual GA jobs which turned into permanent employment. He has been more than just a General Assistant, giving up his own personal time to help the school on a number of occasions, and has gained the respect of the students and the community in all that he did for the students of Tregear. We wish him all the best on his new chapter of life.

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned all the teachers and their roles so you could identify staff you needed. I forgot to mention that Mrs Walker is also doing Literacy support and RFF 3 days per week.

If there is ever a problem with your child, the first port of call is your child's classroom teacher and then the Assistant Principal of that stage, K-2 Miss Kingi, Years 3-4 Mrs Shortland, Years 5-6 Miss Booth and Support Mrs Plant. Many times parents are coming to the office to discuss with Mrs Pelesasa or myself something they should really be discussing with the teacher.

A new code of conduct will be coming shortly for anyone who rides skateboards, scooters or bikes to school. I ask that you sit down and go through with your child/children the code of conduct and sign, acknowledging it's content and message about safety. We have had many near misses outside the school with cars due to students not doing the right thing and being safe.

Social media such as Facebook is a major issue in schools with bullying. Students can be suspended from school from what they write on another person's page if it is linked to a school based issue. Students under 13 should not have a Facebook page due to them not being able to fully understand social interaction over the internet. If your child is being bullied or harassed on a social media site, block the person and report the person to the operators of the site. I encourage any parents to take a screen shot, "print screen" button, to gather any evidence they need before the comments are taken down.

PSSA starts tomorrow. The cost is \$4.00 per child for all students who travel by bus to a sport. AFL players must have a mouthguard to play, and will not be allowed on the field if they don't have one.

Just a reminder that the Car park is staff only. We have had many cars coming in and the safety of students is our first priority. If you come into the car park you will be asked to leave. The car park gates will be locked after 8.30 and will not be re-opened until 2.30.

It has been wonderful to go around to all the community groups using the school. We have the single parent group on Fridays doing training, the Horticulture group and scrapbooking on Tuesdays, and record attendance at playtime on Mondays and Fridays.

When your child is absent due to sickness or family reasons, they need to provide a note within **7 days** of the absence otherwise they will be marked as an unexplained absence. The more these build up, the more the home school liaison officer will want to talk with the parents and put students on attendance improvement programs.

Richard Ford

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten children have had a wonderful start to school. This week the children lined up with the whole school under the COLA. They were extremely well behaved and very settled. This will continue everyday (weather permitting) at 8.55am. The children also spent their first recess and lunch with the other students in Years 1-2 on the playground. It was nice to see the children interacting with other years in the school. A friendly reminder to parents, children are not permitted to play on the grass area without a hat. Please make sure your child comes to school with a hat.

Meet The Teacher BBQ

Meet the Teacher BBQ will be held on Monday 4th March in the afternoon from 3.15pm. Come along and meet with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you all.

Awards

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

Stage1: Ruth Simeon & Visessio Fonua

Stage 2: Kyle De Belin

P&C News

The P&C Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 9.30am in the P&C room which will be followed by the General meeting. The membership fee is \$3.00.

Tregear Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2013

Two students from each Stage 2 & 3 classes were elected by their peers last week to become SRC members. Being an active SRC member involves commitment and will provide participation and leadership opportunities. These students have already acknowledged that they want to represent student ideas and accept a variety of responsibilities throughout the year. Congratulations to all students who were elected as this year's Tregear School SRC members. They were presented with their badges at last week's morning assembly.

3N Kivanc Cakmakaya & Shaneque Hunter

3/4D Ella Evans & Troy Savage

4S Rhyanna Greig & Zack Sage

4K Phoebe Patterson & Jake Gregory

5K Nathan Jones & Jai Kennett-Greenacre

5/6H Kisepe Maafu & Laynee Buttriss

6B Braiden Kennett-Greenacre & Ally Patterson

3/6W Sandy Patterson & Kyle Warwick

2/6A Adam Burton

School Banking

The School Banking program gives an opportunity to teach kids money management skills they'll use for the rest of their lives. Parents simply need to open a Youthsaver account for them. Our School banking day is Tuesday. Children and parents are to bring their banking to the office by 9.00am.

To encourage good savings behaviour, School banking run a Rewards Program. Students will receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token every time they make a deposit to their savings account at school, regardless of the amount deposited. When they have collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exclusive Dollarmites reward items, including: a wallet, torch, handball, calculator, knuckles game, money boxes and headphones. The more tokens children save, the more reward items they can redeem during the year.

If you are interested in registering your child for school banking, Belinda from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school on Friday 1st March from 2.30pm to 3.30pm and Monday 4th March from 8.30am to 9.30am.



Friendships To Boost Your Child's Learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assignment Starters For The Arts

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts>

Helping Your Kindergarten Child Succeed At School

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech Problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development? Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Meal Deal

(from Monday 25th Feb to Friday 8th Mar)

Chicken Tender on a roll with
lettuce & Mayo
99% Juice Bomb Drink
Frozen Juice Cup

Also new to the canteen: Banana Bread \$2.00 per slice.
