



Tregear Public School

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NEWSLETTER

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For your Calendar

10/5 Mother's Day Raffle Drawn

10/5 PSSA

14/5 NAPLAN

15/5 NAPLAN

16/5 NAPLAN

20/5 District Cross Country

21/5 P&C Meeting 9.30am

22/5 Panther Trophy

22/5 Walkathon

23/5 to 30/5 Book Fair

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 back to a shorter term this term. Just because it is shorter doesn't mean we don't have a lot of wonderful things happening.

Firstly we have NAPLAN next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for year 3 and 5 students. Every year this scary word NAPLAN comes around and strikes fear into students. All we ask is that students try their best and that parents understand that this is a one off assessment. Teachers are continually assessing students using a variety of strategies to get a better picture of our students' work habits and abilities. As a father of a year 5 boy this year I know how our students can get anxious, I just ask my son try his hardest and that I will be proud.

The District Cross Country will be on Monday 20th May, P&C meeting on Tuesday 21st May, Walkathon and Panther Trophy on Wednesday 22nd May and the Book Fair in the Library starts on the 23rd May which runs for a week.

PSSA starts tomorrow and students should have already returned their notes. Please remember that students need hats, drink bottles and \$4.00 for the bus each week. Students will not be allowed to play for PSSA if the code of conduct is not signed or if the student receives a level 2 that week.

Last Thursday was our ANZAC Day ceremony. Again Charlie Lowles, Bill Belcher and Jim Maynard visited our service. Charlie said that of all the school ANZAC services he attends, Tregear is up there with the best. The students were very respectful and I was very proud of them. A thank you must go to all the parents who have raised such wonderful, well mannered, respectful children.

In the last Newsletter I stated that we had rung the Photo company to ask when the photos were arriving and they advised by the end of week 1. We have since rang and have been told that they will arrive by the end of week 3. Sorry for the inconvenience.

A number of students are still riding their bikes and scooters to school but failing to wear a helmet. Students will be warned and then be banned from riding if they are not wearing their helmets to school.

Please be reminded that if you are dropping off lunch etc for your child in class time that you come and report to the office first. This is a safety issue for students and the person entering the school, if there is ever an emergency.

Please be advised that students are not to bring mobile phones to school. In the instance that they are needed for after school arrangements, students can leave their phones at the office for pick up at the end of the day. The reason for this, in the school policy, is that phones have cameras these days and it is a privacy issue for other students.

I would like to congratulate the following P&C members voted into the P&C Executive at the Annual General Meeting last Wednesday.

President – Tania Bailey
Vice President – Kylie Beyrene
Vice President – Di Mullarvey
Treasurer – Julie Creed
Secretary – Georgie McCann

The P&C is a good place to go to get information about what is happening in the school and taking any concerns to them if you feel you cannot approach the office.

Richard Ford

Personalised Learning Plans - Aboriginal Students

It is a requirement that all Indigenous students in NSW schools have a personalised learning plan. This is a plan developed between the teacher, parent and student to agree on what the student will be working towards in their learning. In the next few weeks you may be asked to attend a meeting or have a meeting over the phone about your child. This is an important part of ensuring that we are working together to best meet the needs of our students.

Sports

PSSA starts again this Friday 10th May. It is \$4.00 for the bus per week and all students and parents must sign the code of conduct for their student to play. The Winter sports for term 2 and 3 are as follows:

Touch Football - Mr Hollins - Heber Park
Rugby League - Mr Ford - Whalan Reserve (mostly)
Netball - Miss Nielsen - Poppondetta Park
Soccer - Mrs Webb - Whalan Reserve

Congratulations to Taylan May and Malakai Neiufi for making it into the Sydney West Rugby League Teams.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten sport will now take place on a Wednesday. If you have a child in Kindergarten, please ensure that suitable footwear is worn each Wednesday.

NAPLAN

If your child is in Year 3 and 5 they'll sit NAPLAN tests on May 14th-16th. And despite what you may have heard, there's no need to panic or start an intensive study program with your child. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

Children will sit Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday. Wednesday will be the Reading Test and Thursday the Numeracy Test. All tests will take place in the morning session and we ask all students to be at school on time. Like previous years we will organise pancakes for the children's breakfast, this will be on Tuesday only. The two remaining day's children are welcome to go to the breakfast club.

Year 5 Entry To An Opportunity Class In 2014

If you would like to apply for an opportunity class placement for Year 5 in 2014 on behalf of your child, you can either:

*apply on the internet and submit your application online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

*or if you do not have internet access, complete a printed application form and return it to the school by Friday 17th May.

Please contact the school office if you require a application form or require more information.

Walkathon

Our K-6 Walkathon will take place in the school grounds on Wednesday 22nd May. Sponsorship forms were sent home this week with a selection of over seventy prizes to choose from. We hope all students and parents will support this fundraiser for our school by seeking sponsorship. Students who receive \$10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice (prizes can be viewed on the sponsorship form). The more sponsorship money raised, the better prize you can choose. Once the Walkathon is over on 22nd May, please collect the sponsorship money and return to school by Friday 31st May along with your prize request.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013

Stewart House envelopes were sent home last week. Your donations to this worthwhile charity supports the children who attend Stewart House each year from Public Schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a \$2.00 coin in the envelope and complete the entry details on the back, to enter for a draw for a \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. These need to be returned to the school by tomorrow Friday 10th May, to be eligible for the draw.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who earned Principal Awards since the last Newsletter:

Kindy: Marwa Amini, Jazmyne Daley, Graham Douglas, Madison Russell, Kimora Sene & Drew White.

Stage1: Aaron De Belin, Jarzae Mahara, Leah Mokofisi, Rachel Priestley-Lane, Hailey Thomas, Florence Tonga, Montana Cochrane, Taylah Mackin-Clark, Ronald Tuala & Gabrielle Grayda.

Stage 2: Ailiyah Simeon.

Stage 3: Bronty Brown, Laynee Buttriss, Kyle Gregory, Thomas Manson-Walker x2, Sussana Zaman, Lorin Brown, Kasey Aftanas & Ossie Momoh

Support: Rachel Shields, Arthur Shepherd, Liam Bush & Adam Burton.

Congratulations to the following students who earned Principal Medallions last Term:

Tillyuna Brown & Braiden Kennett-Greenacre.

School Banking

Win a share of the Dollarmites' treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving. First prize is a \$5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with \$500 spending money. Plus, the winning student's school will also receive \$5,000 to spend as they wish. What's more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid's Adventure Packs worth over \$700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter! For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit:

commbank.com.au/adventureisland

Things to know before you Can: NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/1306 . VIC Permit No. 13/476. ACT Permit No. TP13/645. SA Permit No. T13/307. Competition opens 15/04/13 and closes 5/07/13. First entry drawn on 23/07/13 from all entries received will win, and details will be published in the Public Notices section of The Australian on 2/08/13. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 13, Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/adventureisland

Assignments Due?

Is your child unsure how to work to a deadline? Teach them how to find the end date and work backwards to plan their preparation activities. These assignment starters on popular topics also help kids to kick-start their projects. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Fire Station Open Day

Kids could have their dreams come true and get to climb up on the big red truck. There will be activities, show bags and a chance for kids and their parents to meet their local fire fighting heroes on your local station's open day. Find out more:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Get The Maths On Risk-Taking

Kids can't cram maths, especially concepts half understood; the foundations must first be in place. Listen to broadcaster and maths fan Adam Spencer on loving maths for our kids' sake and what to do when it's all too hard. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>

Meal Deal - \$4.00

Pasta Bowl

(Macaroni & Cheese or Macaroni Bolognese)

Juice Popper

Zooper Dooper

(Don't forget to come back for your Ice Block)

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