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Term 1 Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,



WE'RE PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE
DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

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HARMONY WEEK

Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day. It was wonderful to see many community members join us for our assembly and share the learning that the students have engaged in as preparation for their Country Poster Presentation. Many thanks to the classes and students who presented special items.

Harmony Day/ Week demonstrates our continued focus on celebrating the rich diversity of backgrounds in our public schools and society. At Tregear Public School, we are very fortunate to have a culturally diverse school community. Our families come from 28 different countries. Many of these countries were researched and shared during the class presentation yesterday. Everyone belongs at Tregear and intolerance and racism have no place in our school.



Why orange? Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. It signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Tuesday 26 March

K-6 Morning Assembly

K-6 Combined Scripture Easter Service

Thursday 28 March

Easter/ Crazy Hat Parade and Week 9 Awards

Friday 29 March

Public Holiday- Good Friday

Monday 1 April

Public Holiday- Easter Monday



everyone belongs
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The parade will take place in the main assembly area under the COLA A at **9:30 am** and parents, carers and younger siblings are most welcome to come and watch the event. Refreshments will be located near the Office/ Canteen area.



There will be no Award Assemblies in Week 9 because of the Public Holiday on Friday 29 March. Awards will be presented throughout our Easter/ Crazy Hat Parade.

Wishing all of our Tregear families a Happy Easter and a great long weekend!
School resumes on Tuesday 2 April



Newsletter Update

As of Term 2, we will not be sending home a paper copy of our newsletter. Instead it will be posted on School Bytes and My Family Hand. Please ensure that you register for the School Bytes Parent Portal and My Family Hand Application ASAP to ensure you do not miss out on our school news in Term 2. Please refer to registration information provided on the next page.



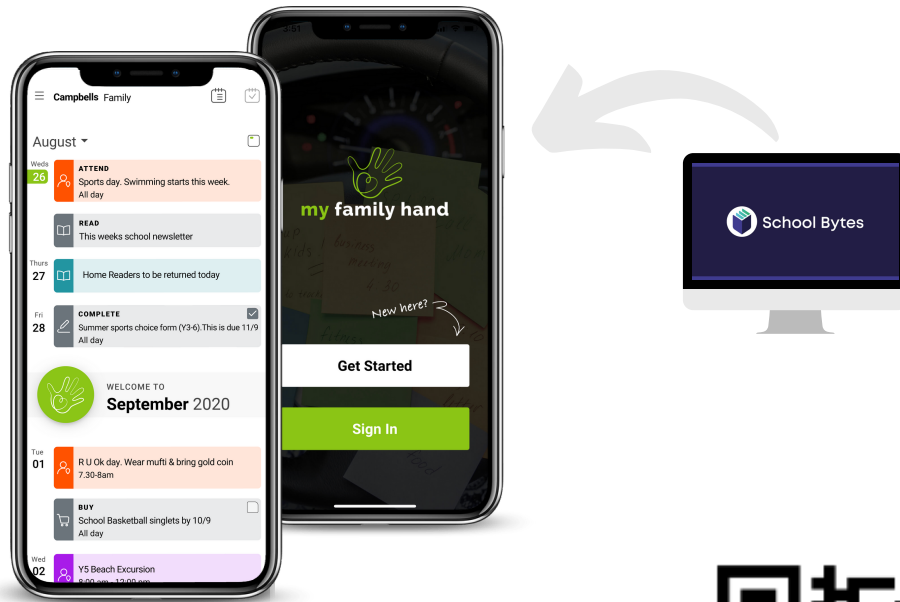
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How we communicate



Our parent app is My Family Hand. My Family Hand is your personalised school calendar organiser.



**REGISTER FOR
MY FAMILY HAND**

TAP OR
SCAN HERE



My Family Hand works with School Bytes



School Bytes is for absences, payments & permission

You must have a School Bytes Parent Portal account to access My Family Hand.

No School Bytes account? - register here

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>

Once registered with School Bytes, wait 24 hours to register for My Family Hand

Need Help?

Come to the School office
or email care@myfamilyhand.com.au



Communication with our school

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. We know that you play a crucial role in helping your child become a motivated learner. Communication between our school and our community is critical for us to partner together.

To give our teachers the opportunity to recharge, spend time with their families and bring their best creative selves to work, we are setting clear expectations for when and how they respond to communication outside school operating hours. This means teachers may not reply to non-emergency messages or emails outside of school operating hours.

Please use the school's email address (tregear-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) for non-emergencies in the first instance or via our School Bytes Portal. Our staff will respond to your queries **within 2 school days under normal circumstances**.

For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers directly, at a time that works best for everyone. It is expected that you will share concerns with your child's teacher or stage supervisor in the first instance.

For emergencies, please contact the School Office on 96286301. Emergencies include serious student health, safety and wellbeing issues.

Our staff will always stay in touch because open communication is what's best for your child and their education. We don't want you to stop communicating with your teachers – we still want to hear from you if you have any questions or need to discuss a matter about your child. We know it's often easier to send emails or messages after work or school. We will make sure we read and respond in school operating hours. Our dedicated teachers want to help our students achieve their best – we're on the same team.

Thank you for treating our staff with kindness and respect.

A reminder about student lunches

There has been a noticeable increase in parents and carers bringing food up for their children during the school day. This is causing disruptions to learning time and we request that you arrange your children's lunches prior to the start of school. Sincere thanks for your cooperation and support.

In order to minimise disruptions to learning, the following will occur should lunches be brought into the Office throughout the day:

- Students will be required to come up at the start of break time to collect their lunch. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child knows you will be bringing food up for them.
- Students will not be permitted to come and collect their food from the Office during class time.
- If a student has not collected their food by 2pm, they will be called to the Office.

Term 1 attendance

Currently we have **201 out of 355 students** achieving the goal of 85% or above attendance. Our focus is to increase the number of students maintaining the 85% attendance target. Please encourage your child to attend school each day in Term 1, unless they are unwell. Thank you to those parents who are using My Family Hand and School Bytes to notify the school of your child's absence.



Late to school

If your child arrives after our 9am bell they are considered late to school. The roll is marked immediately when the students enter the classroom. If your child has not entered with their class, they are deemed late. Students arriving after 9:15 must enter via our Office and have the late arrival recorded by staff before proceeding to class.

If your child has arrived after 9am (unaccompanied by a parent/carer), you will receive an automated message to inform you of their late arrival. For safety reasons, we need to ensure parents/carers know what time their child has arrived at school.

If a parent/carer has provided a reason for child's lateness on arrival at school, you will not receive a message. We cannot accept the reason provided by a student and are still required to send a message to their parent carer for explanation.

Our class attendance roll is a legal document, and it is important it accurately reflects the time a child is at school. There have been instances where the Department of Education has been requested to provide class rolls as evidence to support court proceedings involving incidents before or after school.

Regular late arrival does impact a student's learning and equals days of lost learning. It can be difficult for students to settle and begin their learning when they arrive late to school, as they miss their morning routine activities like the Welcome Circle.

Please reach out to the school if you have concerns regarding your child's attendance. We are here to support and ensure learning is maximized.

Minutes lost = days lost per year



A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

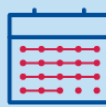


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

education.nsw.gov.au



Compulsory school attendance flyer



School Bytes – Android



School Bytes – Apple phones



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Dear PAX Family: A Note on Tootle Notes

This week your child started using Tootle Notes!

This is a strategy your child's teacher uses to help children learn to recognize the good and improvement in one another. Tootle Notes are written notes of thanks that model both showing and receiving gratitude and appreciation. Tootle Notes are a powerful strategy for improving peer relationships and acceptance.

Here are some areas of growth you will notice in your child right away:

- They will seek out and recognize others for the good they do.
- They will do less tattling on others.
- They will work with peers to resist bullying.

Here are some lifetime skills that your child will develop:

- They will develop strong peer connections that prevent emotional problems.
- They will voluntarily work toward group success.
- They will avoid impulsive or problematic choices.

Here are some questions you can ask your child about Tootle Notes:

- Who did you write a Tootle Note to today? What did they do that you wanted to say, "thank you" for?
- What did you get a Tootle Note for?
- Who do you think we should write a Tootle Note for together? Can you teach me how?

The PAX Good Behavior Game is an evidence-based practice that your child's teacher uses to not only improve the academic performance of all children, but also improve a host of lifetime outcomes including: increased graduation and college entrance rates, increased lifetime earnings, decreased risk for drug misuse, and decreased risk for mental, emotional, behavioral disorders. PAX increases the Peace, Productivity, Health, and Happiness in every community.

Visit www.paxis.org for more information about PAX as well as implementing PAX strategies at home and in the community!

Children who receive the PAX Good Behavior Game demonstrate significantly reduced risk for psychiatric disorders through adulthood.



Term 1 Tiger Pining Ceremony

Our Term 1 Tiger Pining Ceremony will be held during Week 11 **Wednesday 10 April**. This assembly will take place in our school hall. Parents and carers of students receiving a Tiger Pins this term will receive an invitation to attend.

Best Start Information for parents

Parents and carers of students in kindergarten will be receiving their child's Best Start Report TODAY. These reports inform you about what your child was able to do in their Best Start Assessment and the focus of their future learning.

Early in Term 2, we will hold an information session for our Kindergarten parents and carers to provide some suggestions and resources for ways they can help their child with literacy and numeracy at home.

Yours faithfully,
Olivia Tredoux
Principal





Chifley College
Dunheved Campus



Year 6 into 7 (2025)

Information Afternoon

Come along and meet our Principal and staff,
and see the opportunities that Chifley College
Dunheved Campus offers all students.



Wednesday 27th March



Session 1: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Session 2: 4.30pm - 5.30pm



School Library

Please confirm your attendance via the qr code
or call 9623 6600





PLAYGROUPS IN 2770!



MONDAY

Mission Australia Playgroup (0-5yrs)

9:30AM-11:00AM

Location: 28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt

Hellene: 0475 975 631

Donna: 0475 802 216

Gulyangarri Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: Willmot Community Hub

Aboriginal Play Sessions for families with children prior to school

Contact Linda: 0419 098 034

School Readiness

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: Yenu Allowah Mt Druitt

Must be going to Kindy next year to attend

Contact: 0429 623 159 or 02 8805 4800

Story Time for Preschoolers (3-5yrs)

10:30AM-11:00AM *School terms only*

Location: Mt Druitt Library

Contact Jaspinder: 8886 2000

WEDNESDAY

Mission Australia Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: Noumea Public School

Hellene: 0475 975 631

Donna: 0475 802 216

Stories Around the World (3-5yrs)

10:30AM-11:30AM

School terms only

Location: Mt Druitt Library

Contact Jaspinder: 8886 2000

Bidwill Busy Bees (0-5yrs)

9:30AM-10:30AM

Location: Bidwill Uniting

School terms only

Contact The Hive: 9628 8262

Young Mums and Bubs Group (0-5yrs)

10AM-2PM

Location: Babaayn Aboriginal Corporation Emerton

Open to young Aboriginal mums aged 16-25, pick up + drop off available depending on location.

Lunch provided

Contact Janaya: 0490 807 673

FRIDAY

Connected Beginnings Playgroup (GWAHS) (0-5yrs)

Location: Kimberwalli Whalan

Last Friday of every Month, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Morning tea provided, Child Health nurse onsite

Contact: 0439 092 446 to RSVP

Sing and Grow

10 AM - 11:30AM

Location: Mission Australia

28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt

10 AM - 11:30AM

Contact: 1800 436 436



FREE MONTHLY BOOK

For children aged 0-4.5 living in Bidwill, Lethbridge Park, Tregear and Willmot

Message The Hive on Facebook to register!



Sensory Playgroup (0-5yrs)

10:30AM-12PM

Location: Yenu Allowah Mt Druitt

Focus on children with sensory/additional needs, all families welcome

Contact: 0429 623 159

Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: Salvation Army

Lethbridge Park

Bring a hat, bottle and spare clothes

Contact Leah 0432 625 981

Sing and Grow

9:15AM - 10:30AM

Location: Madang Avenue Public School

Contact: 1800 436 436

TUESDAY

Gulyangarri Playgroup (3-5 yrs)

9AM - 2:30PM

Location: Shalvey Public School

Gulyangarri is FREE for all

Indigenous kids

*Parents need to stay at least 1/2 hour with the child & attend 'Yarning Circle' held twice a term

Contact Vickilee:

0419 098 034

Messy Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Location: Bidwill Uniting Hall

(Mission Australia)

Hellene:

0475 975 631

Donna:

0475 802 216

Baby Rhyme Time (0-2 yrs)

10:30AM - 11:00AM

School terms only

Location: Mt Druitt Library

Contact Jaspinder: 8886 2000

Tiny Teddies Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 10:00AM

Location: Emerton Public School

Contact: 9268 6367



THURSDAY

Community Junction Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: Lethbridge Park Public School

*Aboriginal Play sessions for families

Contact Linda: 0419 098 034 or linda@communityjunction.org.au

Sing and Grow

9AM - 10:30AM

Location: Hebersham Public School

*Bookings required, program is 8 weeks long

Contact Family Links: 0434 086 887

Playgroup in the Park (0-5 yrs)

9:30AM - 11:30AM

Location: Heber Park, Hebersham

School terms only

Contact: Kelly at 0409 187 516

Baby Rhyme Time (0-2 yrs)

10:30AM-11:00AM

School terms only

Location: Mt Druitt Library

Contact Jaspinder: 8886 2000

Family Connections

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: Yenu Allowah Mt Druitt

Contact: 0434 086 887, BOOKING REQUIRED

To the best of our knowledge, this information is up to date and correct.

- If you are aware of any mistakes or would like to share info on a new playgroup, please let us know
- Most playgroups do not operate within the school holidays
- If you would like any more information, or to generally chat about other early learning options in the community, call or text The Hive: 0406 579 297, Facebook Message: @thehivemtdruitt

What's on in Tregear!

MONDAY

SDN Playlinks (0-5 yrs playgroup)

Free playgroup, all are welcome

When: 10AM - 12PM *Runs during school terms*

Where: Tregear Community Centre

Contact: 1300 831 445

Free English class

When: Weekly during school terms only, 9:30AM-11:30AM

Who: Anyone wanting to improve their English

Where: Mission Australia, Building B, 28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt 2770
Contact: Diane @ 0431 685 724



TUESDAY

Weekly free coffee and hot chocolate

When: 7:45AM-8:45AM

Who: Preschool parents, children, community
Where: Tregear Presbyterian Preschool, entrance via Shackleton Ave

Fortnightly free coffee and hot chocolate

When: 8:30AM-9:45AM,

Even weeks of the school term

Who: Anyone welcome

Where: Nunatak Lane, Tregear

Craft Morning or Time Out on Tuesday

What: TOOT - free tea/coffee & chats, Craft Morning - craft, tea/coffee, chats

When: alternate Tuesdays, 10AM-12PM

Where: Tregear Presbyterian Church,

117 Ellsworth Dr, Tregear

Tregear Together

What: community meetings

When: 1st Tuesday of the month, 1PM-2:30PM

Where: Tregear Public School

Contact: Emma @ 0416 016 997



WEDNESDAY

Free coffee and hot chocolate

When: 8:45AM-9:45AM

Who: Preschool parents, children, community

Where: Tregear Presbyterian Preschool, entrance via Shackleton Ave

FRIDAY

Tregear Youth Group

For kids in Years 6-8

When: 9th Feb, 23rd Feb, 8th March, 22nd March, 5th April

6:30-8:30PM

Where: Tregear Presbyterian Church, 117 Ellsworth Dr, Tregear

Contact: Lyn @ 0413020827



**NEW
EDITION
AVAILABLE
NOW**

DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content.

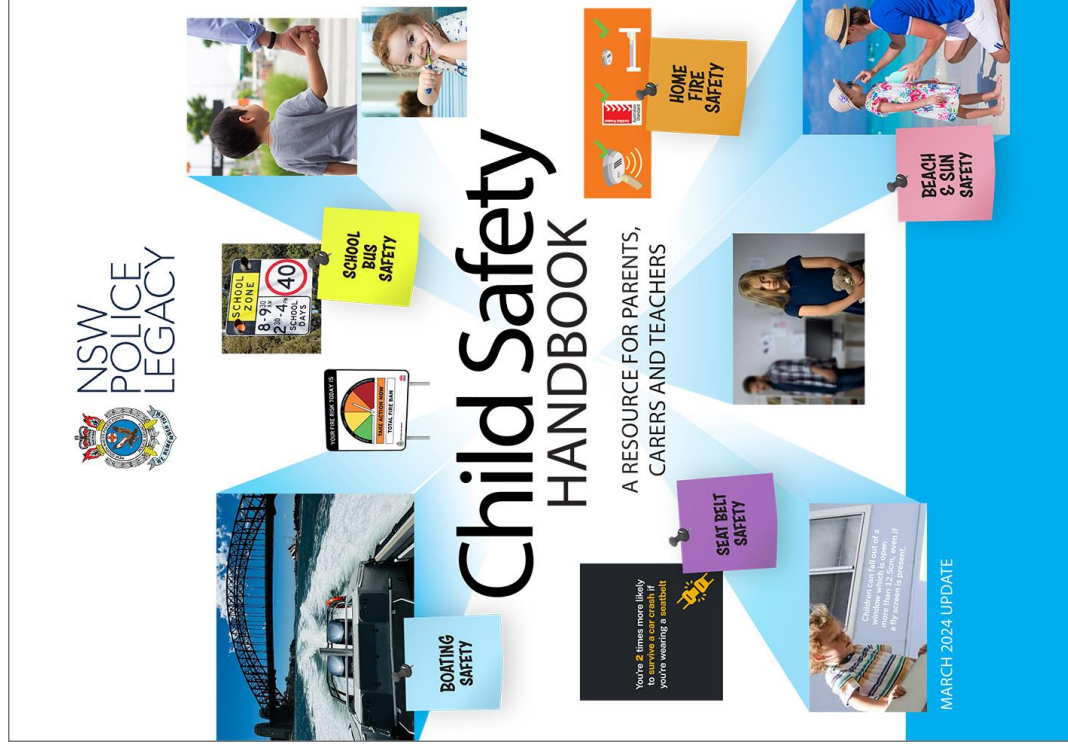
We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:



[Visit the Child Safety Hub](#)

[Read the Child Safety Handbook](#)



Carer Gateway

Do you provide support to mob and friends who are navigating health challenges, living with a disability or are elders in need of assistance?



In Western Sydney, **Carer Gateway** has teamed up with **Yarning Crescent** to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers:

- **an introduction to the services available on Carer Gateway**
- **an invitation to a very special, free overnight retreat in Western Sydney**

The retreat will embrace cultural connections, holistic wellbeing and the strength of community supports. Carers within Blacktown, Parramatta, Cumberland and the Hills local government areas are eligible to attend.

Find out more at one of our information sessions

Wednesday 20 March | Tuesday 26 March

Morning session 10am

Lunch 12.30pm

Arvo session 1:30pm

Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Family Centre
1 Luxford Rd, Mount Druitt, NSW



Scan the QR code to register

To contact Yarning Crescent:

Phone: (02) 8005 6111

Email: info@yarningcrescent.com.au

Website: www.yarningcrescent.com.au

Limited spots available

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Please note: Carers include parents caring for children with health challenges and disabilities