FROM THE FRONT DESK

Principal’s Message
The last three weeks have flown by. Many of you will have noticed that our office block and courtyard is currently being renovated. The administration area will now be located at the back area of the block. Please follow the signs placed around to help you find it. I am expecting the work to be completed by the end of this term ready for 2016. In addition to the office being renovated, the female toilet block in the Primary area is currently being painted and refreshed. This should be open soon.

I continue to be impressed with the quality of the learning programs and work being carried out by teachers and students. As I visit rooms I find children are being challenged, engaged and motivated by quality teaching and learning activities. Recently, colleagues from two schools have visited Tregear to speak with staff and to observe the quality programs we have on offer here. A huge credit to the staff and students of Tregear PS.

Student Welfare
Some parents may have noticed that I am working with a few students, who find self-discipline a challenge. With the strong support of parents and classroom teachers we are beginning to make some headway with those children. A couple will return permanently to their classes by the end of the week (with ongoing monitoring). Specialist programs, including the ‘quiet chill out room’, are being administered and monitored by the teachers to provide alternatives for children who experience difficulties managing playground behavior. I thank all teachers, for making these opportunities possible.

Please remind your child about playing safely and respectfully at Tregear PS.

Safety Procedures
An evacuation practice will be held soon. These practices ensure that we are ready should a real emergency occur.

I have also been instructed to ensure that all gates are locked during the day to help keep our school safe and secure. The exception being the front gate opposite the admin block. This gate will remain open all day.

School Audit
A member of the Auditor General's office conducted a full audit of school finances, processes and practices last week. Whilst we have some small procedures to ‘tweak’ overall our school performed well. A special thanks to Mrs Nancy Ellul, School Administration Manager, Ms Kim Pirker and Mrs Lisa Main, school administration officers and Mrs Pelesasa and the executive team for the work they did during and before this audit.

Please check the calendar for important dates and events to follow this term.

Have a great fortnight,
Derek Danby
PRINCIPAL
2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. It is important to get in early, so that we have your current information on record for our Kindy orientation lessons. If you have any concerns or questions about your child coming to school next year, please feel free to come to the school and organise a time to discuss any issues with Mr Danby or Mrs Pelesasa.

Mobile Dental Clinic
The Mobile Dental Clinic arrives this afternoon. This will begin on Tuesday 10th November, if your child has returned their permission note they will see the dentist between Tuesday and Friday. Please see Mrs Pelesasa for further information.

Koori Time Excursion
The students who have participated in Koori Time this year will be attending an excursion to Waradah Aboriginal Education Centre on Tuesday 17 November. This excursion is a celebration and a consolidation of the learning that has been achieved this year. Students will participate in art workshops, cultural talks and have the opportunity to watch and engage with traditional Aboriginal dances. Please remember to return the signed permission note to Miss Kiernan before the day of the excursion.

Polynesian Day
Our 10th Anniversary Polynesian Day is fast approaching. This year’s celebration will be just as big and bright like every year. We are lucky to have our local schools involved and also some new performances. Food Donations are always welcome and some students have been sent out notes. If your family has not received a note and you would like to donate, please see Mrs Pelesasa.

Attendance
Education is very important as we all know. We know that you want your children to do well at school so that they can make good choices in life. However, if they are missing days at school and/or arriving late and leaving early, their chances of success are hindered. Please make sure your child attends every day and is here on time.

Obviously, there may be times when attendance is not possible so we ask you to make sure you send a note or medical certificate to his/her teacher about this. If you need to take your child out of school, even for one day, you must inform the office. Any prolonged unexplained absences will be followed up with phone calls and unfortunately have to be reported if considered too many. Some may have noticed notes being sent out for days when your child is absent, please return these back to school explaining why your child has been absent or attach a medical certificate.

Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have earned Awards in the past few weeks:

Principal Awards
Kindergarten:

Stage 1:
Samani Loto, Riley Butler Paterson, Amelia-Rose Kuhnert, Tannaya Moore, Andrew Iakopo, Robert Vakauta & Khaled Moubayed.

Stage 2:

Stage 3:

Support:

Assembly Awards
Infants:
Citizenship:
Healing Richardson, Hafatavarainis Tavana, Brendan Reid, Elise Moore, Darnell Kershaw, Dakotah Hurrell & Larrah Garlett.

Numeracy:
Sam McCarthy, Fadilla Arja, Ben Carson Womal, Chelsea Cooper, Abigail Bunn, Elvina Leasi & Riley Butler Patterson.

Literacy:
**P&C News**
The P&C Executive Members @ 28th October 2015 are:
President: Georgie McCann, Vice Presidents: Diane Mullarvey, Secretary: Gwendalyn Jackson & Treasurer: Vacant.

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**Meal Deals**

(Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November)

**Meal Deal 1 - $4.50**
Chicken, lettuce & Mayo Sandwich
Juice Popper
Fruit Cup

**Meal Deal 2 - $4.50**
Cheese Burger
Slushie

(Monday 16th November to Friday 27th November)

**Meal Deal 1 $4.50**
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich
Small Water
SPC Fruit Pouch

**Meal Deal 2 $4.50**
Party Pies
Juice Popper
Icy Mony

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**Blacktown Council Writing Contest**
Congratulations to Chenoa Haining and Rhyanna Greig, two of the 10 winners of Blacktown Council’s Year 6 Sister Cities Writing Contest. The girls were presented with a certificate and a double movie pass from the Mayor of Blacktown at last nights presentation night. The school was also presented with a $200 cheque to purchase resources.