FROM THE FRONT DESK

Principal’s Message

9 down and 2.5 to go…

Teachers are busy writing reports at the moment and preparing for the end of year festivities and celebrations.

Polynesian Day

From all accounts the day was a HUGE success. Thank you to Mrs Pelesasa, her many helpers and the community for making the 10th Polynesian Day one to remember.

Children’s comments:

‘I loved the food.’ Rory

‘It was great seeing my sister dance.’ Junior.

‘I enjoyed seeing Mr Ford again.’ Katelyn

‘OMG…the best day’. Jack

After School

A reminder that children are to walk straight home after school each day. It was disappointing for me to find out that some of our students have been loitering around the local shops and making themselves a public nuisance after 3pm each day. Children are to report straight home at 3pm.

Christmas Hampers

Today the ‘Sathya Sai International Organisation Australia’ NSW delivered over 90 Christmas hampers to be distributed to families in need this Christmas. A big thanks to the organisation for their support of the school. The school executive will distribute the hampers soon.

Northholm Grammar School

Wow!! Our grounds look amazing. Last week our school grounds were given a makeover by the Year 10 students of Northholm Grammar School. From painting to weeding to establishing new orchard beds I am amazed by the generosity of Northholm in making our grounds superb for our students and community. Take a look next time you are in the school grounds and check out their work. You too will be amazed.
Smith Family
On the 23rd November, I met with representatives of the Smith Family and learnt how to access additional support for some of our children and families. I thank the Smith Family for all that they do for the Tregear community.

Staffing
I have just finalised staffing and classes for 2016. Tregear will have a similar structure to this year and will welcome some new teachers to our school for the start of 2016.

Reading Recovery
Congratulations to Mrs Gosper who has successfully completed the Department of Education’s Reading Recovery training. Reading Recovery focuses on ensuring that our students in Year 1 with reading difficulties receive the support to overcome them. Thank you Mrs Gosper for the work you do in helping our students read.

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

Enjoy the fortnight,
Derek Danby
Principal

Tafe - Mt Druitt
Year 6 students will be attending Tafe - Mt Druitt campus on Tuesday 1st December to participate in a range of course activities that is offered by Tafe. The purpose of the visit is to give the students an awareness of what Tafe offers as a tertiary provider in the hopes that students may develop an idea as to what they want to do when they leave school and chose subjects in High School accordingly.

Tregear's Got Talent Finale
It's time again for our students to showcase their talents. Join us in the school hall from 11.30am on Wednesday 2nd December.

2016 Leadership Speeches
Speeches for our 2016 Leadership will be held on Friday 4th December in the school hall. Please come along to support our future leaders.

Variety Club Christmas Party
Our Support classes have been invited to attend the Variety Club Christmas Party on Tuesday 8th December. There is no cost for this excursion, however permission slips must be returned by Friday 4th December in order for your child to attend. Students MUST be at school by 8.30am.

Stage 3 Luna Park
Stage 3 end of year excursion will be held on Tuesday 8th December. This year we are excited about going to Luna Park in the city. The cost of the excursion is $32 which includes unlimited rides for the day. We are very thankful that the school is covering the cost of the bus in order to allow more students to be able to attend. We are hoping ALL Stage 3 students will make the most of this opportunity and come and spend the day with our Stage 3 teachers to celebrate a fantastic year of learning.
Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
We will be having our Year 6 Graduation assembly on Monday 14th December at 10am in the school hall. Parents and families are welcome to attend. At the conclusion of the graduation ceremony students will be allowed to leave and prepare themselves for the Farewell later that day.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Rooty Hill RSL on Monday 14th December. Due to the amazing fundraising efforts of our Stage 3 students this year, we have been able to reduce the cost of the farewell significantly and it is $15. Students can begin arriving from 5pm for a 5.30 start and the Farewell will end at approximately 9pm. Please contact Ms Kingi for any queries or concerns.

First Foot Forward Academic Challenge
Last Tuesday, four Stage 3 students (Elisha Oliveros, Faatali Vaiusu, Kalisha Tauilili, and Adaman Singh) were fortunate enough to attend the annual First Foot Forward Academic Challenge that was held at The University of Western Sydney (Parramatta) Campus. Students competed against seven other schools in the Sydney metropolitan area. The challenge was designed to provide young students with the chance to compete in a fun and inclusive activity, challenging their academic skills. Students competed in challenges such as: On The Spot (impromptu public speaking), Hot Seat (mathematical challenge), Creativity Crave (Drama/acting) and Bear The Load (engineering and building a bridge). The students did really well in all activities and managed second place in the engineering category. What a great day it was for all. Well done!

Sydney Writers’ Festival
On Friday 20th November I went to the Writers’ Festival with 15 other students. We went to the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith. It was going to be an amazing time. We waited inside and then went into the auditorium. I was extremely excited to see the authors speak on how they became excellent writers and how they come up with their stories. Our host for the day was Tristan Bancks. Tristan Bancks is a wonderful author who writes a lot of books such as My Life series, Two Wolves and an American version called On the Run. The other authors we saw were Robert Hoge, Emily Rodda, Gus Gordan and Sally Rippin. They all gave us advice on how to write a story of our own. They said to write a good story you need experience and imagination. I will always remember this when I write. My favourite part of the day was getting to meet the authors in real life and to get the chance to get an autograph and buy their books.

Destiny Sione.

On Friday 20th November I went to the Sydney’s Writers’ Festival at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. We met 5 authors and Illustrators eg: Tristan Bancks who wrote Two Wolves, Robert Hoge who wrote Ugly, Emily Rodda who wrote Deltora Quests and Sally Rippen who writes the Billie B Brown series. It was really cool to hear about their writing strategies. In the end I enjoyed it and recommend it to others.

Jack Phillips.
Polynesian Day
We were once again provided with a beautiful day to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. It’s hard to think we started this in 2006 in celebration of the diverse cultures within our school. It has quickly spread to celebrating the cultures in our wider community with the invitations to our local schools.

We would like to thank:
Bidwill PS, Noumea PS, Doonside PS, Shalvey PS, Gary Stirling, United Dance Group, Annie Loto, 3/4L Dance Group, Street Family, Linda Vaimasanuu, Oceania Entertainment and our very own Tregear Dance Groups. Without the entertainment it is very difficult to organise such a successful day. To our staff, parents and community for the donation of our delicious food, a special mention also to Blackett Foods for their continual support, we thank each and everyone of you.

Faafetai Faafetai Lava.

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

Principal Awards
Kindergarten:
Drazik Sutton, Mele Ahio, Akeisiah Time, Jake West, Rasgur Mann, Brendan Reid, Jordan Ioane, Benjamin Carson-Womal, Cooper Tighe-Kennedy, Tyler Turton, Harrison Neville x 2, Zavian Tuaru, Hafatavaranis Tavana, Cooper Reid, Healing Richardson & Kaden Weston.

Stage 1:

Stage 2:

Stage 3:

Support:
Bella Murry, Michael Keir, Lance Cummings, Tony Jeans & Dylan Hill.

Assembly Awards
Years K - 2:
Citizenship:
Rory Kennett-Greenacre, Johnathon Tai, Andrew Iakapo, Rhiannan Bullock, Harrison Neville & Destiny Pelasio.

Numeracy:
Karrington Twentyman, Maurice Brown, James Ryan, Caitlyn Green, Marwa Amini & Drazik Sutton.

Literacy:
Zakariya El Moubayed, Annie Loto, Robert Vakauta, Leilani Kershaw, Rasgur Mann & Jordan Ioane.

Assembly Awards
Years 3 - 6:
Citizenship:

Numeracy:

Literacy:

1st December to 11th December

Meal Deal 1 - $4.50
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Pop Top Juice & Zooper Dooper

Meal Deal 2 - $4.50
Hot Dog with Sauce, Flavoured Milk & Zooper Dooper