FROM THE FRONT DESK

Principal’s Message
Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2015. The first few days seem like a blur and all the students are straight back into the swing of things.

Our Kindergarten started on Thursday and Friday and they have settled in well. Many other Kindergarten students around have not started yet as they are doing Best Start. We believe that it is more important for the students to get comfortable with the other students, teachers and the school before we commence Best Start assessment.

We are lucky enough to have a Forensic Science show for stage 2 and 3 next Monday 9th February. The students will be engaged in creative thinking and problem solving activities. There is no cost for the students.

As discussed at the end of the year we have grouped our classes into stages (composite classes). Although many people are apprehensive about the idea the teachers sat down and decided it was the best option for students in the school to reach their full potential. The syllabuses we follow are also broken into stages that correlate to our classes.

There might be a little reshuffle based on the enrolment figures but at present there is nothing to change class structures.

Teachers for classes are as follows:

KF - Mr Fogg
KV - Mrs Vigneswaran (Miss McNamee on Mondays)
K/1D - Mrs Deguara (Assistant Principal)
1/2M - Mrs Marszal
1/2R - Miss Rogerson (Assistant Principal)
1/2W - Mrs Walker (Miss Bray on Fridays)
3/4B - Miss Booth (Assistant Principal)
3/4K - Mrs Kitching
3/4L - Mrs Langi
3/4V - Miss Vidler
5/6A - Mrs Ali
5/6F - Mrs Filipo
5/6K - Miss Kingi (Assistant Principal)
5/6P - Miss Prakash
K/P - Mrs Plant (Assistant Principal)
3/6D - Mrs Deagan
3/6K - Miss Kiernan
Library - Miss Blue
ESL/RFF - Mrs Marin
Reading Recovery - Mrs Gosper
RFF/Support - Mrs McNamee, Mrs Connolly, Ms Willis, Miss Bray, Ms Lahoud & Mrs Webb.

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: 1300363778
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We are looking at introducing Peer Support. This is where year 5 and 6 students run groups with younger students about school life. It is a great opportunity not only for the responsibility for our stage 3 students but for all students to build relationships and help each other out.

Just a reminder that if you or your child have any issues arising from school that the best person to speak to is your child’s teacher. It is also best if you make an appointment as sometimes it is hard for them to talk at morning assemblies and after school if they have meetings. The teachers at the school are very approachable and have the best interests of the students at heart. We need to all work together to bring the best out of our kids and give them the best possible start to school life. If there is a bigger issue that needs to be dealt with then the first person you speak to is the Assistant Principal of the Stage. These people are recognised on the front of the Newsletter.

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For those that are new to the school, the best way to have a heads up for what is happening at the school is to either download the free School App from the online stores or like our Facebook page, Tregear Public School "Official Page".

A note will go home shortly about the Swimming Carnival and what your role might be in getting times etc. Due to the lack of interest and the rising cost of buses and pool entry, we ask that you be prepared to take your child to the pool and time them for events they are interested in.

Ever wondered what teachers do on Staff Development Days?
This year we were lucky enough to have Sue Larkey, an expert on accommodating for students who are Autistic, Aspergers and teachers who have students in their class with additional needs.

In our School Hall we had all of the staff from William Dean PS, Walters Road PS and Plumpton PS. We also had teams from Lethbridge Park PS, Emerton PS, Hebersham PS and Bidwill PS.

The training was very valuable and we could all see students in our school benefitting from some new strategies we have learnt about.

We have had the Netball Court that separates the infants and the primary playgrounds resurfaced through the maintenance budget. It was a hazard with the cracks that had happened over the years and now it is looking great. We have also set aside some money to paint lines on the court and upgrade the hoops to Basketball/Netball interchangeable goals.

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28th January to 13th February

**Meal Deal 1 - $4.50**
Salad Sandwich, Small Bottle Water & a Piece of Fruit

**Meal Deal 2 - $4.50**
Pizza Slab, Juice Popper & Sea Salt Crisps