FROM THE FRONT DESK

**Principal’s Report**

Welcome to the last newsletter of the term. When we look back it has been an action packed term already.

The athletics carnival was a great success. Although there were a few injuries, all the students seemed to have a good time and most students tried to compete in each race. We had students that tried their best and just when they looked like giving up they strived even harder and did very well. I would like to commend the sportsmanship shown by all of the primary students. At one stage when a race had been completed by most of the students, the crowd in the stand stood up and cheered for a student who was determined to finish. Even though they knew the race was over their positive encouragement was a wonderful sight. Another memorable moment was when a student fell during a race and the student coming third stopped and waited for the girl to see if she was alright, she waited until a teacher came over and helped the girl and then continued the race. This was a true show of sportsmanship.

The Books in Homes assembly was held last week. We had our most famous ambassador yet, Steve Liebmann. He brought the first book he remembered owning as a child. It was a little golden book which was 66 years old and he received it in Kindergarten. The students have been so respectful through our Books in Homes assemblies and they have been very grateful when receiving their books. We hope that their excitement about reading continues.

The 15th Harmony Day was also a great success. The students dressed up in orange and cultural attire, and the students ran the assembly well. I was so impressed at the way the students, teachers and parents came together to sign ‘I am Australian’.

The P&C AGM was not able to go ahead due to a small number of people attending. The AGM has been moved to Term 2. The P&C do a great deal around the school and it would be a shame if some of the wonderful things that they do stopped. Without members coming to the meetings, the P&C are not able to vote on decisions about upcoming events Eg: Mother’s Day stall and Father’s Day stall. Attending some meetings is the only commitment required at the moment.
Just a reminder that the best way to get real time updates is to either like us on Facebook or download the school APP from one of the APP stores. We try and put information up about the upcoming events and real time information about excursions.

Life Education visits will start day one next term Tuesday 21st April. These visits will take place over the first 3 weeks. This is a wonderful experience for the students and it is a lot cheaper as the buses are subsidised for us.

The SRC have been very active and have had a meeting with myself in the last few weeks. We talked about what students want in the school, where the school is headed and how to make Tregear Public School a great place. Some of the suggestions raised shows how mature our students are in relation to their school and their learning. These meetings will continue throughout the year to provide the student voice in the direction of the school.

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 1st April in the morning. K-2 students and all students who have made a hat in years 3-6 will be able to attend. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Parade.

Also on that afternoon will be our first K to 6 Term Awards Ceremony. This will be the first time we have done an end of term assembly. After discussing with students, students thought it would be better to be recognised throughout the year not just the end of the year. Students will be awarded for consistent effort, most improved, values award and attendance awards. To date we have about 105 students who have had over 95% attendance which is about a third of the school.

School resumes for students in Term 2 on Tuesday 21st April. Please note that changes to the Department’s Attendance Policy means that students can no longer be exempt for holiday travel during school terms.

Richard Ford

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. Please make sure you are returning letters if your child has been absent from school.

Staff Car Park and School Gates

Our Staff Car Park is only to be used by Staff and Special Transport. It can become an extremely dangerous area when children are running through to get picked up. The walk in back and shop gates will now be locked between 9.00am - 9.30am. They will remain locked for the entire day and opened at 2.45pm. The front walk in gate will be the only access for parents to enter the school. Please be mindful of the times. The gates have been closed for the safety of the students in the school grounds. We appreciate your support.

Year 6 Shirts

We have been advised that the Year 6 shirts should arrive by the end of this term. The balance is due by Wednesday 1st April and shirts will only be handed out once full payment is received.

Stage 3 PDHPE Program

Next Term Mt Druitt Tafe students will be visiting Tregear Public School every Tuesday to run a PDHPE program with Stage 3 students. This program compliments the Stage 3 syllabus outcomes. A note will be going home shortly. If you do not wish your child to participate in the program please sign the bottom of the note and return it to the office before the end of Term 1 Thursday 2nd April. The program commences on the first day back at school in Term 2 Tuesday 21st April and all students will attend unless they have returned the note to be excluded.

Stage 3 Camp

We had a fantastic response for the Expression of Interest forms for our Canberra camp. At this stage approximately 55 students have conveyed they would like to attend the camp. Early next term we will send out the camp costs and a payment plan option for families to begin making contributions towards the camp.

High School Forms

Thank you to all those who have returned the High School enrolment forms. Parents please note that if forms are not returned to us here at the school it will be your responsibility to approach the intended High School for enrolment in 2016. If you are yet to return your forms, please do so as soon as possible.

Uniform Prices

We have attached a new Uniform price list which will be effective from the beginning of Term 2. You may find there has been a small increase in some of the items.

P&C News

The P&C Annual General Meeting has been postponed to Term 2 on Tuesday 28th April at 9.30am in the P&C Community Room. This is the meeting where all office bearers step down and then voting is cast for the Executive of the P&C. Only financial members can vote or be elected. If you wish to participate the membership is $3.00. You still have time to join.
**Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Awards in the last 2 weeks:

**Principal Awards**

**Kindergarten:**
Myah Whyte.

**Stage 1:**
Mele Ahio, Finau Afu & Marwa Amini.

**Stage 2:**
Florence Tonga, Isaiah Sage, Ebony Debono, Donald Knight, Maddie Phillips x 2, Tillyuna Brown, Destiny Sione, Brock Aftanas, Bailey Lumsden & Noah Green

**Stage 3:**
Tavonya Samuelu Mamea, Tanvir Zaman x 2, Jacob Black, Tarkan Calay & Shailah Cicala-Huthmann.

**Support:**
Timothy McKechnie, Michael Keir, Abdallah Ahmed, Blake Flannery, Cody King, Justin Esekielu, Bella Murry, Jackson Wilson, Dayzie Ahmad, Joel Hazell, Jye Davis & Travis Soltani.

**Assembly Awards**

**Years 3 - 6:**

**Citizenship:**

**Numeracy:**
Leah Mokofisi, Tim Howard, Ronald Tuala, Daryus Sione, Jack Mullarvey, Claire Peterson, Tevita Tai, Xander Harrison, Jessica Moss & Tarkan Calay.

**Literacy:**
Junior Vaimasaniu, Mia Rose Mataale, Ciel Dennis, Bianca White, Isaiah Sage, Dayzie Ahmad, Megan Stedman, Hassan Moubayed, Cameron Gregory & Courtney Tai.

**Tregear Presbyterian Community Church**

As some of you are aware, the Tregear Presbyterian Community Church offers free meals. For further information please see the attached brochure or you may wish to contact them on 0425 236 601.

**Practise To Be A Journalist**

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. Please visit: [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

**Safetytown Website – A Road Safety Education Program**

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details please visit: [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

**Head Lice**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits: [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

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**Meal Deal 1 - $4.50**

Salad Wrap, Small Bottle of Water & Zooper Dooper

**Meal Deal 2 - $4.50**

Hot Dog with Sauce, Juice Popper & Push Pop Ice Block