Welcome back to school. The start of Term 2 has already started with Life Education excursions, TAFE youth work students working with students and ANZAC day.

Firstly let’s look back to the end of Term 1. In the last week we had our eggs-cellent and eggs-citing Easter Hat Parade. The students did a great job with their costumes and there were some original ones this year. I think this year was my first ever experience with a Minecraft Easter hat.

We also had our end of term assembly. This was a great success and it was fantastic to see students get rewarded now, for their hard work instead of waiting until the end of the year. We hope to continue this every term.

This term is already shaping up to be a busy one. We have Life Education on Tuesday 28th April, Wednesday 29th April and Monday 4th May. PSSA starts this Friday 1st May which includes Rugby League, Touch Football, Netball and Soccer. On Monday 4th May will be the Support excursion to Razzamatazz at Blacktown. K-2 will be going on an excursion to Riverside Theatre on Tuesday 5th May. The Greg Alexander Shield will also be held on Tuesday 5th May. Our Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 6th May. In Week 4 we have NAPLAN and Dental Assessments, and in Week 5 we have a Disco, the Panther Trophy and a Krazi-Sock Fundraiser.

Many of the students in years 4-6 undertook a survey about school life. The “Tell them from me survey” outlined a number of things about students work habits, their attitudes towards learning, what they thought about their teachers and social parts of school. I have been through the results with the staff and we have been pleasantly surprised at the positive responses in most areas. I will be showing these responses at the P&C meeting and encourage anyone who wants to come to look at what the students as a whole think about school.

We have been fortunate enough to grow in numbers in the Infants and this has allowed us to create another class. We will be forming another 1/2 class. This means a few changes with some of the classes in Stage One and Kindergarten. We will be able to reduce the number of students within a class from 25 down to 18 which means more teacher to individual student time. Although change can be confronting, this sometimes happens and ultimately reduced class sizes are best for a child’s learning. This will happen next week and we ask that you give it a go to see how it goes. There will be a lot of movement and many students will be affected in the short term but the positive effects will be long term in their learning.
As you might be aware from the note that went home on Friday, I will be leaving Tregear Public School at the end of the week to take up the Principal position at Crawford Public School. Mrs Pelesasa will be Relieving Principal and Ms Kingi will be Relieving Deputy Principal for at least the last 8 weeks of term until a merit selection process takes place for a new Principal.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 7 ½ years at Tregear Public School as an on class Assistant Principal, Deputy Principal and Principal. There have been some great highs, winning State All Schools Rugby League, State Runners up in the Legends Shield, 72 learning for life scholarships, Books in Homes, nearly every time going on camp getting a phone call saying they are the best school they have had, and the school making the front page of the Herald and ABC News for the great effort they had been putting in for learning.

But the biggest thing I will remember about Tregear Public School is how well everyone works together. Every casual teacher that ever comes to Tregear never wants to leave, the teachers are some of the hardest working teachers I have ever worked with who go beyond what they have to, to give our students great experiences and school lives. The best Office Staff and Teachers Aides who will look after students like their own kids. The Community that will always rally around and put in the extra effort for the students with a dedicated P&C. Finally the kids. The students are who make Tregear the place it is. Their love for learning, their beautiful natures and the pride they show being a TPS Student. The students at Tregear Public School all believe that they can be what they want to be, and all the staff and community know they can do it. I hope that this does not change as this is the reason for the success of Tregear. I will be sad to go but I know they are in good hands and I will make sure that I am always checking in to see how they are going.

Thank you for sharing your children and your lives with me, Tregear will forever be in my heart.

Richard Ford

Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 6th May. It will start at 11.30am and should conclude by 1.15pm. All parents and community members are welcome to join us on this day. Please see Mrs Ali if you have any questions.

2016 Opportunity Class Placements

If you are interested in applying for opportunity class placements in 2016 for your child, please complete the attached form and return it to the office.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Awards recently:

Principal Awards

Stage 1:
Mikaylah Moss & Carson Riley.

Stage 2:
Rory Kuhnert.

Stage 3:
Hassan Moubayed, Katherine Atie, Sione Afu, Jed Davies, Chenoa Haining, Jaleel Kershaw, Mikayla Mangnall & Elisha Oliveros x 2.

Support:

Medallions

Ella Evans, Karhan Calay, Mary Mokofisi & Fredrick Smith

P&C News

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday 28th April at 9.30am in the P&C Community Room followed with a General meeting. During the General meeting Mr Ford will be taking us through the student’s responses about their feelings of school and learning. Some examples below.

‘The school staff emphasises academic skills and hold high expectations for all students to succeed’
School Calendar
What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Please visit:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

Parent Teacher Interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more:

27th April to 8th May

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