FROM THE FRONT DESK

Principal’s Report

Welcome back to an extremely busy beginning of the term with several changes along the way. Saying farewell to Mr Ford was a sad occasion and we wish him all the best in his new school. We welcome Mrs Marlene Vella who will be with us till the end of the year in Year 1/2V and I know our Tregear School Community will make her feel welcome.

We have completed all Life Education classes for the year, what a great response and participation by all students. Life Education New South Wales is a community-based, independent organisation at the front line of positive and preventative drug and health education. Helping young people make informed decisions about drugs and their health is at the heart of the program, which is driven by the popular Life Education mascot Harold the giraffe.

Last week two groups were out on excursions. Our support unit children attended the Razzamatazz Show in Blacktown and our K-2 students enjoyed a show at the Riverside Theatre. The Arts education and exposing our children to the theatre can improve children’s literacy and social skills. The students and teachers enjoyed the performances.

Wonderful to see parents and friends enjoying the students during our School Cross Country Run last Wednesday. It was lovely to see the children participating but also the children cheering other students on during the races.

Our P&C have once again ran a successful Mothers Day Stall with children purchasing gifts for their mums, grandmothers and aunts. Congratulations to the winners of our Mothers day raffle.

Hope all our Mothers, Grandmothers and Aunties had a wonderful Day on one of the most important days of the year.

Mrs F Pelesasa

NAPLAN Exams

This week our year 3 and 5 students will be completing the state wide exams in English and Mathematics. We do ask that this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday visitors and other grade levels move quietly around the school to give our years 3 and 5’s the best opportunity to demonstrate the skills that they have learnt over the past years. We do try and treat the exams as a regular part of the calendar day and our teachers have worked hard to familiarise students with test formats. Our expectation is that our students try their best! Please keep your regular routine on the day and reinforce to your child that they need to just do the best they can.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect on one day of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the on-going assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.
Concerns
When you have concerns or worries about any aspect of your child’s development, please discuss them with the staff member who you consider most appropriate for the occasion. If your concerns are about things that are happening in the classroom please first talk with your child’s classroom teacher. We will assure you of confidentiality and you will be listened to most seriously. If your concerns still continue, feel free to discuss them with one of the Assistant Principal’s or the Principal who will liaise between you and staff if necessary.

Fua Pelesasa

Zone Cross Country
The Zone Cross Country will be held on Thursday 21st May. Notes and money must be returned to the office by Friday 15th May. Parents are welcome to come and support the students on the day.

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

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Stage 2:
Support:
Sabrina Jeans.

Assembly Awards
Primary:
Citizenship:
Numeracy:

Reporting to Parents
Tregear Public School has commenced using the Australian Curriculum in mathematics and science. Accordingly, your child’s achievement in those learning areas is now being assessed and reported on against Australian Curriculum mathematics and science achievement standards.

Our Semester 2 reports will indicate these changes, if you have any questions or would like to discuss further please make an appointment to see Mrs Pelesasa, Ms Kingi or Mrs Weston.

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.

NAPLAN breakfast will be in the Breakfast Club room on Tuesday 12th May from 8.15am for year 3 & 5 students.

AMDC
The Mobile Dental Clinic which are due to be working in our school this week has been postponed. We will let families know when we have definite dates.

School Signs
We have new signs on our walk in and drive in gates, please be aware of the signs and times. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

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.

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Food Allergy Week 17th to 23rd May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is Your Child Making Friends At School?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering Spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

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