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Edition Fourteen: 18th August, 2025



## Our Students Take a Stand During Bullying- No Way! National Week of Action

We are proud to share that our students recently participated in a variety of age-appropriate sessions as part of the Bullying- No Way! National Week of Action. These engaging activities and discussions helped our students understand the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying in all its forms.

The Bullying. No Way! initiative promotes a safe and supportive school environment, encouraging students to take positive action and support their peers. Through these sessions, our students learned valuable strategies to prevent bullying and create a welcoming community for everyone.

To learn more about the Bullying. No Way! campaign and resources, visit

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/preventing-bullying/national-week-of-action>.

Together, we are building a respectful and inclusive school where everyone feels safe and valued.



## Representative Shirts

Tea Gardens Public School has representative shirts for loan at inter-school events. Currently, there are 15 shirts that have not been returned to the school. Please bring back any rep shirts so that we can continue to attend these events proudly in **OUR** team shirts. Thank you.

## We need your help!

All absences, (full days, late arrivals or early departures) must be explained by parents or carers to the school office for recording. This can be done on the School Bytes app, in person or via email or phone.

The school is required by the NSW Department of Education to seek reasons for student absences. Please:

- contact the school if your child / ward is absent
- bring your child / ward into the office to explain late arrivals
- Encourage and support good attendance and punctual arrival at school.

## Ethics

At present, Tea Gardens Public School is unable to provide Ethics classes because Primary Ethics cannot supply a teacher. Students who had previously chosen Ethics will join the AMA (Alternative Meaningful Activities) group.

If you would prefer your child or ward to attend SRE classes instead of the AMA group, please complete the form available on the School Bytes app.

## Do you have old / unused glasses?

Don't throw them out, bring them to the school office and we will forward them on to the local Lions Club to be recycled and be donated to those in need.



*contact us at*

Phone : +612 4997 0286  
Address : 25 Witt St, Tea Gardens NSW

# TERM THREE CALENDAR 2025

## COMING UP

Week 5

Tuesday 19 August - **K-2 SRE** from 1:55PM + **BCS Future Focus Event** (Year 5 and 6)

Wednesday 20 August - **Mini Mulloways**

Friday 22 August - **Port Stephens Zone Athletics** at Maitland Athletics Centre

Friday 22 August - **School Assembly** from 2:30pm



Week 6

Tuesday 26 August - **3-6 SRE** from 1:55pm

Wednesday 27 August - **Mini Mulloways**

Wednesday 27 August - **Write it Right**

Friday 29 August - **Yarn Up**

Week 7 (SASS Recognition Week)

Tuesday 2 September **K-2 SRE** from 1:55pm

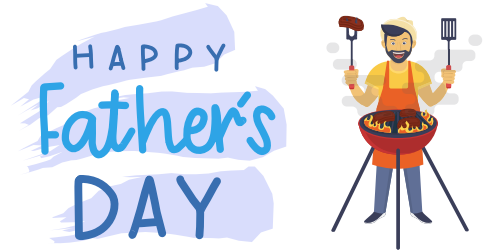
Wednesday 3 September - **Mini Mulloways**

Thursday 4 September - **Father's Day Stall (Day 1)**

Friday 5 September - **Father's Day BBQ Breakfast** from 8am

Friday 5 September - **Father's Day Assembly** from 9:05am

Friday 5 September - **Father's Day Stall (Day 2)**



Week 8

**Life Education Van / Visits throughout the week** (All classes)

Tuesday 9 September **3-6 SRE** from 1:55pm

Tuesday 9 September - **P&C Meeting** from 6pm in the school library

Wednesday 10 September - **Mini Mulloways**



Week 9

Tuesday 16 September - **K-2 SRE** from 1:55pm

Wednesday 17 September - **Mini Mulloways**

Wednesday 17 September - **Youyoong AECG Deadly Awards Day**

Friday 19 September - **School Assembly** from 2:30pm



Week 10

Tuesday 23 September - **3-6 SRE** from 1:55pm

Friday 26 September - **Last Day of Term 3**

## TERM FOUR CALENDAR 2025

Week 1

Monday 13 October - **Staff Development Day** - Staff Only.

Tuesday 14 October - **Students return to school** for Term 4

Tuesday 14 October - **Learn to Swim and Water Safety** at Tea Gardens Pool commences (2 weeks)



Week 2

Monday 20 October to Friday 24 October - **Learn to Swim and Water Safety** continues

Week 3

Friday 31 October - **Grand Parents Day Assembly** (Morning TBC)

Week 10

Monday 15 December - **Presentation Day**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - **Year 6 Farewell and Disco**

Friday 19 December - **Last Day of School for 2025**





# HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED WRITING GROUPS

## Winter Micro Stories Writers Group

Miss McLeay has been working with a small group of talented students developing their creative and intellectual potential through writing.

Micro stories focus attention on important writing features such as:

- the impact of just one word
- great expression
- effective punctuation
- crafting opening and ending paragraphs
- the discipline of writing precisely

*A small, ivory coloured fox gently padded along the plain snow. Her ears pricked up, and she froze listening to the small feet scampering around under the chilly blanket of glittery iridescent white. Suddenly with one abrupt movement she dove under the icy covering, catching her prey swiftly. The fox padded down to her nice, warm, comfortable den away from the sheer freezing cold of the winter wonderland outside., Finally, she can feed and care for her pups in peace while the weather changes from the cold winter to the warm spring.* **By Livia (Year 5)**



The sheer cold wind swipes ice crystals off the snowy powder below our feet. I trip and I slip onto a frozen river. I slide across the ice hitting my head. I laugh the kind of laugh that I love. A small giggle turning into a playful laugh. I grab some snow and turn it into a ball, then toss it at my dad. He throws one back at me, I dodge it. It was so much fun in the snow. I wish I could still laugh like that, but I'm too old now. "Hey grandpa!" my grandchild says. "We're going to the snow!"

**By James (Year 4)**



## Port Stephens' student writers explore culture and creativity - Port Stephens News Of The Area

Eamon and Otto took part in a special writing day exploring culture and creativity at Anna Bay PS. Our students connected with talented writers from other schools across the Port Stephens Network of Schools.



A weird noise flew through the sky while I was eating at lunch at school.  
What was it?  
I excused myself from the table and ran off towards the sound, smoke filling the school.  
School was closed, but I sneakily stole the mystical object.  
The morning, I opened it with my dad and it worked out to be... a time capsule from future Aboriginal land.  
It contained a robot part, a note, and a picture of a map of Australia. But there was something strange about the note and the map.  
Firstly, the note was written to me, and the map was all grey.  
The note said:  
"This is Kaloor from Aboriginal land in the future. The map is all grey because Australia is now covered in cities so there are no trees or any nature. The robot is there because there is a robot invasion and I need you to find a weak spot and tell me."  
What did he mean?  
Written by Otto, Tea Gardens PS

Japanese Mystery

As the rain fell and everyone went inside, I stayed in the playground and found a time capsule with the name Yuyuma on top.  
It intrigued me, so I opened the lid of the capsule as the scent of sakura attacked me. I started shuffling through the materials and found a note with Japanese writing on it.  
Hello. Whoever has opened this capsule is very lucky. I am Sato Yuyuma. The materials from this capsule come from my friend and I agreed that if one of us died we would mourn each other since we have no family. He passed and I have sent this capsule out so somebody could do this for me since I have gotten terribly sick.  
Just then, I figured that this was my mission and I will complete it... Right after school ends. I'm late for class!

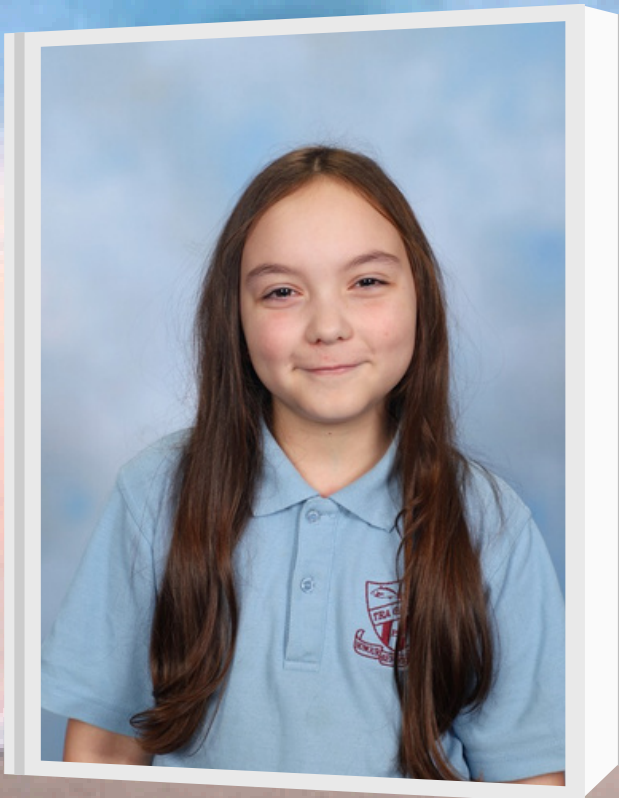
Written by Eamon from Tea Gardens Public School



TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL- PROUDLY PUBLIC

# WAKALI AWARDS & MERIT AWARDS

Wakali means "Rise Up" in the local Gathang language. Our Wakali award winners are students who rise up to the challenge of following our school values of safety, respect and personal best.



Class	Merit Winners
Light Years	Ava-Lie, Cobus & Mason
Milky Way	Halle & Lola
Comets	Anarki, Hudson, Mikey & Tallock
Moon	Charlie, Otto & Ylva
Constellations	Jasper, Elsa & Zyva
Thunder	Archie, Norman & Rose
Southern Cross	Kaitlyn, Liam & Christine

Congratulations to our Wakali Award winners, Tegan and Jerome. Our winners have each received a \$5 voucher from the Tea Gardens Ice Cream Shack.

## Term 3 Class Captains

Light Years - Rocky and Tova  
Milky Way - Isla and Cruze  
Comets - Mikey and Rose  
Moon - Otto and Layla  
Constellations - Kayleigh and Flynn  
Thunder - Tegan and Koby  
Southern Cross - Emily and Memphis



# School Planning Yarn Up



Tea Gardens Public School warmly invites all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, parents, carers, and community members to join us for a **Yarn Up over breakfast**.

This is an opportunity to come together, share your voice, and help shape the future of Aboriginal Education at our school. Over a cuppa and something to eat, we'll yarn about what's working well, where we can grow, and how we can make sure your perspectives are genuinely embedded in our planning.

We'll be guided by the School Reflection Tool and the Guiding Principles for Leading Aboriginal Education as we listen, reflect, and move forward together.

Please spread the word and invite any other Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members who may want to be involved.

**We'd love to see you there. Your voice matters!**

Date & Time:

**29th August, 2025**

**FROM 08:00AM - 09:00AM**

Location:

**TGPS Library**

Breakfast and tea and coffee provided.



**RSVP: 49 970286 by Mon, 25th August**



## TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL MINI MULLOWAYS TRANSITION PROGRAM

**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING  
KINDERGARTEN IN 2026?**

Please come along and join us  
each week for fun and games at  
your new school.



**WHERE?**

Tea Gardens Public School  
Witt Street, Tea Gardens  
4997 0286

**WHEN?**

Wednesday afternoon  
throughout the school term,  
1:45-2:45pm, commencing  
30th July 2025.

**WHAT  
NOW?**

Please contact the school to register your interest!  
An enrolment form will need to be completed prior  
to commencing the program. You may use the qr  
code to enrol online.



**PERSONAL BEST  
SAFETY  
RESPECT**



## Steps to Starting School Tea Gardens Public School

**Steps to Starting School is for  
children aged 3 to 5 years and  
their families.**

Through a range of high quality  
educational experiences, our  
play-based program is designed to  
give your child the skills they need to  
engage effectively with their school  
environment once they commence  
kindergarten, whilst also empowering  
you to support your child through the  
transition to school.

This program is managed by  
KU Children's Services.

- ✓ Pre-literacy and pre-numeracy activities
- ✓ Group time – music, reading, language and art
- ✓ One-on-one support for you and your child
- ✓ Support your child's social and emotional development, independence, and wellbeing
- ✓ Younger siblings are welcome

**Steps to Starting School  
Tea Gardens Public School**

23 Witt Street, Tea Gardens  
Thursdays, 9:00am – 11:00am  
(during the school term)

E [stepstostartingschool@ku.com.au](mailto:stepstostartingschool@ku.com.au)  
T 0417 176 013  
[ku.com.au](http://ku.com.au)

To learn more,  
scan here



**We're coming to your community**



**We're bringing NSW Government services to:  
Tea Gardens on the 20 August 2025 from  
9:00am – 3:00pm**

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access  
services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more,

Call **13 77 88** or visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au)  
to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to  
change at short notice. We strongly recommend  
you check on the day.

Find us at:

Tea Gardens  
MidCoast Library  
135 Marine Drive





25/26 SEASON

# MEDOWIE LITTLE ATHLETICS

TINY TOTS - \$120  
U/6 to U/20 - \$170  
ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED

Follow us on Facebook

REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
AUGUST 1ST

KINDLEBARK OVAL, MEDOWIE

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN FOR EVERYONE !



swop it  
everyday in the lunchbox

## Ideas to add more vegetables

It can be tricky to think of new ways to add vegetables to the lunchbox. Here are some of our favourite tips:

- Pack raw vegetables with a dip or some cheese. Why not try tzatziki or tomato salsa?
- Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox. Our favourites include homemade sweet potato wedges or corn cobs.
- Use chickpeas, beans or lentils in your child's lunchbox. Why not try these vegetarian koftas?



For more tips to increase vegetables visit: [www.swapit.net.au/vegetables](http://www.swapit.net.au/vegetables)



We look forward to the Healthy Harold Life Education Van coming to our school!

### Monday, 8th September

- 11:35 AM - 1:05 PM: Constellations – Friends and Feelings.
- 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM: Light Years- Harold's Friend Ship

### Tuesday, 9th September

- 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM: Southern Cross- Take a Breath
- 11:35 AM - 1:05 PM: Moon- bCyber Wise
- 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM: Milky Way- Ready, Steady, Go

### Wednesday, 10th September

- 11:35 AM - 1:05 PM: Thunder- Friends and Feelings
- 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM: Comets – Ready, Steady, Go

### Outline of Programs being delivered:

#### Harold's Friend Ship

Learn to build respectful relationships, recognise emotions, manage feelings, and practice protective behaviours.

#### Ready, Steady, Go

Explore how resilience, overcoming challenges, physical activity, and healthy behaviours contribute to overall wellbeing, while learning strategies to manage feelings and emotions.

#### bCyberwise

Learn to recognise, respond to, and report unsafe behaviour, protect personal information online, communicate responsibly, and understand the role of bystanders.

#### Friends and Feelings

Develop emotional literacy, practice assertive communication and emotional regulation, and build positive friendships.

#### Take a Breath

Explore what vapes and cigarettes are, their effects on health and wellbeing, their connection to smoking history, and strategies for resilience in challenging situations.





# Healthy Harold products

Bring Healthy Harold home with you



Healthy Harold Plush Toy  
Small 20cm Large 35cm

**\$8**

**\$15**



Healthy Harold  
Lunch Bag

**\$14**



Healthy Harold  
Drink Bottle

**\$10**



Healthy Harold  
Backpack

**\$20**



Healthy Harold  
Value Pack

**\$39.95**



Healthy Harold  
High Bounce Ball

**\$3**



Healthy Harold  
Temporary Tattoo

**50c**



Healthy Harold  
Pencil Case

**\$5**



Healthy Harold  
Stikki Note Pad

**\$1.50**



Healthy Harold  
Keyring

**\$4**

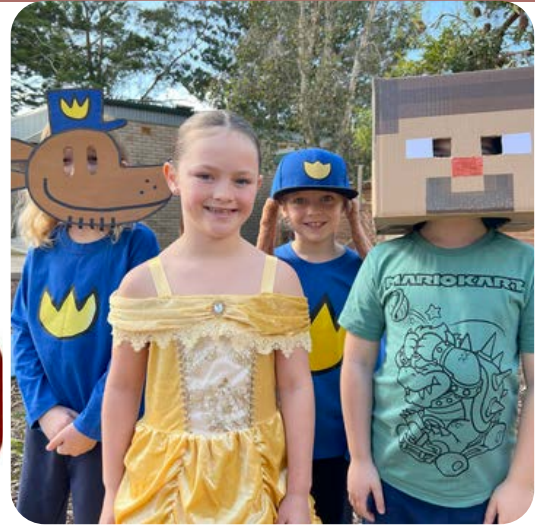
## How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- 1 Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store:** Go to <https://bit.ly/haroldshop> to access the store
- 2 Select your customer type:** Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- 3 Place your order:** Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 4 Important Dates:** Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and **close one day prior**. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 Delivery:** All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.



# Public Education Week

TEA GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL





# CANTEEN MENU

## HOT FOOD.

Chicken Schnitzel Burger \$5.00

Crumbed Chicken patty, lettuce, mayo, cheese on a fresh roll.

Cheese Burger \$5.00

Beef patty, cheese, tomato or bbq sauce on a fresh roll

Ham and cheese pizza \$4.00

Mini pizza base, pizza sauce, ham and cheese

Chicken nuggets x 6 \$4.00

Party pie x 2 \$2.00

## DRINKS.

Cold or hot milo \$1

Fruit Juice \$2

Flavoured milk \$2

Bottles water \$1

Slush puppy mini \$1

Slush puppy small \$2

## SANDWICHES, WRAPS AND SALAD.

Vegemite, Honey, ham,  
cheese or Jam \$2.00

Ham and cheese \$3.00

Chicken, cheese and avo \$4.00

## SNACKS

Pikelets \$.50

Fruit cup \$2

Mini muffin \$1

Moosie \$2

Popcorn \$.50

Fruit ice block \$.50

Jelly cups \$.50

Extra options on the day !!

If you can volunteer your  
time on a Wednesday  
contact Claire on  
0499649273