



TREGEAGLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

Date: Friday 03 02 2023

Term 1 Week 2

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T1 W3	6/2 * P&C Meeting 4pm	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2 * Clubs / Junior 2pm Landcare
T1 W4	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2 * Assembly 2/3R 2.30pm
T1 W5	20/2	21/2 * District Swimming Carnival	22/2	23/2 * Open Classrooms 4-5.30pm	24/2 * Clubs / Junior 2pm Landcare
T1 W6	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3 * P&C Meeting 4pm	3/3 * SRC + Captain Induction Assembly 9.15am

Birthdays

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Jonah, Hamish, Ayden,

Principals Message, Rebecca Fletcher

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023 for Tregagle PS. I would like to extend a big welcome to all of our returning families and any new families that are joining our Tregagle PS family this year!

This is a long contribution from me as we cover a myriad of topics relevant for the start of the new school year. Also included is departmental information which is provided to families at the start of each school year, particularly information related to COVID guidelines, school attendance and procedures regarding suspension/expulsion. In the main, these topics are rarely applicable to the vast majority of families but are required to be provided nonetheless. I have been so pleased with the wonderful start that the students and classes have made to their learning and look forward to spending more time out in classes and with families during Term 1.



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner



Class News

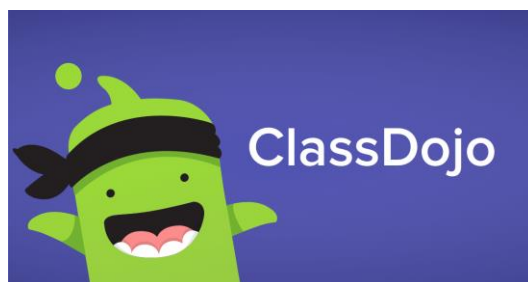
We enter 2023 at Tregeagle PS with five well supported classes, giving students a strong opportunity to engage with high quality and meaningful teaching and learning opportunities. Classes have launched into the new year enthusiastically and it has been delightful to see students and teachers settling into their classroom routines.

Classes are as follows:

- KS - Mr Hall (Term 1) Mrs Kirsty Spence - Assistant Principal (Term 2-4)
- 1W - Mrs Lauren Wilkie
- 2/3R - Ms Deisha Rose
- 3/4/5A - Mrs Debbie Andrews
- 5/6B - Ms Nardene Braddon
- RFF/Enrichment/Technology - Mrs Candice Collins
- RFF/ Assistant Principal - Ms Tash Guthrie
- Year 3 Maths/Learning & Support - Mrs Rebecca Fletcher (Principal)
- Office Staff - Kim Benson, Niki Roles, Eyvonne Clark
- SLSO's - Carmen Rooney, Kellie Ryan
- Macqlit Reading Tutor - Kellie Ryan
- Cleaner - Mrs Robyn Nilon
- Bundjalung Language Tutor - Uncle Elliott Knight

Class Dojo App

Tregeagle PS uses the Class Dojo App for communication between classrooms and home. Most existing families will see in their Class Dojo app that new classes have appeared for 2023. If new or not connected, teachers have sent home a Class Dojo invite letter this week with an invite code. Don't forget to check in with your child's class story to see what they have been learning about in class. Families can also send messages to the teacher too. 'Quiet Hours' are set for all classes between 5pm and 8am and over weekends/holidays.



Our School's Core PBL Values

Tregeagle Public School has three PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) targets, or 'rules', that we focus on as the essence of our behaviour management and expectations at school. These are:

- be safe
- be respectful
- be a learner

Voluntary School Contributions

Parents are advised that the cost of our voluntary school contributions for 2023 have been reduced. These funds are used to enhance school programs. If families would like to make a voluntary contribution for 2023, they are set at:

- 1 Child - \$30
- 2 Children - \$40
- 3 or more Children - \$50

Intensive Swimming Year 3-6

Students from Year 3-6 will be participating in an Intensive Swimming Program at GSAC in Goonellabah for 5 days in Week 10 Term 1 (27-31 March). Students will travel by bus. A note will be sent home with students soon. This has been subsidised through a Sporting Schools Australia grant.

Student Attendance at school

In NSW it is law that children between the age of 6 and 17 attend school each and every day that school is open. To support this expectation our school sends reminder letters to advise of unexplained student absences. All absences need to be explained within ONE week of the absence or it is deemed unjustified. Attendance records cannot be adjusted after this week so all parents/carers are asked to notify the school promptly of reasons for absences. This can be done over the phone, by a note or through the Schoolstream app. Sending in notes may at times explain an absence, but the explanation may not be considered as justifiable. Habitual absences, unexplained or unjustified absences, can be cause for child well-being concerns to be considered. Where such a concern is raised referrals to appropriate agencies may be required. Please support and encourage your child to have a positive relationship with school, which includes high levels of regular attendance.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Text Book & Online Subscription Levy

This year at Tregeagle PS we will be charging a 'TextBook Levy' to cover the costs of student textbooks and online subscriptions. This is also subsidised by school funds. Students are in the process of receiving all of their textbooks and classes are beginning their teaching and learning programs.

The textbook levy will be set at **\$70 per student** to cover the cost of:

- Soundwaves Spelling Text
- Soundwaves Online Subscription
- Maths Plus Text
- Maths Plus Homework Text
- The School Magazine Print Subscription
- Reading Eggs Online

Invoices will be sent home with students in the near future. It is essential that these invoices be paid promptly to assist the school to cover costs. Financial assistance is available through a form at the school office. Voluntary School Contributions and Book Levies can be paid through POP (Parent online Payment) through the 'Make a Payment' tab on the Tregeagle Public School website.

Birthdays at Tregeagle School

Due to the number of food allergies or intolerances at our school we ask that if students are celebrating their birthday that instead of bringing in a cake or cupcakes they are welcome to bring in **individual fruit cups** to share with their friends.



TPS Library Days 2023

- KS - Tuesday
- 1W - Monday
- 2/3R - Thursday
- 3/4/5A - Wednesday
- 5/6B – Tuesday

Students will be required to bring a library bag to borrow library books. Books will need to be returned within 2 weeks of borrowing. The Tregeagle PS library has a beautiful array of books for all ages and interests to borrow.

Supervision – Before and After School

Students should NOT be arriving at school before 8.40am each school day. It is a parent's duty of care to provide safe and close supervision of children outside school hours. Where this cannot be done it is a parent/carers responsibility to make alternative arrangements. Students should leave school promptly in the afternoon via their regular means of travel. Variations to travel plans should be communicated to the school by parents/carers by 2.30pm at the latest either by phone call or a note to the office. Bus/pick up supervision finishes after the final bus departs our school at 3:40pm.

NSW DoE/Tregeagle PS Suspension Procedures

A suspension is when the school asks a student not to attend school for a period of time. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 may be suspended for up to 5 school days and students in Year 3 – 12 may be suspended for up to 10 school days.

Principals may suspend a student when the student's behaviour has harmed or put a person in danger and another person's safety is at risk. Principals may suspend students when they have already tried to manage the student's behaviour of concern in other ways and the school needs time to plan supports for the behaviour and establish safety measures. Principals must consider the behaviour and the needs of the student when deciding to suspend.

Before a suspension occurs, the principal should provide a formal caution for a behaviour of concern. If the behaviour is serious or a safety issue, your child may be placed on a suspension without a formal caution.

Mobile Phones at School

Tregeagle Public School is a mobile phone free school. If a student does need to bring a mobile phone to school, it needs to be taken directly to the office and handed in. It can then be collected at the end of the school day.

School Captains 2023

Congratulations and welcome to our student leadership team for 2023:

School Captains:

- Lucia Ryan
- Liam Lane-Winkler

Vice Captains:

- Madison Hayes
- Aaliyah Andrews



Tregeagle PS School Uniform Expectations

An overview of our school uniform expectations are as follows:

- Royal Blue **Polo Shirt** (with or without school logo)
- Royal Blue **Jumper** (with or without school logo)
- **Shorts** - Royal Blue or Grey
- **Skorts/Skirt** - Royal Blue
- **Track pants/Tights** - Royal Blue or Grey
- Royal Blue **Hat** (with or without school logo)
- **Socks** - Royal Blue, White, Grey or Black
- **Shoes** - Black (prefer) Joggers (so students can participate in fitness)
- **Hair Bands** - Royal Blue, White, Grey or Black

Uniforms are available from The School Locker in Lismore or online:

<https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/tregeagle-public-school/uniforms>

Administration

Prescribed Medications

From time to time students may need to have prescribed medication administered at school. To allow us to administer medication to your child/ren we need to have the following processes in place.

1. Parents are requested to come to the school office at the first instance to sign the 'Administration of Prescribed Medication' form.
2. Medications need to come to school with clearly written instructions as to the exact dosage and time to be administered. All medications need to be brought to the office for safe keeping. Students are not to administer their own medication. Students with asthma may keep their puffers in their bag but should come to the school office or to a teacher to supervise them when they need to administer their puffers.

Bus Pass Applications

If you have not already completed an [online form](#) for a bus pass, please complete one. This is for new students only, or students who have started to catch the bus and have not previously applied for one. We do not get issued with a bus pass as the bus run only carries Tregeagle PS students. There will be a question regarding the bus service, please select other, and type in Sodhi Bus Service.

Creative Kids Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program. Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities. <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Active Kids Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program. The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

School Banking

School banking is unfortunately no longer running in primary schools.

P&C

Upcoming P&C Meetings

The Tregeagle PS P&C would like to invite any interested parents to attend our upcoming P&C meetings:

- Monday 6th February at 4pm for the first general meeting.
- Thursday 2nd March at 4pm for the AGM.

These will be held in the school staffroom. We would love to see some new faces at these meetings. It's a great way to get to know other TPS families and to learn about our wonderful, small school.

KS Fun Photos

This week we welcomed our newest Tregeagle Eagles to our school to start their learning journey. We would like to officially welcome our new students and their families to Tregeagle Public School.

This week, Kindergarten have been learning about our school routines and making friends with the help of their year 6 buddies and teacher, Mr Hall. Here are some of our new Kindies!



Curriculum News

This year, our K-2 teachers are implementing the new English and Mathematics syllabuses. Staff at Tregeagle Public School are prepared, up-to-date and well positioned for all curriculum changes.

What does this mean for my child?

Although the core content of reading, writing, oral language, number, measurement, geometry and working mathematically haven't changed, the new curriculum takes a connectionist approach which provides more time for students to acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life and work in a complex and fast-changing world.

From a teacher's perspective:

The new English and Mathematics syllabuses are clearer, easier to navigate, accessible for all students of all abilities and are heavily supported by the Department of Education's resources, programs and ongoing professional development for teaching staff.

In addition, our teachers will benefit from the support of a Curriculum Instruction teacher and additional teacher planning time throughout 2023 and beyond. Throughout the year, our teachers will engage in additional professional learning to support the implementation of the new 3-6 curriculum in 2024.

If you have any questions about the new curriculum and how it will benefit your child, please contact your child's teacher. We will continue to keep you updated through curriculum news in each newsletter.

Natasha Guthrie
Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction



Community Noticeboard



Daniel Bennier's "Music that Rocks" tuition has recommenced today. Lessons will be run each Friday in the School Library.

If you are interested in music tuition for your child, please see below the new Expression of Interest form for 2023.

[Music-Tuition-EOI-2023](#)



Welcome back everyone!

Canteen will be operational next week (week 3) with Snack Day Thursday & pre ordered lunches Friday.

Orders & payment are to be sent in Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays only, no late orders can be accepted beyond Wednesday. Students can use a reusable lunch bag (\$10 – available from office) or a paper bag. Orders can be put in the slot in the canteen.

New menu to be sent out next week when finalised.

Helpers Required! If you are able to help out with snack day Thursdays or canteen Fridays, (even if for only half an hour on Fridays between 10.45 & 11.15am), please phone the school or Rachael on 0437 904 005.

Thank you everyone!