Welcome back to all our students and families to the beginning of another exciting and educationally focused year here at Tregeagle Public School. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and have not been too affected by the inclement weather of the past week. A special welcome to Emilie and Jack and their family, all the new kindergarten students who will be starting tomorrow and to Mrs Murphy who joins our staff.

**2013 School Organisation**
This year, we once again have a structure of five classes. We are fortunate to be able to offer a straight Kindergarten and a straight Year 1 for 2013.

| KS         | Mrs Spence |
| 1H         | Mrs Houghton |
| 2/3T       | Mrs Tinker |
| 3/4/5M     | Mrs Murphy |
| 5/6L       | Mrs Lennon and Mr Johnson |
| Library RFF| Mrs Igoe |

*Reading Recovery and Learning Assistance Support Teacher – Mrs Simpson*
*Senior Administration Manager – Mrs McDonnell*
*Senior Administration Officer – Mrs Groves*
Our General Assistant, Mr Gary Bates has decided to retire, with his last day being tomorrow Friday 1st February and will be replaced temporarily for Term 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary for the work he has done around the school, maintaining our grounds to a high level and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

**Student Representative Council (SRC) Election**

Tomorrow, Friday 1st February we will be holding elections for the Year 2-5 SRC members. All year 6 students form part of the SRC.

There will still be four SRC committees that the SRC members rotate through each term but we have changed the name of two of these committees to reflect the changing role they will have in the school. Each committee has a supervising teacher with Mrs Houghton overseeing the entire SRC. The four committees and supervising teachers are:

- **Values**  Mrs Tinker
- **Events**  Mrs Houghton
- **Environment**  Mrs Spence
- **Sport**  Mrs Murphy

**House Captains Election**

Tomorrow afternoon will see the election of our house captains. As this is the third year of having the House system we have reviewed the placement of students in the three houses. In order to make the house numbers more even, some students will be required to change houses this year and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Changes, however, will be kept to a minimum. I thank you for your understanding in this matter. House Captains are elected from the year 6 students.

**Captains, Vice Captains, SRC Members and House Captains Induction Ceremony**

Our Captains’ induction ceremony will be held on Friday 15th February at 9:30am. Parents and carers are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

**District Swimming Carnival**

The Tregeagle District Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 12th February at Alstonville Swimming Pool. Students in year 3 – 6 and those year 2 students who turn 8 this year are required to attend. Permission notes were sent home today. Please return notes and money by Friday 8th February.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Parent information sessions will be held on Tuesday 19th February from 5:30pm in classrooms. These sessions are to provide general information to parents about what is being covered in class, expectations, homework, etc. Please note these are not individual interviews. If you require an individual interview with your child’s teacher please contact the school to make an appointment.

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**Book Packs**

Book Packs should be here in the next few weeks. Every child will need a book pack at the cost of $15 per pack. 2/3T, 3/4/5M and 5/6L will have an additional cost of $5 as their book packs include a USB. Payment can be sent into school from tomorrow. Book packs will be sent home as soon as we receive them to those students we have received payment from.
School Uniform Orders
A school uniform order form has been sent home to each family today. Please note that last year, the P&C changed the supplier of the school uniform and the way school uniforms were ordered. Orders are placed at set times throughout the year. It is really important that you read the P&C newsletter to see when these times are. The P&C newsletter is under the P&C tab on the school’s website. Individual orders will only be taken in urgent circumstances.

Spelling Program
This year we are introducing a new spelling program that will run across Stage 1, 2 and 3. Students will be tested to determine their level and then set lessons will be taught according to this data. Some students might move to different classrooms to participate in these lessons. The reason for implementing this program is to help improve the spelling skills of all students. Students will do their spelling activities in a student work book. I will provide more information about this program and the cost of the student workbooks.

Anaphylaxis Update
In accordance with NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Guidelines, all staff were provided with updated information in regard to anaphylaxis procedures. Tregeagle Public School along with all other NSW State schools now have a school EpiPen. Students diagnosed with anaphylaxis are still required to supply the school with an EpiPen.

If you know your child is anaphylactic and you have not notified the school please do so as soon as possible so that we can develop a health care plan for your child.

Music Lessons
The P&C co-ordinate private music tuition in conjunction with the Northern Rivers Conservatorium. Lessons are held here at Tregeagle Public School during school hours. There is a registration form at the end of this newsletter or contact your P&C Vice President, Hugh Harris on 0412 455 110.

Natalie Lennon – Principal

Library News
Library borrowing days this year are Wednesdays for 2/3T, 5/6L and Year 1H and Thursdays for KS and 3/4/5M.

All students need a cloth bag clearly labelled for borrowing to protect books. 

Mrs Igoe

To view P&C news go to Tregeagle Public School website - www.tregeagle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the P&C Tab

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to these students who celebrated their birthdays during the holidays:

Solomon, Kobi, Sam C, Cory, Ben G, Tahlia G, William H, Mia, Chloe O, Cooper and Chelsea
MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Enrolments for 2013 are open for returning and new students!

Please register at enrol.nrcac.edu.au to secure your place.

Did you know that the Northern Rivers Conservatorium in Lismore sends Professional Music Teachers to your school each week?

Expert tuition in a range of instruments is held during school time, on a rotating timetable. Individual and group lessons can be arranged.

To learn more about the program please visit: www.nrcac.edu.au, phone Zoe Abbott at the Conservatorium on 02 6621 2266, or pick up a brochure from your school office.

If you are ready to enrol you can do so at enrol.nrcac.edu.au

The instruments currently being taught at Tregeagle school are:

Keyboard with Lou Vanstone  
Voice with Lou Vanstone  
Guitar with Alex McLeod

Please be in touch if you would like to request another instrument.  
Have a musical year!

CANTEEN

Please note that there will be no canteen operating next week.

Canteen will start in Week 3 on Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} February 2013.