

Tottenham Central School



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 9, Term 4

Thursday, 12 December 2019

Principal's message

Christmas presents

Next week, each student in primary will be receiving a Christmas present from *Need for Feed Disaster Relief*, and each secondary student will be receiving a voucher from the school to spend at the Post Office. This is replacing our usual Secret Santa. Each family will also receive a bag of goodies from *Centalink*.

Hay Mate Christmas Appeal

On Sunday night, Channel 9 is running the *Hay Mate Christmas Appeal* from 8pm to raise funds for farming communities. Our school was selected to appear during the telecast to talk about the drought, the impact on our school and the measures we have in place to support our families. After arriving to interview me, they discovered our cook book and it will be a major feature. Channel 9 will broadcast to the entire nation how they can purchase a cook book! To date, we have made a profit of approximately \$6000, all of which has gone directly into reducing the cost of school excursions.

End of year student reports

Yesterday, our students received their end of year 2019 academic reports. It was great to read each one and see the progress and personal growth being made by our students. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their teacher, please feel very welcome to call the office and make an appointment.

2020 classes

Next year, our staffing remains generally unchanged. We welcome Mrs Kirrily Quade one day a week to join the secondary classes. All other secondary staff will remain as this year. We have added *Commerce* as a Stage 5 elective, and have successfully managed to meet each child's individual choices for subjects.

Mrs Adam will continue to relieve as Assistant Principal in the primary. Mrs Smith will have K/1, Mrs Horsburgh will teach 2/3/4 (full-time) and Mrs Adam will have 4/5/6. Mrs Baker will teach each class each week, and she will continue her learning support role.

Loftus Public School

Last year we were very lucky to receive support from Loftus PS in Sydney. This association has continued into this year and next year. In November, the students held a 'dress up as a farmer' day, with students donating a gold coin. Loftus PS used the funds raised to purchase all of our student's 2020 stationery requirements. A list of what your child will receive at the start of the year is included in this newsletter.

The staff of Loftus PS chose not to hold their usual Kris Kringle celebration, and donated the money they would normally spend to our 2020 excursion fund.

The Loftus P&C also donated the money to hold our Christmas BBQ for the community before the assembly tomorrow, with the remainder to go into our 2020 excursion fund.

The total raised for our school was all of your child's 2020 stationery requirements and \$1600 for 2020 excursions! Thank you Loftus PS, you really are a true friend to our very grateful community.

Presentation Day

We are looking forward to Presentation Day on Monday. We will be joined by Mr Charles Dwyer, *Director, Educational Leadership - Mitchell Network* (in plain language, Charles is my boss)!

Of course, there will be lots of awards to celebrate and you will also be entertained with each class performing a musical item.

Amanda Thorpe, Principal

School news

Bestest Foundation Tour

On the Bestest Foundation Tour, Abbey Medcalf went to Sydney with Moorambilla Voices and had some amazing once in a life time experiences. The tour had a visit to St Mary's Cathedral and even had a tour and a sing in the Crypt! There are not too many of us that get to go there let alone sing down there. They also visited the Botanical Gardens and had a picnic lunch followed by a walk to the Opera House and a ride on the Choo Choo Express (Botanical Gardens train). It was then time for a sound check, some waiting and then performance time at the Bestest Foundation dinner. The Bestest Foundation's primary mission is to ease the heavy burden and the neglected needs of children who fall outside the standard boundaries of the larger established charities. By all reports the children did a fantastic job and sounded beautiful.



Class parties + Mufti day 17 December!

All (K-12) class parties will be held on Tuesday, 17 December.

Primary—sandwiches and hot food will be provided. No food is required as we have plenty left over from the disco.

Secondary—please bring a small plate of party food or drink to share. Sandwiches and hot food will be provided.

Library books

Library books are now very overdue. If your child has a library book at home, please get them to bring it to school as soon as possible.

Reminder—K/1 Christmas Assembly

If possible, could the students in K/1 bring in a Christmas shirt or outfit to change into for the Christmas Assembly this Friday, 13 please. Also, if they have any reindeer antlers, elf or santa hats, could they come in as well. Please make sure everything is well labelled. Thank you, Amanda Smith.

Stationery packs

All primary students will receive—A4 books for homework, pencil cases, red pens, blue pens, lead pencils, glue sticks, scissors, eraser, textas, coloured pencils, ruler, pencil sharpener and plastic document folders (for home readers).

All secondary students will receive—pencil cases, red pens, blue pens, lead pencils, glue stick, scissors, eraser, textas, coloured pencils, ruler, pencil sharpener, hi-lighters, plastic document for each subject, A4 workbooks.

Presentation Day note

If you intend on taking your child home after Presentation Day on Monday, can you please return the following note by Monday 9am. Thank you.

My child/ren _____ will/will not be returning to school after Presentation Ceremony Monday, 16 December, 2019.

My child/ren will be leaving the hall after Presentation Ceremony with _____.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

What Christmas means to 2/3/4!

Mary, Joseph and Jesus!
Eating turkey and pudding!
Rudolph flying Santa,
Rapidly around the world!
Yippee! It's Christmas!



Carols fill the air!
Holidays are here! Hooray!
Round the tree we show love and then
It's time to have a water fight!
Son of God saves us from our sins!
Tearing presents open!
Making gingerbread houses and eating them!
Antlers sparkle on reindeers in the night sky!
Saying thank you to family and friends!



Merry Christmas everyone!



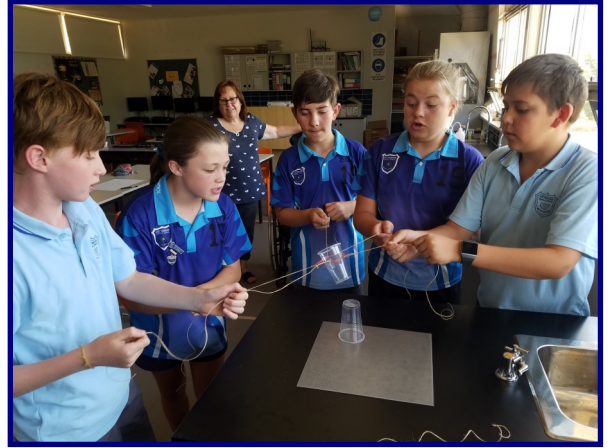
Year 6 Science

In Science, Year 6 completed some brainstorming on the topic of ecosystems, and then completed a small teamwork STEM activity.

Digital Citizenship—Shopping online

Parents are encouraged to visit the following link on 'Shopping online'.

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/articles/shopping-online>



K/1 visit to the post office!



Last week, K/1 walked to the post office to post their Santa letters. A big thank you to the staff at the PO for being so generous with their time and for the little gift bags the students were given.

Baking

Christmas cookies and boxes the 4/5 students made with Mrs Baker!



Swimming Scheme & disco pictures!



Secondary news

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 4 Week 9	N/A	N/A	Year 11 – N/A Year 12 – N/A

Year 10 WAP Orientation and VET Induction day

Today our Year 10 students participated in the Year 10 WAP Orientation and VET Induction day at Peak Hill. The students met their peers and some staff as well as learning about the expectations of their VET subjects.

Secondary lunch

Next Wednesday, 18 December, secondary students will be walking to the pool at 1:15 pm. Students can either pack their lunch or buy it from the pool. Students will be given their coloured swimming bands to have a free swim.



Secondary sport notes

Students have received a note for secondary sport for 2020. As the students start on Wednesday, 5 February notes need to be returned before the end of this year to allow them to participate in the first sport session at the pool. If this note is not returned students will have to stay at school on Wednesday, 5 February to do sport.

Year 6 Experience Day

Yesterday, our Year 6 students spent the day with Stage 4 to see what life is like as a secondary student. They did an activity in the laboratory, had to work out using clues who robbed a bank in Dubbo in English, made White Christmas in the Food Technology room, played a great game of indoor cricket and learnt some basic Italian greetings.



Secondary news cont.

SECONDARY FORMAL DINNER

Many secondary students and staff members had a wonderful time last night enjoying a formal dinner at the Tottenham Golf Club. Dinner was followed by much fun and laughter as we played old-fashioned games such as "Pass the parcel" and then danced the night away! Many thanks to Cheryl for her wonderful cooking, Miss Elwin and the Stage 5 students for preparing the nibbles and desserts, and to the Golf Club for hosting this fantastic night out.





Calendar

WEEK 9	Dec 9	10 K-6 Disco School Swimming Scheme	11 PBL Mufti day Secondary dinner School Swimming Scheme—last day	12 Year 10 WAP Orientation—Peak Hill Fast 4 Sports Games day 3:30pm Sportsground	13 BBQ lunch 1pm Christmas Assembly—all class items
WEEK 10	Dec 16 Presentation Day	17 Class parties and mufti day	18 Last day of school for students	19 Staff Development Day	20

Term 1 2020

TERM 1 2020	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	27 January	28	29	30	31
WEEK 2	3 February Staff Development Day	4 Staff Development Day	5 Students first day back for 2020	6	7 Swimming Carnival
WEEK 3	10	11	12	13	14

Instrumental Music Lessons for 2020

Everyone is encouraged to learn a musical instrument!

Mr Justin Screen is available to teach individual private music lessons to students on all wind and brass band instruments. These instruments include the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion and drums. Students from Year 3 upwards are encouraged to start learning with lessons at \$40 per half hour. Mr Screen can also accept the \$100 NSW Creative Kids vouchers to help offset the cost. There is a small collection of school band instruments available to borrow if you need one to help get started.

Contact Justin on 0419 884 775, jjscreenmusic@tpg.com. or via his Facebook page at JJ Screen Music Studio.



2019 Yearbooks

Our colourful 2019 Yearbooks will be available at Presentation Day for \$15.

Other news

Canteen

WEEK 9

Reminder that the canteen is **closed this Friday** (13/12) due to the school community BBQ lunch being held before the Christmas assembly.

WEEK 10

The canteen is taking orders on **Wednesday the 18th of December** from the Winter (Term 3) Menu.

The full selection of sandwiches, wraps, toasted sandwiches, hot food and drinks from the menu is on offer. (Note: there is no Soup of the Day.)

\$5 Meal Deals ...yes, each \$5 with a juice box!

Meat Pie and Juice Box

Pastie and Juice Box

Sausage Roll and Juice Box

Lasagne and Juice Box

Twista Pasta Bolognese and Juice Box

Specials of the Day

Juice Box \$1

Icy Cup (99% fruit juice) \$1

...and other end-of-year treats \$1 - \$2

Available from the canteen at recess & lunch.

DD: TCS Canteen (Greater Bank)

BSB#637000 Account#723789575

A huge thank you to the TCS and TECC communities for all your support throughout my first year in the canteen. I wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a safe and enjoyable summer break. See you all again at the beginning of Term 1 2020.

Kathryn Klante

Tottenham Central School Canteen

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P&C: Merry Christmas

Wishing everyone a relaxing, fun and exciting holiday, Christmas and New Year!

So many people have supported and assisted the P&C this year from volunteering time, to providing ideas, cooking & contributions, donations, coming to P&C meetings or helping out in some way. We really appreciate it all, your generosity and help, as we try to raise monies to assist our students.

On behalf of the P&C team, a hearty thank you to everyone, and we look forward to continuing to support our school children in 2020.

COUNTRY KICKS HOLIDAY CLINICS

hosted by Rona Jackson
BA Honours Degree - Sports Coaching

**Friday 10th January &
Wednesday 15th January 2020**
Berryman Oval, Trundle

9am - 10am - School Years K - 2
\$5 inc soccer drills & games, iceblock

10am - 1pm - School Years 3 - 8
\$25 includes

- league tag drills & games
- swimming pool games & inflatable playground
- sausage sizzle, drink & iceblock

**Participants to wear sports shoes.
No football boots please**

Bookings essential
Contact Rona on 0423 645 731 or
PM my Facebook page - Country Kicks



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Your say

You are encouraged to use this space to give us any feedback on things which you feel you need to: congratulate a student, teacher or parent, let us know what you think of the newsletter format, make a suggestion or request.

Signed: _____



We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.