



Tottenham Central School Newsletter

Monday, 11th November, 2013

Week 6 - Term 4

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Remembrance Day



Reminders



Education &
Communities

November

Week 6

Stage 4 and 5 end of year exams

Assemblies

Friday 15th November

Friday 13th December

P & C meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month in the school library at 7.30 pm.

Everyone is very welcome to attend

The next meeting is

Tuesday, 19th November
(to be confirmed)

Principal's Message

During this week, Stage 4 and Stage 5 students will be sitting for their Semester Two Examinations. In addition on Tuesday, Year 8 students will be sitting for the state wide ESSA Science Test. Also during the upcoming weeks teachers will be making their final assessments, calculating grades and writing reports for the end of the academic year.

Last Friday, we hosted the Gobondery/NARRAF Tennis Gala Day. Students from Tullamore CS, Trangie CS and Warren CS attended and competed in some great games of tennis. All members of our tennis team played exciting and often close games of tennis. The result being that our Tottenham team won second place in the competition - Well done to all TCS players! My thanks to Mrs Lindsay for organising and managing such a successful day. Thanks to Bridget Bennett, Hannah Smith and Montana Hey for umpiring many of the matches. Special thanks to Ms Katie Francis for preparing lunches for our visiting players and to Mrs Janelle Hopkins and Mrs Kate Lees for their good work in the canteen throughout the day.

Last week the Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, released a comprehensive set of actions to support rural and remote education in our public schools. The new *Rural and Remote Education – A Blueprint for Action* builds on the broad reform agenda that the State Government has been in the process of introducing. The Rural and Remote Education Blueprint consolidates the reforms into one plan of action. It also identifies specific new actions designed to increase support to students, teachers, school leaders and other staff working in rural and remote public schools. Hopefully Tottenham CS students, teachers and the Tottenham community will benefit from these reforms. You can view the Rural and Remote Educational Blueprint and support materials on the Department's website at: - <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/rural-and-remote-education>

Lastly, a few reminders:-

- It is a Department of Education and Communities and TCS School Policy that all parents and visitors to school report to the office first, to 'sign in' on arrival.
- If it is necessary to collect your child from school during the day, please report to the office first.

- All students need to be in correct summer uniform every day, this includes appropriate and substantial footwear.
- 'No Hat - No Play' is our mandate - all students should have suitable hats, preferably broad brimmed, to wear before school, at recess, lunchtimes and during sport and PE.

This Friday there is a whole school assembly in the library, starting at 2.40pm. All are welcome!

Best wishes to all our students in their exams!

Have a productive and happy week everyone!

Steve Garriock



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: _____

School News

CHANGES TO AFTER SCHOOL/GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

Parents are requested to please notify the school by a note or phone call if their child's after school / pick up arrangements change, even for one day. This will prevent confusion at home time.

MERIT SYSTEM

Congratulations to Kate Brown, Jessica Lindsay, William Anderson, Nicholas Lindsay and Brianna Ayton who have all achieved Silver in the Merit system. Special congratulations to Archie Baldwinson, Maddi Loftus, James Mills, Alexandra Lindsay and Jessica Mills who have all achieved Gold. Well done.

STAGE 4 AND 5 EXAMS

This week all students in Stage 4 and 5 will be completing their end of year exams. Good luck to all students.

REMINDER - MEDICAL RECORDS UPDATE

We are currently updating our medical records to ensure we have the most up to date information on students' health. All parent/caregivers should have received a copy of the new medical form, for each child, in the mail. If you haven't already done so, could you please fill out the form/s and return to us as soon as you can. We would like to have all current records updated before the end of term.

If the form/s weren't received or have been misplaced please contact the office for additional forms.

We appreciate your support as we collect this information, and if you have any questions please call the school.

CONCERT NIGHT DVDS

DVDs of Concert Night are available in the school office. Disk 1: Opening curtain to Intermission, Disk 2: Sound of Music, plus over 500 still photos. \$5 each – proceeds to the school's Merit System rewards.

DID YOU KNOW

Red poppies - Flanders Poppies - were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades drenching the ground. It is for this reason the humble red poppy is worn on Remembrance Day to remember, honour and pay homage to all those who died.



Term Dates

Term 4, 2013 ends

Wednesday, December 18th for students

Friday, December 20th for staff

Term 1, 2014 begins

Tuesday, February 4th for staff

Wednesday, February 5th for students



SCHOOL BANKING - HOW IT WORKS

- Parents open a [Youthsaver](#) account for their children
- Kids can then bank at school for a fun, hands-on experience that encourages good savings habits
- They receive a Dollarmites token every time they make a deposit to their savings account at school, regardless of the amount
- Once they have 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of reward items, including a handball, torch, calculator and moneyboxes
- The more tokens they save, the more items they can redeem throughout the year

Get your children into good savings habits. It's never too early to learn money lessons.

Banking day is Tuesday!!

School Calendar

Term 4

WEEK 6 ST 4 & 5 EXAMS	11	12 Year 8 ESSA test	13	14	15 Whole school assembly
WEEK 7	18	19 Tentative P & C meeting, 7.30pm	20	21 Gobondery Shield	22 3Ts Music Day
WEEK 8	25	26	27 Gobondery Cup	28	29
WEEK 9	2 December	3	4	5 Talking Tottenham published	6
WEEK 10	9	10 School disco	11	12	13 Whole school assembly End of year reports sent home
WEEK 11	16 Class parties	17 Presentation Day	18 Students last day of school for 2013	19 Staff development day	20 Staff development day

Sports News

GOBONDERY/NARRAF TENNIS GALA DAY

Congratulations to Madeline Hopkins, Anneka Lees, Jacob Loftus, Dominic Vincent, Michelle Harding, Sophie Williams, Tom Hopkins and Oliver Lees who participated in the Gobondery/NARRAF Tennis Gala Day last Friday. All students played three games of doubles and three games of mixed doubles. Our students played extremely well narrowly missing out, by two points, on winning the cup. Warren Central won the Champion School Cup this year.

Thank you to Mrs Kate Lees, Mrs Janelle Hopkins, Ms Katie Francis and Mrs Jane Baker for organising and running the canteen on the day. Thank you also to Bridget Bennett, Demmi Bennett, Hannah Smith and Montana Hey for umpiring throughout the day.

SWIMMING

This Thursday primary will be going to the pool for sport. Please note that pool entry is **\$2.20** not \$2.10.

SPORTS DATES FOR TERM 4

Gobondery Shield – Primary	Tottenham	Thursday 21 st November
Gobondery Cup – Secondary	Tottenham	Wednesday 27 th November

GOBONDERY/NARRAF TENNIS GALA DAY



Parental tips and brief stories

DESIGN COMPETITION

The design competition for NSW Youth Week 2014 is open to young people aged 12-25 years. The winning artist will be awarded \$1000 and given the chance to showcase their work during Youth Week. Find out more: <http://youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-week-in-nsw/>

WHAT IS A HOMONYM?

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym

SUN SAFETY

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

SMART TRAVELLING

Is your child heading overseas after finishing their HSC? Suggest they consult safety advice on the Australian Government's Smart Traveller website before they go. Find out more: <http://smartraveller.gov.au/tips/schoolies.html>

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

Do you speak a language at home other than English? Would you like your child to learn that language or improve their skills? Saturday School of Community Languages enrolments for 2014 are now open. Find out more: <http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol>

We Shall Keep the Faith

by Moira Michael, November 1918

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought



Remembrance Day

is always November 11th . It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. At one time the day was known as Armistice Day because it commemorated the day the Armistice was signed marking the end of The Great War (WW1), but was renamed Remembrance Day after the Second World War.

Other news

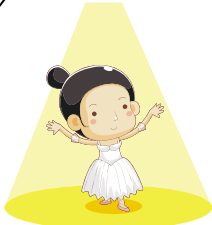
DANCE CONCERT

Western Studio of Performing Arts Tottenham
will be presenting their second annual end of year concert

Thursday, 28th November

7pm at the Hall

A delightful night of pure entertainment!



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Youth Club

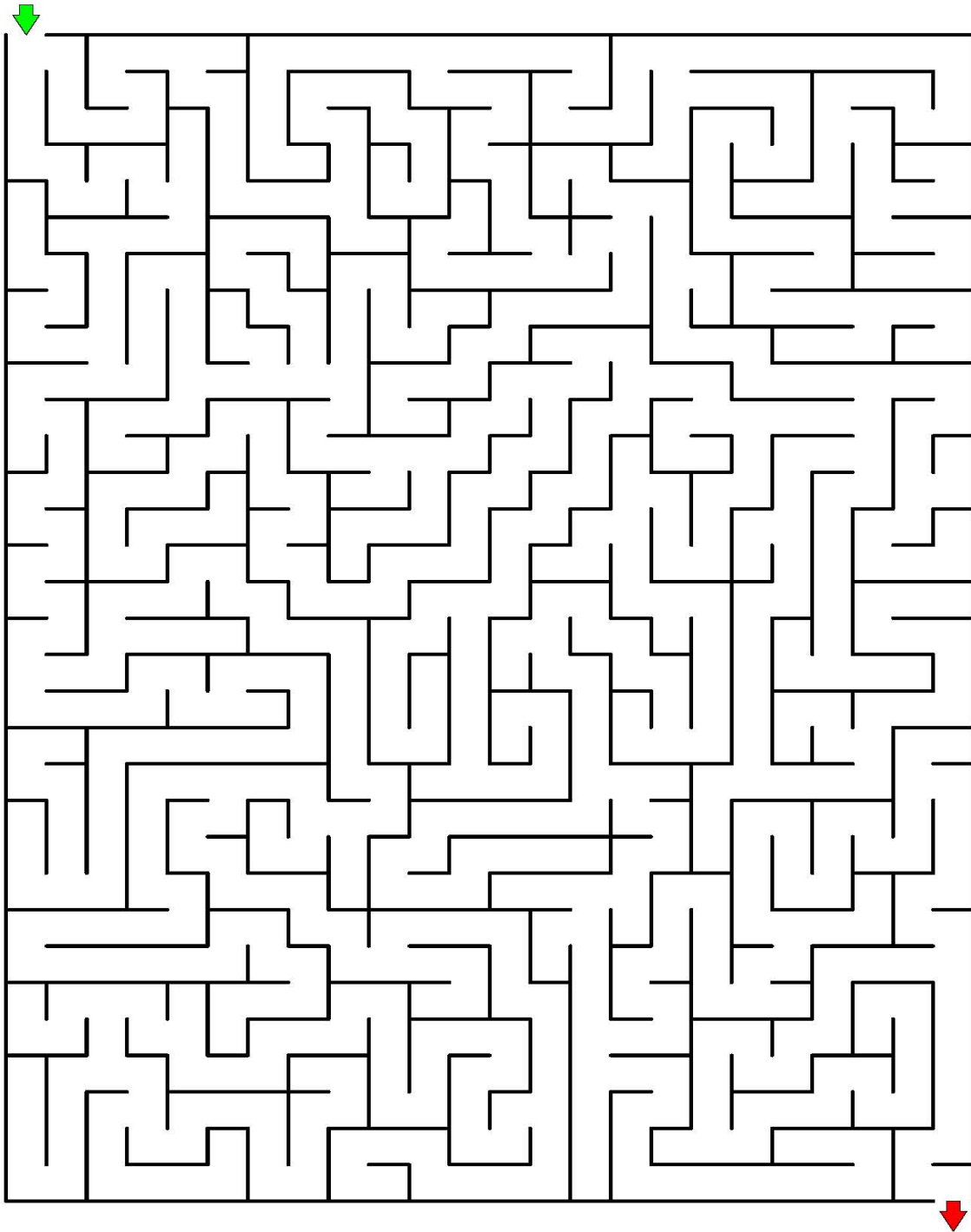
Youth Club members are invited to submit a photo for the
Youth Club Calendar Photo competition.

Photos must be: at least 1MB in size; the work of the person submitting the
photo; of the Tottenham district; and submitted to Mrs Jarvis
by Friday, 14th November. First : \$60, 2nd: \$20, 3rd \$10

If anyone would like to have a special photograph on their own calendar,
please submit the photograph and \$10 to Mrs Jarvis.



CAN YOU NAME THESE LOONEY TUNES CHARACTERS?



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Need the answer? <http://krazydad.com/mazes/answers>

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- Looney Tunes answers
1. Bugs Bunny
 2. Speedy Gonzales
 3. Yosemite Sam
 4. Marvin the Martian
 5. Sylvester the Cat
 6. Sam Sheepdog
 7. Foghorn Leghorn
 8. Pepe Le Pew