



Tottenham Central School Newsletter

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Week 7 - Term 4

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Year 4/5/6 - Natural disasters projects



Reminders



Education & Communities

November

Thursday 21st
Gobondery Shield

Friday 22nd
4Ts Music Workshop

Wednesday 27th
Gobondery Cup

Assemblies

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, 16th December

(to be confirmed)

Principal's Message

It was great to see so many parents attend a very interesting and entertaining assembly last Friday. Congratulations to Mrs Attenborough's Year 2/3 class, your computerised house designs were fantastic. I was particularly impressed with the students from Mrs Martin's class - reading their reports about some of the experiences that they had during the recent Sydney excursion. The slideshow was excellent and reminded us all of what a wonderful time Year 4/5/6 students enjoyed in Sydney.

As always for me, a highlight of the assembly was presenting a large number of students with their Merit Level Awards. All in all, nine students received their Silver Award and six students received their Gold Award. I would like to particularly congratulate the students who received their Gold Merit Awards and badges - Alexandra Lindsay, William Horsburgh, Jessica Mills, Archie Baldwinson, Maddi Loftus and James Mills - six very deserving students!

Semester Two exams have been completed by Stage 4 and 5 students. Well done to all students. Your teachers have indicated to me that generally everyone has made an excellent attempt at the exams. Congratulations also to Year 8 students who successfully completed their ESSA Science test last Tuesday. I am looking forward to hearing about all the good results and reading all students' Semester Two reports in the next few weeks.

At Friday's assembly Mrs Lindsay announced the two new house names for 2014 - Latham and Bailes and their colours yellow and red. Latham was the first principal of Tottenham School at the original school site and Bailes was the first principal of the school at this site. Students will be placed in to their new houses in the coming weeks.

This week we look forward to the Gobondery Shield on Thursday and the Music Workshop on Friday. We are hosting both events and it is important that we all ensure that these events are successful and enjoyable events for everyone. My best wishes to all primary students participating in the Gobondery Shield - I am sure you will all have a great day of sport, followed by an equally enjoyable BBQ dinner and disco.

Have a good week!

Steve Garriock

HISTORY OF BAILES AND LATHAM

Mr Cecil Latham was appointed the first teacher/ head master of Tottenham School at 'Old Town' in October, 1908 with an enrolment of seventeen children. In 1909 when enrolment had risen to twenty eight students the school officially became Tottenham Public School. Mr Latham left Tottenham Public in 1911.

Mr John Bailes was appointed the teacher/ head master of Tottenham Public School in 1913 and attendance was the highest it had ever been with seventy one students enrolled. Mr Bailes was instrumental in the applications made to the then Department of Instruction for a new school and teacher's residence. In 1916, the Department of Lands dedicated the new permanent site (in 'New Town') for the school and tenders were called for construction. The school building and residence were completed in early 1917. After all his hard work, Mr Bailes only got to spend 6 months or so in the residence he worked so hard to have built. He finished as head master of Tottenham Public School at the end of 1917.

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

It is imperative that parents/ primary caregivers 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. We can not direct children away from normal routine without this permission.

MERIT SYSTEM

Congratulations to Jeanne Hardy who has achieved Gold level in the Merit System. Well done.

REMINDER - MEDICAL RECORDS UPDATE

As you are aware 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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Today, all Year 2 students and some students in Year 3, 4 and 5 have received notes regarding their participation in our swimming lessons which will begin on Tuesday, 26th November, and continue for 10 days (excluding Mondays). The children in Mrs McFadyen's group learn stroke correction and lifesaving.

The children will travel to and from the pool by bus, which will cost \$10 per student. They will also have to pay **\$2.20** each day for pool entry if they do not have a season ticket.

Please only send \$10 for bus to school now, pool entry is to be brought in each day.

Please contact me at school if you need further information.

All children must bring

- Swimmers
- Rash shirt
- Towel
- Sunscreen

No spending money is required until the last day of lessons.

Mrs Adam

P & C MEETING

There will be no P & C meeting this Tuesday night. The next meeting will be in December – date to be confirmed

BOOK CLUB

All Book Club orders are due back to school before Friday 29th November. Please make cheques payable to Tottenham Central School.

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

PLEASE NOTE

THE
CANTEEN WILL BE
OPEN

ON
THURSDAY
INSTEAD OF FRIDAY
THIS WEEK DUE TO
GOBONDERY SHIELD

OPEN ON WEDNESDAY
AS USUAL

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MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last Friday's assembly.

K/1

Harrison O'Brien
Shauna Pollard
Maddi Loftus
Kaleb Miller
Brianna Ayton
Grace Barbary

2/3

William Anderson (2)
Libby Weston
Angus Humbert
Jessica Mills
Liam Humbert
Archie Baldwinson
Ben Radford
Thomas Brennan

4/5/6

Hugh Weber
Thomas Hewett
Madi Hopkins
William Horsburgh
Clio Ridley
Elyssa Pearce (2)
James Weston
Eliza Harley
Lachlan Makim
Sophie Williams

Secondary

Leonie Jones
Bridget Bennett (2)
Chelsea Smith
Faith Miller

Peter Lindsay (2)
Danielle Harding (3)
Andrew Pearce
Hannah Smith

Jack Bennett (3)
Samuel Dunn (2)
Georgie Lindsay

School Calendar

Term 4

WEEK 7	18	19 Tentative P & C meeting, 7.30pm	20	21 Gobondery Shield	22 4Ts Music Day
WEEK 8	25	26 School Swimming Scheme starts	27 Gobondery Cup	28	29 Stage 4 Science - Rocket Day at Tullamore
WEEK 9	2 December	3	4	5 Talking Tottenham published	6
WEEK 10	9	10 School disco	11 School Swimming Scheme concludes	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 SHIELD

This Thursday, 21st November, students in Years 3 – 6 will be participating in the Gobondery Shield against Tullamore and Trundle. Good luck to all students.

SPORTS HOUSES

Thank you to everyone who had input into the names for our new houses. After consultation with students, parents and staff, the names of the two new houses are Bailes and Latham.

SWIMMING

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

P&C Xmas Hamper

Donations Needed

The P&C Committee are kindly asking for donations of goods for the Xmas Hamper Raffle that will be drawn Tuesday, 17th December at Presentation Day.

Items can be taken into the school office or left in the basket provided at Foodworks.

All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

P&C Committee



Parent tips and brief stories

COMPREHENSION HELP FOR TEENS

Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here's why. Comprehension help:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Throughout your child's school life you'll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here's a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school. Planning for the future:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future>

KIDS, HOMEWORK AND LIES

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loughlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework. Homework tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

MATHS AT HOME

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Maths at home:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

MATHS TIPS FOR TWEENS

Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can't work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/tips-for-tweens-who-find-maths-hard>

TIME TO PARTY

While most parties go off without a hitch, celebrations can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned. Here are tips to help ensure your teen and their friends have fun but stay safe.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/time-to-party>

Other news

DON'T FORGET

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!

For more information please contact:

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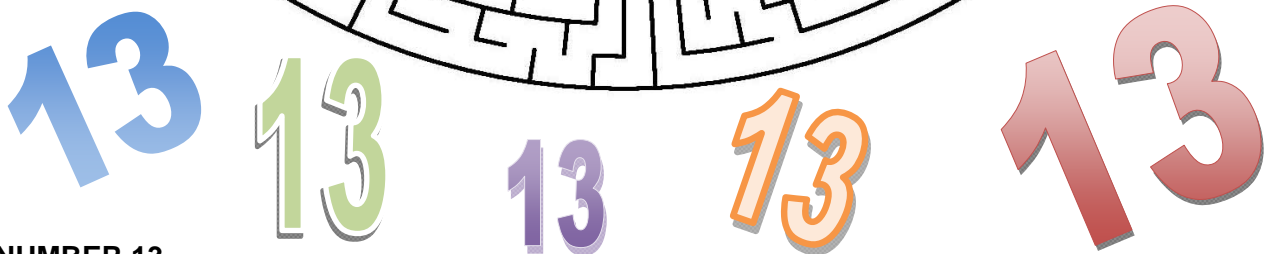
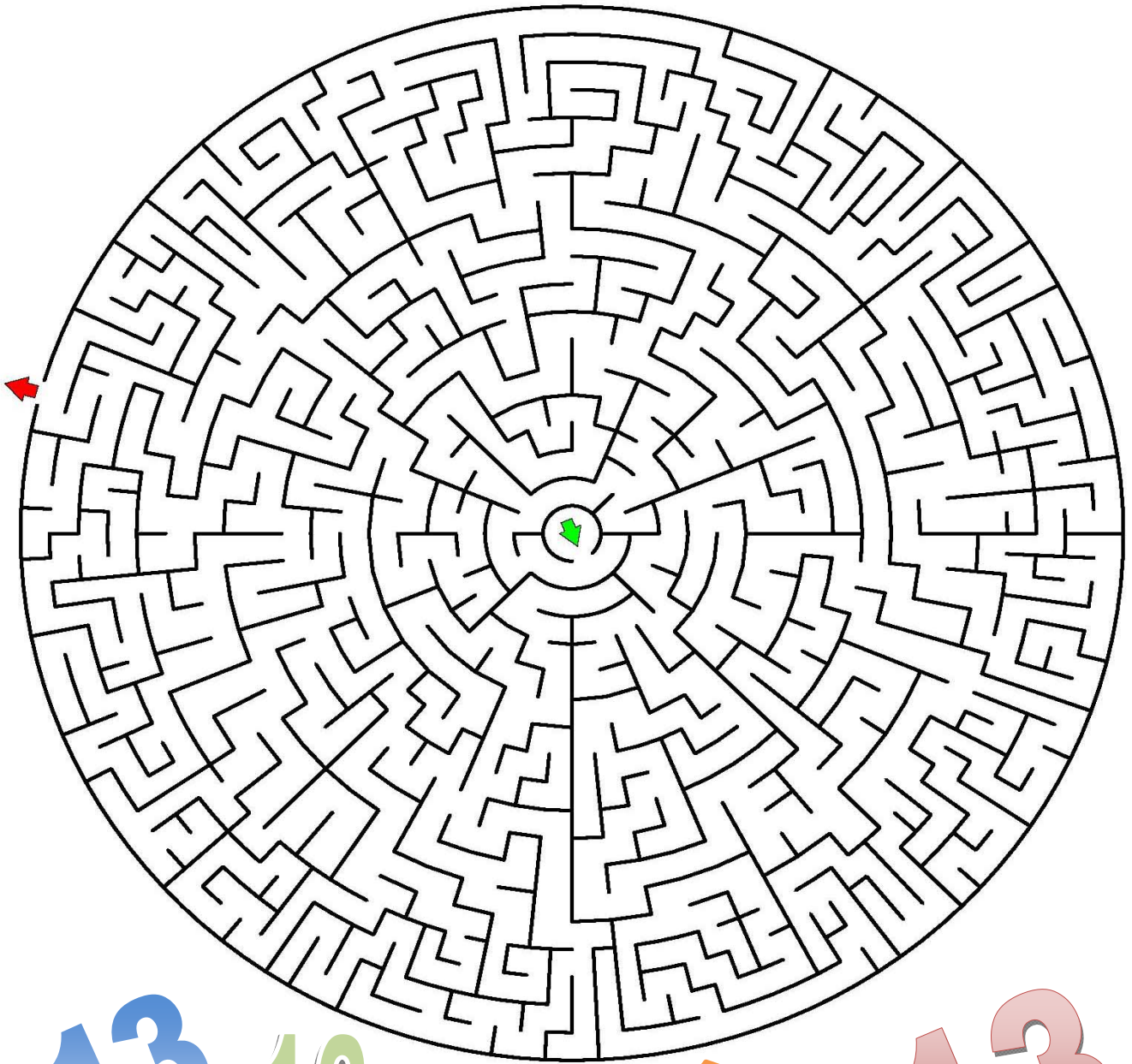
Dear Parents,

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the school, and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child's hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with a specialised treatment, which is available from your local store. After using the treatment (according to the directions on the pack), use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. Or apply conditioner to dry hair and keep combing for at least 20 minutes (this is a very successful treatment). Any articles which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen, should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should also be washed in hot soapy water. As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time. Also to minimise the risk it would be advisable for long hair to be tied back securely.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Garriock
Principal



THE NUMBER 13

It is believed that the fear for the number 13 stems from primitive man being unable to count past 12. Numbers beyond 12 do now have an individual and independent name but are a combination of the first 12 numbers. With 12 being the end of the line, 13 was moving into unknown territory.

In Norse mythology the 13th number led to the death of Baldur, the beloved of the gods. When the 12 gods gathered for a banquet in Valhalla, Loki gate crashed the party, increasing the number to 13, which led to the death of Baldur. It also happens that in Tarot cards, 13 is called "Death."

The baker's dozen

The "unlucky 13" is the reason why the thirteen loaves that bakers once supplied were never called by the number, but described as "a baker's dozen." The thirteenth loaf was regarded as a special bribe for the devil not to spoil the sale or the bread.

The lucky number 13

But 13 is not unlucky for all. The Mayas worshiped the 13 gods of the upper world. The Aztecs climbed 13 steps to their sacred places. Buddhists paid homage to 13 Buddhas. In Jewish faith, God revealed Himself by 13 attributes of bountiful mercy (Exodus 34: 6-7). The orthodox Jewish prayer book hold the Thirteen Principles of Faith. Jewish boys celebrate their Bar Mitzvah at age 13.

The number 13 in Greek is triskaideka and the fear of the number 13 is called triskaidekaphobia.