



Tottenham Central School Newsletter

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Week 5 - Term 2

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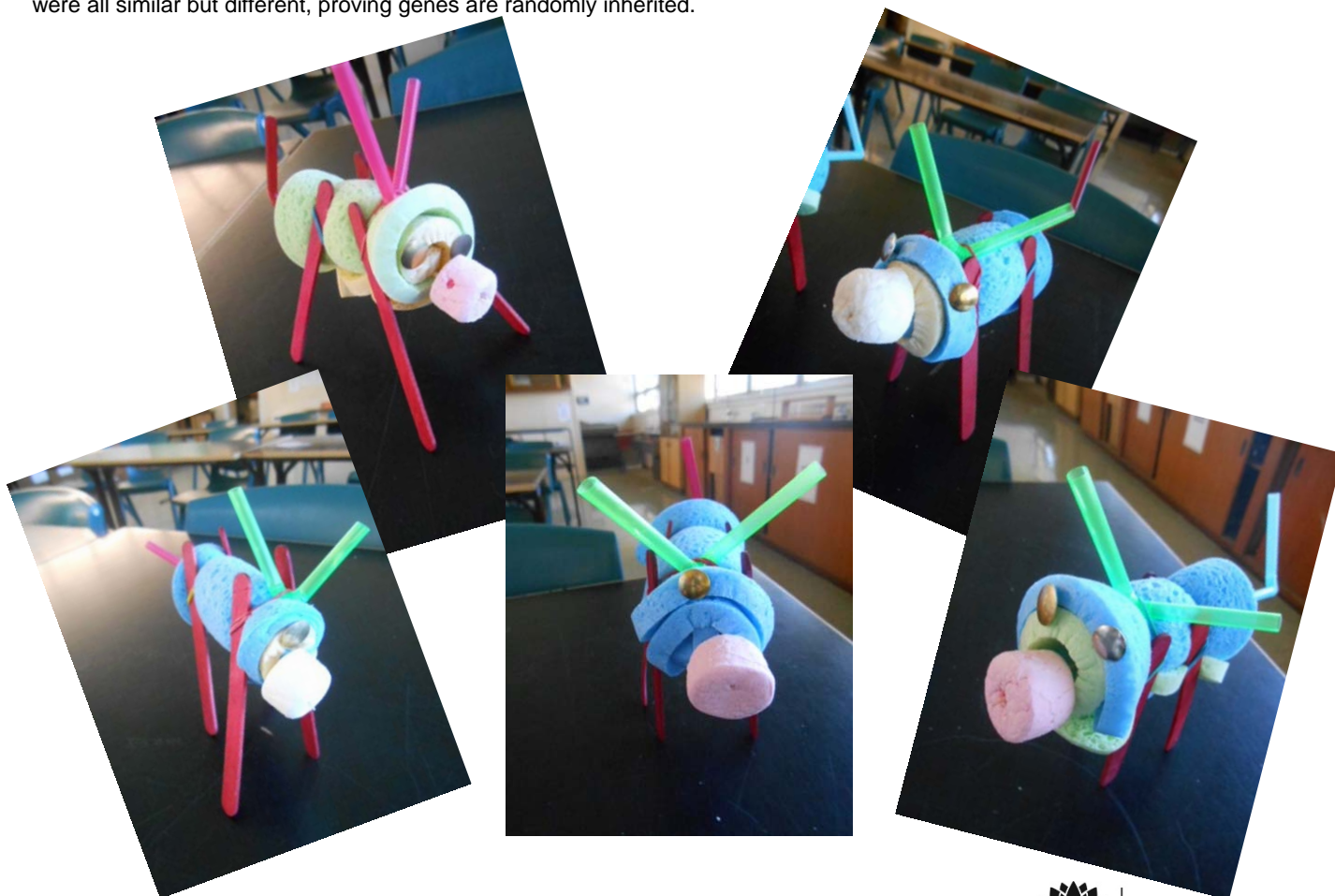
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STAGE 5 INVESTIGATE GENETICS

Stage 5 have been studying inheritance and random assortment of dominant and recessive genes in Science. The students had to create a Bede Bug offspring from the parent bug. They were each given a set of chromosomes which coded for specific traits in the parent bug. The traits included blue or green bodies, green or red antennae, blue or pink tails which were either bent or straight and also number of eyes. Students also had to determine the gender of their bug.

In pairs, students had to take half the chromosomes from each parent to provide a full set for the offspring from which they had to determine which trait their offspring had. Then using the materials provided, create their own Bede Bug baby. The offspring were all similar but different, proving genes are randomly inherited.



Reminders



Education & Communities

May

Primary Debating &
Open Boys Central Schools Touch
Thursday 30th

Gobondery/NARRAF cross country
Friday 31st

Assemblies

June

Whole school assembly
Friday 7th

P & C meetings are held every third
Tuesday of the month in the school
library at 7.00 pm.

Everyone is very welcome to attend

The next meeting is

Tuesday 18th June

Principal's Message

A relatively quiet but good Week Four was had by all at Tottenham Central!

I have included in this Newsletter an article about Carole McDiarmid, who has decided to 'step back' from her role as Western NSW Regional Director. Carole has been a wonderful, dedicated and inspirational leader of public education in Western Region for many years. She will be sadly missed and I will, on behalf of the Tottenham community, thank her and wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 4/5/6 class to Tottenham Hospital to perform at the "Biggest Morning Tea". The students sang two songs and were very impressive, singing with good volume and in tune - you brought credit to yourselves and your school - my thanks and congratulations! My thanks to Mrs Baker who has been teaching Year 4/5/6 these songs in her music classes.

Last week a group of primary students travelled to Tullamore to compete in the CWA Public Speaking Competition. The team included Anneka Lees, Will Horsburgh, Oliver Lees and Thomas Hewett. All students spoke extremely well - congratulations to you all! Our thanks to all teachers who coached and encouraged our team. My thanks also to the parents for supporting and driving the students to Tullamore.

Could all parents please note that Primary Parent/Teacher interviews will be taking place during the school day on Wednesday 26th of June. The Secondary Parent/Teacher interviews will be held after school on Tuesday the 25th of June. Please keep these dates free for these important interviews.

Good luck and best wishes also to all the competitors in the Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country which is on in Yeoval this Friday. Best wishes also to the Secondary Boys' Touch Football Team. They travel to Dubbo this Thursday to compete in a number of games in the Central Schools Touch Carnival.

Good luck to all Stage 4, Stage 5 and Year 11 students in their Semester One Exams which start today.

Keep warm, as winter arrives officially at the end of this week.

Steve Garriock

CAROLE MCDIARMID STEPS BACK

After almost 40 years as an educator, Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid will soon step back from leading the west's 195 public schools, almost 40,000 students and more than 4000 staff.

Our school has enjoyed a strong working relationship with Mrs McDiarmid during her time as Regional Director.

Mrs McDiarmid has expressed confidence that our school and the others in Western NSW are in a strong position to continue to improve educational outcomes and benefits to students under the guidance of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff and through the combined resources of the public school network.

She said our students are advantaged by the region's widely-recognised leadership in innovation and technology, our public schools' strong commitment to social justice through education and our determination to see better outcomes for all students.

Although Mrs McDiarmid will be stepping back as an educational leader, she still plans to stay involved in schools and has already signed on as a 'reading grandma' at her grandson's school.

Mrs McDiarmid is looking forward to the experience on the 'other side of the desk' and urges other grandparents or parents and community members with some spare time to seek opportunities to engage with their local public schools, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren there as students. As well as offering a rewarding experience, involvement can bring immense benefits to the students.



School News

MERIT SYSTEM

Congratulations to Colby McGeorge for recently achieving Bronze in the Merit System.

Special congratulations to students who have achieved Silver: Claire Barbary, Thomas Hopkins and Bridie Lindsay. Congratulations to all students for making great progress so far this term.

L Jarvis

PERMISSION NOTES

A reminder to parents when returning permission notes to school - please keep the part of the note with the information on it for the activity.

DEBATING

This Thursday, the primary debating team will compete against Tullamore in Round 1 of the Western Challenge. The team is:

1st speaker - Hugh Weber

2nd speaker - Sophie Williams

3rd speaker - Tom Hopkins

4th speaker - Josh Eldridge

Nathan Weston will be the chairperson and Colby McGeorge the timekeeper. The topic of the debate is that "fast food outlets should provide food for school canteens". Tottenham is the affirmative team. Parents and community members are welcome to attend the debate at 10:00 am in the school library.

LAST CHANCE

UNIFORM ORDER REMINDER

Attached to last week's newsletter was an uniform order. These need to be **returned before this Wednesday, 29th May**. There will not be another uniform order this term.

CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last Tuesday, four primary students, Oliver Lees, Thomas Hewett, William Horsburgh and Anneka Lees competed in the CWA Public Speaking Competition at Tullamore. Although they prepared and presented their speeches very well, they were not successful in proceeding to the next round. Well done, students!

YEAR 2/3 SCIENCE

During Week 8 and 9 the children will be making a shoebox guitar as part of their Science investigations into sound. Each child will need one shoebox for this activity. I have collected a few but would appreciate it if parents could supply one for their child. They will need to be at school prior to Week 8.

Thank you, Barb Baker

STAGE 4 AND 5 HALF YEARLY EXAMS

This week Stage 4 and Stage 5 will be completing their Half Yearly Exams.

PRELIMINARY EXAMS

This week Year 11 will also be completing their Half Yearly Exams.

HSC STUDY DAY

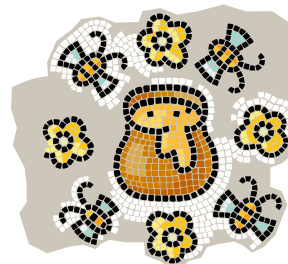
Year 12 will be attending an English HSC Study Day this Wednesday at Peak Hill.

MOSAIC DESIGN COMPETITION

We are planning to create some mosaic art pieces to decorate the school. These will be based on the four principles of the Fish Philosophy;

Make Their Day,
Choose your Attitude,
Be There
Play

We would like interested students to submit designs based around these four principles. There will be prizes awarded for the four best entries and then these designs will be used for the mosaics. Students' entries should be on A4 paper, be bright and colourful and have the words of the Fish Philosophy principle they choose on them. Entries need to be given to Mrs Baker or Miss Stewart by Friday, 7th June.



PRIMARY INTERVIEWS

A reminder that Primary Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 26th June during school hours. A timetable will be attached to the newsletter closer to the date.

School News

OPPORTUNITY CLASS FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS 2014

I have recently received information about Year 5 Placement procedures for 2014 entry into 'Opportunity Classes'. Opportunity Classes cater for high achieving, academically gifted students who may be otherwise isolated from a suitable peer group. Opportunity Classes are conducted in Primary schools located in NSW cities and larger towns. Parents of students in Year 4, 2013, who would like more information, please contact Mr Garriock.

EXEMPTIONS

Did you know?

You can apply to the Principal for an exemption if your child needs to be absent from school.

Exemptions are not counted in your child/children's end of year absences?

Exemptions **may** be granted for the following reasons and will need to be assessed for approval by the Principal:

exceptional domestic circumstances

(some examples are listed below):

- Flood (or other natural disaster) where the student is prevented from attending school;
- Funerals where the family needs to leave town for a period of time;
- Family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of your child;
- Child accompanying sick parent out of town for a period of time for treatment. If the time away is more than a week try to have your child attend the local school through **short-term attendance** to ensure your child does not miss out on too much learning.

other exceptional circumstances such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate

- student needing to attend appointments in Sydney, for example, for ongoing treatment;
- the child being prevented from attending school because of an infectious disease which could include whooping cough; measles; impetigo (school sores); influenza; chickenpox; conjunctivitis; gastroenteritis; German measles; mumps; ringworm; scabies; Scarlet Fever.

employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice.

Remember: Exemptions need to be applied for by the parent or carer **prior** to the absence and will need to be approved by the school principal. If you think your child/children may need an exemption, speak to the principal by appointment or phone call and complete the application form.

MINI QUIZ

Test your knowledge with these questions. Then see how many the kids know.

1. What is the name of the German parliament building in Berlin?
2. The teddy bear was named after which famous person?
3. What is the name for a triangle which has three sides of differing lengths?
4. How many films are there in the 'Harry Potter' series?
5. The air we breathe contains numerous elements; which gas is there most of?
6. Which car logo consists of 3 diamonds which meet in the middle?
7. Who wrote the original Mr Men books?
8. What is the capital of Iceland?
9. What are the first names of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde?
10. Name 3 James Bond films which have a title consisting of only one word.

Answers are in 'Other News'

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 Calendar

Term 2

WEEK 5 HALF YEARLY EXAMS	27	28	29 Year 12 English Study Day	30 Primary debating Central Schools– Boys Touch	31 Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country– Yeoval
WEEK 6	3 June	4	5 UNSW Science Comp. CHS Girls Tennis Knockout	6	7 Whole school assembly
WEEK 7	10 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	11 PSSA Golf	12 WSSA Cross Country trials	13	14 4Ts Gala Day– Tullamore
WEEK 8 STAGE 5 WORK EXP.	17 CHS Girls Tennis UNSW Writing Comp.	18 Central Schools Netball Gala Day UNSW Spelling Comp.	19	20 Musica Viva	21 Gobondery/NARRAF Netball/Touch Gala Day
WEEK 9	24	25 Secondary parent/ teacher interviews (after school)	26 Primary parent/teacher interviews (during school)	27	28 Whole school assembly Last day of Term 2

2013 Term Dates

Term 2	Staff Monday 29 April Students Wednesday 1 May	to Friday 28 June
Term 3	Staff Monday 15 July Students Tuesday 16 July	to Friday 20 September
Term 4	Staff Monday 7 October Students Tuesday 8 October	to Friday 20 December

Missing school leaves gaps in your education

MAKE SURE YOU SEND IN A NOTE OR CALL THE SCHOOL TO
EXPLAIN YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

IS YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL TODAY?

Sport News

GOBONDERY/NARRAF CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to the following students who are competing at Yeoval in the Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country trials.

Anneka Lees, Isabelle Lindsay, Caitlin Adam, Jessica Mills, Charlotte Lindsay, Bailey Cross, Jack Baker, Liam Humbert, Vincent Coventry, Ben Radford, Robert Adam, Lachlan Makim, Jacob Loftus, Clio Ridley, Michelle Harding, Elyssa Pearce, Oliver Lees, Thomas Hewett, Xavier Bryant, William McGeorge, James Weston, Rebecca Smith, Alexandra Lindsay, Jeanne Hardy, Nathan Weston, Tom Hopkins, Hugh Weber, Colby McGeorge, Josh Eldridge and Sophie Williams.

Parents and students need to be at the Yeoval Golf Course by 9.45 am ready to walk the courses at 10.00 am. Gobondery/NARRAF shirts will be available to purchase for \$25.



CENTRAL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

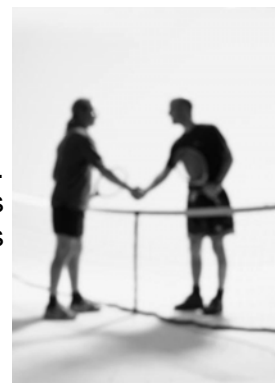
Good luck to the following boys who are playing in the Central Schools Touch Football gala day at Dubbo this Thursday: - Jack Bennett, Sammy Dunn, Josh Wilson, Peter Lindsay, Tommy Shanks, Sam Jackson, Fergus Brown.

Sport dates for Term 2

Carnival/Trials	Venue	Date
Central Schools Touch Football Gala Day	Dubbo	Thursday 30 th May
Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country	Yeoval	Friday 31 st May
CHS Girls Tennis Knockout	Dubbo	Wednesday 5 th June
PSSA Golf	Mudgee	Tuesday 11 th June
WSSA Cross Country Trials	Wellington	Wednesday 12 th June
4T's Gala Day	Tullamore	Friday 14 th June
CHS Girls Tennis	Dubbo	Monday 17 th June
Central Schools Netball Gala Day	Dubbo	Tuesday 18 th June
Gobondery/NARRAF Netball/Touch Gala Day	Warren	Friday 21 st June

TENNIS

Friday afternoon tennis will begin on June, 7th at 3.30pm and run for 4 weeks. Kids will be able to play games in a Round Robin format. Tottenham Tennis Tournament will be on June, 29th and 30th, so this will be a great chance for kids to practise playing games and scoring. Any queries please contact Kate Lees.



Parent tips and brief stories

CYBERBULLYING – WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It's all about relationships. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/what-the-experts-say>

WEEKEND FAMILY SNOW SPORTS CAMP

"Affordable holiday" and "skiing" in the same sentence? Yes, if you're quick. Sport and Recreation offers weekend getaways in the snow from July – September.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/jindabyne/>

MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER

Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children's abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise. Find out more: <http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>

UNDERSTANDING POETRY

Analysing a poem helps children to appreciate its meaning and the skills of the poet. There are often two levels of meaning to think about: one that is literal, and one that is more abstract. Find out more: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4125.pdf>

HOW TEENS ARE REALLY USING FACEBOOK

New research says teens are finding Facebook a "burden" - but they don't want to miss out on the latest updates from their friends. It seems like more of them are using Instagram. Find out more:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/21/teens-facebook-pew-study_n_3313812.html

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK

Video: **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Other news

TOTTENHAM SOCCER CLUB

WOW kids, you did us all proud on the Saturday at our actioned packed Gala Day. You all showed great spirit and enthusiasm throughout the day. Many comments have been made about all of you, on how good you are playing soccer already. Can't wait to see what you are all like at the end of the season. Keep up the great work and great team work. Thanks again to all the parents, as this day could not have happened without you. See you all at training - Wednesday 3:30 pm. We are off to Gilgandra on Saturday.
Janine Fisher

YOUTH CLUB

Thanks to Karl and Luke Loftus for running Youth Club on Friday night. This Friday we have Bridget and Rick Bennett on duty. Our next meeting will be Friday evening, 7th June.

A roster is on display at the Youth Club for all members to claim a date that best suits them for supervision for next semester. First in, best dressed!

PONY CLUB

Our next rally is on Sunday, 16th June, with pies and sausage rolls available for lunch. Plans are well under way for our Pony Club gymkhana to be held on Sunday, 23rd June, with the working bee at 2pm on Saturday, 22nd.

Equine dentist, Lenny Dixon, will be in Tottenham towards the end of this month, exact date yet to be confirmed. If you would like him to see to your horse's teeth, please let me know. If there is sufficient interest, we could see if Aussie Moses, chiropractor, could visit on the same day – let me know your thoughts.

L Jarvis, 68928211

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Reichstag
2. Theodore Roosevelt
3. Scalene
4. Eight
5. Nitrogen
6. Mitsubishi
7. Roger Hargreaves
8. Reykjavik
9. Henry (Jekyll) and Edward (Hyde)
10. Any three of 'Octopussy', 'Moonraker', 'Thunderball', 'Goldeneye' or 'Goldfinger'.

Tottenham Central School Uniform Order

Mr/Mrs/Ms:

Address:

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Please have your order in by
Wednesday, 29th May, 2013
because this order will be
sent on Friday, 31st May

Description	Colour	Size	Qty	Price (per unit)	Total Price

Total Enclosed: \$.....

Description of goods you can order:

Description	Colour	Sizes	Prices
LWR Short Sleeve Plain Polo Shirt	White (children)	4-16Y	\$ 10.00
	(adult)	14S-30/6XL	\$13.00
LWR Short Sleeve Plain Polo Shirt	Grey (children)	4-16Y	\$10.00
	(adult)	14S-30/6XL	\$13.00
LWR Mesh Sport Shorts	Dark Royal	6-16Y	\$9.00
	(adult)	14S-24/3XL	\$10.00
LWR Long Sleeve Plain Polo Shirt	White (children)	4-16Y	\$12.00
	(adult)	14S-24/3XL	\$15.00
LWR Secondary Microfibre Track Pants	Dark Royal	12-16Y	\$21.00
		14S-24/3XL	\$23.00
LWR Sports Polo Shirt with Emblem	Sky/Royal	12-16Y	\$14.50
		14S-24/3XL	\$14.50
LWR Gaberdine Shorts	Grey	4-16Y	12.00
LWR Gaberdine Cargo Shorts	Grey	4-16Y	15.00
LWR Gaberdine Long Pants	Grey	4-16Y	15.00
LWR Gaberdine Cargo Long Pants	Grey	4-16Y	18.00
LWR Gaberdine Double Knee Long Pants	Grey	4-16Y	16.00
LWR Fleecy Track Pants	Dark Royal	4-16Y	15.00
LWR Fleecy Track Pants Double Knee	Dark Royal	4-16Y	17.00