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Tottenham Central School

Encouraging all in the aim to Better Our Best

Week 11, Term 4

Monday, 14th December, 2015

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Mr Steve Garriock

Assistant Principal

Mrs Rose Martin

Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Mrs Sarah Lindsay

P & C President

Mr Rick Bennett

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www.tottenham-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Reminders

Tuesday 15th

MUFTI DAY

Class parties

Wednesday 16th

Presentation Ceremony 9.30am

Last day for students

Thursday 17th

Staff Development Day

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2016

- FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS

- PRIMARY SPORT

P & C Meetings

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month in the school library starting at 7.30pm (Term 1 & 4)

OUR CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



Principal's message

As the school year comes to an end, I look back over all the events and activities held throughout 2015 and I am quite amazed at what we have achieved together. It has certainly been a very busy and productive year.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all parents and community members for the generous support that they have provided to Tottenham Central School throughout 2015.

Last Tuesday, we held 'Discos' for our infants and primary students. All students seemed to really enjoy themselves. There were quite a number of students who proved that they are 'naturally talented dancers'. All students enjoyed the dancing games and especially doing the 'Limbo'. Great flexibility and agility was clearly on display. A really happy atmosphere prevailed at both discos. My thanks go to all the primary teachers who helped supervise, and to Mrs Lindsay who has once again proved her versatility.

I was again heartily overwhelmed to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school at our Christmas Assembly last Friday. Congratulations to all students who took part in their class's performances. I thought all were fantastic, with singing and music creating a happy Christmas atmosphere. My thanks go to Mrs Smith, Mrs Baker and Mrs Adam for their work in preparing their classes for this assembly.

I trust everyone enjoyed the photos from the Youth Club/Secondary Sydney excursion, and it seems that seeing me nearly drown made a lot of people really happy. My life actually did flash by my eyes! It was especially pleasing to hear first-hand from Chelsea Smith and Jack Bennett about their successful work experience at Hornsby.

Congratulations to all students who received Merit Awards at the assembly, and especially to all those who received Bronze, Silver, Gold. Special congratulations to the Platinum Award winners: Madi Hopkins, Anneka Lees, Sarah Mills and Ashleigh Horsburgh.

To complete our end of term/end of year celebrations, our Presentation Ceremony will be on Wednesday, 16th December, commencing at 9.30am at the Tottenham Memorial Hall. The Presentation Ceremony is one of the most important functions of the school year and is an opportunity for the Tottenham Central School community to reflect upon and to celebrate the

achievements and successes of the past year. It is important to note that all students must wear their best summer school uniform. I encourage everyone to attend this rewarding and enjoyable highlight of the school year.

There is a multi-day and Christmas class parties on Tuesday. All students have been asked to bring some party food &/or drinks. All students will also be taking part in 'Secret Santa' gift giving.

This week we say farewell to one of our teaching staff, Mrs Susan Larkings. It is with sadness I formally announce that Susan has accepted a transfer to Trangie Central School. Susan was appointed here in 1997, replacing Mr Jonathan Phillips. It is hard to sum up Susan's nineteen year career at Tottenham CS in a few lines here. There is no doubt Susan has been a devoted and dedicated teacher, always wanting the best for all students. Susan has worked extremely hard, teaching Secondary Maths, Visual Arts and LOTE, as well as successfully coordinating a variety of Maths courses, for Year 11 & 12 students in the Western Access Program. In recent years she has taught 5.3 Maths to Year 10 students in the other WAP schools, using our video conferencing equipment. Susan was able to form a good rapport with students, taking a genuine interest in them and inspiring them to extend themselves. Susan has been a strong advocate for music and has motivated students to learn music and take part in performances. She has also given up many lunch times to coach Signing Choir and Dance Groups with much success in eisteddfods over the past few years. Susan has made valuable contributions in many other areas including her work as SRC Advisor and Year Advisor. I am sure everyone joins me in thanking Susan and wishing her all the very best in her new position at Trangie CS.

Other changes to staffing include my planned long service leave in Term 1, 2016. Relieving Principal, Mrs Kym Orman, will be taking my place and comes with a wealth of experience. Also, Mr Russell Churcher has been appointed to TCS for 2016. Russell is a qualified Maths and Industrial Arts teacher, currently working at Melville HS at Kempsey. At this point I must thank Mrs Kim Williams for the truly excellent job she has done in teaching Technology and Industrial Arts subjects over the past two years.

Students return to school on Thursday, 4th February, 2016. The school Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 5th of February. It is important that all students return permission notes this week, if they haven't already done so. That is for both the swimming carnival and for Primary Sport, which will be at the pool on the first day of school.

In conclusion, I would again like to pass on my thanks to everyone - students, staff, parents and community members for making 2015 such an enjoyable and successful year at Tottenham Central School. Have a safe and peaceful holiday break.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Steve Garriock



Thank you to all the P&C dads (old and new): Rick Bennett, John Lindsay, Peter Baldwinson, Red Lindsay, Greg Radford, Tony Baldwinson, Warren Cross, Bill Berryman, Alan Jarvis, Luke Loftus and Darrin Cassidy, who completed the construction and erection of the new shade area in the secondary quadrangle last week. Shade cloth will be attached during the holidays and paving laid. The area will be ready for use next year.

School news

Tomorrow is a mufti day and class parties will be held. Students will also be receiving their 'Secret Santa' gifts. Please remember to send gifts in with the recipient's name on them.

Class parties will be held at lunchtime.

Year 2/3/4 and Year 5/6 DO NOT need to bring in any food, as they are cooking today, for their parties.

K/1 need to bring only a very small plate of party food or a drink. NO chips please, as we have plenty left over from the discos last week.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Wednesday, 16th December

Tottenham War Memorial Hall

9.30am

Students must be in full school uniform.

Unless a note has been sent in students will be expected to return to school once the ceremony has finished.



School news

CANTEEN

The canteen will be closed on the last day of term, Wednesday, 16th, December.

Merit certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at assembly on Friday.

K/1/2

Harry Chase James O'Brien
Matilda Anderson Lily Horsburgh
Henry Baldwinson

5/6

Stewart Jarvis Isabelle Lindsay
Chloe Harley Claire Barbary
Thomas Brennan Jacob Loftus

2/3/4

Bree Adam (2) Jessica Mills
Caitlin Adam (2) Samantha Harley
Kaleb Miller Jessica Lindsay

Secondary

Faith Miller Josh Wilson (2)
Tommy Shanks Rebecca Smith
Jeanne Hardy Alexandra Lindsay (3)
Michelle Harding (2)



SECONDARY REQUIREMENTS

A list of requirements for secondary students for 2016 has been included in the newsletter.

Photos from the primary disco last week :-



School calendar

Term 4, 2015

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK II	14 SRC Luncheon	15 Mufti day Class parties P & C meeting TBC	16 PRESENTATION CEREMONY 9.30 AM STUDENTS LAST DAY FOR 2015	17 Staff development day	18

Students begin the 2016 school year on Thursday, 4th February.

Term 1, 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	25	26 Australia Day	27 HEAT WEEK	28	29
WEEK 2	1	2 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	3 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	4 Students begin school for 2016	5 School swimming carnival
WEEK 3	8	9	10	11	12

Zoo Adventures

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years and will be held during the April 2015 school holidays. This education program is designed for primary school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates: Tuesday 12 January to Friday 15 January 2016
Monday 18 January to Thursday 21 January 2016

Age: 5-12 years

Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** - \$45.00 per child per day (if booked before Thursday 17 December 2015).

Normal Rate - \$55.00 per child per day (bookings after Thursday 17 December 2015).

How to Book:

✿ All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website <http://taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo/whats/zoo-adventures-dubbo>

✿ Contact the zoo on 6881 1433.



Sport news

SECONDARY SPORT

This Wednesday for those students who are at school we will be walking to the pool at 1pm. The students will be able to either purchase their lunch from the café or pool or bring their own lunch. We will either have lunch in the café, park or at the pool. The students will return to school to go home on buses.

SWIMMING NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms have been sent home for the swimming carnival next year. These need to be returned this week. For those parents with 8 year old children in Year 2 it is easier to complete the nomination form now and send it in then see how they go over the holidays. If you feel your child cannot swim in the carnival they can be taken out at the beginning of next year.

SPORT NOTES

Sport notes for both Primary and Secondary need to be returned this week.

Primary Sport

A reminder that the first day back in 2016 is Thursday, 4th February. Primary students will be going to the pool for sport.



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: _____

2016 Secondary Requirements:

Secondary students are required to provide the following materials, clearly labelled, for classes in 2016:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: These are mandatory:

Blue pen	Black pen	Red pen
Highlighter	Lead pencil	Coloured textas
Coloured pencils	Glue stick	USB – thumbdrive
Pencil sharpener	Eraser	Geometry set

A4 Lecture Notepad
30cm ruler (wooden or plastic – NOT metal)
Homework diary – to be provided by the school
Suggested: Two pencil cases – 1 with basic pens, pencils, ruler 1 with textas, coloured pencils Dictionary & Thesaurus

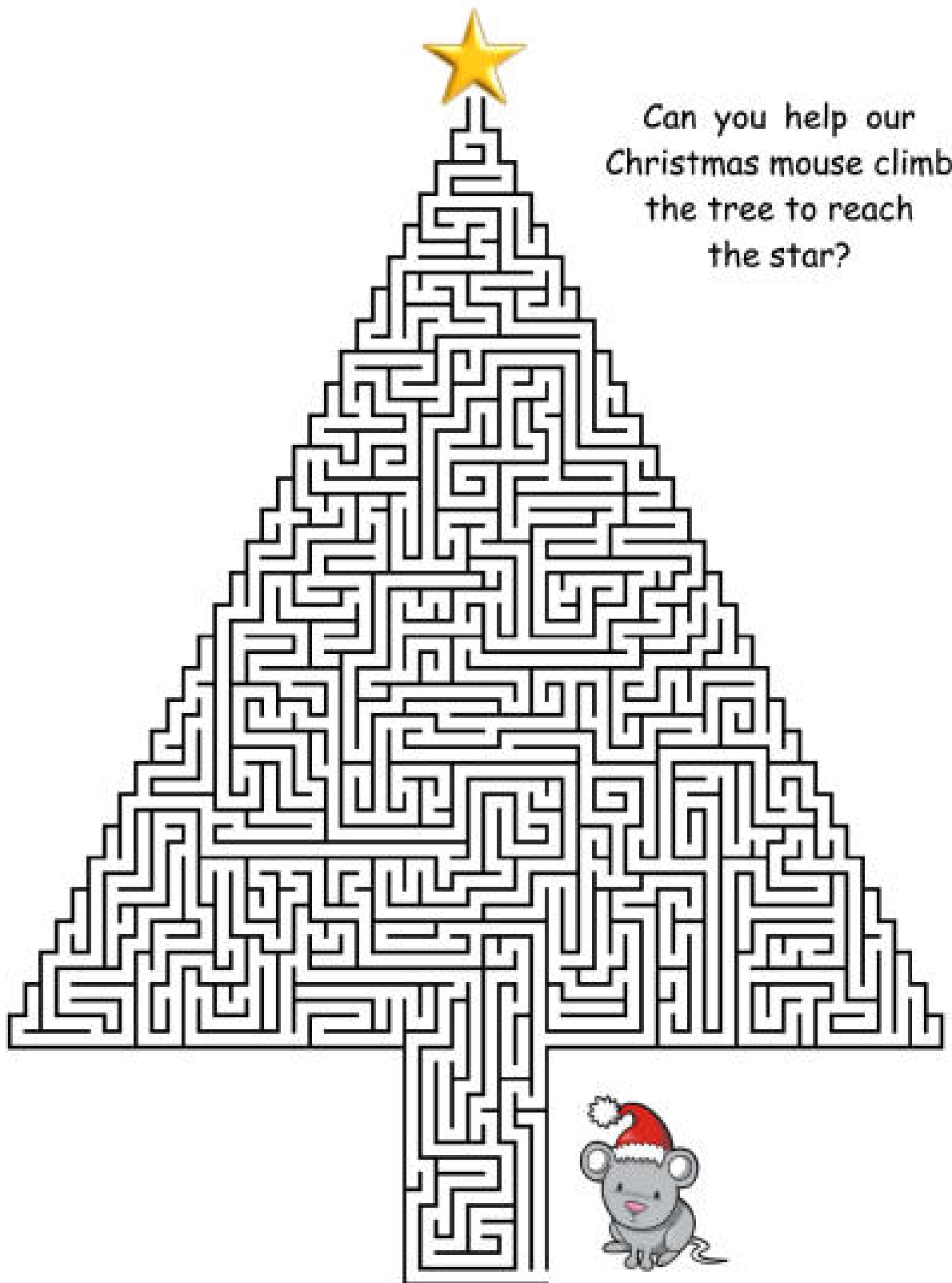
Stage 4

Mathematics	1 x A4 Mathematic Grid Book 1 x A4 exercise book Casio Calculator (BOS calculator approved list) \$24 fx-82 AU PLUS – available through school
English	1 x Display folders 1 x A4 240 page Exercise books, stapled with ruled margin – no tear out pages or perforated pages
Science	1 x A4 240 page exercise book
Geography	1 x A4 exercise book
History	168 page exercise book
PD/H/PE	1 x A4 96 page exercise book, sports clothes, joggers
Music	1 display folder
Visual Arts	1 x A4 Visual Arts Diary 2 B pencils (range of B's for drawing) Art shirt / paint smock
Technology	Display folder 64 page exercise book Covered leather shoes
LOTE	1 x A4 Display folder book 1 x A4 exercise book

Stage 5

Mathematics	A4 exercise book Casio calculator (available from school) \$24
English	1 x Display folders 1 x A4 240 page Exercise books, stapled with ruled margin – no tear out pages or perforated pages 1 x Art Diary
Science	1 x A4 360 page exercise book
Geography	168 page exercise book 96 page exercise book
History	168 page exercise book 96 page exercise book
PD/H/PE	1 x A4 96 page exercise book, sports clothes
Agriculture	Display folder 1 x A4 128 page exercise book
Food Technology	96 page exercise book 48 page exercise book
Metal Technology	Display folder 1 x A4 128 page exercise book
Textiles and Design	96 page exercise book 48 page exercise book Individual purchase of material as notified
Work Education	1 x A4 128 page exercise book Laptop bag/satchel for DER laptops

Christmas Tree Maze



Can you help our
Christmas mouse climb
the tree to reach
the star?

The staff and students would like to wish everyone
a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe and
Happy New Year.