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# Tottenham Central School

Encouraging all in the aim to Better Our Best

Week 9, Term 4

Tuesday, 1st December, 2015

## Principal

Mr Steve Garriock

## Assistant Principal

Mrs Rose Martin

## Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Mrs Sarah Lindsay

## P & C President

Mr Rick Bennett

We are on the internet

[www.tottenham-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tottenham-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Reminders

Monday 30th

Jack and Chelsea - Hornsby Work  
Experience all week

Wednesday 2nd

Year 7 transition  
Year 7 Parent meeting

Friday 4th

Year 7 transition  
Band students play at hospital

## Assemblies

Friday, 11th December - Week 10

## P & C Meetings

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

Next meeting -

**TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER**  
**TBC**

**WINNERS**  
**- SECOND YEAR IN A ROW**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR**  
**WESTERN CHALLENGE**  
**DEBATING**  
**TEAM**

## Principal's message

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM WESTERN CHALLENGE DEBATING COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

For the second year in a row the Year 6 debating team has won the Western Challenge debating competition. This is an outstanding and a remarkable achievement, possibly the first time a school has achieved this honour. To reach the grand final of this competition the Year 6 debaters defeated many teams from a variety of schools across the region. Last Thursday in the grand final, Will Horsburgh, Madi Hopkins, Chloe Harley and Kira Roberts defeated Parkes PS. My thanks go to Mrs Martin for teaching our primary students to be such good debaters. I also certainly appreciate the efforts of our debater's parents, who supported the team throughout the competition. Well done everyone!



The annual Burgoyne Debate was held at the Tottenham Bowling Club last Wednesday night. This was a very special evening, with a large audience treated to a high quality debate and delicious dinner. The Year 5 & 6 students had worked extremely hard in the weeks leading up to the debate, preparing their arguments and techniques. The students had obviously put a lot of work into researching the topic - "That cats make better pets than dogs". Both teams presented very good arguments. Of equal importance on the night; each speaker demonstrated good public speaking skills as well as making some very good rebuttals. Members of both teams should be proud of the way they spoke. The adjudicator, Mr Bill Messner, in his twentieth year of adjudicating the Burgoyne Debate, was also very impressed awarding the Year 5 team a narrow victory. The students were well prepared, and my thanks go to Mrs Martin, Mrs Attenborough, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Baldwinson for the excellent job that they did in coaching the students, and for ensuring that this important event was a success.

last Monday. It was a very special evening of celebration with students able to celebrate and farewell Hannah Smith and Bridget Bennett in an appropriate fashion. My thanks go to Amy-Lee Wilson and Kane Hardy who capably chaired the evening. Special thanks to Mrs Lynette Jarvis and all her helpers for ensuring the night proceeded smoothly. Stage 5 students also did an excellent job decorating the Golf Club creating a festive atmosphere. I congratulate everyone for making the night such an entertaining and successful evening.

I have just returned from the secondary excursion to Sydney. It was extremely pleasing to see the secondary students thoroughly enjoy their time in Sydney. Firstly, I must congratulate them all on their outstanding behaviour throughout the trip. They were an extremely friendly, happy and harmonious group. They all enjoyed a full range of activities which included - a visit to 'The Dish', a tour of the Manildra flour mill, workshops at Sturt Uni, a jet cat ride to Manly, surfing at Manly beach, white water rafting at the Sydney Olympic Regatta venue, fun at Luna Park and other educational and sporting activities. My thanks go to Mrs Jarvis for organising this outstanding excursion and thanks also to Miss Hall for her good work with Mrs Jarvis. Special thanks to the parents, Mrs Wanita Smith, Mrs Coral Andrews and Mr Rick Bennett for helping supervise students during this excursion.

School recommences for students on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. It is important that all students return their permission notes this week for both the swimming carnival on the first Friday and for primary sport, which will be on Thursday; the first day of Term 1.

**Have a great week!**

*Steve Garriock*

I would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the secondary Graduation Dinner

## School news

### WESTERN CHALLENGE DEBATING

Congratulations to our primary debating team who, last Thursday, defeated Parkes Public School in the grand final of the Western Challenge debating competition.

The team:

1st speaker - Madi Hopkins

2nd speaker - Kira Roberts

3rd speaker - Will Horburgh and

Team adviser - Chloe Harley

all performed at an outstanding level and were highly commended by the adjudicator. We now hold the 'Liz Gardiner Shield' for the second year in succession.



### STATE DEBATING

Last week, William Horsburgh participated in the state debating finals as a member of the Western Area team. It was a wonderful experience for Will, and the team reached the semi-finals, where they were beaten by North Sydney Area. Congratulations, Will. There is a report, further on in the newsletter, from the Western Area coach and Will.

### MERIT SYSTEM

Congratulations to:

- Dominic Barnett for achieving Bronze in the Merit System last week
- Alex Lloyd, Billy Simpson, Ciara Anderson, Jack Baker, James O'Brien, Kirralee Brown, Sophie Ayton, Tasmyn McKeown and Thomas Brennan for achieving Silver in the Merit System
- Angus Baker, Claire Barbary, Danielle Harding, James Mills, Jasmine Miller, Maddi Loftus and Robert Adam have recently achieved Gold; congratulations to these students.

A very special congratulations go to Ashleigh Horsburgh, Sarah Mills and Anneka Lees for achieving Platinum. These students will receive their awards at the Presentation Assembly.

Well done to all students.

### OPERATION ART WORKSHOP

This Thursday, eight primary students are attending the 'Operation Art' workshop in Dubbo. The students are:

Year 3

Bree Adam and Kayla Anderson

Year 4

Jessica Lindsay and Alice Radford

Year 5

Laura Harley and Isabelle Lindsay

Year 6

Jasmine Miller and Kira Roberts

The students will work with artists and teachers, creating artworks using various techniques.



### PRESENTATION CEREMONY

A note has been sent home today for Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. If this could be completed and returned to school indicating what your child is doing after Presentation Ceremony, that would be appreciated.

### YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

This Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December the Year 6 students going in to Year 7 will be involved in their Transition days with Secondary. On Wednesday the students will be walking to and from the pool to participate in Secondary sport. On Friday, the students will participate in PE and will need to bring a change of clothes for this session.

The Year 6 Parent meeting will be held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.00 am.

### COMBINED SCHOOL & YOUTH CLUB EXCURSION

Congratulations to those students, parents and staff involved in an amazing and exhausting four days. I was extremely proud of the entire group for the duration of the trip, and it was very pleasing to have those who didn't know our group compliment them on their behaviour, manners and the way that they looked after each other.

L Jarvis

### SECONDARY REQUIREMENTS

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





## School news

### THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS STATE DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS COLLARROY, SYDNEY 22<sup>ND</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

The Western NSW Debating Team was selected from across Western NSW and competed against 9 other regional teams from across NSW. This Year our team was: Harry Kater – Dubbo West Public School, Matilda McDonald – Bathurst Public School, Chloe Petersen – Wallerawang Public School, **Will Horsburgh – Tottenham Central School**

We spent 3 nights and four days at the beautiful beachside Collaroy Centre under perfect blue skies and sea breezes.

We were awestruck to win our first 3 debates, then 1 loss and another win landed us in the semi-final. It was here we met our match against the Northern Sydney team, who was the eventual winner of the competition.

Congratulations to all Western Team Debaters – you were outstanding and a credit to your coaches and schools.

Marilyn Johnson – Regional Coach 2015



*On Sunday, 22nd November, my mum and I headed to Collaroy in Sydney for a debating competition. We had an hour to prepare our speech and then we did the debate. My team had five debates and then the semi-final. We won 4 out of 5 debates and then we were beaten in the semis. Our team coach took us down to the beach and we even watched a 3D movie. It was a great experience and I encourage everyone to give debating a go because it's great fun and you learn a lot.*

*Will Horsburgh*

## School news

### WORK EXPERIENCE

We wish Jack Bennett and Chelsea Smith well as they are enjoying a week of Work Experience in Hornsby. Jack is assisting in the running of Hornsby 24/7 Gym while Chelsea is assisting in the delivery of art lessons through Studio A, also in Hornsby.

We are extremely grateful to the members of Hornsby Rotary Club for their ongoing support with this program, and it was wonderful to have us all together for lunch on Sunday.

### CAREERS

Parents of students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to register at [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au), a careers support website which students will be using in class to help identify possible career paths.

To register, please use Tottenham Central School's account, with your own email address, and a password "giraffes". Alternatively, ask your child to show you through this fabulous resource.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this great opportunity.

### K/1/2 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The K/1/2 class will be performing an item at the Christmas assembly next week. If possible, could the children bring in a Christmas t-shirt and/or Santa hat or reindeer antlers to change into. Please label all items. Thank you,  
Amanda Smith

### SECRET SANTA

**All classes** will be having a 'Secret Santa' this year. The name of the student you are to buy for has been given out. The amount is limited to under \$10. Could the gift be wrapped and sent to school with your participant's name on it. The gifts will be given out at the class party on Tuesday, 15th December.



### K-6 DISCO

The K-6 disco will be held on Tuesday, 8th December in the school library. Times are as follows:-

K, Years 1 and 2	5:30-7:00pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	7:00-8:30pm

Children are asked to bring a small plate of party food and / or a bottle of drink. Parents must pick their children up promptly at the end of each disco.

### PENRITH ADVENTURE REPORTS.

Students from Tottenham Central School and Tottenham Youth Club recently enjoyed the hospitality of Charles Sturt University, Bathurst and Penrith City Council for four days.

Participants experienced life on campus, touring the facilities, joining in a range of activities provided by the residential advisers, staying in the accommodation at CSU, eating in the dining room and generally getting a feel for life as a uni student.



We then travelled to Penrith, commuting to Sydney, enjoying many tourist highlights, including ferries and public transport to get to the aquarium, Manly Beach and Luna Park. Saturday was (very) full with an early start for white water rafting where we met the Mayor of Penrith City Council, shopping, flip-out and dinner at a restaurant. The tiring day was finished off with a couple of games of laser tag. Sunday was a little more relaxed, as the markets we were hoping to attend were cancelled because of the threat of wet weather, so we filled in some time with aqua golf before heading to Hornsby to meet up with the Hornsby Rotarians for lunch. We finally waved good-bye to Jack and Chelsea and their hosts, before starting the long, and quiet journey, back to Tottenham.

An adventure packed four days that has left participants with a great stack of memories despite being exhausted.



## School news

*My favourite part was the white water rafting. It was so much fun to try something new and to stay in the raft. I definitely want to do it again! (Faith)*

*My favourite thing was the white water rafting because you got sprayed with water and we nearly tipped over. (Zohe)*



*It was spectacular – I had a wonderful time. The rides at Luna Park were awesome and I enjoyed all of the rides. I also enjoyed the laser tag, shooting the others was more fun than being shot. Seeing the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge covered in lights, from a ferry was cool. (Danielle)*

*I enjoyed body-surfing at Manly Beach, even though it was cold in the wind on the ferry when we travelled back at night. I loved playing laser tag at night. (Rebecca)*



*I enjoyed white water rafting because when we went over a wave, Amy and I went overboard. The other girl on our boat said it was like synchronised diving because we both went off at the same time. I also liked Charles Sturt University rooms because they were big and we had our own room with a key card to get in. (Alexandra)*



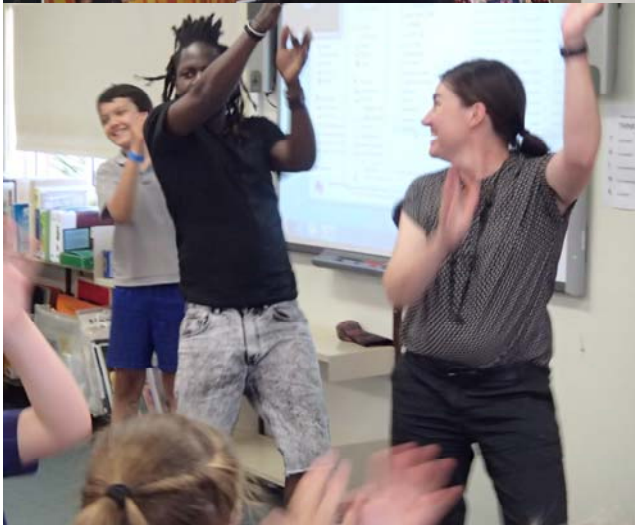
*My favourite part of the excursion was the white water rafting because we got soaked! The funniest part was that Mr Garriock fell out and they took a photo of it. I also loved the rides at Luna Park, including the spider and the rotor. We did a lot of walking with a whole lot of stairs. (Michelle)*

*My favourite part of the excursion was going on the Hair Raiser at Luna Park. Because it was popular there was a long line, but that didn't matter: once you got to the top you suddenly dropped very fast. The trip was a big adventure and I loved it! (Jeanne)*



## School news

Last week we had representatives from the *Irene Gleeson Foundation* visit the school. They told us the story of Irene Gleeson, how and why she started the foundation in Uganda and some of the wonderful work it continues today in her memory. We also saw some traditional Ugandan dance, and joined in.





## School news

Congratulations to Grace Barbary (right) for her outstanding achievement in the UNSW English competition. Top 5% . Well done!



### GRADUATION DINNER

Last Monday, 23rd November, we formally said farewell to our 2015, Year 12 students; Hannah and Bridget. The Golf Club looked lovely, as did the girls (left).



### BURGOYNE DEBATE

Last Thursday night the annual Burgoyne Debate was held at the Golf Club. The debate, "that cats makes better pets than dogs", was contested between Year 5 and Year 6 students. Year 5 were the negative side and won the debate. Thank you to Mr Bill Messner for, once again, adjudicating our annual debate.





# School calendar

## Term 4, 2015

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9	30	1 December	2 Year 7 transition Year 7 Parent meeting	3	4 Year 7 transition
WEEK 10	7	8	9	10 Talking Tottenham published	11 Christmas assembly 2.40pm
WEEK 11	14	15 Class parties P & C meeting TBC	16 PRESENTATION CEREMONY 9.30 AM STUDENTS LAST DAY FOR 2015	17 Staff development day	18

## Term 1, 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	25	26 Australia Day	27 HEAT WEEK	28	29
WEEK 2	1	2 Staff Development Day	3 Staff Development Day	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

### SPORT NOTES

Sport notes for both Primary and Secondary will be sent home this week. These need to be returned before the end of the year to allow the students to participate in sport when they return to school in 2016.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Swimming lessons continue this week.

The children participating must bring:

- ® Swimmers
- ® Rash shirt
- ® Towel
- ® Sunscreen
- ® **\$2.40** each day for pool entry or season ticket.

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

Mrs Adam

### SWIMMING NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms have been sent home for the swimming carnival next year. These need to be returned as soon as possible. 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.




More photos from the secondary excursion to Sydney. Can you spot the mystery guest who caught up with the group at Luna Park?





## Other news



**SAFER DRIVER  
COURSE  
FOR YOUNG  
DRIVERS**

**Preparing you for your P s**

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

**5th and 6th December 2015**  
Time: 9am – 12pm  
Where: Skillset Office- Suite 3, 207 Brisbane Street, Dubbo  
Cost: \$140.00 for 20 log book hours  
To Book: Call Skillset  
Ph: 63301400 or email [cevans@skillset.com.au](mailto:cevans@skillset.com.au)

### YOUTH CLUB

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Youth Club/School, Penrith Adventure – exhausting, but fabulous!

This Friday evening we have Brock and Kristy Ivory on duty. A volunteer to run Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> would be appreciated. Please let me know if you can help out.

Calendars will be available soon - \$10.

L Jarvis



The last  
**Talking Tottenham**  
for the year will be published on  
Thursday, 10th December.  
All articles, photographs and items of  
interest should be  
submitted before next  
Monday, 7th December



### 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.

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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 – <b>NOT metal</b> )
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