

Encouraging all in the aim to Better Our Best

Tottenham Central School Newsletter



Principal

Miss Amanda Thorpe

**Assistant Principal
(relieving)**

Mrs Meggan Adam

**Head Teacher
Secondary Studies**

Mrs Sarah Lindsay

P & C President

Mr Rick Bennett

Reminders

Week 9
Secondary excursion to
Tasmania

Assemblies

K-6 Christmas assembly
Week 9
2:20pm start

P & C Meetings

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

**EXCELLENCE
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY**

Principal's Message

Professional Learning

On Tuesday afternoon our staff participated in a three hour School Development Day session. The afternoon commenced with an information session outlining the requirements and timeline for teaching staff to obtain a *Working With Children Check*.

We then participated in an information session outlining the role and history of the Anti-Racism Contact Officer. Principals are required to nominate a member of the teaching staff to be the school's *Anti-Racism Contact Officer* (ARCO). The ARCO, Mrs Baldwinson, is the contact between students, staff, parents and community members who wish to make a complaint regarding racism and the appropriate procedure that will be used to resolve the complaint, including the person who will have responsibility for dealing with the complaint - the delegate.

Our afternoon ended with a *Positive Behaviour for Learning* activity which involved identifying form and function of behaviour. In very basic terms, form is the identification of the behaviour and function is the identification of why it has occurred.

Gobondery Cup and Gobondery Shield

Last week our secondary students came second in the Gobondery Cup and won the quiz. Congratulations to our

primary students who took out the 2016 Gobondery Shield! The two days were very successful and a lot of fun for our students and staff.

Year 10 Work Experience

This week while Zohe, Faith and Danielle are completing work experience in Sydney, we have students participating in local experiences as well. Brendon is undertaking a farm work experience, Caleb is working at the Preschool and Joel is working hard at Western Farm Machinery. Thank you to our local hosts for having our students.

Western Challenge Debating Final

Yesterday Mrs Attenborough and I took our primary debaters to Parkes for the final of the Western Challenge Debating. The topic for debate was "that all primary school children should have a Facebook page" with our team; Sarah, Laura, Anneka and Charlotte, being the affirmative. It was an extremely close debate with Parkes PS winning the challenge for 2016. Our school is very proud of our students and their achievements this year. We are one of the smallest schools of the thirty five in the competition and this was the third year running TCS has made the final. Quite an achievement! Thank you also to Mrs Martin for helping out. Well done team.

Messages to Children

We understand that at times, parents need to contact the school to pass on messages to their children and we are more than happy to do so. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could contact the office by 3pm with messages. Left any later, we worry we won't catch the children in time, particularly if they aren't in their usual classroom. We've had a few "near misses" lately and receive many calls each afternoon to pass on messages. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Rainwater Tank

Yesterday our 250 000 litre rainwater tank was installed! Thank you to:

- Rick and Gary for the earthmoving and putting down the tank pad.
- *Tottenham Lions Club* for their donation towards the purchase of the tank.
- *GrainCorp* for the community grant.

Early next year the COLA down pipes will be connected to the tank along with our ag plot dam and the pump station will be moved to the new tank. Bring on the rain!

Secondary Excursion

Next week our secondary students are off to Tasmania for a week of sight-seeing and learning. I am very jealous of Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Turner and Mr Churcher, who I am sure, are going to have an amazing time.

Reports

End of year reports are currently being finalised. After reading your child's report, if you have any questions you are more than welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Industrial Action - 8 December 2016

The NSW Teachers Federation has announced it will hold a stop work meeting of school teachers and non-school based Teaching Service (OCAA) members on Thursday, 8 December, 2016. The purpose of the stop work meeting is for Federation members to debate and vote on the proposed *Crown Employees (Teachers in Schools and Related Employees) Salaries and Conditions Award 2016*.

Please note that our school will remain open during the industrial action. Normal classes will operate with minimal disruption to usual routine.

Amanda Thorpe
Principal

School Swimming Scheme

Swimming lessons will continue next week with the last day being on Friday, 9th December. **Spending money may be sent in on Friday (last day), limited to \$2 please.** Children participating must bring:

- Swimmers
- Rash shirt
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- \$2.50 each day for pool entry or season ticket.

Please contact me at school if you need further information.
Mrs Adam



KidsArtWorks

Thank you to everyone who ordered from KIDS ARTWORKS. The orders have been distributed and we are sure you will be pleased with the result. This year we raised an excellent amount of money which was only made possible due to your commitment to the school. Thank you

K-6 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2:20PM START



Yearbook orders

Yearbooks will be available at Presentation Day for \$10 in black and white print. Colour copies can be pre-ordered before 9am on Monday, 12th December at a cost of \$15 and collected at Presentation Day.

Thank you to those students who submitted entries for our Yearbook 2016 cover. Congratulations to Alice Radford and Archie Baldwinson for their winning entries chosen by several secondary students.

Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Baldwinson

COLOUR COPIES OF
YEAR BOOK MUST BE
ORDERED BEFORE
MONDAY,
12TH DECEMBER

"NO HAT - NO PLAY"



Swimming Carnival Nomination Forms

If your child has not returned their swimming carnival nomination form, and they will be participating in the carnival, could you please return it this week.

Secondary Excursion

Next week most of our secondary students will be participating in their major secondary excursion to Tasmania. Keep an eye out for photos on our Facebook page and in upcoming newsletters.



Secondary Requirements 2017

Included in this newsletter is the requirements list for secondary students in 2017. Please ensure that students have the correct items to begin the new school year.



Primary

Western Challenge Debating Final

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 debaters (right) who came second in the Western Debating Challenge. They debated in the finals yesterday against Parkes Public School resulting in them coming runners-up out of 35 schools in the competition.

Jodie Attenborough

Christmas Assembly

Could all students in K/1 and 2/3/4 please bring a Christmas shirt or a red/green shirt to change into for the Christmas assembly next week. K/1 could also bring a Santa hat or reindeer antlers if they wish. Our Christmas assembly will begin at 2:20pm.



K-6 Disco

The K-6 disco will be held on Tuesday, 13th December in the school library. Times are:-

K, Year 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. *If someone other than a parent/caregiver is collecting children, a written note should be sent into school beforehand.*

Class parties and Secret Santa

Class parties will be held on Thursday, 15th December. Secret Santa gifts will be distributed on this day also. Please send in your wrapped gift as soon as possible.



K/1/2 Water Play Day

On Thursday, 15th December, K/1/2 will be having a water play afternoon at school for sport. The students are to bring their swimmers to get changed into and must wear a rash shirt or a t-shirt. They will also need some sunscreen, a hat that can get wet and a towel. Please make sure everything is labelled.

Canteen

Friday \$6 Meal Deal

Home made Cheesy Pasta and lunch treat

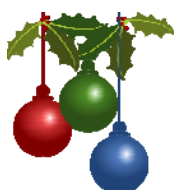


We are getting into the spirit of Christmas and need the kids help with some Christmas drawings or any festive items you may have! We will have prizes for:

** best colouring * most creative * best drawing * Kiah's choice*

Use the colouring page from this newsletter or do your own. Anything to decorate would be lovely

Don't forget to put name & class on entries.



Please leave suggestions in our "Wish Jar" for 2017

Please check out our Facebook page for more information

Gobondery Cup



Gobondery Shield



Calendar

Term 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 8 YR10 HORNSBY WORK EXP	28	29	30 Kindergarten orientation Western Challenge Debating final in Parkes M & E Prac day in Yeoval	1 December	2
WEEK 9 SECONDARY EXCURSION	5	6	7	8	9 School Swimming Scheme ends K-6 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY 2:20PM
WEEK 10	12	13 Primary discos	14 GRADUATION	15 Secret Santa & class parties	16 PRESENTATION CEREMONY 9.30 AM Students' last day

2017 School Term and Vacation Dates

Term 1	Monday, 6 February	to Friday, 7 April
Autumn vacation	Monday, 10 April	to Friday, 21 April
Term 2	Wednesday, 26 April	to Friday, 30 June
Winter vacation	Monday, 3 July	to Friday, 14 July
Term 3	Tuesday, 18 July	to Friday, 22 September
Spring vacation	Monday, 25 September	to Friday, 6 October
Term 4	Monday, 9 October	to Friday, 15 December
Summer vacation	Monday, 18 December	to Monday, 5 February 2018

These dates may vary in accordance with Staff Development Days.

Please always check term calendar in the newsletter.

Please note: school zone speed limits apply on ALL school days
including staff development days.

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- keep up to date with the latest news
and check out the photos



Pony Club:

Christmas celebration, Monday 19th December, 6:00 pm at the Racecourse, starting with dinner. Cold meat provided, please bring a salad and a sweet to share. Presentation to follow, with gear check for the Christmas Light Run from 7:15. Please remember to bring your own lights, batteries, safety vests etc.



Youth Club will be running the drink stall at the Christmas Tree in the Park on Sunday, 11th December. The roster has been put together now – all participants in Youth Club activities will be expected to join in and have some fun, we'd just like some additional adults to assist with supervision for half an hour each.

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: _____

Date	Youth Member	Adult Helper	Activity
2/12/2016	Kira Roberts	Coral Andrews	Open House
9/12/2016	Closed - Excursion		
11/12/2016	All	All	Christmas Tree Drink Stall
16/12/2016	Lachie Makim	Mrs J	Christmas celebrations

2017 SECONDARY REQUIREMENTS:

Secondary students are required to provide the following materials, clearly labelled, for classes in 2017:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: These are mandatory and need to be replaced as they are used throughout the year:

Blue pen	Black pen	Red pen	A4 Lecture Notepad
Highlighter	Lead pencil	Coloured textas	30cm ruler (wooden or plastic – NOT metal)
Coloured pencils	Glue stick	USB – thumb drive	Homework diary – to be provided by the school
Pencil sharpener	Eraser	Geometry set	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) fx-82 AU PLUS –\$24 available through school
English	1 x display folder 1 x A4 240 page exercise books, stapled with ruled margin – no tear out pages or perforated pages 1 x A4 96 page exercise book
Science	1 x A4 240 page exercise book BoS calculator approved \$24 fx-82 AU PLUS
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 Bs for drawing) Art shirt or apron
Technology	Display folder 64 page exercise book Covered leather shoes
LOTE	1 x A4 display folder book 1 x A4 exercise book

Stage 5

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Science	1 x A4 240 page exercise book BoS calculator approved \$24 fx-82 AU PLUS
Geography	168 page exercise book
History	168 page exercise book 96 page exercise book
PD/H/PE	1 x A4 96 page exercise book, sports clothes, joggers
Agriculture	Display folder 1 x A4 128 page exercise book
Food Technology	96 page exercise book
Metal Technology	Display folder 1 x A4 128 page exercise book Covered leather shoes Long-sleeved work shirt
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

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Zoo Adventures

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM ZOO ADVENTURES – SUMMER 2017

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 January 2017 school holidays. This education program is designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates: Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th January 2017
Monday 16th to Thursday 19th January 2017

Age: 5-12 years

Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: **EARLY BIRD RATE** – Payment must be made before COB 21st December 2016
\$45.00 per child per day
\$40.00 ZooFriends per child per day

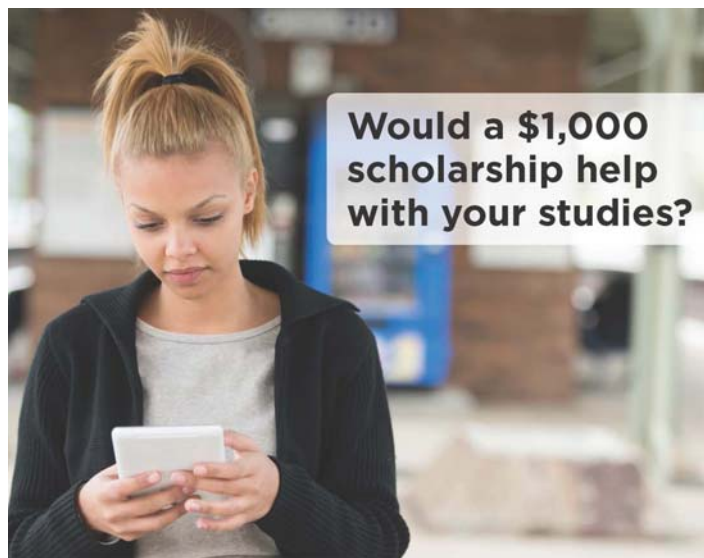
FULL RATE – (after 21st December 2016)
\$55.00 per child per day
\$50.00 for ZooFriends per child per day

How to Book:

- All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website <https://taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo/whats/tours-activities/zoo-adventures-dubbo>
- Contact the zoo on 6881 1425.

Please feel free to promote the above information in your school's newsletter or perhaps mentioning at your weekly assembly and staff meeting.

Kind regards,
Education Centre
Taronga Western Plains Zoo



FACS High School Scholarships

- Will you be studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2017?
- If you're living in social housing, out-of-home-care or crisis/supported accommodation, receiving private rental assistance or on the NSW Housing Register, you may be eligible.
- Applications will open in early 2017.
- Find out more at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/education



Family & Community Services



Student Name: _____

Class: _____

My child, _____ was absent from school on _____

because _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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Sun Safety



Education & Communities

Protect your skin

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. The majority of skin cancers in Australia are caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

Protect yourself in 5 easy steps



Slip on sun protective clothing



Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen. Reapply every two hours



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on wrap-around sunglasses



Check your skin regularly and see your doctor immediately if you notice a spot that has changed in size, shape or colour

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

