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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

Tuesday 13th
Primary disco

Wednesday 14th
Graduation

Thursday 15th
Class parties/Secret Santa

Friday 16th
Presentation ceremony
9:30am

Assemblies

K-6 Christmas assembly
Week 9
2:00pm 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

Next year Mrs Adam will be undergoing training to implement the *Targeted Early Numeracy* (TEN) intervention program. This program provides support for students in learning numeracy and problem solving strategies in the early years. TEN complements the regular numeracy programs in the Stage One classroom. Teaching occurs within a normal daily lesson block, without withdrawal or an additional specialist teacher.

Staffing

Staffing has appointed Miss Jaimilee Elwin to Tottenham Central School to commence next year. Jaimilee will be working in our secondary department, focusing predominantly on our TAS subjects, with some junior secondary classes in other subject areas. She will be making the move to Tottenham with her partner who is a carpenter, so find all those carpentry jobs you have been putting off!

Secondary Excursion

This week our secondary excursion to Tasmania is underway. Mrs Lindsay, Mr Churcher, Mrs Turner and our students are having an amazing time (in temperatures about ten degrees lower than we are experiencing). Experiences so far have included the trip over on The Spirit of Tasmania, visit to

Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, Cataract Gorge, Launceston, Port Arthur and the Convict Brick Trail at Campbell Town.

A Reminder to Parents to Notify the School About Your Child's Health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Individual health care plans should be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as being at risk of an emergency
- any student who requires the administration of specific health care procedures

Information from your child's medical practitioner, provided by parents, will inform the planning process. The plan will describe the student's needs and how the school plans to meet these needs during the school day, on excursions and in other variations in school routine, such as sport. The plan must also detail procedures to be followed if an emergency

arises. Plans should be reviewed annually or when the parent notifies the school that the student's health needs have changed.

Christmas Assembly

This Friday we have our primary Christmas assembly. Please note the revised starting time of 2pm due to the extravaganza planned! All primary classes will be performing and the usual awards will be handed out.

End of Year

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we have a number of events. If you are unsure at any time about the details of an event, please contact the school. Still to come we have our Christmas assembly, SRC lunch, discos, class parties, Year 12 Graduation dinner and Presentation Day!

Holiday Dates

Last day of school :
Friday December 16
Students return to school:
Monday 6th of February

Amanda Thorpe
Principal



K-6 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER
2:00PM START



Year 12 Graduation

Final preparations are under way for next Wednesday night's Year 12 Graduation at the Tottenham Bowling Club.

If you have not given your RSVP to me yet, please do so by tomorrow – Friday, 9th December – so final catering numbers can be given to Nikki. Thanks in advance.

Chrissie Baldwinson,
Graduation Coordinator



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.

Western Band Camp, Term 1 2017

Attention music students! Please read the information about the upcoming Western Band Camp in February 2017 and see me for more information if interested. Applications close in the holidays so you must see me before end of school to get the required information.

Chrissie Baldwinson,
Music Coordinator
christina.baldwinson@det.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming music performance at the hospital

The Tottenham hospital residents are in for a treat tomorrow as some of our students join the *Late Notes* to play Christmas carols for their enjoyment. Photos to follow in next week's newsletter!

Chrissie Baldwinson

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.

Canteen

The canteen will be open Monday and Wednesday next week and closed on Friday. Please see canteen news further on in this newsletter for more information and specials.

2017 Western Band Camp

The Western Band Camp is on again! The 2017 Camp will be held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 19 February – Friday 24 February 2017. The camp is open to all public school students from years 5-12 and caters for musicians of all levels from beginner to advanced. During the week students will participate in a range of programs including concert band, advanced band and instrumental group tutorials.

The camp aims to give students a valuable educational and musical experience. It will give students the opportunity to enhance their skills by working with professional musicians, tutors and conductors, while exposing them to a variety of music and styles. Students who attend camp will be eligible for selection for 2017 State Wind Band who performs at the Sydney Opera House and Beyond the Divide band tours.

Bass guitarists are welcome to attend, however, there are no positions available for vocalists, electric, acoustic guitarists or violinists. Separate camps are available for these students. Piano students are welcome to attend, with the understanding that they will be placed with the percussion section and will be expected to rotate turns with the others. A single drum kit is provided for drummers and they will be expected to rotate turns on the equipment with percussion instruments.

It is expected that all students who apply will be accepted. Please contact Mrs Baldwinson or the office for an application package. Cost of the camp is \$400 and needs to be paid in full before Friday, 10th February.



School Swimming Scheme

Swimming lessons will finish tomorrow, Friday, 9th December.

Spending money can be sent in; limited to \$2 please.



Below are photos of a day at 'swimming scheme'





ONE SONG YOUR SCHOOL MORE MUSIC

CONGRATULATIONS!

To all the wonderful singers at
Tottenham Central School who sang their
hearts out for *Music: Count Us In* 2016!!

**You were one of over 600,000
students involved in Australia's
biggest music initiative in 2016.**

**Thank you for celebrating music
with us. See you in 2017!**



FIGHT THE BITE!

Mosquito borne infections



Information for people who live in or are travelling to flood affected areas in south west and western NSW

- 1 Mosquitoes can transmit infections, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus.
- 2 Stagnant water left behind by the recent floods and heavy rain in NSW provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.
- 3 Take simple measures to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes and reduce your risk of infection.

Summary

- In the last few months, inland NSW has experienced heavy rains and significant flooding, resulting in water lying around. This water provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.
- NSW Health has received reports of a large number of mosquitoes in south western and western NSW; mosquitoes in these areas have been detected carrying the Ross River or Barmah Forest virus.
- With the increased mosquito numbers, there is an increased risk for people to be infected with mosquito borne diseases, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus. More rarely mosquitoes may carry Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus.
- Apply mosquito repellent regularly to exposed areas (as directed on the container). Repellents containing Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin are best. Repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) also provide adequate protection.
- Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are NOT effective.
- When mosquitoes are present inside the room use over the counter insecticide sprays, especially behind furniture and in dark places.
- When camping, make sure your tent is well protected with flyscreens, or sleep under mosquito nets.

Signs you may have a mosquito related disease

Many people will have no symptoms if infected. However a few days after being bitten some will feel generally unwell, and may have sore joints, muscle aches, rash, fever and tiredness.

Protecting yourself from a mosquito disease

Simple steps to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Checking fly screens on all windows and doors are in place and do not have any rips or holes.
- When outside cover up as much as possible with light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear, especially in the early morning and evening.

Further Information

Detailed information on reducing the risk of mosquito bites at home and while travelling can be accessed from the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx

Detailed information on control of mosquitoes during floods and public events can accessed from the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/mosquito-control-floods-and-public-events.aspx

Primary

Stage 2 Science

Stage 2 have been studying a unit called "From Grass to the Glass". They have learnt about milk and milk products. On Monday they made butter and enjoyed it with scones, jam and cream.



Christmas Assembly Reminder

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, if they haven't already done so. K/1 could also bring a Santa hat or reindeer antlers if they wish. Our Christmas assembly will begin at 2:00pm.



Class parties

Class parties will be held on Thursday, 15th December. This day will be an out of uniform day so that parents have the opportunity to get uniforms clean and ready for our presentation ceremony the following day. Please remember though, that things are not to be worn to school.



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.*

Secret Santa

Gifts will be distributed at class parties next Thursday. 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.

Primary

Stage 1 Science

In Science, Stage 1 have been learning about products and recycling. On Monday they made recycled paper.



Posting Santa letters

Yesterday, K/1 went to the Post Office to post our Santa letters. Judi had us stamp our letters before we posted them. After we had all looked at where our mail goes we were given a little gift. We would like to thank Judi and Chelsea for showing us around the post office. They assured us that Santa would reply to our letters but they couldn't give any promises that he would deliver all of the presents asked for!



Secondary

Secondary Organisation for Friday 16th December

On Friday, 16th December secondary students remaining at school will be walking to the café at 12.30 pm to have lunch then walking to the pool for the remainder of the afternoon. The students will be supervised by Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Baldwinson.

Secondary Requirements 2017

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



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

Mathematics	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	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



VET Induction Day – Jock Laurin - Yeoval

On Monday, 21 November, students studying Vocational Education and Training courses in 2017 attended an induction day at Peak Hill Central School. Students completed mandatory induction modules and registered for work placement, met their course coordinators and created their Unique Student Identification number. A delicious recess and lunch was enjoyed, thanks to Ms Doyle and Ms Freeth. Thanks to all the staff who capably supported the day by running sessions and driving students. Western Student Connections attended the day as well as the Senior Pathways Officer for this region. We thank them for taking the time to assist our students.

Thanks to all the staff who contributed to this essential and worthwhile event



Calendar

Term 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9 SECONDARY EXCURSION	5	6	7	8	9 School Swimming Scheme ends K-6 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY 2:00PM
WEEK 10	12	13 Primary discos	14 GRADUATION	15 <i>Secret Santa & class parties</i>	16 PRESENTATION CEREMONY 9.30 AM Students' last day

Canteen

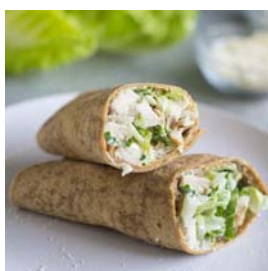
In preparation for 2017 menus and ideas, we have a wish jar at the canteen for students and families to share feedback, ideas or suggestions.

We would love for the kids to also put in what they like best about the canteen so far!
So if families could help out writing notes to be put in that would be great!!

Christmas items are due in Friday, 9th, winners announced on Monday, 12th

Week 9

Friday \$6 Meal Deal



Chicken Tender Wrap & lucky dip ice-cream

(Includes chicken tender, lettuce, cheese)
(Mayo 20c extra & salad options 20c each)

Week 10

*Canteen will be open on **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY**
Christmas treats for **ALL** students at Wednesday lunch
Come and see Kel!*

Closed Friday 16th



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A row of five Christmas ornaments in gold, red, purple, teal, and blue.