

Tottenham Central School Newsletter

Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 3, Term 4

Thursday, 26th October, 2017



Principal's message

Assembly

We have a school assembly scheduled for tomorrow. Please remember that with our school time change, assemblies will now commence at 2:20pm, unless advertised as otherwise.

Burgoyne Debate

The annual Burgoyne Debate between Year 5 and 6 was held at the Tottenham Bowling Club on Wednesday night. Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 representatives who debated and officiated. I told the debaters, I did not care who won or lost, we are all very proud of them for participating in the event and doing their best.

Thank you to:

the parents of the students involved for assisting your children in the writing, refining and practising of their speeches.

Tottenham Lions Club and the Tottenham Bowling Club for hosting this long-standing and important date on our school and community calendar.

Nikki for stepping in and catering for the debate - a wonderful meal as always.

Viv Bolam for being our adjudicator. Viv had the most difficult job in the room and we all trust her experience, knowledge and judgement.

Our school is very fortunate to have such a strong debating program, thanks entirely to the commitment and dedication of our staff. Thank you to Mrs Baldwinson, Mrs Horsburgh and Mrs Attenborough, along with the retired Mrs Martin, who have dedicated hours of personal time along with dedication, enthusiasm and skill to prepare our students for the Burgoyne debate.

2018 - 2020 School Planning

We are currently developing our new three-year school plan and would like your input. Thank you to those who have

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already responded to our survey. Please take five minutes to complete the attached survey. Please remember that if you do not respond, we won't be aware of the programs you would like to keep in our school or miss your great ideas of what we may include. The paper version is again in this newsletter.

Professional Learning Over the Last Week

Miss Elwin attended the IATE Conference (Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education) in Sydney. The conference centred on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and delivered effective ways to implement STEM in schools. Miss Elwin will be leading the implementation of a STEM program across our school in 2018.

Mrs Lindsay attended a NAPLAN results analysis day designed to lead teachers to effectively analyse NAPLAN results and data. This information may then be effectively utilised to ensure teaching and learning matches student areas of need.

Mrs Baldwinson attended a two-day English conference. Attendees worked together to create effective assessment tasks and teaching and learning programs and were delivered professional learning in new syllabus requirements.

Gobondery / NARRAF Tennis Gala Day

Congratulations to our tennis team who have won the Gobondery/ NARRAF Tennis Gala Day. Thank you to our secondary students who assisted in the running of the day. Well done everyone!

World Teachers' Day

This day is celebrated in Australia, tomorrow, Friday, 27 October. It's a great opportunity to acknowledge the hardworking teachers in our classrooms across the state and celebrate their dedication and commitment in educating 800,000 public school students.

Amanda Thorpe
Principal

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School news

Burgoyne Debate

Last night, TCS in conjunction with the Tottenham Lions Club, held the annual Burgoyne Debate. The debate was between Year 5 and Year 6. They engaged in a very entertaining debate on, 'That reading books has become obsolete'. The teams were: -

Year 5

Kayla Anderson
Samantha Harley
Digby Lees
Bree Adam

Year 6

Caitlin Adam
Alice Radford
Jessica Mills
William Anderson

The chairperson for the night was Kate Brown and the timekeeper was Bailey Cross. The winning team of the night was Year 6. We would like to thank Mrs Viv Bolam for adjudicating the debate.



Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

K-6 students have achieved their whole group, second level. All students have been showing Excellence, Respect and Responsibility. To be rewarded for their efforts, all K-6 students will be having a Mufti (out of uniform) day on Monday, 30th October.

Congratulations to all the students in primary.

Uniform order

Attached to this newsletter is a summer uniform order form. This will be the last order placed for the year. To ensure you have the required items for the start of 2018 please return your form and money before Friday, 17th November.

SRC - Amazing Race Luncheon

Italy celebrated their Amazing Race victory on Tuesday and went to the Cafe for lunch. The three teams which tied for second place also celebrated their victory by having hot chips for lunch.



Year 12 HSC Exams

We wish continuing good luck to our Year 12 students in their exams.

Monday 30th October

Construction

Karl

Tuesday 31st October

Community & Family Studies

Tommy

Wednesday 1st November

Chemistry/ Industrial Technology Jack

Term 4 Music Day at Trangie Central School

Trangie Central School is hosting the Term 4 Music Day, in combination with the Australia-wide Music: Count Us In Day on 2nd November.

Notes are being given out today to students wishing to be involved.

Chrissie Baldwinson
Music Coordinator



TCS 100 Year Celebrations

As part of the TCS 100 year celebration of being on this, the 'new site', the SRC are holding a dress up day and BBQ.

On Wednesday, 22nd November, students can come dressed in period costume or as anything 100 years old e.g. the banjulele, the Boeing or a 1917 school child. Remember, in 1917, we were at war and the first car was in production.

Thank you

SRC



Due to the generosity of the community earlier this year, Scholastic has offered us a new and exciting opportunity.

Our school library will be holding another Book Fair on the day of the 100 year celebrations. For every book you buy on this day, a free book will be donated to Tottenham Central School. You then have a decision to make....You may offer the second book to the library, or you may choose to keep the book yourself in return for a small monetary donation, an amount of your own choosing.

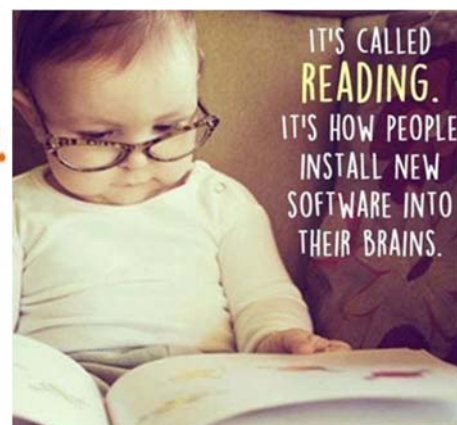
There are many benefits of children reading, and children are more likely to want to read if they have a variety of books to choose from. Reading exercises the brain and increases concentration, vocabulary and language skills. It also develops a child's imagination and problem solving skills.

The benefits of reading are endless, and with your support on this day, the books and money raised will encourage more students to spend more time reading!

Tanya.



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss



Primary news

Book Club

All book club orders and payments need to be returned tomorrow, Friday, 27th October. Cheques should be made payable to Tottenham Central School. Thanks

Interest groups - STEM groups

Last Friday the STEM Interest Group was given the Marshmallow Challenge. The aim was to build a tower as high as possible that would also be able to support a single marshmallow at its peak. The five teams were each given a 20 minute timeframe, 40 pieces of dry spaghetti, a small portion of Blu Tack, some sticky tape and a marshmallow. Each structure was different and some of the methods proved successful to varied degrees. The tallest and most structurally sound tower was built by Zac, Cooper, Abby and Jorja. All the teams worked cooperatively and had lots of fun.

Susanna Horsburgh and Jo Radford

Kids Artworks

Please don't forget to send in your orders for our Kids Artworks fund raiser.

Calendars	\$14.00
Cards, mouse mats, sketch pads	\$15.00
Diaries	\$18.00

Please return the forms with the money by Friday, 3rd November.

Student Banking

Congratulations to Dominic B who received a *Cyber handball* for redeeming his ten Dollarmite tokens. Zanthie has redeemed her tokens for the *Epic Earphones* and they should arrive very soon. Keep up the great savings!!

The School Banking Future Games competition is in full swing. Students who play the Future Savers app and complete the online entry form during the competition period will get a chance to win one of 50 Nintendo Switch Neon Console Packs. The competition ends Friday 10 November 2017. School Bankers will also need to make three or more School Banking deposits during this period, which gives them a chance to win one of hundreds of High Tech Prizes as well, including racing robots, activity trackers and 3D pen sets.



Secondary news

2017 NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge**– State Finals at Dubbo Zoo**

On Monday next week, four of our secondary students will proudly represent our school at Taronga Western Plains Zoo for the 2017 NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge State Finals against Lithgow High School, Ulladulla High School, Wagga Wagga High School, Bulli High School and Hay War Memorial High School.



Our NAIDOC debating team at the 1st round at Dubbo West Primary School earlier in the year

As part of the privilege of making it to the State Finals, the girls and myself will enjoy a complimentary afternoon of activities at the Zoo on Sunday afternoon, as well as dinner, supper and a ZoosnooZ experience at Billabong Camp on Sunday night. We then have a breakfast on Monday morning at the Zoo before the official debating program begins at 9am.



Billabong Camp at Taronga Western Plains Zoo we're we'll get to meet debating students from other schools and camp together on Sunday night

We wish Kayla Lydeamore, Jasmine Miller, Kira Roberts and Jeanne Hardy all the very best with their debate of the topic *Indigenous languages should be a part of our curriculum*. They must prepare both sides of the topic, and won't know until the day which side they will have to argue.

A full report and the State Finals results will be in next week's newsletter.

Chrissie Baldwinson

Secondary Debating Coordinator

Ag news

The students have been busy preparing garden beds for spring, installing more irrigation sprays and weeding. They have been enjoying harvesting strawberries and snow peas and soon will have tomatoes, beans, spinach and capsicum to eat.



Our three lambs are now 8 weeks old and thriving. We had a visit from Butch Williams yesterday who helped us mark and vaccinate them. We took the opportunity to check the ewes and wethers. Our new lane has made getting the sheep from paddock to the yards very easy!



On Monday, our 7 week old chickens arrive and we will feed and prepare them over the next two terms for the Royal Easter Show. Our chickens from last year are laying well and we will be selling their eggs for \$4.00 a carton. Proceeds will go into purchasing seedlings for our vegetable garden. Please fill out the order form on the next page if you would like to purchase them. **If anyone can donate egg cartons that would be appreciated.**

EGGS FOR SALE \$4.00

Please return egg orders
to office

*Donations of empty egg cartons can be dropped in
at the school office*

School Egg Order

I would like to purchase a dozen eggs for \$4.00.

- ☐ This week only
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Fortnightly
- ☐ Monthly



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Collection at School Office unless otherwise arranged.

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Week 4		History	HSC Exams continue
Week 5	Semester Two exams	Semester Two exams	

Sport

Gobondery Cup/Gobondery Shield

Students in Years 3 – 12 have received their Gobondery Shield/Gobondery Cup notes. Gobondery Shield notes need to be returned by Thursday, 9th November if you would like your child to be involved in this day. Gobondery Cup notes need to be returned by Thursday, 16th November.

Bennett Cup Finals

Congratulations to Michelle Harding and Jack Bennett who were winners of the Bennett Cup tennis competition.

Gobondery/NARRAF Tennis Gala Day

Congratulations to Sophie, Shauna, James, Henry, Jessica, Alice, Archie and Digby (right) for playing well at the Gobondery/NARRAF Tennis Gala Day held yesterday. The students won the Handicap Trophy. Thank you also to Kira, Lachie, Michelle and Danielle for umpiring.



Calendar

TERM 4 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3	23	24 Amazing Race winners lunch	25 Gobondery/NARRAF tennis gala day - here Burgoyne Debate 2018 Kindergarten orientation	26	27 Assembly 2:20pm
WEEK 4	30 Western Debating Challenge interzone semi final @ Dubbo P Poems performance@ 2pm NSW NAIDOC debating final	31	1 November 2018 Kindergarten orientation	2 Music Day @ Trangie	3 HSC Chemistry day @ Trangie
WEEK 5 ST 4 & 5 EXAMS	6 HSC biology study day HSC Ag. Excursion	7	8 2018 Kindergarten orientation	9 Horse Sports	10 →
WEEK 6 WORK PLACEMENT	13	14	15 2018 Kindergarten orientation	16 Gobondery Shield - Tullamore	17
WEEK 7	20	21 2018 Year 11 transition day	22 2018 Kindergarten orientation Assembly 2:20pm • 100 year celebration • BBQ lunch • Dress up day	23 School Swimming Scheme starts	24 Gobondery Cup - Tullamore
WEEK 8 YR 10 WORK EXP.	27	28 VET induction day	29	30	1 December
WEEK 9	4	5 Primary discos	6	7	8 School Swimming Scheme ends CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY - 2PM
WEEK 10	11	12 Class parties • out of uniform day	13 Presentation ceremony 9:30am Graduation	14	15 STUDENTS' LAST DAY

Tottenham Central School will be developing a new three year school plan very soon and we'd like your input! Please take some time to think about, and contribute to the questions below.

Teachers inform me about how my child is doing in school. Yes / No

My child uses technology at school to help strengthen his/her skills. Yes / No

I feel comfortable communicating with my child's teacher. Yes / No

My child feels happy at school.

Always

Most of the time

Rarely

My child receives appropriate homework for their age. Yes / No

Our school provides opportunities for families to engage in activities involving their child.

Yes

No

What activities, sessions, courses would you like to see continue in our school?

1.

2.

3.

What *new* activities, sessions, courses would you like to see introduced in our school?

1.

2.

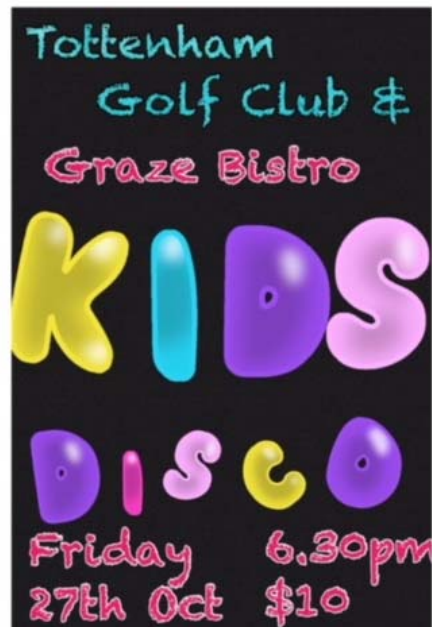
3.

If you could choose one thing at our school that would be good to stay, but needs some tweaking, what would it be and how would you tweak it?

What learning experience do you want your child to have during their years at our school?

What beliefs, opinions, ideas and attributes do you want your child/children to take away with them when they leave school?

10/11/17: Kira & Kathy



\$10 includes hot snack food,
drink and Lolly bag..



GREASE & OIL CHANGE

A brain and body workshop
for rural men and women.

SAVE THE DATE

We can't wait to see you all there to have a full mind and body service! Inspirational guest speakers, practical activities, yummy food and fantastic conversations are guaranteed.

More details to follow and if you have any suggestions for guest speakers or workshops, or would like to sponsor part of this event, please contact Cherie via email cherieguade@hotmail.com

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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:



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