# **Tottenham Central School Newsletter**

**Principal: Amanda Thorpe** 

Week 4, Term 4
Thursday, 2nd November, 2017



#### Principal's message

#### **Professional Learning Over the Last Week**

This week Mrs Lindsay and Miss Fidock attended a Stage 6 professional learning event. Content included high expectations, explicit teaching, feedback, Google Classroom and assessment.

#### **NSW NAIDOC Debating Finals**

On Monday, Jeanne, Kira, Jasmine and Kayla represented our school in the finals of the NSW NAIDOC Debating at Western Plains Zoo. The girls had progressed through various rounds previously and were one of the top six teams in NSW! Our Tottenham team placed 3rd overall in the state. As part of the experience, Mrs Baldwinson and the girls enjoyed a Zoo Snooze and daylight tour.

Congratulations to our team for your fantastic effort and amazing result. Well done and thank you to Mrs Baldwinson for your coaching and preparation.

#### **Debating - Western Challenge**

Congratulations to our primary debating team of Zanthie, Alice, Ashleigh and Jessica who won their latest round of the Western Challenge Debating competition against Dubbo South PS. The girls were the negative side and the topic was 'that we are doing enough for the environment.'

#### **AECG**

On Friday there will be an AECG meeting at Tullamore CS for interested parents. The meeting commences at 10am.

#### **Upcoming Study Days**

Over the next week our Stage 6 students will be very busy with a number of study days planned for; Chemistry, Agriculture, Biology and Senior Science. These days are an excellent opportunity for our students to work with staff and students from other schools and experience hands-on activities related to the courses our students are studying.

Amanda Thorpe Principal

#### **School news**

#### **Positive Behaviour for Learning Update**

Primary students enjoyed their mufti day, an acknowledgement for all the Excellence, Respect and Responsibility they have been displaying throughout the school.

Congratulations to Digby Lees for recently achieving Gold level, Kayla Anderson and Brianna Ayton for achieving Silver, and Cooper Gray for achieving Bronze. Well done to these students

Congratulations to all those who are working well and making great progress.

L Jarvis

Only a couple of weeks left to get your uniform order in 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.

## Congratulations to our girls - 3rd in the 2017 NAIDOC Public speaking and Debating Challenge State Finals at Dubbo Zoo

On Monday, four of our secondary students magnificently represented 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.



Kayla Lydeamore, Jasmine Miller, Kira Roberts and Jeanne Hardy all spoke beautifully as they debated the Negative case of the topic *Indigenous languages should be a part of our curriculum* and were just beaten by Wagga Wagga High School (the eventual winners of the whole competition).

The debating competition was not the only positive experience of the excursion. As we camped the night before at the Zoo's Billabong Camp, the girls met and made friends with many other students as they undertook 'ice-breaking' activities such as Johnnycake making and constructing chairs made of newspapers on Sunday afternoon for Luke Carroll (from *Play School*) to sit on.



The girls were a delight to take on this debating journey, and we all look forward to the secondary debating season in 2018.

Chrissie Baldwinson Secondary Debating Coordinator

## Term 4 Music Day at Trangie Central School today

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

A full report and pictures will feature in next week's newsletter.

Chrissie Baldwinson Music Coordinator

#### **Kids Artworks**

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

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

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

#### **Canteen News**

Week 5 - \$6 Wednesday Meal Deal

Cheese burger & zooper doper

Pre orders welcome via Facebook page

#### **Assembly**

Congratulations to Dominic Vincent who received the SRC Citizenship Award and 4/5/6 for being presented with the SRC Assembly Award. Also, well done to the following students who received awards at last Friday's assembly:

#### K/1

Fergus Chase

Bella Pursehouse

Tom Baldwinson

Billy Attenborough

Issy Brodin

#### 2/3/4

Harry Radford

Mitchell Hewett

Lily Horsburgh

Harry Chase

Jenavieve Lloyd-Small

4/5/6

SRC Assembly Award

Jessica Mills

Kaleb Miller

Samantha Harley

#### **Secondary**

Joel Gray

Danielle Harding

Caleb Gray

#### Gobondery Cup/Gobondery Shield

A reminder that primary Gobondery Shield notes and money need to be returned by Thursday, 9th November if you would like your child to be involved in this day.

Secondary Gobondery Cup notes and money need to be returned by Thursday, 16th November.

Cost for both days is: Travel \$10, pool \$2 and dinner \$5.

Cash would be appreciated. Thank you

#### **Year Book Cover Competition 2017**

It's that time of year again when our school's yearbook is being planned. We are looking for creative and colourful entries for this year's cover, but they MUST meet the following criteria:

- · Be on an A4 page
- Have a border around the edge of the page (no more than 1.5cm)
- Have the words "Tottenham Central School 2017
   Yearbook" somewhere on the page
- · Interesting and colourful illustrations

Entries are to be left at the office NO LATER THAN **Friday**, **17**<sup>th</sup> **November (Friday Week 6)**. Thank you.

Chrissie Baldwinson and Lynette Jarvis Yearbook Organisers



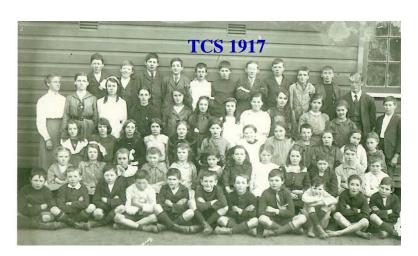
#### **TCS 100 Year Celebrations**

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

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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**

#### Water, water everywhere!

 $\mbox{K/1}$  are looking at water in science this term. Last week they discovered the many places our school collects and uses water. Students learnt about the importance of water in our school.



At school, water is used for drinking, watering plants and lawns, in the toilets and the classrooms.





#### Secondary news

#### Stage 4 and 5 Exams

Students in Stage 4 and stage 5 will be completing their Semester Two exams next week.

#### **Year 8 VALID Science test**

The Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) program is delivering online assessment for Science. A letter was sent home last term about this testing.

Year 6 and Year 10 students completed their online VALID science test in week 8, last term.

Year 8 will do the VALID assessment next Monday, 6th November, during period 4 and lunch. Students will have a rescheduled lunch break.

Headphones are necessary to complete the test so students are welcome to bring their own to use, otherwise they can use the school sets.



Secondary girls participating in the NAIDOC debate

#### **Secondary Assessment Schedule**

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Week 5	Semester Two exams	Semester Two exams	
Week 7		Science	



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!	School Egg Order			
	I would like to purchase a dozen eggs for \$4.00.			
	☐ This week only			
	☐ Weekly			
i	☐ Fortnightly			
	☐ Monthly			
	Name:			
	Phone Number:			
	Collection at School Office unless otherwise arranged.			
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Dominic Vincent - SRC Citizenship Award

### Calendar

TERM 4 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 4	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 Western Debating Challenge interzone final @ Dubbo	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

#### Other news

#### **Youth Club**

Thanks to Jasmine and Jan for running Open House on Friday evening with a great range of movies. This week we have Lachie and Michelle on duty.

3/11/17: Lachie & Michelle 10/11/17: Kira & Kathy 17/11/17: Kayla & Amy

L.Jarvis

## NEW IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Hospital 68916200 Doctor's surgery 68916225

## Congratulations

Former K-12 Tottenham Central School student, Riley Todd, graduated from UNE (University of New England) Armidale, last Saturday with a double degree - Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Laws. Later next month she will graduate from ANU (Australian National University), Canberra, with a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and will then be admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court, Sydney, at a ceremony in December. Riley is taking a well-earned break from her studies but anticipates that she will return to them to complete a Masters degree in Forensic Mental Health in the future. In the mean time, Riley will continue to work at Slater & Gordon law firm in Dubbo where she has been since February this year.



Contact us Your say

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congratulate a student, teacher or parent, let us know					
what you think of the newsletter format, make a					
suggestion or request.					

Signed

#### **ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE AIM TO BETTER OUR BEST**

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?

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