# Tottenham Central School Newsletter

**Principal: Amanda Thorpe** 

Week 6, Term 4 Wednesday, 15th November, 2017



# **Principal's message**

#### Professional Learning Over the Last Week

This week, Mrs Baldwinson and Miss Fidock flew to Sydney to receive professional learning in NAPLAN Smart Data analysis, scope and sequencing of content and effective teaching programs for Stage 4 and 5.

I attended the Lachlan Network Principal meeting in Condobolin. Professional learning delivered to principals included the external validation process, support funding and use, Aboriginal education and effective wellbeing programs and practice.

Mrs Finlay will receive further training in the new *Schools Finance* system in Dubbo tomorrow and this is the reason why the newsletter has been published a day earlier than usual.

#### **Horse Sports**

On Thursday and Friday, last week, the TCS Equestrian Team made a comeback and entered into the St Lawrence's Horse Sports competition in Coonabarabran. At the conclusion, our student's horses were weighed down with ribbons. It was a very successful and enjoyable event for our students, Mrs Jarvis and parents in attendance. Well done to everyone and thanks to Mrs Jarvis and parents for the huge coordination and effort required for such a big event.

#### **Dam Cleaning and Ag Plot Improvements**

A big, big thank you to John Kater who kindly donated his excavator and excavator operator, Charlie, for two days free of charge. During this time, our Ag Plot dam was cleaned out, trees removed from a gateway and a bank built to stop the run-off from our orchard and crop plot. All just in time for the big rain I am forecasting over the next fortnight.

#### Year 11 2018

Our 2018 Year 11 students have a number of events in the coming weeks in preparation for next year. These events include:

Year 11 transition day - A full day of events allowing our students to gain an understanding of the Western Access Program, meet their 2018 teachers and mix with their cohort based in other schools.

Vocational Education Training induction day - This day is to prepare our students for the requirements of undertaking a VET course such as Construction, Metals & Engineering, primary Industries or Hospitality.

White Card training - A white card (or general construction induction card) is required for workers who want to carry out construction work. This course will be undertaken by some of our VET students.

#### **School Swimming Scheme**

Our school swimming scheme commences next week. The school swimming and water safety program is a learn to swim and water safety program for primary schools students in Years 2 to 6 who are unable to swim 25m confidently in deep water. As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water; it's a big part of our culture. For this reason, it's important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so that they can continue to enjoy aquatic activities. To help achieve this goal, the Department of Education (DoE) runs the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

#### Amanda Thorpe Principal

School news

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

Congratulations to Kaleb Miller for achieving Silver recently. Well done, Kaleb.

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

L Jarvis



# **GOBONDERY SHIELD**

Due to the unfavourable forecast weather, Gobondery Shield has been postponed until further notice. Notification will be sent home when a new date has been confirmed.

#### Swimming Nomination Form

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.

#### **Equestrian Team**

Congratulations to the Equestrian Team of Danielle Harding, Michelle Harding, Kate Brown, Harrison O'Brien, James O'Brien, Kirralee Brown, Alex Lloyd and Jenavieve Lloyd-Small. Thank you to the parents who made this opportunity possible for our students. The students represented our school to the highest level, receiving many ribbons for their outstanding efforts, as can be seen in the photos. It was a pleasure to accompany such a great group! More photos on 'Our week in pictures' page.

L Jarvis



#### Don't forget to get your uniform order in

Last chance ..... attached to this newsletter is a uniform order form. This order will be placed with our suppliers next Monday so please ensure forms and money are returned on Friday, 17th November.

#### **Canteen News**

Due to 100 year celebrations and BBQ on Wednesday, 22nd we will be closed for LUNCH. We will be open for RECESS only on Wednesday

> Week 7 - Friday 24/11 - \$6 Meal Deal Chicken tender wrap and icy cup (includes chicken tender, lettuce & mayo)

# Secret Santa

This year all primary classes and secondary students will be participating in 'Secret Santa'. The name of the recipients will be sent home next week. The amount is limited to \$10. Please wrap the gift and send to school with the recipient's name on it. The gifts will be given out at class parties on Tues-day, 12th December.



# WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, WEEK 7 BUILDINGS - 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

In conjunction with celebrating some of our buildings' centenary, the SRC will be organising a parade, games and lunch on the day

	Order of events
12:30	- Period games on the COLA
1:15	- Parade
1:25 -1:30	- BBQ lunch, Book Fair, display in one of the
	original classrooms
2:10	- Bell will ring
2:20	- Assembly

BBQ lunch on the day will be available to students and parents . A sausage sandwich and drink combo. will be \$4.00 and payment can be made on the day. Thank you

#### Library news

#### Stocktake

The Department of Education requires all school based librarians to do a stocktake at the end of each year. For this reason, students will no longer be borrowing weekly. Also, students have been asked to bring all borrowed library books back to me as soon as possible. Please remind you child to do this.

Recently, some of you may have received a letter from me, letting you know that your child has a very overdue library book. I ask you to please have a good look at home for this book. I will be sending another reminder out to parents with students this Friday. Following that, if the book can't be found, you will receive an invoice asking for the money needed to replace the book through Scholastic. Alternatively, you may choose to buy the book yourself elsewhere, and deliver that to the library.

#### 100 Year Celebrations

Please do not forget to come to the 100 Year Celebration of our school buildings next Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. On this day, I will be holding a special book fair. For each book you buy, Scholastic donates one of the same value to us. You may then choose to donate that second book to the library, or for a small monetary donation of your choice, you may keep the second book yourself.

Books make an excellent gift for Christmas, and reading to your child, or listening to them read, is a great (and quiet!) way to spend some quality family time. Also, your generosity will allow us to stock the library with more current books that will benefit future generations. All donations will be recognised via a note permanently attached to the inside cover of each book donated.

Thank you

Tanya.



#### **Book Club**

All forms and money for the last Book Club order of the year Chrissie Baldwinson and Lynette Jarvis are due back before Friday, 1st December. Please make Yearbook Organisers cheques payable to Tottenham Central School and only include the Book Club amount on the cheque please.

#### Student Banking

We'd like to say a big congratulations to H. Phillips from Banora Point Public School in northern NSW who was the lucky winner of the School Banking Future Savers competition. The lucky winner is going on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan, including an exciting visit to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea. Thank you to every child that made 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3 this year - it's great to see so many displaying regular savings behaviour.

Well done to Mitchell who has brought in his tokens to redeem a Pencil + Tech case.

Keep saving, there's still plenty of time to get another reward for most students ... if you remember to bring in your tokens and redemption coupon before the end of November.



#### 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.

#### Primary news

#### **Primary Debating**

On Monday the primary debating team debated against Cudgegong Valley Public School and Dubbo West Public School. The girls debated extremely well and it was very close, however, they were defeated. Well done on the great achievement of being in the top 4 schools of the Western Area.

Jodie Attenborough



#### School Swimming Scheme

All Year 2 students and some students in Years 3-5 have received notes regarding their participation in our swimming lessons which will begin on Thursday, 23rd November, and continue for 10 days (excluding Mondays). Children in Mrs Attenborough's group learn stroke correction and lifesaving. Children will travel to and from the pool by bus, which will cost \$12 per student. They will also have to pay \$2.60 each day for pool entry if they do not have a season ticket.

#### Please only send \$12 for bus to school now,

#### pool entry is to be brought in each day.

Please contact me at school if you need further information. All children must bring  $\cdot$  Swimmers

- Rash shirt
- Towel
- · Sunscreen

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

#### **STEM lessons**

In the latest STEM lesson, students had to make a raft using 10 straws, cling wrap and tape. They had to see if it would float and how much weight it could carry.







4/5/6 have been learning about First Aid in PD/Health/PE



Year 1/2 Maths have been learning about measuring with metres and centimetres

# K-6 Disco

The K-6 disco will be held on Tuesday, 5th 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.



#### Secondary news

#### Year 11 Transition Day 2018

Next Tuesday, 21st November, Year 10 students will be This year all of Year 6 will be involved in a Secondary in Year 11 next year.

#### **Driving Change**

The Driver Education Program, Driving Change, will take place at our school on Friday. 1st December. Further details will be Period 4 PE sent home next week to those seniors involved. We are Period 5 Technology grateful to Western Plains Regional Development Inc for their Home Room ongoing support.

L Jarvis

#### Secondary Experience Day

involved in their Transition day to look at what will be involved Experience day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The students will spend a day with Stage 4 doing the following:

> Period 1 English Period 2 Music Period 3 History The students will receive more information about this day closer to the date.

#### Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Week 7		Science	

Our week in pictures





Fun and games in primary, above

Western Debating Challenge final, below







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Calendar

TERM 4 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 Secondary Experience Day for Yr 6 students	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	<ul><li>12</li><li>Class parties</li><li>out of uniform day</li></ul>	13 Presentation ceremony 9:30am Graduation	14	15 STUDENTS' LAST DAY



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RESPONSIBILITY

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?



We held an early Remembrance Day ceremony last Friday.

# **Contact us**

Principal Miss Amanda Thorpe

Assistant Principal (rel) Mrs Meggan Adam

Head Teacher Secondary Studies Mrs Sarah Lindsay

# P & C President Mr Rick Bennett

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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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