

# Tottenham Central School

## Newsletter



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 7, Term 4  
Thursday, 23rd November, 2017

### Principal's message

#### Professional Learning over the last week

This week I attended a workshop to develop effective milestones in the School Plan process. Milestones ensure we complete what we set out to do over the next school planning period of 2018 – 2020.

Mrs Lindsay attended a two-day course in effective leadership. Content covered included:

- Clarification of roles and responsibilities
- Stage 6 syllabus changes and content
- N Warnings and N Determinations
- Google Classroom
- Effective leadership
- Communication and feedback

#### 2018 - 2020 School Plan

Thanks to those who returned surveys. Based on feedback from parents, students and staff:

- The music program with Mr Screen will continue and extend into Stage 4.
- A *STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)* program will be implemented across the whole school.
- *ALARM (A Learning & Responding Matrix)* will continue to be rolled out across secondary classes.
- *BOUNCE BACK*, a well-being and resilience program will commence for K-6. *BOUNCE BACK* is an award winning positive education approach to wellbeing, resilience and social-emotional learning for primary school children.
- *Super Six Comprehension Strategies (2-6)* will be introduced and *Targeting Efficient Numeracy Strategies (K-2)* will continue.

The strategic directions, subject to change as consultation continues, are:

1. *Learning: The school culture is strongly focused on learning, the building of educational aspiration and ongoing performance improvement throughout the school community.*
2. *Teaching: All teachers are committed to identifying, understanding and implementing the most effective explicit teaching methods, with the highest priority given to evidence-based teaching strategies.*
3. *Leading: The principal and school leadership team model instructional leadership and support a culture of high expectations and community engagement, resulting in sustained and measureable whole school improvement.*

Once finalised, the School Plan will be publicised to the school community.

#### Year 10 Orientation Day

On Tuesday Joel and Josh attended an orientation day in preparation for commencement of Year 11 next year. Their day included information on using Google Classroom, NESAs, videoconference lessons, co teaching lessons, careers and course specific lessons. Next week the boys will be going to a VET (Vocational Education & Training) induction day.

#### 100 Years Building Birthday Party

Yesterday we celebrated the 100th birthday of two of our buildings; the current infants building and the administration office. To celebrate, students dressed up as someone or something 100 years old, enjoyed a history display and a rotation of "old school" games. There was also an SRC run BBQ and assembly.

In conjunction, Tanya hosted a book fair and school history display with our school community donating 59 books back to our library. Thank you everyone who donated. This was yet another example of our wonderful school spirit. Well done staff, community and students for a great day.

Amanda Thorpe  
Principal

School news

**Reminder to parents**

*It is especially important after assemblies; when there has been some excitement, and proceedings end earlier than normal school time, that any change to your child's normal routine has been notified, in writing or telephone call, to the office.*

*This guards against any confusion between classroom teachers, students, other parents and bus supervisors.*

**School Swimming Scheme**

Swimming lessons began today, and will continue for 10 days (excluding Mondays)

Children participating must bring:

- Swimmers
- Rash shirt
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- \$2.60 each day for pool entry or season ticket.



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

Please contact me at school if you need further information.

Mrs Adam



We had some fantastic entries for this year's cover, with submissions judged by the critical eyes of our senior students. Congratulations to Jess Mills and Digby Lees for their winning submissions (but you'll have to wait until Presentation Day to see them in print!)

Orders are now being taken for COLOUR COPIES of the yearbook at a cost of \$15. Non-colour copies cost \$10 and do not need to be ordered. Orders of COLOUR COPIES need to be placed at the school office **no later than Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** to enable time for printing.

Chrissie Baldwinson and Lynette Jarvis  
Yearbook Organisers

**Assembly**

Congratulations to Emily Harley who received the SRC Citizenship Award and 2/3/4 for being presented with the SRC Assembly Award. Also, well done to the following students who received awards at yesterday's assembly:

**K/1**

- Josh Klante
- Penny Wykes
- Issy Brodin
- Lockie Baker
- Ella Brennan

**2/3/4**

**SRC Assembly Award**

- Ben Larkings
- Alex Lloyd
- Lily Horsburgh
- Abby Brennan
- Abbey Medcalf

**4/5/6**

- Maddi Loftus
- Zac Ayton
- Libby Wesotn
- Ashleigh Horsburgh
- Digby Lees

**Secondary**

- Joel Gray
- Angus Baker
- Jeanne Hardy
- Jasmine Miller

**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.

**Canteen news**

Week 8 - Wednesday \$6 Meal Deal

HOTDOG & zooper dooper



Reminder - All accounts need to be paid before the end of Week 9. Thanks

Primary news



Year 2/3/4 have begun creating Christmas art

2/3/4 practicing the fundamental movement skill of catch



3/4 maths group making nets into 3D shapes



**Kindergarten Orientation**

Over the last 6 weeks, every Wednesday, 2018 Kindergarten students have been visiting the school to help them become familiar with the classroom, routine and playground. During their visits they participated in a range of classroom activities as well as joined the school students for recess. In the last two weeks they also got to meet their buddies for next year. They completed a number of different classroom activities with their buddy and spent recess with them. They all had a wonderful time and now they are all looking forward to starting 'big' school. Here are some photos of the 2018 Kindergarten students with their buddies.



**Secondary news**

**Secondary Experience Day**

Today our Year 6 students have been involved in a Secondary Experience day with our Stage 4 students. The students have spent the day doing English, Music, History, PE and Technology.



**Secondary Assessment Schedule**

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Week 7		Science	

*ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE AIM TO BETTER OUR BEST*

*EXCELLENCE*

*RESPECT*

*RESPONSIBILITY*

Our week in pictures



Yesterday we celebrated the office building and K/1 block turning 100 years old. The SRC held a dress-up of anything 100 years old or period costume. The students played games which were popular in that era: marbles, croquet, quoits, tunnel ball, captain ball, hopscotch and marching . We also had a bbq lunch to raise money for the SRC. Thank you to everyone who supported the day.



Calendar

TERM 4 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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  <b>CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY - 2PM</b>
WEEK 10	11	12 Class parties • out of uniform day	13 Presentation ceremony 9:30am  Graduation	14 Gobondery Shield - Tullamore	15  <b>STUDENTS' LAST DAY</b>

**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 Tuesday, 12th December.

**Book Club**

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

**Student Banking**

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Tuesday, 12th December. If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned prior to the end of November. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.



Other news



CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at local Government sites in the **Tottenham** area.

Monday to Friday, various casual positions available.

Experience preferred but not essential.  
Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to Joss Facility Management  
PO Box 390 DUBBO NSW 2830 or email an-  
nette.clarke@jossgroup.com.au

Or for more information contact Annette  
Ph: 0429 822 073 between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to  
Friday

**A working with Children Check is required for  
these positions**



Some primary girls admiring our new fairy garden

Contact us

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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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