

# Tottenham Central School Newsletter



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 8, Term 4  
Thursday, 30th November, 2017

## Principal's message

### Professional Learning Over the Last Week

Mrs Finlay and I attended professional learning for the newly released Enterprise Financial Planning Tool (eFPT). This budgeting tool ensures efficient and effective allocation of human resources, funding and school physical resources.

Mrs Smith and Miss Elwin have spent two days at a professional workshop learning about the effective implementation of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in schools. Mrs Smith and Miss Elwin will present their findings to all staff and planning will commence for the launch of our whole school STEM program in 2018.

### Primary Captains 2018

There will be changes to our student leadership structure in 2018. Next year and beyond, there will be no vice-captains elected. We will have a secondary captain, a primary boy captain and a primary girl captain. Our elected SRC members will be given increased roles in the school, including taking turns to lead assemblies with our school captains.

Next week, current Year 5 students wishing to stand for election as captains will present speeches, outlining their personal characteristics that would make them an outstanding school leader and role model for others. These speeches will focus purely on themselves and not that they would have a pool installed in the school grounds if elected. Mrs Attenborough will be working with students tomorrow to scaffold speeches.

Speeches will be presented on Thursday at 9am in the library. Parents are invited to attend and support their child standing for election. For the first time, Kinder and Year 1 students will join the voting process and have a say on who their school leader will be.

### Contacting Staff

Parents and caregivers are reminded that contacting staff via text messaging or social media regarding student absences / issues is not to occur. If you need to advise staff of anything, please send in a note or call the school.

### Merits System Awards

Please ensure all awards are handed in by tomorrow for end of year processing.

### School Holidays

For those of you planning your school holiday fun and festivities, the last day of school for students this year is Friday the 15th of December. School commences for all students, including Kinder on Tuesday the 6th of February, 2018.

### Rural Fire Service Visit

Today we have had the pleasure of having the RFS at our school. Cameron Bird, Operations Officer, Mid Valley Lachlan Team, commenced the day, talking to our secondary students about the role of the RFS, fire safety, career options, fire science and his six week deployment to Canada. He gave us a great insight about what to do in the event of a bear attack! Our local RFS then brought the fire truck in, giving all students the opportunity to tour the truck and test out the equipment. Thanks to Cameron and our local RFS team for a great day of fun and education.



### Christmas Assembly

Next Friday is our last assembly for the year. All classes will be presenting an item and a music performance with Mr Screen. Our Year Six students will also be given their primary school graduation certificates. Please note, that due to the large agenda, **this assembly will commence at the earlier time of 2pm.**

Amanda Thorpe  
Principal

**School news**

**Positive Behaviour for Learning Update**

Congratulations to Drew Pollard for achieving Bronze, and to Maddi Loftus, Harrison O'Brien, Mitchell Hewett, Kirralee Brown, Alex Lloyd, Tori Ivory and Allysha Wykes for achieving Silver, as well as Alice Radford, Lucy Baldwinson, Lily Horsburgh and Ashleigh Horsburgh for reaching Gold recently. Special congratulations go to Caitlin Adam and Jessica Mills, who will receive their Platinum Awards at our School Presentation Ceremony. Well done to these students.

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

L Jarvis

**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**

**The canteen will be closed next Monday 4th December**

Sorry for any inconvenience

Week 9 - Wednesday \$6 Meal Deal

Bacon & egg roll + icy cup

Reminder - All accounts need to be paid before the end of next week. Thank you

**School Swimming Scheme**

Swimming lessons will continue next week with the last day being Friday 8th December. Spending money may be sent in on Friday (last day), limited to \$2, please.

Children participating must bring:

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



Please contact me at school if you need further information.

Mrs Adam

**Library News**

The count is in! This year students of Tottenham Central School have borrowed a grand total of 1084 books in Terms 2,3 and 4. Well done to all of our wonderful readers!

Due to the generosity of Norma Selby, Elizabeth and Yvonne Geppert and Nola Everingham, we have been able to decorate our library for Christmas. The students have been very excited to see all of our magnificent new Christmas decorations.



What a wonderful day we had celebrating the 100th birthday of some of our first school buildings! The book fair was a massive success with 59 books and \$157 being donated to our library. These books will be covered and entered into our system and will be available for borrowing first thing next year.

**REMINDER**

- Students have been reminded on numerous occasions over the last 3 weeks to bring their overdue library books back. These books need to be returned so that I can complete our stocktake. Please remind your child to return the books they have borrowed. Reminder notices have been sent home to parents so please check your child's bag. This week invoices will be sent out to those students who have not returned their book. Parents will be required to reimburse the school for the cost of replacing the books that have not been brought back.
- Drinks and food are NOT permitted in the library at any time. Recently students have been eating in the library after school hours. Please make sure if you are utilising our facilities, that you are supervising your child and ensuring they are not bringing any food or drink inside.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone again after the New Year!

Tanya.





### Reports

End of year reports are currently being finalised. After reading your child's report, if you have any questions you are more than welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Please call the office to make arrangements.

### Uniform orders

Orders have been placed and should arrive before the end of next week. Most orders will be sent home with attending students. If your order is for Kinder students next year you will be contacted to collect your order when it's ready.



### Class parties and Secret Santa

All (K-12) class parties will be held on Tuesday, 12th December. Secret Santa gifts for all students will be distributed on this day also. Please send in your wrapped gift as soon as possible.

To make sure that students have a clean full summer uniform, this day will be a mufti day.

### Gobondery Shield

If you would like your child to participate in Gobondery Shield, notes need to be returned no later than next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. As there will be no dinner at Gobondery Shield the lunch order has been sent home again. Those children wanting to order lunch must have those forms returned to the office tomorrow.

### Presentation Day Choir Performance

Our fabulous choir will be performing the song "The Rainbow Connection" with the town band – *The Late Notes* – at our upcoming Presentation Day on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Students have been given the song lyrics, but if you'd like to know the version we are practising with you will find it at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f\\_SQRUnahg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f_SQRUnahg)

Thanks, Chrissie Baldwinson

### Book Club

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

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

*A reminder to parents and children  
Tottenham Central School has the policy  
that if you aren't wearing a hat you must  
sit in a shaded area. Please remember to  
wear or pack a hat everyday*



Primary news

**Christmas Assembly**

Could all students , K-6, please bring a Christmas shirt or a red/ green shirt to change into for the Christmas assembly next week. Students could also bring a Santa hat or reindeer antlers if they wish. Our Christmas assembly will begin at 2pm.

**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.

Please note : *If someone other than a parent/caregiver is collecting children, a written note should be sent into school beforehand.*

**K/1/2 Water Play Day**

On Thursday, 14th 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.

**2/3/4 Parents**

On class party day, Tuesday 12th December, as it is an out of uniform day, I would like to have a Dragon/Viking themed day. Students may dress up or come just in mufti clothes.

Barb Baker

**STEM groups**

Last Friday the challenge was to build a free standing Christmas tree that would support baubles. The students were very creative and we got lots of different types of trees!



Secondary news

**Driving Change**

The Driver Education Program, Driving Change, will take place at our school tomorrow. We are grateful to Western Plains Regional Development Inc for their ongoing support, providing this wonderful opportunity for our seniors to gain experience with a qualified driving instructor.

L Jarvis

**Gobondery Cup**

Congratulations to the secondary students who participated in Gobondery Cup last Friday at Tullamore (photos on right). The students played well throughout the day and displayed positive sportsmanship.

**Secondary Requirements**

The requirements for secondary students in 2018 are listed below. Please make sure that all students have the required items for the start of the year .

Thank you



**2018 Secondary Requirements:**

Secondary students are required to provide the following materials, clearly labelled, for classes in 2018:

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** These are mandatory and need to be replaced as they are used throughout the year:

- Blue, black, red pen
- Lead pencil
- A4 Lecture Notepad
- Geometry set
- Highlighter
- Coloured textas
- 30cm ruler (wooden or plastic – **NOT metal**)
- USB – thumbdrive
- Homework diary – to be provided by the school
- Coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Suggested: Two pencil cases – 1 with basic pens, pencils, ruler, 1 with textas, coloured pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Dictionary & Thesaurus

**Stage 4**

**Stage 5**

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| Mathematics | 1 240 page Mathematics Grid Book<br>Casio Calculator - BOS calculator approved fx-82 AU PLUS – available through school                                  |
| English     | 1 x Display folders<br>1 x A4 240 page Exercise books, stapled with ruled margin – no tear out pages or perforated pages<br>1 x A4 96 page exercise book |
| Science     | 1 x A4 240 page exercise book<br>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<br>2 B pencils (range of B's for drawing)<br>1A4 display folder   |
| Technology  | Display folder<br>64 page exercise book<br>Covered leather shoes   |
| LOTE        | 1 x A4 Display folder book<br>1 x A4 96 page exercise book   |

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| Mathematics           | A4 exercise book<br>Casio Calculator (BOS calculator approved list) fx-82 AU PLUS – available through school  |
| English               | 1 x Display folder<br>1 x A4 240 page Exercise books, stapled with ruled margin – no tear out pages or perforated pages<br>1 x A4 96 page exercise book |
| Science               | 1 x A4 240 page exercise book<br>BOS calculator approved fx-82 AU PLUS<br>1 x Display folder  |
| Geography             | 168 page exercise book  |
| History               | 168 page exercise book<br>96 page exercise book   |
| PD/H/PE               | 1 x A4 96 page exercise book, sports clothes, joggers   |
| Agriculture           | Display folder<br>1 x A4 128 page exercise book<br>TCS long sleeved Navy workshirt<br>Covered leather shoes (workboots)                                 |
| Visual Arts           | 1 x A4 Visual Arts Diary<br>2 B pencils (range of B's for drawing)  |
| Food Technology       | 96 page exercise book, covered leather shoes  |
| Design and Technology | Display folder<br>1 x A4 128 page exercise book<br>Covered leather shoes<br>Long-sleeved work shirt   |
| Textiles and Design   | 96 page exercise book<br>48 page exercise book<br>Individual purchase of material as notified   |
| Work Education        | 1 x A4 128 page exercise book   |

*ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE AIM TO BETTER OUR BEST*

*EXCELLENCE*

*RESPECT*

*RESPONSIBILITY*

Our week in pictures



*Swimming Scheme in full swing...  
the students and teachers have been very  
lucky to have had such beautiful weather!*

**Calendar**

| TERM 4<br>2017                      | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>WEEK 8</b><br>YR 10 WORK<br>EXP. | 27     | 28<br>VET induction day                                    | 29  | 30                                    | 1 December   |
| <b>WEEK 9</b>                       | 4      | 5<br>Primary discos  | 6   | 7                                     | 8<br>School Swimming<br>Scheme ends<br><br><b>CHRISTMAS<br/>ASSEMBLY - 2PM</b> |
| <b>WEEK 10</b>                      | 11     | 12<br>Class parties<br>Secret Santa<br>●out of uniform day | 13<br>Presentation<br>ceremony 9:30am<br><br>Graduation | 14<br>Gobondery Shield -<br>Tullamore | 15<br><br><b>STUDENTS' LAST DAY</b>  |

| TERM 1<br>2018 | MONDAY   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                      |
|----------------|--|---------|------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>WEEK 1</b>  | 30 January   | 31      | 1 February | 2        | 3                           |
| <b>WEEK 2</b>  | 6<br><br><b>TCS STUDENTS<br/>RETURN FOR 2018<br/>SCHOOL YEAR</b> | 7       | 8          | 9        | 10<br><br>Swimming carnival |
| <b>WEEK 3</b>  | 13   | 14      | 15         | 16       | 17                          |

**HEAT WEEK**



Other news

Youth Club

Many thanks to Jasmine and Jan for running Youth Club last Friday evening. This week we have Kira and Kathy on duty for Open House, with Angus and Mrs Baker running a pool party on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Pool Party details: 6pm start with bbq tea. \$5 each, plus pool entry.

Please keep in mind that the roster for the Drink Stall at the Christmas Tree in the park on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be available soon.

Youth Club Community Calendars will be on sale soon. If you have a special photo that you would like to personalise your calendar with, please let me know.

L Jarvis



**Dandaloo Church Christmas Service**  
will be held on  
**Sunday, 10th December at 7pm.**

The service will be followed by a Basket Supper. Everyone is most welcome to join with the Dandaloo community to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As the service is conducted outside maybe bring some insect repellent, and if possible, a chair, or just come.

For further information contact Andy Mackinnon 68883185 or Gwen Campbell 0427884022



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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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