

Tottenham Central School Newsletter

Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 2, Term 1

Thursday, 8th February, 2018



Principal's message

Welcome to Term One, 2018!

I trust everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday and is ready for a very busy start to the year.

New Staff

This year we welcome Ms Sally Fitzalan to the Tottenham Central School staff. Ms Fitzalan will be working Tuesday – Thursday as our Assistant Principal with Mrs Adam relieving for her as Assistant Principal on Mondays and Fridays.

Swimming

On Friday we are holding our annual swimming carnival. Due to the extreme heat forecast, we ask parents to ensure their children have adequate sun protection and plenty of water to consume during the day. We plan to get through the carnival as quickly as we can and return to school. As the Western School Sports Association swimming convenor, I am looking forward to seeing lots of Tottenham Central School students qualifying after competing at the Gobondery / NARRAF carnival in the coming weeks.

Assembly

Our first assembly of the year will be held on Friday the 23rd of February commencing at 2:20pm. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a parent information session in the library from 1:45pm.

P&C Meetings

This term, P&C meetings will be held immediately after school assemblies on the 23rd of February and the 9th of March. The 9th of March will be the AGM.

Membership fees are set at \$5.00 per family and can be paid after the AGM in March, to the P&C Treasurer or sent in to the school office.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to our P&C President, Mr Rick Bennett, for receiving the Australia Day "Local Community Service Award" for his service to the Tottenham Central School P&C Association and Tottenham Central School.

Congratulations also to one of our past students, Amy-lee Wilson, for receiving "Young Citizen of the Year". Amy-lee has always been an outstanding role model for our school students and we are very proud of her achievements.

Welcome to Kindergarten Students

This week we welcomed our 2018 Kinder students. They had a great first day at school and settled quickly into school routine. Soon our Kinder students will undergo *Best Start* testing.

Best Start is a state-wide Kindergarten assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. Children start school with a range of early literacy knowledge, skills and understandings. *Best Start Kindergarten Assessment* helps teachers develop effective learning programs that build upon what students know and can do when they start Kindergarten.

Professional Learning

On Monday, our staff completed our first School Development Day of the year. Professional learning focused on general school organisation and planning, refining our school procedures, a review of our school reward system, Child Protection training and allocation of staff roles and responsibilities.

School Bus Zone

Please note that the area out the front of the school is a bus zone. Parking in this area attracts a fine. Please park over the road or on the library side of the school during morning and afternoon drop-offs and pick-ups.

New Students

This year we have welcomed a number of new families to our school. Welcome to: Lloyd – K, Ishana – K, Dominic – Year 3, Jed – Year 4, Connor – Year 4, Elle – Year 6, Ernie – Year 6, Isaac – Year 7 and Max – Year 7. Next week we will welcome a new family of three who will all be in primary classes.

Amanda Thorpe
Principal

Timely reminders

- Students are **not to arrive** at school **before 8.35am** as there is no supervision before this time.
- If children are being dropped off or picked up from school, we ask that you do so at the Meryula Street entrance (near library) to avoid the bus zone at the front of school. We also ask that you remain at the seating in front of the library until children are dismissed.
- All parents and visitors are requested to report to the school office first and sign-in. If you need to sign your child in or out of the school you also need to come to the office. This is an WH&S requirement of the Department of Education and Communities and Tottenham Central School. We can organise for your child to be brought to the office.
- Any changes to address, phone numbers, student medical conditions or other important details should be given to our office staff as soon as possible. This will help us with communication and keeping all students safe.
- Parents are requested to please notify the school by a note or phone call if their child's after school /pick up arrangements change, even for one day. This will prevent confusion at home time. Please also try and avoiding phoning at the last minute.
- All students need to bring hats to school. We have a "No Hat - Play in the Shade" policy. In the interests of protecting young skin, we ask all students to wear a hat to school. Students will be restricted to the shade if they don't wear a hat.
- Could all parents please clearly label their children's belongings including hats, sloppy joes, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.
- All student absences need to be explained by a letter as soon as possible after the absence. Students should give their absentee notes to their teacher in the morning. Blank explanation notes will be printed in the newsletter from time to time for your convenience.
- Students unable to participate in sport or physical activity must have a signed note from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for the inability to participate.
- Please read the newsletter every week and 'Like' us on Facebook to be kept up to date with the goings on around school.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF CHILDREN BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

All parents please take note of our 'road safety policies' regarding the drop-off and pick-up of children before and after school.

For safety reasons, parents who drop-off or pick-up their children by car are asked to park in Meryula Street near the library. If using Merilba Street, please park past the bus zone ie adjacent to the Science Lab and Room 10. This will prevent students trying to cross the road where the buses park and make their U- turns.

Parents of primary students who wish to collect their children from school of an afternoon are asked to either wait at the gate near the library, or to sit on the aluminium seats under the tree adjacent to the Kindergarten room.

Secondary parents may wait at the gate in front of the main secondary block.

Parents are requested not to come into, or wait in school grounds for any other reason, without signing in at the office first.

School news

Newsletters

The weekly newsletter will automatically go home with the **YOUNGEST** child in the family if this note is not returned.

If you would like it to go home with a student other than the youngest, please return this note to school before next Thursday, 15th February.

Thank you

Family name _____

Student's name _____

Student's class _____

If you would prefer to have an electronic copy of the newsletter sent home instead of a hard copy, please fill in the details above and also provide your email address below

Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

During Monday's School Development Day, staff considered adjustments to the merit system. It is hoped, once finalised, that this update will streamline and improve the system for everyone involved. These modifications will be shared with our school community once the details are organised.

L Jarvis

Canteen news

The canteen is **CLOSED FRIDAY** (tomorrow) due to the swimming carnival

ONLY OPEN on Wednesdays and Fridays, Term 1

Wednesday Meal Deals \$6

Next Wednesday (Week 3, 14th February)

Hot dog and Icy cup



Check out our Facebook page for specials and deals

Australia Day

Congratulations to the captains who participated in the official ceremony of Australia Day. All students represented themselves, their family and the school extremely well.

Access Camp

This year students in Year 11 and 12 will be attending the annual Access Camp at Lake Burrendong next Thursday 15th February to Friday 16th February.

SRC Elections

Students were asked this week if they wished to be candidates for the 2018 SRC. If interested they were given a note to be returned to school by tomorrow. SRC speeches will be conducted during classes and elections will follow. Successful representatives will be announced at assembly next Friday.

Jodie Attenborough and Jaimilee Elwin
SRC Coordinators

Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2018, School Banking is helping children to become Super Savers. The Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero savings headquarters and are ready to help students develop super savings skills.

There are 8 new reward items for 2018 from the Super Savers range:

Twister Power Handball
Secret Scratch Pad
Sparkle Glitter Pens
Glow Light
Mighty Boom Handball
Heat Reactor Pencils
Slushie Maker Cup
Zoom Flying Disc



Term 1 rewards are the Twister Power Handball and the Secret Scratch Pad

A 2018 School Banking program information pack was sent home today with all primary students, or you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking for more information.

Book club

All book club orders are due back to school before Wednesday, 21st February. Any cheques should be made payable to Tottenham Central School. Thank you

Library news

Borrowing

In the next few weeks students will begin Library classes whereby they have the opportunity to borrow books and take them home to read. If your child is new to Tottenham Central School, I have sent home a Library Contract that details borrower expectations, that parents need to sign and return. Please note that if your child does not return this note, they will **not** be able to borrow.

International Book Giving Day

On Wednesday the 14th of February 2018, Tottenham Central School will be taking part in The International Book Giving Day. This 100% volunteer initiative is aimed at making books available to as many people as possible. The main focus is supplying books to children, but donations to adults are also greatly appreciated, with many of them going to the Footpath Library who provide books to the homeless.

Tottenham Central School are participating in 3 ways:

- We want to support our town by donation 5 brand new books to both the Tottenham Seniors Day Care Centre at the hospital and the Tottenham War Memorial Early Childhood Centre.
- We ask the members of our wonderful community to please search through their bookshelves and donate, any books they no longer wish to keep, to our library, so that future generations may enjoy them.
- We will be holding a 'book lottery' in each classroom. Each student at Tottenham Central will have their name placed in a barrel in their class level. The names of two lucky students from each class will be drawn and given a book to keep.

Books are a wonderful resource, and are often under-valued. Please join us in this wonderful initiative by donating now!
Tanya Stevens.



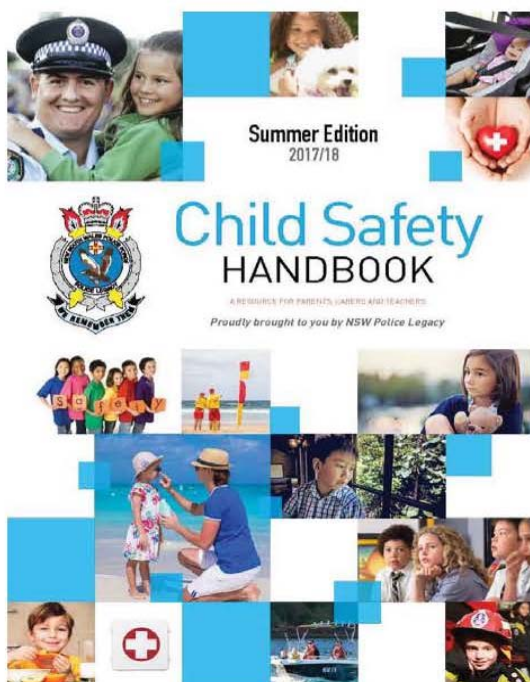
GIVE A BOOK AWAY TODAY
WHAT A GIFT YOU'LL GIVE
TO SHARE A STORY WITH A FRIEND
WHAT A LOVELY WAY TO LIVE!



You gave smiles...

You gave BOOKS

THANK YOU!

**DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK
SUMMER EDITION 2017/18**

We are pleased to advise that the summer edition of this safety resource is now available online with updated safety content.

We encourage all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

[Digital Handbook](#)

[IOS App](#) / [Android App](#)

[Website](#)

Primary news



Year 1/2 Maths group, already hard at it, above

A big welcome to the 2018 kindergarten class, below



Secondary news



Stage 5 English have been busy already by using iPads to film mini-documentaries in the school grounds after finding a newly discovered animal. Full report next week.

Sport news

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will be held tomorrow Friday 9th February. The carnival will begin at 9.30 am. Students can come to school as normal and we will walk to the pool ready to start at 9.30 am. Students need to remember to bring and wear their hat, a rash shirt, clothes to put on after they finish swimming, sunscreen and lots of water. Students can either bring their lunch or purchase from the kiosk at the pool. ***Please note there will be no canteen operating at school tomorrow.***

Gobondery/NARRAF District Swimming Carnival

The Gobondery/NARRAF district swimming carnival will be held Friday 23rd February at Warren.

Secondary and Primary sport

Primary sport commenced today, Thursday 8th February and secondary sport commenced yesterday, Wednesday 7th February.



Calendar

TERM 1 2018	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	29 January	30	31	1 February	2
		HEAT WEEK			
WEEK 2	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	6 TCS STUDENTS RETURN FOR 2018 SCHOOL YEAR	7	8	9 School swimming carnival
WEEK 3	12 SRC speeches	13	14	15 Access Camp	16 ASSEMBLY
WEEK 4	19 Band Camp	20	21	22	23 Gob/NARRAF swimming- Warren
WEEK 5	26	27	28	1 March	2
WEEK 6	5 CHS girls football	6 RYDA, Stage 6 Life Education Van	7 PSSA tennis	8	9 ASSEMBLY
WEEK 7	12	13	14	15 CHS swimming	16 PSSA swimming
WEEK 8	19	20 CHS boys soccer	21 Oztag/ soccer day— Trangie	22	23 Gob/NARRAF Gala day—Peak Hill PSSA boys cricket
WEEK 9	26	27	28	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 10	2 April EASTER MONDAY	3	4	5	6 ASSEMBLY
WEEK 11	9 PSSA rugby league CHS State swimming	10	11 PSSA State swimming	12	13

DR. SEUSS

RESPONSIBILITY



Student Name: _____

Class: _____

My child, _____ was absent from school on _____
because _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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