

# Tottenham Central School Newsletter

ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE TEAM TO BETTER OUR BEST



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 9, Term 3

Thursday, 14th September, 2017

## Principal's message

### Primary Debating

Congratulations to our primary debating team of Ashleigh, Caitlin, Jessica and Zanthie, who won their debate on Monday against Dubbo North PS. The topic was "that Australia should play more sport" and we were the negative. The next step for our primary debaters will be attending the inter-zone final in Cowra in the first week of next term. Our school will be debating against Rylstone PS.

### Teacher Accreditation in NSW

This week our staff professional learning centred on the Accreditation process for teachers. At the commencement of next year, all teaching staff are required to be accredited at a proficient level in accordance with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and must be accredited to continue teaching in 2018 and beyond.

Teacher accreditation enhances and protects the quality and reputation of the profession, and provides teachers with a framework for ongoing professional development. Teachers will start their first maintenance of accreditation cycle, including logging professional development hours from January 2018.

### School Leadership Strategy

This week a number of announcements were made by the NSW Department of Education about the School Leadership Strategy.

The key actions of this strategy include:

- Establishment of a Leadership Institute so school leaders, at all stages of their careers, can access quality development programs.
- Strengthening of induction for new principals.
- International scholarships for principals.
- New role statements for principals and Directors Educational Leadership (previously Directors Public Schools NSW).
- Additional Directors to provide better support for principals.

- An extra \$50 million in flexible funding to free up principals from administrative tasks.
- New teacher performance and improvement support teams to assist principals.
- Centrally managed compliance inspections for tree audits, emergency management equipment and bushfire management.
- Better coordinated, streamlined and aligned support services.

### Kindergarten Orientation

In 2018, we will be welcoming thirteen Kindergarten students to our school! Our Kindergarten orientation program will commence next term - Thursday 12th of October 2018 with a Kindergarten parent information session at 9am. - Each Wednesday, commencing on the 18th of October, Kinder 2018 will join us at school for hour long orientation sessions. This program will continue each Wednesday, for six weeks, concluding on Wednesday the 22nd of November.

Our transition to school program aims to provide all Kindergarten students with a happy, positive start to learning and play at school. Children will engage in a range of classroom and playground activities that are designed to help them become familiar with the school's classrooms, playground, teachers and fellow students. We look forward to meeting our new families and students next term! I know there are a lot of nervous mums and dads out there, but I promise you will be fine!

### School Concert

Our staff and students have worn a very well-beaten track to the hall in preparation for the school concert next week. Unfortunately, I will be on leave for the last two days of term and will miss it. I am treating the dress rehearsal on Wednesday next week as my concert and cannot wait.

### Speech Pathology Parent Information Session

Thank you to those people who attended our parent information session with a speech pathologist. The key points covered were:

Recommended screen time:

0-2 years: no screen time at all

2-5 years: an hour max with co-viewing of screens only.

6 years and over: 2 hours max.

Develop a Media Use Plan for your family.

Include items such as:

- Who is allowed go online and which sites.
- Age recommendations / screen times.
- Screen free zones within your home.
- Media manners.
- Digital citizenship.
- Ways to develop speech skills with your child:
- Sing songs,
- Read books together,
- Play word games,
- Asking your child to repeat instructions back to you to check their understanding.

Possible red flags/ signs your child may have a speech issue:

- Not following directions
- Not making academic progress
- Having to constantly correct their grammar, sentence structure.
- Not hearing your instructions
- Difficulty understanding their speech
- Over active / fidgeting
- Omitting words from sentences

**Amanda Thorpe**  
Principal

### School news

#### School Times

From the commencement of Term 4, we will be altering our school times for primary and secondary.

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
Bell 8:55 for morning assembly	Bell 8:55 for morning assembly
9:00am – 11am morning session	9:00am Period 1
11:00am recess	10:00am period 2
1130 – 1:15pm middle session	11:00am recess
1:15 primary eating time	11:30 period 3
2:00 afternoon session	12:30 period 4
3:00 primary finish bus duty starts *	1:30 lunch
3:15 bus students leave	2:00 period 5
	3:15 secondary finishes
* Walking students / pick-ups leave	

#### Position Vacant: Casual Cleaning Position.

Three hours per week plus on-call duties.

Call Annette, JOSS Facility Management, for further details.  
0429 822 073.

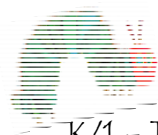
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## Concert 2017

Starting at 6:30pm in the  
Tottenham War Memorial Hall

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Gold coin donation appreciated



### Session 1

Band

K/1 – The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Year 3/4 Recorders

2/3/4 – The Magic Fishing Line

K/1/2 Percussion

4/5/6 – The Box

Year 5/6 African Drums

### Interval

(the P & C will be selling drinks for \$2 at interval)

### Session 2

Secondary – The Cat in the Hat



#### Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

Well done to Harry Radford, Zanthie Hewett, Bree Adam, Ashleigh Horsburgh and Olivia Mills on achieving Silver level recently in the merit system and to Caitlin Adam on reaching Gold level.

Congratulations to those students drawn in the PBL raffle this week: Excellence: Kirralee Brown and Thomas Brennan, Respect: Henry Baldwinson and Jeanne Hardy and Responsibility: Alex Lloyd and Tommy Shanks.

It is pleasing to report that secondary are very close to their first level reward in the raffle ticket component of the merit system.

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

L Jarvis

#### Canteen news

Week 10 - \$6 Meal Deal, Wednesday 20/9/17

Bacon & Egg roll + lunch treat

Reminder - all accounts need to be finalised and paid in full before Thursday 21st, September.

Thanks, Kel.

## Primary news

### K/1 concert item

For our concert item, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, could the following characters dress in :-

Readers - good clothes

Fruits and Foods - black clothes including shoes

Caterpillar and Butterfly - black clothes including shoes.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

*Could all costumes please be in by the  
end of the week  
as we have a full dress rehearsal on  
Monday, 18th September*

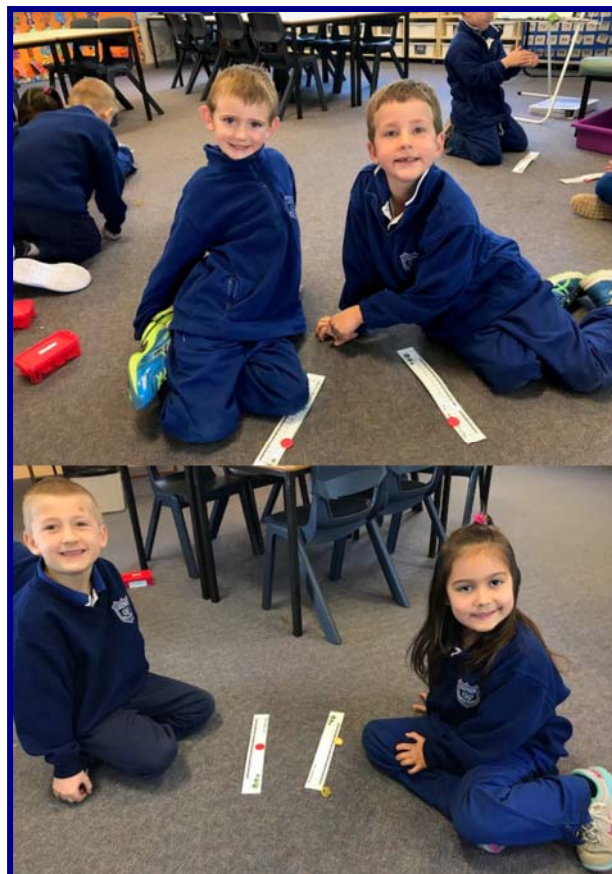
### K-6 concert—Music items

All primary students from K-6 will be performing a music item with Mr Screen at our concert. During these performances we would like all students to wear their sports shirt with jeans or pants. All sports shirts and extra clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

*Next Thursday, primary students (K-6) are  
allowed, and will be encouraged, to wear their  
'house' shirt (red/yellow) or their normal school  
shirt for sports day. This is to allow all students  
to have a clean sports shirt to wear for the music  
items on concert night*

### Western Debating Challenge

Congratulations to the Primary Debating team for successfully defeating Dubbo North in the Zone finals on Monday. The team now proceed to the Inter Zone finals which will be held in Cowra in Week 1 next term.



*Kindergarten students during Maths groups,  
learning how to use a number line*





## Secondary news

Stage 5 STEM - science, technology, engineering and maths.

Scale Model of the Universe.

Stage 5 students researched the science, calculated the scale and engineered the set up on our school fence. 1 metre of fence represents 1 200 light years.

*Below are photos of Stage 5's scale model of the Universe on the school's front fence. Have a look next time you're here....very interesting!*



Secondary Assessment Schedule

Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
		<b>Preliminary</b> - Yearly exams continue Week 9 and 10

## Sport news

### PSSA State Golf Championships

Congratulations to Digby who competed at the PSSA State Golf Championships held at Camden last week.

### PSSA Cricket Trials

Congratulations to Digby and Archie who participated in the PSSA Cricket Trials at Dubbo last Friday.

### Tennis Competitions

The Williams, Vincent and Bennett Cup tennis competitions have all started. These have continued this week.

### Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual Trophies awarded at Presentation Ceremony last year need to be returned to the office to allow for this year's Presentation Ceremony to be organised.

Thank you



Our week in pictures

Stage 4 busy making cupcakes for the Flower Show. It is expected that the eggs from Miss Thorpe's very loved and exceptionally well-fed chickens will make the winning difference!



Photos from  
Gobondery/NARRAF  
touch football and netball  
Gala Day at Trangie  
last Friday at  
Warren

## Reminders

- Get your Flower Show entries finished
- Spread the word about our concert, invite friends and relatives
- Send in any Earn & Learn stickers you have laying about ....ends next week

*Please send in any stickers you've collected.*

*We have the sheets to fill in.  
Earn and Learn finishes on Tuesday  
19 September 2017*

TERM 3 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9	11	12	13	14	15 HSC Bio. Study day @ Trangie CS <b>FLOWER SHOW</b> WAP graduation
WEEK 10	18 HSC Maths study day @Trundle	19	20 Year 12 - Final Assembly	21 <b>SCHOOL CONCERT</b>	22 Sand Green Golf

TERM 4 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	9 October Staff and students return for Term 4	10	11	12 Western Challenge Debating, Inter Zone final - Cowra  2018 Kindergarten parent info session 9am - library	13
WEEK 2	16	17	18 2018 Kindergarten orientation begins 10am	19	20 Gobondery/NARRAF tennis gala day - here

### Controlling the chaos -Managing Difficult Behaviours

*Practical Solutions for Parents – this presentation is coming to the Tottenham War Memorial Early Childhood Centre on **Monday, 18th September, 2017 at 6:30pm.** An invitation goes out to all our families and anyone you feel would be interested in this session - please let them know that it is on. It will go for 2 hours and will be customised to suit our families with time for questions on the night.*

*This parent information evening can help you. Managing difficult behaviours is a challenge for both parents and staff. You are constantly looking for strategies and useful suggestions on managing difficult behaviours. The presentation will focus on common challenging behaviours in young children (e.g. sleeping, eating, tantrums) and strategies which are useful in modifying these behaviours.*

*Participants will gain understanding in:*

- *Dealing with tantrums and aggressive behaviour*
- *Developmental stages*
- *Making rewards charts and using time out*
- *Sleeping issues and night terrors*
- *Eating concerns*
- *ADD or ADHD in early childhood*

*Doctor Hartman's practical advice comes from many years of experience as a professional and as a parent.*

*Could you please let Lisa Fishpool, 0419636703, [elmfishpool@hotmail.com](mailto:elmfishpool@hotmail.com) or the Centre, (02)68924230, [admin@tottenhamcecc.com](mailto:admin@tottenhamcecc.com), know if you are attending, for catering purposes.*



L Jarvis.

## Youth Club roster

<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Member on Duty</b>
15/9/2017	Jake Loftus & Jacqui
22/9/2017	Brock & Scott Ivory

 **BreastScreen**

**Every 2 years**

**FREE SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS**

**Recommended every 2 years for women  
aged 50 – 74.**

Join us for a Pink afternoon tea at the Tottenham Flower Show.  
**15th September 2017 at 2:45pm. Come and listen to an  
informative talk from a member from the BreastScreen team.**

**The BreastScreen Van is Coming to  
TOTTENHAM**

**When: 25th-27th September 2017**

**Where: Tottenham Hospital**

**Call 13 20 50 TODAY**

## Contact us

**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.

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper designed for handwriting practice. It features ten horizontal black lines spaced evenly down the page. On the left side, there is a vertical dashed blue line that serves as a margin. The entire page is otherwise empty, with no text or other markings.

Signed:



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?



## Scholarships

### NOW OPEN: 2018 Student Scholarships

The Public Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing life-changing scholarships to young people in public education and enhancing the value and reputation of public schools.

Our scholarships identify and support potential, based on need, and individual excellence amongst students and educators in the public education system.

- The Vorsay Scholarship: Provides financial support to primary-aged students (includes the PEF and NSW Teachers Federation Primary Scholarships).
- The Trades & Technology STEM Scholarship: Encourages senior high school students to pursue a career in STEM subjects.
- The Australian Science Olympiad Summer School Scholarship: supports an outstanding student to attend the highly competitive Science Olympiad.
- Aboriginal Education Council Scholarship: Supports Indigenous students enrolled in NSW Public Schools to successfully complete their senior years of schooling.
- The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship: Supports students in the middle years of secondary school who have a strong belief in the power of education to change lives.
- The Una May Smith Scholarship: Supports an Indigenous student in primary school through to high school and future tertiary education.
- The Una May Smith Senior Scholarship: Support Indigenous students in senior high school successfully complete schooling and progress to tertiary education and/or training.
- The Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship: Supports students entering tertiary or vocational education.
- Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarships: Supports high potential girls in high school.

For further information and to apply:

[www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships)

### CWA Educational Grants

Applications are now open for CWA grants. Forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website. Please remember:

Applicants can only apply for one (1) grant and only every third year. If you applied in 2014 you are eligible to apply again this year. Completed applications must be received back at school before Wednesday, 20th September.

### Royal Agricultural Society Scholarships

RASF Scholarships of \$6,000 for full-time and \$3,000 for part time study have opened for the 2018 academic year.

*Rural Scholarships* – support students of any age in a range of vocations who have a passion for rural and regional NSW

*Sydney Royal Dairy Produce Scholarship* – supports a student who is passionate about a career in the dairy industry

*JB Fairfax Award for Rural and Regional Journalism* – supports a budding young journalism student passionate about rural and regional reporting.

Applications close on 30 September 2017 and can be made online <http://www.rasnsw.com.au/foundation/scholarships-and-grants/>

### University of New South Wales Indigenous Pre Programs and Admissions Scheme

Both programs offer alternative entry pathways into courses at UNSW for Indigenous Australians who may not meet the minimum ATAR requirement.

• The UNSW Indigenous Pre Programs are offered in the areas of Business, Education, Law, Medicine and Social Work. If you are interested in studying any of these areas, please click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/unsw-indigenous-pre-programs>

• The UNSW Indigenous Admissions Scheme is for all other study areas not covered in the Pre Programs. For more information on the Indigenous Admissions Scheme, please click on the link below.

<http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/ias>

To apply for either program, applicants must complete the application form and submit this, along with a current UAC number and supporting documentation. Please note that copies of all supporting documents must be certified by a Justice of the Peace.

### Origin Foundation Grant King Scholarship

This is a new scholarship that is being offered for Indigenous students studying in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics at the University of New South Wales. Successful applicants receive a scholarship which covers full accommodation costs on campus as well as a \$5000 living allowance, per year of degree. The first link below is to the UNSW Media Release regarding the Origin Foundation Scholarship. The second link is to the UNSW scholarship page.

<https://newsroom.unsw.edu.au/news/general/origin-foundation-gives-5m-unsw-grant-king-indigenous-scholarship>

<http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/id/1226>

If you have any questions or require any further information or assistance with an application, please contact Nura Gili – (02) 9385 3805 or email: [asknuragili@unsw.edu.au](mailto:asknuragili@unsw.edu.au)

# Tottenham Community Christmas Tree Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Activities begin in the Tottenham Memorial Park from 6.00pm, with a BBQ available at about 6.30pm. Entertainment includes Christmas music performed by the Salvation Army Band and the Tottenham Central School Choir, a short interactive nativity children's play provided by the Salvation Army, and a visit from Santa!

If you wish your child/grandchild/relative (newborn to Year 6) to receive a gift from Santa on the night, please fill out the form below and return to Tottenham Central School, Tottenham War Memorial Early Childhood Centre or Tottenham Post Office. Cost is \$12 per child. Envelopes must clearly read "CHRISTMAS TREE", with cheques to be made out to *Tottenham Christmas Tree*. Families may direct deposit using Branch Number: 082-858, Account: 50-995-6056, Account Name: Tottenham Christmas Tree. Please use Family name as reference and email family details to [jodieatt1980@gmail.com](mailto:jodieatt1980@gmail.com).



*This night is made possible with the continued support of local businesses, organisations and the Lachlan Shire Council.*



Contact Jodie Attenborough on 0428924364 with any enquiries.

**Form & money MUST be received by Friday 13th October 2017.**

Child's Name	Age	School class	Boylgirl	Payment (\$12 each)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED:				\$

Parent/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

