

Tottenham Central School Newsletter

ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE TEAM TO BETTER OUR BEST



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 5, Term 1
Thursday, 1st March, 2018

Principal's message

District Swimming

Big congratulations and well done to our school swimming team who competed at the Gobondery / NARRAF swimming carnival last Friday, in Trangie. James and Digby came away with age champions and our other students consistently placed all day resulting in Tottenham bringing home the Handicap trophy. A fabulous team effort!

Professional Learning

On Monday, Mrs. Baker and Ms. Fitzalan attended a workshop called "Seven Steps to Writing Success". This program will be rolled out to all classes this year. Steps to Writing Success are considered the building blocks to great writing. Teachers and students isolate writing skills into individual steps ensuring students are not overwhelmed with writing the whole piece.

At our staff meeting on Tuesday, Miss Fidock delivered a session for all staff following her recent professional learning experience with Max Woods, the creator of ALARM – A Learning and Responding Matrix. ALARM is a cognitive scaffold, which provides a framework for writing, learning, deconstruction of tasks, feedback and reflection. ALARM is a powerful tool to assist with written responses for assessment tasks and in exams. Using ALARM assists students to write more sophisticated written responses.

P&C Fundraiser

On the 24th of March, Charity Car Events Pty Limited will be coming through Tottenham for a fundraising car event, raising funds for Beyond Blue. In 2017, a similar event they held raised \$300 000 for the charity. The opportunity to provide lunch for the participants has been offered to our P&C and accepted. At this stage, there will be 170 people in Tottenham for lunch from approximately 12 o'clock on Saturday the 24th of March at the sports oval. In the lead up to the event, our P&C will be seeking volunteers to assist with the BBQ and serving, along with donations of cakes and slices etc. This will raise approximately \$3000 for our P&C.

Parent Information Session and Assembly

Our first parent information session will be held on the 9th of March. Ms. Fitzalan will be doing a session on technology in the classroom. She will be showing parents and caregivers programs we use and how they assist your child's academic growth. Following this session, an assembly will be held. Items will be presented by the choir and secondary students.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held after assembly on the 9th of March. This year our long serving President will stand down and a new President elected. Our previous Secretary, Janelle Hopkins will also not be seeking re-election. A fete committee will also be formed in preparation for September.

Coles Sport for Schools

We are registered for Coles Sport for Schools! During the Sports For Schools program, our students families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers from Coles stores. When the program ends, our school will exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all children to be healthy and active at school. We have a box set up in the office for your vouchers. There is also a box at coles Narromine store that you can place your vouchers in straight away.

Staffing

I will be on long service leave from March 28th until the end of term, touring South America. Recently, an expression of interest and application process to relieve as Principal in my absence was held. Mrs. Lindsay was successful in her application and will be relieving Principal while I am away. Subsequently, the expression of interest and application process was held to relieve for Mrs. Lindsay as Head Teacher during my absence. Mrs. Baldwinson was successful and will be relieving Head Teacher during this time. Congratulations to Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Baldwinson. I am confident the school is safe while I am away.

Amanda Thorpe
Principal

School news

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Tomorrow - Friday, March 2nd, our school will be participating in the annual nation-wide Clean Up Australia Day event. Groups of students will be allocated an area of the school yard to clean up during period 2, from 10am to 11am.

Students can wear a green shirt during the clean up, and should bring gloves to wear. Secondary students must also wear long pants during period 2 tomorrow.

It will be a competition during the following week to see which groups' area can stay the cleanest. Our esteemed judge, Miss Thorpe, will decide the winning group and announce it at assembly on Friday 19th March in Week 6. The winning group will then receive extra free time as their prize at a later date.

Next term will see the introduction of the composting system in the Ag plot, and we will begin teaching students to collect 'green' waste that can be reused as compost.

These events are not only a chance to ensure our school grounds are looking *excellent*, but also to encourage students to be *respectful* of the environment we live in, and to remember our innate *responsibility* to take care of it.

Mrs Williams & Miss Fidock

**Life Education Van**

All students in primary school will participate in Life Education sessions next week. Please return permission notes and money before Monday 5th March. Also sent home was an order form for 'Harold' merchandise. **Please make sure that correct money is sent in as the school does not process these orders.**



Tottenham Central School will join the World's Greatest Shave on Tuesday March 13th 2018

The day will be run by the SRC, and students are encouraged to participate in a mufti and crazy hair day. A gold coin donation from participating students will be donated to funding research and assistance for blood cancer patients and their families. A BBQ lunch will also be held on this day to raise money for the secondary students' excursion to be held later in the year. At this stage a few secondary students have volunteered to shave their heads for the cause, they can be individually sponsored with all of the funds raised going to the Leukaemia Foundation as well. If you would like to donate or sponsor a student you can do so in school or online at <https://worldsgreatestshave.com/by> clicking on the green sponsorship bubble and searching for our team 'Tottenham Central School'. Students wanting to participate by shaving their heads will need to have a permission note signed and returned to Miss Elwin or Mrs Attenborough by the 12th of March.

Where: Tottenham Central School

When: Tuesday 13th March 2018 from 1pm

What: Students can participate by wearing mufti and having crazy hair (colouring or hair styling) or participating in the shave.

Cost: Gold coin donation

BBQ cost: Sausage sandwich and drink \$4

Canteen News

Next Wednesday \$6 Meal Deal

*Chicken Burger & Popper

(includes lettuce, mayo & chicken pattie)

Extras are 50c each.

CHANGES TO THE HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

22 February 2018

Media release 

Topic: NAPLAN, HSC

The requirements to meet the HSC minimum standard have been simplified under a change announced today by Education Minister Rob Stokes.

Following detailed consultation over the past 12 months, results for Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be linked to the minimum standard of numeracy and literacy for the HSC.

Mr Stokes said that the introduction of a minimum standard to receive the HSC from 2020 was a reform that had widespread support, ensuring all students who receive the HSC have the literacy and numeracy skills needed to succeed in life after school.

However, he recognised the link of this standard to Year 9 NAPLAN tests placed unnecessary pressure on Year 9 students.

"NAPLAN should be a simple check-up, not a major operation. It is one tool used to assess educational progress – not a high stakes test," Mr Stokes said.

"Allowing students to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard early with their Year 9 NAPLAN scores inadvertently transformed NAPLAN into a high stakes test."

Mr Stokes expressed his gratitude to teachers, parents and school communities for their feedback over the past year.

All HSC students will now meet the HSC minimum standard through short online tests in reading, writing and numeracy. Tests can be taken in Years 10, 11 or 12, in a process similar to obtaining the NSW Learner Drivers Licence.

"These tests are available for students to take anytime their teachers think they are ready, removing the stress and protecting the value of the HSC," Mr Stokes said.

NSW Education Standards Authority CEO David de Carvalho supports the change.

"The NSW Government's decision has removed a complicating aspect of the policy that was causing concern about the purpose of NAPLAN," Mr de Carvalho said.

The change does not affect current Year 10 students.

Primary news

Library borrowing

Students are welcome to borrow books from the library. Primary borrowing days are as follows:

K/1: Tuesday

4/5/6: Wednesday

2/3/4: Thursday

Children benefit with active encouragement from home to borrow books and read. We also encourage home to ensure that each child has a library bag to protect books borrowed and benefit our library.

It's a win - win, encouragement - benefit process.

The BENEFITS OF READING OUT LOUD TO YOUR CHILD.



Teaches them the **CONCEPTS OF PRINT** in books

Builds **WORD AND SOUND AWARENESS**

Extends your child's **VOCABULARY**

Builds **IMAGINATION AND ABSTRACT THINKING**



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

Year 4/5/6 playing place value Yahtzee in maths today.



Secondary news

Stage 5 Food Technology

The girls in Stage 5 Food Technology are looking at the dangers of food bacteria growth in lunch boxes. These are their posters they have designed to raise awareness of lunch box food safety.



ARE YOU POISONING YOUR KIDS?

HOW IS THIS HAPPENING

There are many ways that food poisoning in your kids lunchboxes can happen. Not putting an ice brick in your kids lunchbox can cause the food to attract bacteria, which can kill your child. Hot food is the main cause of unhealthy bacteria in your child's food.

HOW CAN I PREVENT THIS?

1. When buying lunchboxes choose ones that have room for a frozen drink or freezer block and are easy to clean and dry.
2. Always wash and dry your hands thoroughly before preparing food.
3. Wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly.
4. Make sure lunchbox foods are always well separated from other foods in the refrigerator, particularly raw meats, chicken and fish.
5. Keep the lunch cool in the fridge until you are ready to leave home.

Lunch box safety

- Ice packs slow down the growth of bacteria in lunch boxes
- Wash fruit and veggies before packing them into boxes
- Always wash hands before preparing lunch box meals
- Keep the lunch box in the fridge until it is time to leave
- Regularly wash lunch boxes to kill germs





- Sandwiches in lunch boxes become dangerous to eat when they reach over 33 degrees Celsius, especially meat or salad fillings
- Insulated lunch boxes reflect heat and keep food at the correct temperature which is safe to eat.
- Dairy foods, eggs and meats shouldn't be consumed after being in a lunch box longer than 4 hours

YOUR LUNCH BOX SAFETY

When left out in the heat, foods such as meat, cheese, fish and milk will spoil and start to smell because of bacteria.



What you can do:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly before dealing with food
2. Cook food to correct temperature
3. Use separate cutting boards
4. Chill foods such as meats, cheeses and yoghurt with two cold sources at least.

Your Lunch Box Safety

Controlling the temperature of the food can help minimise the chance of getting sick

When left out in the heat, foods such as meat, cheese, fish and milk will spoil and start to smell because of bacteria

The contaminated food can cause symptoms such as nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal cramps and chills as soon as 30 minutes after ingestion

There are four key steps to safely preparing food:

Mindfully... back to school

1. Wash your hands thoroughly before handling food. Use clean utensils and cutting boards.
2. Use separate cutting boards for fresh produce and raw meat or poultry to reduce the risk of Salmonella.
3. Cook food to the right temperature using a food thermometer.
4. Chill foods such as meats, eggs, cheeses or yoghurt with at least two cold sources, such as freezer packs, to keep harmful bacteria away.

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Week 5		Design & Technology (part 1)	

Sport news

Western Area PSSA Tennis Trials

Good luck to Digby Lees who is participating in the Western Area PSSA tennis trials at Bathurst next Wednesday 7th March.

Gobondery/NARRAF District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all primary students who competed at the Gobondery/NARRAF district swimming carnival last Friday at Warren. Thank you to those parents who transported and supported our students. Thank you to Mrs Lees who managed the team.

Tottenham won the Handicap Trophy.

We have had six students qualify for PSSA swimming Friday 16th March. These students are: Digby Lees – All Age 100m freestyle, 12-13 boys 50m freestyle, 12-13 boys 50m backstroke, 12-13 boys 50m butterfly, Senior boys relay; James Mills – 11 boys 50m backstroke, 11 boys 50m free, 11 boys 50m breaststroke, 11 boys 50m butterfly, 11 – 13 boys Individual Medley, Senior boys relay; Lucy Baldwinson – 9 girls 50m freestyle; Billy Baldwinson - 8 boys 50m freestyle; Dominic Barnett – 11 boys 50m freestyle Multi Class, 11 boys breaststroke Multi Class, Senior boys relay and Riley Melmeth – Senior boys relay . Well done to those students.



Tottenham won the Handicap Trophy - we were the most successful school!!



Calendar

TERM 1 2018	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 5	26	27	28 Kinder to preschool for performance	1 March School counsellor here	2 CLEAN UP DAY
WEEK 6	5	6 Life Education Van	7 PSSA tennis →	8 School counsellor here	9 Parent info. Session ASSEMBLY P&C AGM
WEEK 7	12 Primary Debating Day - Dubbo West Primary School	13 World's Greatest Shave BBQ lunch	14	15 School counsellor here CHS swimming	16 PSSA swimming
WEEK 8	19	20 CHS boys soccer	21	22	23 Gob/NARRAF Gala day - Peak Hill
WEEK 9	26	27	28	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 10	2 April EASTER MONDAY	3 CHS boys football	4 PSSA football	5	6 ASSEMBLY
WEEK 11	9 PSSA rugby league CHS State swimming	10 →	11 PSSA State swimming	12 →	13

UNIFORM ORDER

In next week's newsletter there will be a uniform order form.

Please think about what you may need to purchase and order from this form.

Generally we have polo shirts and jumpers in the office but can't keep multiple numbers in all sizes.

We don't want anyone disappointed or going cold because we haven't got items on hand. The order will be sent at the end of this term with anticipated delivery before the start of, or early in, Term 2.

Payment arrangements can be made by contacting the office, if needed.

Please check out our Facebook page for more information and a reminder of upcoming events or contact Kelly 0457792443.

1st \$20 2nd \$10 HC \$5

Enquiries: Donna-lee Horsburgh Phone: 0429 050 050
Email: jimandjay@bigpond.com

Contact us

Tottenham Central School



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:



THE ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM IN TOTTENHAM

From 31 January, parents, guardians and carers of school children can apply for a \$100 voucher to use for sport and fitness registration/membership costs (not lessons!). The voucher may only be used once for one sport, and any remaining funds on the voucher may not be used elsewhere. Children are eligible if they are aged between 4.5 and 18 years AND enrolled in full time school (not pre-schoolers)

In Tottenham we currently have 3 clubs accepting vouchers-

Tottenham Pony Club- contact Kelly Anderson- 0457792443

Tottenham Swimming Club- contact Tanya Fulton- 0428626138 or Sandra Hewett- 0428634976

Tottenham Soccer Club- contact Amity Chase- 0402282542 or Alison Larkings- 0439873132

The following clubs are most likely going to be accepting vouchers as well-

Western Studio of Performing Arts- contact Angela White- or Jo Radford- 0459928250

Tottenham Motocross Club- contact Matthew Fox-Ashwin- 0428 933 816

You may use your voucher at any of these clubs (or clubs from other towns) from 31st January 2018 to 31st December 2018. The program runs for 4 years and you can apply for a new voucher each year. As you can only use the voucher once it makes sense to use your voucher for the sport your child wants to play with the highest registration costs.

To redeem your voucher you will need to contact the club registrar directly and the method may differ.

Eg for soccer it is simple- when you are registering your child on the MyFootballClub website online portal, there will be a space to enter your voucher number and the registration fees will automatically reduce. I think swimming may be the same.

Pony Club dancing and motocross are manual registration systems, so you will have to print your voucher confirmation page or email it to the Club registrar who will have to claim the voucher on the Service NSW club login page.

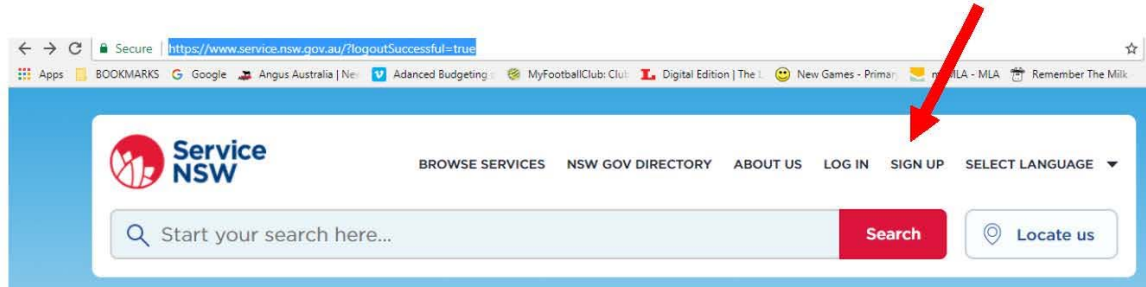
The following page is a 'cheat sheet' on how to OBTAIN your voucher. You can then hang onto it (save the email) until you have decided which sport you will use it on.

For details on how to USE your voucher contact your club registrar.

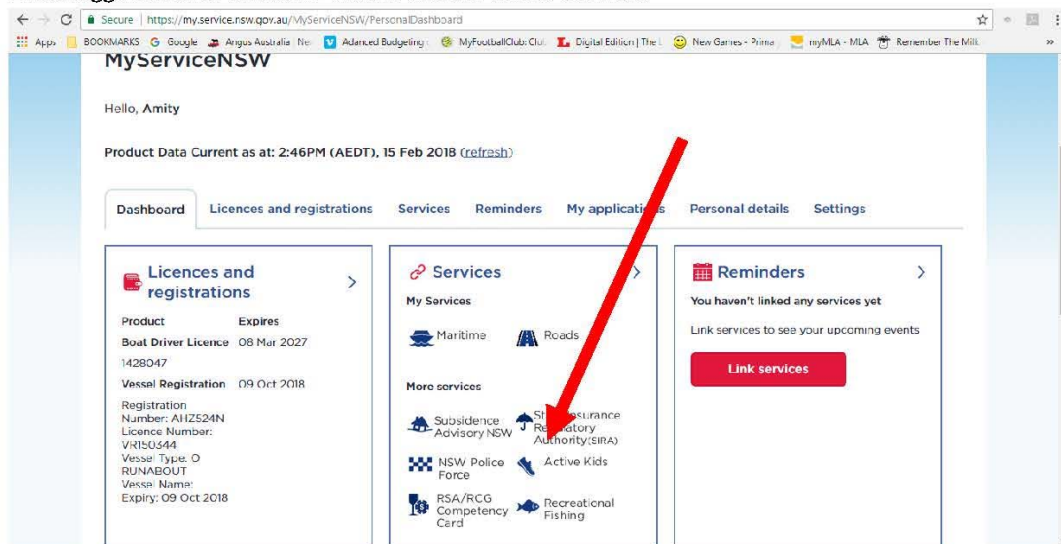


HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

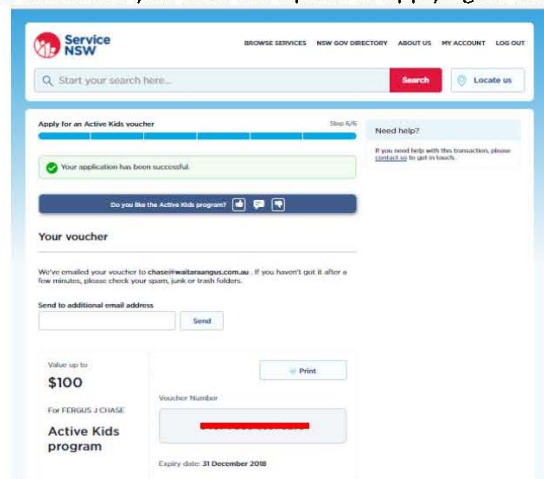
1. Go to www.service.nsw.gov.au and login to your Service NSW account- this is where you may have your license details, vehicle registrations, RSA card details, fishing licenses etc. If you do not already have an account set up click on SIGN UP at the top right of the screen. You will need an email address and license number if you have one, plus phone & address details etc. You can then link all the above stuff if you wish.



2. Once logged in click on Active Kids in the tile called Services



3. Go through the questions to apply for your voucher for one child- your name and number, student info- Medicare card number and DOB, more info on the child including height and weight (optional), agree to terms and conditions and submit. You will get confirmation of success and your voucher is emailed immediately. Scroll down and you have the option of applying for another child.



4. ALL DONE!