

# Tottenham Central School Newsletter

Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 2, Term 1

Thursday, 7th February, 2019



## Principal's message

### Welcome to Term One, 2019!

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 Mrs Mel Greig to our staff as relieving School Administration Officer. Mel joins us with a wealth of skills and experience and we are thrilled to have her on our team. Ms Donna Day will also soon be joining us on Thursdays as a School Learning Support Officer.

Secondary Advisors

Stage 4 – Mrs Jodie Attenborough

Stage 5 – Mrs Chrissie Baldwinson

Stage 6 – Mrs Sarah Lindsay

WAP Coordinator- Mrs Sarah Lindsay

Girls Advisor – Miss Jaimilee Elwin

Careers – Mrs Jodie Attenborough

Role descriptions of these positions are included in this newsletter.

### Swimming

Tomorrow we have our first major event for the year, our school swimming carnival. 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.

### Welcome to Kindergarten Students

Yesterday, we welcomed our 2019 Kinder students. They had a great first day at school and settled quickly into school routine. Next week 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 and Tuesday our staff completed two School Development Days. Professional learning focused on:

- increasing understanding of the wide range of learning characteristics of students
- exploring strategies which address the needs in the areas of language and cognitive development, communication skills and social behaviour
- development of specific strategies to help students manage their own stressful reactions and modify their behaviours
- Identifying child protection issues, reporting concerns and working with other agencies, including the mandatory reporting guide
- Creative and Design Thinking, innovation and problem solving skills in the classroom
- Literacy and Numeracy Progressions
- Cognitive Load Theory: how human brains learn and store knowledge.

### Technology Update

We are currently taking delivery of six new Interactive TVs. Interactive TVs will replace the Smartboards in all primary classrooms, the library and computer room. Replacements will be purchased for the secondary classrooms as funds become available, later this year. Interactive TVs have a much higher resolution and a faster response.

### School Counsellor

Our school counsellor, Mrs Sally Anderson, will be with us on Wednesdays this year in even weeks.

**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.

**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, 14th 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*

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**School news****P&C Meetings**

Welcome back to school everyone! Our first P&C meeting takes place next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February and we would like to start getting our plans underway for the next Tottenham Community Expo. If you can help out or lend a hand either at the meeting, in the lead up to or at the Expo, please come along. The meeting commences at 3.15pm at the Library.

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you aren't currently a P&C Committee Member, but are interested in coming along to any of our meetings, please do! An agenda and copy of constitution and bylaws will be emailed to everyone during the week prior. If you aren't currently a member, please email Nicole on [tenimate@gmail.com](mailto:tenimate@gmail.com) to be put on the distribution list if you would like to be involved.

**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 Wednesday 13th February to Friday 15th February. Permission notes and money need to be returned to the office before next Wednesday.

**Canteen Manager Position Available**

The P&C are looking for expressions of interest to operate the school canteen. The days and number of days are flexible and the menu doesn't need to be extensive. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Greg Radford on 0427 928 204.

**SRC Elections**

This year the SRC student speeches and elections will be held on Tuesday the 12th of February 2019. Students have been made aware of the SRC responsibilities and have received a permission note if they are interested in running as a representative. There will be a student elected from each year from years 3-5 and a maximum of 5 secondary students from years 7-11, our school captains will also be on the SRC. If a new note is required please see Miss Elwin and ensure all notes are returned by Monday the 11th of February.

Jodie Attenborough and Jaimilee Elwin  
SRC Coordinators

**Book club**

Book club order forms will be distributed early next week and will be due back to school on Monday, 18th February. Any cheques should be made payable to Tottenham Central School. Thank you.

**Moorambilla 2019 Workshop Tour**

It's that time of year again for budding singers to experience the Moorambilla Voices 2019 Skills Development Workshop Tour.

Michelle Leonard, Musical Director, and her team will be facilitating 78 workshops covering 53 towns, inviting 126 schools in the remote region of north-west NSW, starting on Monday 25 February to 22 May 2019. The Workshop Tour will be visiting our area on Monday, 25th February at Trangie Central School from 4pm to 5pm.

If your child has an interest in singing, take this opportunity to enjoy an hour of singing skills learning....and the possibility of being selected for the Moorambilla Voices Regional Choir 2019.

Please email me by Monday, 18th February if you would like your child to be included in the workshop. Interested students will need to make their own transport arrangements to and from this workshop.

Chrissie Baldwinson  
[christina.baldwinson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:christina.baldwinson@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Primary news****3/4 Music lessons**

Students will be learning the recorder with Mr screen on Fridays. If your child requires a recorder they are available from the office for \$12.

## ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE AIM TO BETTER OUR BEST

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| <b>Supervisor of Girls</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviewing and advising girls.</li> <li>• Developing special programs for girls.</li> <li>• Developing resilience in girls.</li> <li>• Liaising with welfare agencies to provide support.</li> <li>• Identify girls who are disengaged, through referrals from teachers, Learning Support Team and student reviews.</li> <li>• Identify and engage support agencies to support girls and their families.</li> <li>• Organise the "Girls' Day In" and other activities for girls.</li> <li>• Alert girls in the school to activities and other relevant matters.</li> <li>• Organise girls to attend leadership courses.</li> <li>• Build on community support and networks to encourage girls to collaborate with staff, parents, carers and the community in the development of various programs and events.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Stage Advisors</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark the attendance roll and follow-up all absences</li> <li>• Communicate student welfare and engagement concerns to Principal, Head Teacher, School Counsellor, and all staff</li> <li>• Assist Head Teacher, teachers and Learning Support Team to review appropriate curriculum patterns (including Individual Education Plans and Personalised Learning Plans) and support strategies for each student</li> <li>• Provide advice and/or refer students to relevant person regarding subject selection and NESA requirements</li> <li>• Organise and/or participate in coordinated support meetings as required</li> <li>• Liaise with all staff and Head Teacher to develop welfare support strategies to foster increased engagement for students of concern</li> <li>• Organise and/or participate in case meetings at school level to support the welfare and engagement of students</li> <li>• Liaise with Head Teacher regarding student awards</li> <li>• Assist parent to apply for scholarships</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Careers Advisor</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information on post-school options covering University, Tafe, Private Colleges, Apprenticeships and Traineeships, Paid employment and gap year options</li> <li>• Assist students in subject choice selection.</li> <li>• Organise Stage 5 work experience.</li> <li>• Link students with guests / speakers / representatives from universities, Tafe, Industry, Defence Forces, NSW Police Force etc.to advise students of varied career options.</li> <li>• Organise excursions to attend seminars, Careers Expos and Industry visits.</li> <li>• Maintain a careers resource section in the library where there is an array of career and study publications.</li> <li>• Subscribe to career Information websites and encourage parents and students to use these sites.</li> <li>• School newsletter communication</li> <li>• Mock job interviews and resume assistance.</li> <li>• Career counselling to support students in clarifying their ideas about career choices and directions</li> <li>• Designing and developing a career education program that includes implementation of vocational and enterprise learning in the school curriculum.</li> <li>• Helping students to identify their individual abilities, skills and interests through a range of career resources.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Western Access Program Coordinator</b> | <p><b>Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with VET Coordinator (aka Work Placement Coordinator) regarding documentation of Work Placements throughout the year</li> <li>• Keeping records of bulletins, meeting minutes and role statements and ensuring that staff are aware of these on a weekly basis</li> <li>• Ensuring assessment marks are recorded and sent to Head Teacher Access as necessary</li> <li>• Assisting with local arrangements for excursions organised from other sites</li> <li>• Ensuring correct procedures are followed for assessment tasks, including examinations within their own schools</li> <li>• Distributing assessment booklets to students and teachers</li> <li>• Ensuring that student Appeal Forms are processed and submitted to the Head Teacher Access</li> <li>• Ensuring that Year 10 students and their parents are adequately informed about the Access Program</li> <li>• Participating in timetable teams to negotiate common timetables</li> <li>• Ensuring the submission of an assessment task by a student is to the Front Office by 9.00am. If there is concern over the quality of the task, the ISAC and Home School Head Teacher to notify Course Coordinator and Co Teacher</li> <li>• Ensure that all assessment tasks which are submitted are kept electronically</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaising with other Access schools on behalf of students or teachers within their schools</li> <li>• Disseminating information from other schools and from Head Teacher Access to their own students and staff</li> <li>• Informing Head Teacher Access of student course choices and any change to those choices</li> <li>• Informing Head Teacher Access of any in-school variations to routines</li> <li>• Providing information regarding teachers allocations to Head Teacher Access supporting teachers to deliver Access programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring student progress and welfare</li> <li>• Assisting with planning of combined student activities</li> </ul> |



*A big, warm welcome to the 2019 kindergarten class, below*



## *Australia Day 2019*



## Calendar

| TERM 1<br>2019 | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| WEEK 1         | January 28<br>←   | 29<br>HEAT WEEK                           | 30<br>HEAT WEEK   | 31<br>HEAT WEEK                                 | February 1<br>→                               |
| WEEK 2         | 4<br>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY  | 5<br>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY                | 6<br>Students first day back for 2019                               | 7   | 8<br>School Swimming Carnival                 |
| WEEK 3         | 11<br>Primary Parent information session 3-3:15pm<br><br>P&C Meeting 3.15pm Library | 12<br>SRC Speeches                        | 13<br>WAP Camp  | 14<br>WAP Camp<br><br>Year 9—Future Moves Dubbo | 15<br>WAP CAMP                                |
| WEEK 4         | 18<br>Gob/NARRAF tennis trials Tottenham  | 19  | 20<br>School Counsellor visit<br><br>Year 6 CSU visit Dubbo         | 21  | 22<br>Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival      |
| WEEK 5         | 25<br>Moorambilla Voices workshop Trangie CS  | 26  | 27  | 28  | March 1                                       |
| WEEK 6         | 4<br>P&C AGM & General Meeting 3.15pm Library<br><br>CHS Girls Football             | 5<br>RYDA                                 | 6<br>School Counsellor visit<br><br>PSSA Tennis                     | 7   | 8   |
| WEEK 7         | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14<br>PSSA Swimming                             | 15<br>CHS Swimming                            |
| WEEK 8         | 18<br>Life Ed Van   | 19<br>Life Ed Van<br><br>PSSA Boys Soccer | 20<br>School Counsellor visit<br><br>Oztag/Soccer day Trangie       | 21  | 22<br>Gob/NARRAF Gala day cricket - Peak Hill |
| WEEK 9         | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| WEEK 10        | APRIL 1   | 2<br>Science & Engineering Challenge      | 3<br>School Counsellor visit<br><br>Science & Engineering Challenge | 4   | 5   |
| WEEK 11        | 8<br>CHS State Swimming   | 9<br>CHS State Swimming                   | 10<br>State PSSA Swimming   | 11<br>State PSSA Swimming                       | 12<br>State PSSA swimming                     |

# WELCOME TO 2019

Classes Commence next **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of February** at the War Memorial Hall.

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 2.45 – 3.15pm | Jellybeans                |
| 3.15 – 3.45pm | 5-7 Jazz                  |
| 3.45 – 4.15pm | 5 – 7 Ballet              |
| 3.45 – 4.15pm | 8 – 10 Stretch/Technique  |
| 4.15 – 4.45pm | 8 – 10 Jazz               |
| 4.15 – 4.45pm | 5 – 7 Stretch/Technique   |
| 4.45 – 5.15pm | 8 – 10 Ballet             |
| 4:45 – 5.15pm | Seniors Stretch/Technique |
| 5.15 – 5.45pm | Senior Jazz               |
| 5.45 – 6.15pm | Senior Ballet             |

Miss Tash is going to do the class with the kids for strength, stretching and Technique.

*If any adults wish Miss Tash to do a Stretch class let us know and we can hold an adults class.*

If your child has grown out of their uniform please bring it first day and we can sell it on to other kids coming through. Particularly shoes – please place them in a zip lock bag with your name and a price on them.

It is going to be another awesome year full of fun and good times and learning of course.

**New dancers welcome!**

We are excited to see all of our beautiful dancers and parents of course. Contact Miss Angie 0417291067

## Contact us

**Principal** Miss Amanda Thorpe

**Assistant Principal** Ms Sally Fitzalan (Mon– Wed)  
Mrs Meggan Adam (rel. Thurs & Fri)

**Head Teacher Secondary Studies** Mrs Sarah Lindsay

**P & C President** Mr Greg Radford

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The Red Cross First Aid course will be available to those interested on the 26th February 2019. Please contact Amity Chase on 0402282542 if you would like to be involved.

## Sport news

Our annual swimming carnival will be held tomorrow Friday 8th 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. Notes need to be returned to staff tomorrow to indicate how the students are getting home after the carnival finishes tomorrow.

The Gobondery/NARRAF district swimming carnival will be held Friday 22nd February at Narromine.

### Secondary and Primary sport

Primary sport commenced today Thursday 7th February and secondary sport commenced yesterday Wednesday 6th February. Please make sure all notes are returned as soon as possible to allow all secondary students to participate in sport next week.

## 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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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ was absent from school on \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

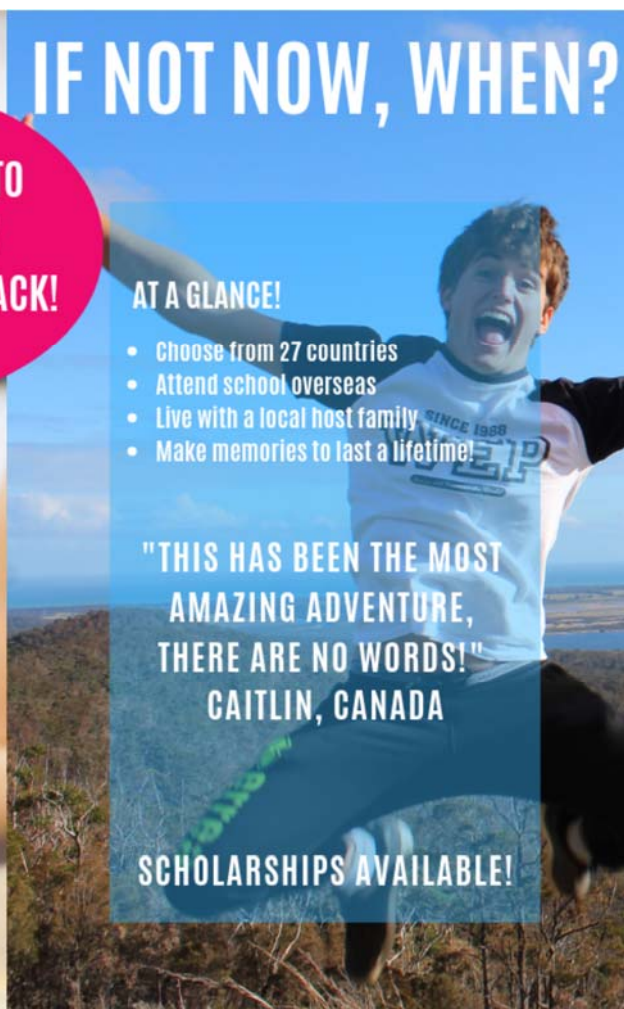

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because \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_







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