

# Tottenham Central School



**Principal: Amanda Thorpe**

**Week 9, Term 4**  
**Thursday, 10 December, 2020**

## Principal's message

### 2021 Staffing

#### Primary

- K/1 - Amanda Smith
- 2/3/4 - Susanna Horsburgh
- 4/5/6 - Meggan Adam
- LaST & RFF - Barbara Baker (Monday - Thursday)
- RFF & LaST- Sally Fitzalan (Thursday & Friday)
- AP Primary - Meggan Adam & Sally Fitzalan

#### Secondary

- Chrissie Baldwinson - English, Music, Drama, Ancient History
- Jodie Attenborough - Maths, History, Work Education, Geography, Careers Advisor
- Sarah Lindsay - PDHPE, Agriculture, Primary Industries, Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation, Community and Family Studies, Head Teacher
- Valeena Fidock - Science, Visual Arts, Hospitality, Maths.
- David Filemu - Geography, Construction, Languages Other Than English, Sport, Legal Studies, Life Ready, Hospitality

This year we say goodbye to Mrs Kim Williams. Mrs Williams has worked at our school for many, many years, in numerous roles, both in primary and secondary. She has always been willing to fill in any role required, whilst remaining flexible and positive. We wish Mrs Williams all the best in her future endeavours.

### Class parties

Under current COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to allow students to share food. All food and drinks will be provided for each child in individual containers. One less job for parents next week! **Tuesday will be a mufti day for all students.**

### Student requirement packs

At the start of next year, primary students will receive a pencil case, coloured pencils, scissors, ruler, glue stick, pencil sharpener, eraser, home reading folder, pens and a homework book.

Secondary students will receive all exercise books, Stage 4 and 5 Visual Arts diary, 2 x A4 display folders, homework diary and a clear wallet folder.

These items are leftover from our drought relief packages distributed at the start of this year.

### 2021 school dates

School will return for staff on Wednesday, 3 February with two School Development Days. Please note that our school office and phone will not be attended on the 3 February, due to whole school staff training. The school office will be open on Thursday, 4 February. Students will return on Friday, 5 February 2021.

### School captain speeches

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to witness our Year 5 students present speeches about why they would make excellent school captains. All students spoke beautifully and I told them that I would be happy for any of them to be elected. The big announcement will be made at Presentation Day.

**Amanda Thorpe, Principal**

## School news

### SRC Report

#### • Congratulations to the following award winners:

- Merit Awards, for receiving 5 Achievements: Katie, Ben, Jenavieve (absent: Fergus, Abby B, Nathan)
- Honour Award, for receiving 3 Merits: Lily (Nathan absent)
- Banner Award, for receiving 9 Merits: Fergus (absent)
- Bronze Badge Award, for receiving 12 Merits: Maddi
- Special Awards: Maddi Loftus, winner of the secondary handball challenge

The audience was on edge. Spectators were biting their nails. The secondary handball competition had most primary students fixated, keenly watching, and trying hard not to get in the way. It was a close decision, with fierce competitiveness from our older, more experienced handball athletes. Maddi and Kyan battled hard in the finals, but there can only be one crowned with the title of 'Handball Champion', and in the end it was Maddi who triumphed!



Congratulations to all of the award winners over the course of the year! Everyone has shown such great enthusiasm. The 2020 SRC committee would like to thank all the students, staff and parents who have made this year as normal as possible. Everyone has given their best effort in competitions, dress ups and fundraisers, and we could not be more grateful for the support.

We wish everyone safe and happy holidays, and look forward to seeing you all next year, ready for another year of learning and fun.

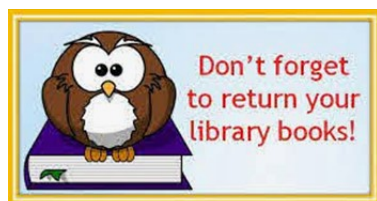
Signing off for the year - The SRC

### Swimming carnival nomination form and notes 2021

Swimming carnival nomination forms and permission notes have been sent home for the swimming carnival next year. These need to be returned as soon as possible. For those parents with children turning 8 in Year 2 next year, 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.

### Gobondery Cup and Gobondery Shield

Yesterday, secondary students participated in the Gobondery Cup and today primary students participated in the Gobondery Shield. It was terrific to see all students compete enthusiastically and with great sportsmanship across the two days.



### Library book reminder

Children who have an overdue book must please bring their book back to the library as soon as possible. Families who do not return overdue books will be asked to replace them. Reminders to students have been sent home.



## Burgoyne Debate 2020

Due to many COVID-19 restrictions for school events still in place, the annual Burgoyne Debate between Years 5 and 6 was conducted in the Tottenham Central School library on Tuesday, 8 December.

The topic was "That we should only eat food produced in Australia", with the Year 5 team taking the affirmative case and the Year 6 team taking the negative case.

Miss Thorpe was our adjudicator, and was very impressed at how both teams presented their arguments, used rebuttals and worked together to help persuade her with their ideas. Ultimately, with only a narrow margin between the points, the Year 6 team were the winners on the day. Well done to Connor Bulloch, Ben Larkings, Shai Handsaker and Harry Chase for leading your team to victory – and a special thanks to Mrs Martin and Mrs Attenborough for coaching them.

A big congratulations also to the Year 5 team consisting of James O'Brien, Lucy Baldwinson, Lily Horsburgh and Dominic Radford, who worked together brilliantly to present effective arguments as well.

Thank you to parents for helping prepare and practise with your children at home. We look forward to new debating experiences next year, and hope we can hold this event with the Lions Club, family and friends in 2021.

Chrissie Baldwinson  
Debating Coordinator





Primary news



M e r r y  
C h r i s t m a s

from K-6





## Secondary news

### Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 4 Week 10	N/A	N/A	Year 11 - N/A Year 12 - Mathematics Standard 2

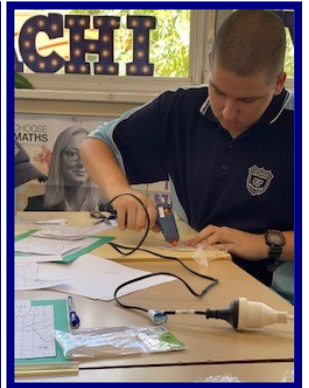
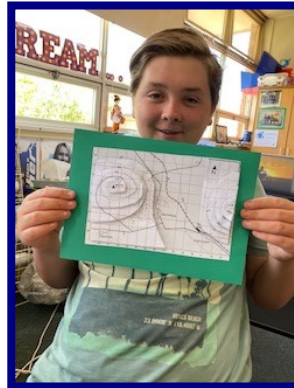
#### Stage 4 History

In History, we have been finishing off our unit on Ancient China. The students enjoyed cooking and sampling Chinese food, and creating their own terracotta warriors.



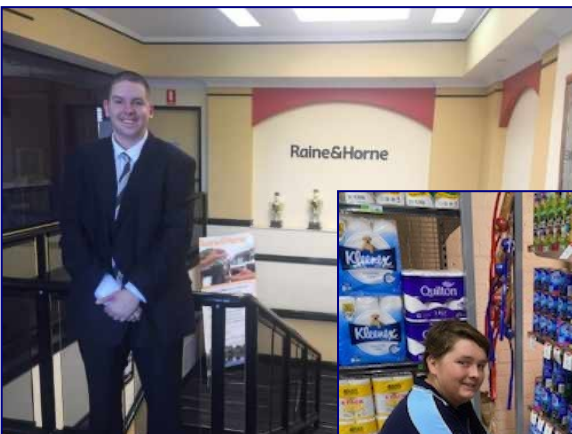
#### Stage 5 Geography

In Geography, we have been working on some of our geography skills. The students have learnt about topographic maps and made a 3D model of one.



#### Stage 5 Work Experience

Over the past few weeks, some of the Stage 5 students have been visiting businesses in Tottenham and Dubbo, to experience how various businesses operate.





### **Secondary lunch**

Next Wednesday, 16 December, secondary students will be walking to the pool at 1:15 pm. Students can either pack their lunch or buy it from the pool. Students will be given their coloured swimming bands to have a free swim.

### **Secondary excursion**

Today, secondary students left Tottenham at 7am and headed to Orange, Bathurst, Wellington and Dubbo for a two day excursion. The students have had a great day at Bathurst Goldfields, and will enjoy ten pin bowling and pizza tonight. Tomorrow the students will visit the Bathurst Rail Museum, Wellington Caves and the Royal Flying Doctor Experience. Thank you to Robinson Grain and the P & C for subsidising this excursion.

### **Year 10 Orientation Day**

On Monday, 7 December, Year 10 were involved in their Orientation and VET Induction day at Peak Hill. This was an opportunity for the students to meet with their coordinators they will have next year, as well as the students in Year 10 from the other schools. Our boys had a great day meeting their peers and teachers.



**EXCELLENCE**



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**

## Calendar &amp; other news

<b>WEEK 9</b>	7	8	9	10 Secondary excursion K/1/2 water play	11 Secondary excursion
<b>WEEK 10</b>	14 In school Presentation	15 Class parties/Mufti day	16 Student's last day	17 Staff Development Day	18

**Canteen**

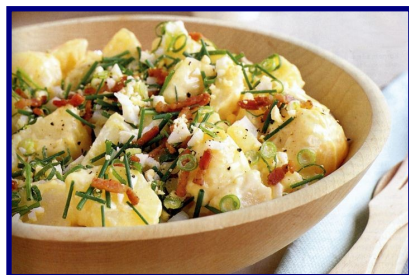
Friday, 11 December Lunch Salad Special ... \$5.50  
Potato, Egg & Bacon Salad with Dijon Mustard Mayonnaise

*Available to all students, teachers & staff.*  
Full menu also available for recess and lunch.

The canteen will also be open & taking orders on Wednesday, 16 December (the last day of school). Please see the canteen's FB page before ordering, for any items that are out of stock due to the end of year freezer de-stock.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the students, teachers, staff and community support of the canteen over this year. A very Merry Christmas to all, and a most safe & restful summer break.

Kathryn Klante  
Canteen Manager  
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## Tottenham

### Child & Family Health Nurse



**When:** Visiting every second Tuesday from January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 onwards

**Where:** Tottenham MPS

**What:** Blue book check, childhood immunisation and general growth and development checks

(Covering children from 0-5 years of age)

**How:** Please call Stacey on 0428 344 933

**Or call Tottenham MPS on (02) 6891 6200 to book an appointment**



Health

## Contact us

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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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We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.



**Send your colourful  
creations to the office!**

