

Tottenham Central School

ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE AIM TO BETTER OUR BEST



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

Week 9, Term 1
Thursday, 26 March 2020

Principal's message

Cooler Classrooms Update

The contract for the installation of Cooler Classrooms works at Tottenham Central School has been successfully awarded to the Grella Group Pty Ltd. We will now commence the delivery phase of Cooler Classrooms project. The first step is for me to attend a start-up meeting with representatives from the AMU, Public Works Advisory and the installation contractor this week. It is expected the installation phase may take between 18 - 22 weeks, dependent on the scope of works.

Learning From Home

All parents have been added to a school email list. All addresses will be BCC'd to ensure personal details can't be shared and we can avoid "reply all" emails.

Newsletters and general communication for all families will be via email. With not much happening, please expect our newsletter to be extremely short. As we travel this journey further, we will ask your child to make contributions from their learning from home environment.

All contact with your child's teacher MUST be through the school phone or the teacher's school email address. Please do not contact teachers via mobile phones, text messages or Facebook messenger. Teachers will be making regular contact with you to ensure everything is going well in the learning from home school environment.

In the first learning from home pack you will have received detailed information about how to contact your child's teacher, how to set up your school day, how to interact with your child in the learning environment etc.

Please note that the activities supplied may not take a full day to complete. This is OK. With one-on-one teaching you may find you get through the tasks at a different pace to other parents. This is also OK. We have supplied lots of online activities to supplement the workload.

Good luck parents! We are with you all the way. This is a big change for ALL of us and we will get better at this as we settle into a routine.

Aurora Virtual Opportunity Class

Aurora College, the NSW Department of Education's virtual school, has been conducting a pilot opportunity class for Stage 3 students in rural and remote government primary schools. The Deputy-Secretaries School Operations and Performance and Educational Services have approved the conversion of the pilot program to an ongoing provision.

The first intake of Year 5 Aurora students will be in 2021. Applications for Year 5 placement in the virtual opportunity class in 2021 open Tuesday 28 April 2020 and close at 5 pm on Friday 15 May 2020. The Opportunity Class Placement Test for 2021 entry will be held on 29 July 2020.

Information on the Opportunity Class Placement Process may be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

For further information about Aurora College, please visit www.aurora.nsw.edu.au.

Amanda Thorpe, Principal

School news

NAPLAN Online 2020—Message to parents and carers



20 March 2020

Communique

Education Ministers met today and decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled to be held from 12 to 22 May.

All Education Ministers acknowledge and thank all of our school leaders, our teachers and support staff for the essential work they do every day educating our children and young people, particularly during these challenging times. They are all playing a vital role in managing the response to COVID-19.

Education Ministers reiterated that the National Cabinet has agreed, on the advice of the chief health and medical officers, that "pre-emptive closure of schools are not proportionate or effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19 at this time." The advice of the Chief Health and Medical Officers is available at [this link](#).

The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning.

Further, the impact of responses to the COVID-19 virus may affect the delivery of NAPLAN testing, including the operation of centralised marking centres and the implications for nationally comparable data if an insufficient number of students are available to do the test.

The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 also means that the scheduled testing of the NAPLAN Online platform, known as the Coordinated Practice Test (CPT), will not proceed. Ministers acknowledge the work that departments and schools have undertaken in preparation for the anticipated CPT which was due to commence next week on 23 March.

Education departments and systems will continue to closely monitor health advice and work with schools to ensure appropriate support for students and staff as the response to COVID-19 develops.

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Library

We would like to offer parents and caregivers the opportunity to borrow books from the library so their children do not miss out while studying at home. Borrowing rules have been updated online so that numerous books can be borrowed at the one time.

Please contact the office or email Tanya, our library assistant, requesting the books for students. Include, if possible, some examples of books they enjoy reading so that we can cater to their preferences and reading levels. You will be contacted when the books are ready and a time will be arranged for collection.



Please return books before the end of school term, so that we are able to provide new ones for the holiday period.

Please call the office or email tanya.stevens4@det.nsw.edu.au

Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.



Find the facts

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus



Congratulations to this week's PBL award recipients.

EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

Digital Citizenship - What makes a good password?

- Parents are encouraged to visit the following link on <https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/articles/what-makes-a-good-password>

Primary news

Winslow Homer Inspired Clipper Ships

2/3/4 have been studying 'Early World Exploration' in our History lessons and learning about the early explorers and their adventures on the seas. To complement our history lessons we have painted a Clipper Ship (used in 1883 from London to Sydney) inspired by the American realism painter, Winslow Homer. He painted different sorts of boats that he saw on the Atlantic Ocean. When he painted, the ocean was not always blue. He used deep navy blues, kelp greens, stormy greys and serene turquoises. The sky often depicted danger, like thick fog or wild storms. As we have discovered in our lessons that explorers would have faced many dangers on their voyages, we painted our clipper ships with oncoming danger. We followed step by step instructions to draw our ships and then painted with water colour to depict the stormy seas and sky.



Secondary news

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 1 Week 10	PDHPE, LOTE – to be handed in by the end of week 10	N/A	Year 11 – Chemistry, Drama, English Standard Year 12 – Mathematics Standard 1 and 2

Secondary Excursion

Due to current circumstances we will be putting the secondary excursion on hold until further notice.

Stage 4 Technology Mandatory

Stage 4 have been busy designing and planning their e-textiles pencil case. The project (right) was to use felt and sew a pencil case with two LED lights sewn into the design using conductive thread to create a circuit. The students did really well and the projects are looking great!



Stage 5 Metals

Stage 5 (above) have been working on designing and constructing their stationary holder project. They have been doing really well in practical lessons and now are working on their drawings and other folio components at home or at school.

Stage 6 Hospitality and Primary Industries



Miss Elwin
TAS teacher

Kayla (left) has been cooking up a storm in hospitality and is working hard to complete her theory tasks.

Michelle (right) has been completing a range of fencing knots to gain her competencies and is doing really well - better than me!

Lachie has just completed his WHS unit and is now just beginning to get back onto the tractor and demonstrating his knowledge of the start up and maintenance procedures.



Calendar 2020

WEEK 10	30	31 Year 12 Metal & Engineering day - cancelled	1 April Secondary Science and Engineering Challenge - cancelled	2 Primary Science and Engineering Challenge - cancelled	3 Captain Barnacles performance - Primary - postponed Russell Hodge talk - Secondary - postponed
WEEK 11	6 State PSSA Swimming - cancelled	7 Year 12 PI day - cancelled	8	9 Easter Hat Day (in class)	10 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 1 TERM 2	27 Staff Development Day (SDD)	28 Students return	29	30	1 May Cross country - cancelled
WEEK 2	4	5	6	7	8 Athletics carnival - cancelled
WEEK 3	11	12	13	14	15

Aurora College

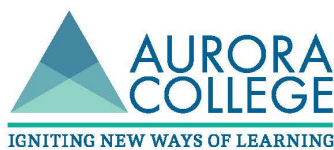
The virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Aurora currently offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to Year 7-10 students and also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school.

In 2021, Aurora College will have an Opportunity Class for Year 5 students enrolled in rural and remote government primary schools. Students will study the content of the Mathematics and Science and Technology syllabuses, with a focus on STEM.



Application for entry into Year 5 in 2021:
Opens 28 April 2020
Closes 15 May 2020

For further information on how to enrol:
<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/enrol/>

www.aurora.nsw.edu.au | or phone 1300 287 629

Other news

Canteen

It is with sadness that the canteen must cease operation and remain closed until further notice as per the government's action plan to combat the spread of COVID-19.

For those families who have accounts I will be finalising their invoices and sending them out over the next couple of weeks.

It will be with delight that I will reopen the canteen when given the official notice. Watch this space!

Kathryn Klante
Canteen Manager
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20 March 2020
Mayor: Councillor John Medcalf OAM
General Manager: Greg Tory

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE

WASTE TO ART 2020 EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

The Local Waste to Art competition is on again and this year the theme materials are aluminium and steel cans.

Lachlan Shire Council is inviting all community members to let their imaginations go wild and create amazing artworks to be in the running to win a variety of prizes.

The Sims Metal WASTE TO ART & DESIGN 2020 is an annual community art event which showcases imaginative works made from reused and recyclable waste materials. The aim is to challenge peoples' perception about rubbish, celebrate reuse, minimise waste generation and increase recycling through arts and crafts.

A different waste item is featured part of Waste to Art each year and in 2020, the public is encouraged to use aluminium and steel cans.

The competition categories are:

- Two-Dimensional – Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- Three-Dimensional – Sculpture/Installation/ Video /Soundscape
- Functional – furniture, craftworks and wearable items made from recycled materials

Within these categories there are sections for pre-school, primary school, secondary, community, open (professional artist).

Prizes will be awarded for the most inspiring artwork in each section/category.

Artworks do not have to use the theme waste, but an additional prize will be given to an artwork featuring this material.

Mayor John Medcalf OAM invites schools, community groups and local individuals to take up the challenge this year and give new life to materials which would otherwise have been thrown into the dump.

"I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to get involved and support the 2020 Waste to Art Exhibition," said Mayor Medcalf.

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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.

Signed: _____



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.



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2020 School Fees

All elective subjects attract fees to subsidise the costs of materials consumed by the students in those subjects. The fees for 2020 have been set at the appropriate level and are now due and listed below.

If there is a possibility that the payment of these fees may cause financial difficulty please contact the school as soon as possible.

Voluntary Contributions:

Infants/Primary (per child)	\$50.00 per year
Secondary (per child)	\$50.00 per year
Maximum	\$120.00 per family

Elective Fees:

These fees are **compulsory**, as they purchase materials used by individual students:

Stage 4	Technology	\$60.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
Stage 5	Agriculture	\$10.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
	Industrial Technology - Metal	\$50.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
Stage 6	Metals & Engineering	\$50.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
	Building & Construction	\$50.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
	Hospitality	\$50.00 per term

Please return with payment or receipt number:

Family	\$.....
Child/Children	\$.....
	\$.....
	\$.....

Elective Fees Stage:	\$.....
 Stage:	\$.....
 Stage:	\$.....

Total:
\$.....

I have made an online payment for school fees.
My receipt number is

Signed Date

Tottenham Central School Parent Survey - 2020

Please take some time to think about, and contribute to the questions below.

1. I feel welcome at my child's school. Yes / No

2. Teachers inform me about how my child is doing in school. Yes / No

3. I feel comfortable communicating with my child's teacher. Yes / No

4. I feel comfortable communicating with the school office. Yes / No

5. My child feels comfortable talking with teachers about their academic and / or wellbeing concerns. Yes / No

6. Ways we could improve teacher / parent communication regarding student learning?

7. I believe the school supports my child's individual learning. Yes / No.

Comments:

8. Our school provides opportunities for families to engage in activities involving their child. Yes / No

9. The most enjoyable school-related activities I share with my child are:

10. What activities, sessions, courses would you like to see continue in our school?

11. What *new* activities, sessions, courses would you like to see introduced in our school?

10. Suggestions for parent information sessions:
