

Tottenham Central School

ENCOURAGING ALL IN THE AIM TO BETTER OUR BEST



Principal: Amanda Thorpe

**Week 10, Term 1
Thursday, 2 April 2020**

Principal's message

Flexible Working Arrangement

This week, in an effort to reduce the number of people at our school and potential exposure to COVID-19, staff have commenced a flexible working arrangement. Each day, only two teachers will be rostered to supervise those students in attendance. The remainder of the teachers may be working from home, preparing lessons, marking student work and providing feedback, programming and other such tasks. Teachers will continue to communicate with each other around their teaching and learning, as well as the wellbeing of their students and other staff.

Despite working from home, teachers will still be available to assist you if required. They are only an email away! Each teacher will be calling everyone at various stages this week.

When will schools resume normal operations?

Learning from home will continue until the end of Term 1. A decision about whether schools will return to normal operations after the holidays will be taken in line with the latest advice from Government and we will keep the community informed. We are currently preparing our week one packs in anticipation of things remaining as they currently are.

Moorambilla Voices

Despite the ever-evolving landscape related to COVID-19, Moorambilla Voices will continue. The recent 'social distancing' decision has motivated Moorambilla to find a new way to connect with the students selected for the program. They will develop a digital, interactive 'living song line' for the students to participate in. The following students have been offered a place in the Moorambilla Voices 2020 program, working alongside some of the world's finest composers, musicians and artists:

Voices Boys - Harry Chase, Billy Baldwinson and Joshua Klante

Voices Girls - Penny Wykes, Kate Attenborough, Ciara Anderson and Olivia Mills

MAXed Out- Kayla Anderson

Easter Hat Parade

We would love everyone, if possible, to make an Easter Hat and wear it on the last day of school next Thursday. We would love to receive your family Easter Hat Parade photo via email or our school Facebook page by 10am next Thursday. If you have children who attend other schools in your home, please encourage them to join in, but we will only be publishing photos of students who attend our school. Our school publishing policy only relates to our students, not those attending other schools. We also do not hold authority to publish for students of other schools.

Amanda Thorpe, Principal

School news

New public facing page regarding COVID 19

The Department has a new public-facing COVID-19 page which includes FAQs, information about learning from home, and updates on non-operational schools. Please visit the site:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>



Congratulations to this week's PBL award recipients.

Digital Citizenship - Copyright and Creative Commons

- Parents are encouraged to visit the following link
- <https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/articles/copyright-and-creative-commons>



Learning from home



Medcalf family

LEGO challenge - to build a roller coaster come rocket launcher. Two challenges combined into one! "The 30 day LEGO challenge is a great idea!"



O'Brien family

Learning from home. "Thanks for the amazing work packs your teachers have provided."

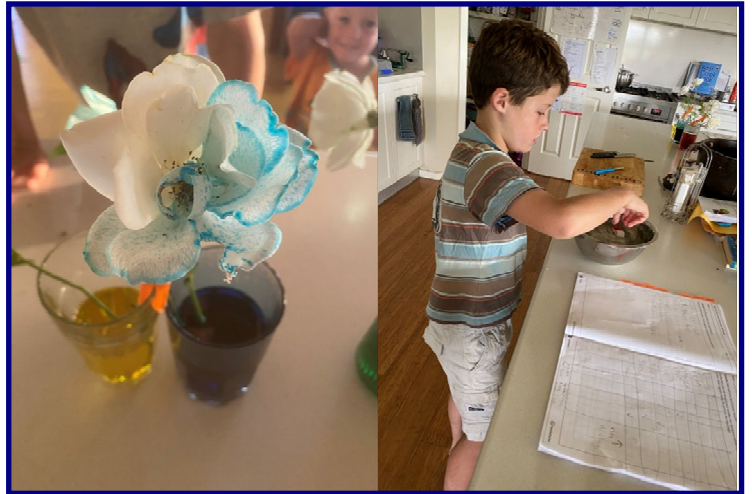


Learning from home

Chase family

'Field trip' measuring and checking the Sudan grass/sorghum

Science experiments for 456



Left - Harry taught his parents how to 'cast' their laptop to the TV and use it like a smartboard. They think "that's pretty cool!!"



Anderson family

"Our crazy mayhem!"



EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

Secondary news

Secondary submission of work

Hopefully all secondary students are completing their work according to the overview provided. To assist us with marking and providing feedback to students we would appreciate work being returned when possible through the following platforms: written work returned to the office, submitted work on Google Classroom or emailed work to class teachers.

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 1 Week 11	All assessment tasks to be submitted by Thursday 9th April	All assessment tasks to be submitted by Thursday 9th April	Year 11 – N/A Year 12 – Community and Family Studies

Continuity of learning

NESA is continuing to work closely with the NSW Government to ensure a continuity of learning for students, along with ongoing safety and health of students, teachers and parents.

NESA's principles of assessment continue to apply. Wherever possible, school-based assessment should continue to be:

- based on a wide range of syllabus outcomes
- informed by the components identified in the assessment and reporting documents for each of the syllabuses
- be inclusive of and accessible for all students

Tottenham Central School is currently implementing the following adjustments to support students in Stages 4 and 5 with regards to assessments:

- All assessment tasks originally scheduled for submission in the last three weeks of Term 1, 2020 will still be due. All tasks are now due on Thursday 9th April. Students need to negotiate with their teacher as to how these assessment tasks will be submitted.
- To assess course outcomes teachers will use formative assessment practices based on work submitted to make an on-balance judgement of student achievement.
- Students will be working on and submitting **learning tasks** instead of formal assessment tasks. These learning tasks will be submitted throughout the term for teachers to look at, mark and provide feedback to the students. Students will receive a grade from A – E which will be used when completing reports. Students will be asked to submit work through various platforms – written work returned to the office, submitted work on Google Classroom or emailed work to class teachers.
- There will be no formal Semester One examination period.

Secondary Excursion

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

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 (please send in photos before 10am)	10 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 1 TERM 2	27 April Staff Development Day (SDD)	28 Students anticipated 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
WEEK 4	18	19	20	21	22

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

27 March 2020
 Mayor: Councillor John Medcalf OAM
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE

24/7 CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE

The NSW Government has just announced a new coronavirus hotline which is available 24/7.

Shire residents are now able to access a range of advice and support on non-health related COVID-19 enquiries via the Service NSW contact centre on 13 77 88.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the hotline will be available 24/7 and Service NSW will recruit 1000 workers to fill a mixture of full-time, part-time and casual roles.

"This is the greatest health challenge we have endured in living memory and it is impacting households and businesses across the State," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We're hiring more staff to respond to this health crisis and the Service NSW contact centre, will temporarily transition to 24/7 operation to support the state's response to COVID-19.

"We want to ensure every family and business can access the advice they need in one convenient location.

"Whether you want to know the latest updates on restrictions, cost of living assistance, financial support for businesses or rules around social distancing, the hotline is here to help."

Lachlan Shire Council's website also has a special page with current coronavirus information and relevant links. This can be accessed at <http://www.lachlan.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-info.aspx>

RELEASE ENDS

For any enquiries please contact MAYOR JOHN MEDCALF OAM on 0429 937 248.

Summary: Coronavirus hotline	
Authorised By: GREG TORY General Manager	Contact: Lachlan Shire Council Ph: (02) 6895 1900
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31 March 2020
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WASTE TO ART CANCELLED

Lachlan Shire Council advises that the 2020 Waste to Art competition will be cancelled due to the current public health situation.

Organisers of the regional event Netwaste have called off the regional event and Council believes it appropriate that the local competition also follows suit.

NetWaste said it was "not an easy decision but unavoidable and once we get through all of the haze we will make it bigger and better in 2021".

They added that if local artists have already completed an artwork they can send photos to Council in order to share their creations and help keep the Waste to Art message alive.

Netwaste are also encouraging artists to create a short 20-second video for use on social media to "showcase their artwork, explain what waste materials they used, and share any waste messages they might have".

Any artworks already created will be eligible for entry in next year's competition, space permitting.

"Great news though, Coonamble Council, with the support of Outback Arts, have kindly offered to host the Regional Exhibition again for 2021," said Netwaste. "And seeing as things haven't gone quite to plan this year their offer is greatly appreciated. That means that we get to set up our Waste to Art Exhibition next year in the amazing Outback Arts Gallery."

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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.