

# Tottenham Central School



Principal: Angela Bush

Week 4 Term 4

Thursday, 3 November 2022

## Principal's message

Hi School Community,

Welcome to another wet week in Tottenham. I am happy to have finally navigated the flood water, opting for the long way around and am back on site. Please let me know if you need anything.

I have recently had the opportunity to visit other schools and liaise with school staff and it is always a good time of reflection. Many of these schools have been secondary settings and it has been great to reflect on what we provide for our students at Tottenham Central School in the high school space. We are extremely lucky to offer a wide selection of subjects with expert teachers in KLAs, something other schools are struggling to fulfil with the teacher shortage. The curriculum is delivered to students with an extremely small student to teacher ratio, providing an excellent opportunity to progress student learning. Although an isolated community, we offer a myriad of experiences including curriculum-based excursions both intrastate and interstate to ensure our students become all rounded citizens and not miss out on opportunities due to location. Our wellbeing program is developing each week and the small inclusive and culturally safe environment is a place where everyone belongs, and we know, value and care for each individual student. I am extremely proud of the way our school is moving forward in this space and look forward to sharing our new high school transition program.

In 2022 and beyond, we will be improving our Year 6 to Year 7 transition program to support the successful transition from Primary School to Secondary School. All students in Year 5 and 6 will attend the transition days where students will gain a deeper understanding of high school routines, subjects and the different ways secondary education is taught. High School can be very different on many levels including technology and mobile phone use, meeting new friends, new teachers and adjusting to new school timetables. Although not all students will be attending Tottenham Central School, this transition program is an important step for all students in developing their confidence for Year 7 in all education settings. Further information will be made available to parents in the coming week.

Our new Kindergarten transition program has had an extremely successful start and it has been wonderful having our 5 new students for 2023 in the school. This provides our school with an opportunity to get to know the students and prepare them for a successful start to formal schooling. We look forward to increasing their time each day over the coming weeks.

It has been a challenging start to the term to say the least, however, it is times of hardship that teach us the most. Where possible it is still essential students are attending school each day. The Department of Education stipulates:

*Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons may include:*

- ◆ *Being sick or having an infectious disease*
- ◆ *Having an unavoidable medical appointment*
- ◆ *Exceptional or urgent circumstances such as a funeral or flooding*

*Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 school days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.*

If your child has absences that have not been justified, please contact the school ASAP to provide a reason.

**Angela Bush - Principal**

## School news

### SRC Christmas Crazy Hair & Crazy Sock Day

On Tuesday, 29 November the SRC are holding a fundraiser for St Judes. Students can come dressed in Christmas-themed clothes or Christmas colours with crazy hair and/or crazy socks for a gold coin donation.

**Congratulations to our attendance Canteen raffle winners for Week 3!**

**Congratulations to our PBL Merit Award recipients!**



### School Swimming Scheme

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m/33m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. The program focuses on students in Year 2 to 6. Some students in Years 2-5 will receive notes this week regarding their participation in our swimming lessons which will begin on Thursday, 10 November, and continue for 10 days (excluding Mondays). Children will travel to and from the pool by bus. They will also have to pay \$3 each day for pool entry if they do not have a season ticket. Pool entry is to be brought in each day. Please contact me at school if you need further information.

All children must bring:

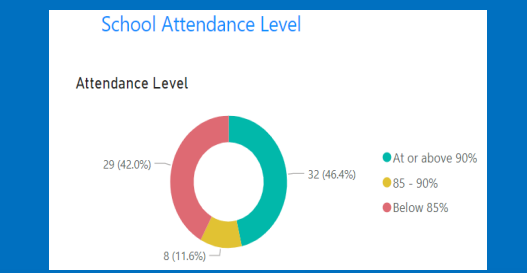
- Swimmers
- Rash shirt
- Towel
- Sunscreen

No spending money is required until the last day of lessons.

School Swimming Scheme notes need to be returned as soon as possible.

Thanks Mrs Adam

**TCS students attending > = 90% of the time 46.4% vs DoE State 46.4%**



### SRC Hoop shooting Competition

**A big congratulations to the winners!**

K/1 - Lila Greig

2/3/4 - Drew Medcalf

5/6 - Kate Attenborough

Secondary—Isaac Noakes

The winners received a \$15 voucher to the post office.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the hoop shooting.

Everybody had fun and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship!



# THE AMAZING RACE

The SRC has decided to hold an Amazing Race on Friday, 18 November. This is an event where the students participate in lots of different activities all over the school, trying to complete the TCS Amazing Race. It is a fun afternoon of activities, games and laughter. The action starts at 1:45pm under the COLA. There will be a team for parents and community members if you'd like to join in or you can come and watch the action.

Students can come dressed in their team colours. Below is a list of the teams and colours for the race.

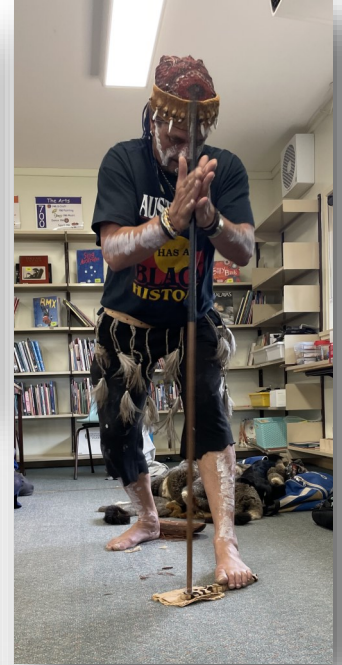
<p><b><u>Blue</u></b>  <b>Max F</b>            Ella B            Georgia C            Tori I            Vasudev V            Kate L            William S            Adam M</p>	<p><b><u>Red</u></b>  <b>Arlie B</b>            Lexi F            Jenavieve L            Alexa B            Angus P            Elijah S            Bailey L            Levi B            Drew P</p>
<p><b><u>Pink</u></b>  <b>Tom B</b>            Patrick C            Eesha V            Marty F            Issy B            Shauna P            Ellie W            Lila G            Ryan B</p>	<p><b><u>Green</u></b>  <b>Maddi L</b>            Oscar W            Christopher T            Inala P            Annalise K            Filo F            Fergus C            Abby B            Katie E</p>
<p><b><u>Orange</u></b>  <b>Kate A</b>            Harvey S            Samara K            Maliyah G            Lucy J            Kate R            Billy S            Emma L            Lilly-Ann S</p>	<p><b><u>Yellow</u></b>  <b>Joshua K</b>            Saanvi C            Ben W            Heidi J            Charlotte L            Billy A            Hayley R            Drew M</p>
<p><b><u>Purple</u></b>  <b>Isaac</b>            Marshall B            Shai H            Hannah E            Maddison G            Mason S            Freya W            Leo P            Lockie B</p>	<p><b><u>Brown</u></b>  <b>Bailey C</b>            Billy B            Nathan K            Sophie L            Oliver F            Toby C            Jayni B            Evelyn G</p>

## Primary news

### Wadjiny

On Tuesday, the students got to experience immersion in culture from Troy. Thanks to Maddi for passing around the ochre for the students to paint their faces with! This was a great way to start off the afternoon. Troy had everyone involved in his yarn, dancing to the story of a willy wag tail, a dance about male emu's protecting their babies and a female dance about gathering fruits off trees. We got to watch Troy and Mr Filemu create a fire (lucky it was only small!) and Troy explained the various weapons used for hunting to survive. The crowd was so engrossed with Troy's explanations of language, the land and insight into Aboriginal histories.

Miss Moore.



EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

Secondary news

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 4 Week 5	N/A	Semester two examinations  Agriculture, Work Education	Year 11—Numeracy Year 12—N/A

**Mock Car Crash**

Tomorrow, Stage 5 and 6 students will participate in a follow up session after watching the Mock Car Crash video last week.

**Stage 4 Music**

The Stage 4 Music class has been continuing with the guitar and learning “ROCK in the USA” and “The Gambler” for an upcoming practical assessment.



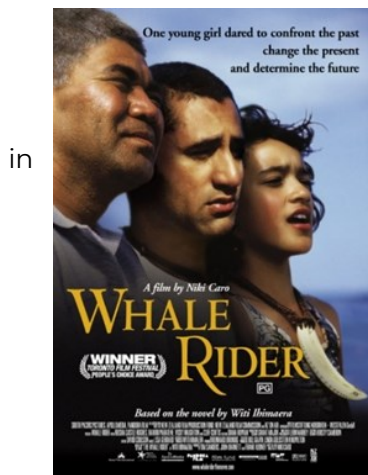
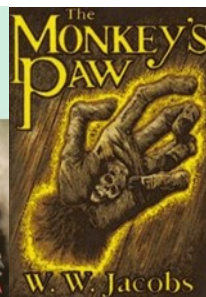
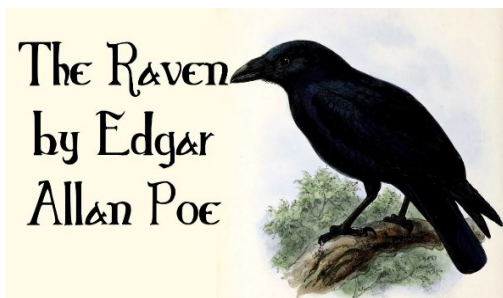
**Primary Music**

In preparation for our exciting NAIDOC Day celebrations planned for Friday, 2 December, our primary classes have been learning about some traditional instruments of Australia’s First Nations’ people. Beginning with the didgeridoo, students have learnt about the processes of how they are made and the fascinating skills needed to play them. We are all looking forward to having an expert didgeridoo player and several of our students playing for us all to enjoy and learn from.

Some of our students have also seen YouTube footage of the amazing William Barton, a Kalkadunga man from central Queensland and brilliant performer of the **didgeridoo** – especially as he fuses the ancient art of didgeridoo playing with modern musical forms.

**English**

Stage 5 students have just started a study of the *Horror Genre* – and are exploring all things creepy through a variety of old and contemporary texts including poetry, short stories, novel extracts and film.



The Stage 4 English class has just finished a poetry unit which culminated each student producing their own digital poetry anthology.

Now the class is moving on to a cultural exploration of Maori culture as they undertake a film study of the film “Whale Rider”.

## Sports news

### Tennis Competition Finals

Congratulations to the students who played in the Williams, Vincent and Bennett Cup finals last week. Results are:

Williams Cup:

Girls: Winner: Evelyn Greig  
Runner Up: Georgia Campbell

Boys: Winner: Marty Fulton  
Runner Up: Drew Medcalf

Vincent Cup:

Girls: Winner: Jenavieve Lloyd-Small  
Runner Up: Kate Larkings

Boys: Winner: Billy Baldwinson  
Runner Up: Tom Baldwinson

Bennett Cup:

Girls: Winner: Maddi Loftus  
Runner Up: Hayley Roberts

Boys: Winner: Billy Simpson  
Runner Up: Ben Williams



### Primary sport - Years 3-6

Tomorrow, 4 November students from Years 3-6 will start going to the pool for sport. Students must bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen, rash shirt and money for entry (\$3) if no season ticket and \$2 for spending. Students will get changed at during lunchtime.

### Gobondery Cup

Secondary students will be invited to participate in the Gobondery Cup against Trangie Central, Trundle Central and Tullamore Central. This will occur in Week 6. A note will be available on Sentral in the next week. Those students who sent in payment for the Secondary Gala Day will have this payment carried over to the Gobondery Cup.

### Gobondery/NARRAF Cricket Trials

Trundle Central School will be hosting the Gobondery/NARRAF Cricket Trials on Monday, 14 November 2022. From these trials, four students will be nominated to go to the PSSA Cricket Trials on Friday, 18 November. Successful students will be given their permission notes on the day of the trials.

Other news

Tottenham Swimming Club


# WELCOME *Afternoon*

COME ALONG FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF NOVELTY EVENTS, GAMES AND INFORMATION

**TOTTENHAM SWIMMING POOL**

NOVEMBER 4TH      START, 3.30PM

- INFO ON SWIMMING CLUB
- HELP WITH MEMBERSHIP
- GIFTS FOR REGISTERED MEMBERS
- NOVELTY EVENTS AND GAMES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE @ 5PM

## YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Thanks to Ellie and Barry for running the recent Open House

FRI 4TH NOV: ABBY & SHEREE TURNER

FRI 11TH NOV: BILL AND KRISTY SIMPSON

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE 29/11/2022, 4PM . AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.**

OUR PROGRAM IS FLEXIBLE AND PERSONALISED TO OUR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE CALL US ON: 0268924230

# TOTTENHAM BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

MON, TUES, FRI  
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

SERVICE NSW VOUCHERS ACCEPTED  
SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE




First Lap vouchers accepted

**Lesson Type**

Weekly lessons for 4 weeks from 19th November to 16th December.  
Private: One on one or Group: Maximum 4

**Cost**

Private: \$15 20mins  
Group: \$12 30mins

Swimming lessons also available week before Christmas.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

- Swimming lessons save lives
- Improve fitness
- mental health & confidence
- A life skill.

**TO BOOK CONTACT**  
**02 68924 142**  
Email: tottenhampool@gmail.com

## Calendar

<b>WEEK 4</b>	31	Nov 1 Wadjiny in school performance	2 Kindergarten transition 8:55am-11:30am	3	4 Gob/NARRAF Tennis Gala Day— CANCELLED
<b>WEEK 5</b>	7	8	9 Burgoyne debate - new date Transition 8:55am-1:30pm	10 School Swimming Scheme starts	11
<b>WEEK 6</b>	14 Gob/NF Cricket trials—Trundle	15	16 Transition 8:55am-1:30pm	17	18 SRC Amazing Race PSSA Cricket trials—Dubbo
<b>WEEK 7</b>	21	22	23 Transition 8:55am-3pm	24 WSPA Dance Concert	25 School Swimming Scheme ends
<b>WEEK 8</b>	28	29 SRC Crazy Hair and Sock fundraiser	30 Transition 8:55am-3pm	1 Dec	2
<b>WEEK 9</b>	5 K-3 Zoo Year 4-12 Canberra excursion	6	7 <b>NO CANTEEN</b> Transition 8:55am—3pm	8	9
<b>WEEK 10</b>	12	13	14	15	16 Last day of term for students
<b>WEEK 11</b>	19 SDD Last day of term for staff				

## Contact us

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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.