

Tottenham Central School



Principal: Angela Bush

**Week 9 Term 4
Thursday, 8 December 2022**

Principal's message

Welcome to Week 9 and the final leg before the finish line. We have lots of news to share this week before the year comes to a close. It is with great pleasure I announce our new classes and teachers for 2023. We will have a slight change of structure with Kindergarten, which will be combined with Year 1 and 2. This is to make curriculum access easier for all students as Year 1 and 2 are both Stage 1. We are providing additional staffing to support the new class structure to provide extra time for the classes to be split for 2 to 3 periods per day. This structure will also support the transition to the new curriculum which begins for K-2 in 2023.

We are extremely excited to welcome Danielle Allen to our team as the new Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. Danielle comes to us from Oaklands Central School with a wealth of experience and knowledge. We look forward to working with Danielle and know she will be an asset to our team.

Congratulations to Jodie Attenborough who was successful in her application to be a Maths mentor for the Department, where she will provide support for new Maths teachers in our area. Jodie will assist other schools for one day a fortnight. This is a wonderful opportunity and we wish Jodie all the best in her new role, while we are still lucky enough to have her in our school.

We are lucky to have a full and strong team at Tottenham Central who will ensure the best educational and social outcomes for all students.

Executive Team 2023:

Principal - Angie Bush

Relieving Assistant Principal – Meggan Adam

Head Teacher Secondary – Sarah Lindsay

Relieving Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Danielle Allen

Primary class teachers for 2023:

K/1/2 – Theresa Moore supported by Amanda Smith

Year 3/4 - Susanna Horsburgh

Year 5/6 – Meggan Adam

Secondary class teachers for 2023:

English/Music/Wellbeing – Chrissie Baldwinson

Maths/History – Jodie Attenborough

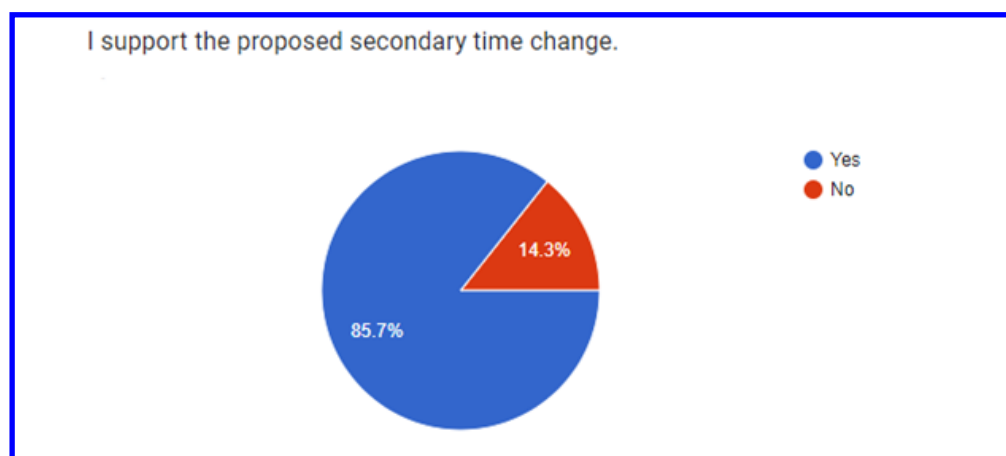
Science – Valeena Baker (2 days per week)

Art/HSIE/Special Ed/Primary release – Jo Radford

TAS/LOTE – David Filemu

Principal's message continued

Thank you to the community for your feedback and consultation on the change of times for 2023. The staff, students and community are in support of our change and we are excited to make the end of the day more streamlined for students and provide Secondary with an important home room at the beginning of the day.



From 2023 the new school times
will be:

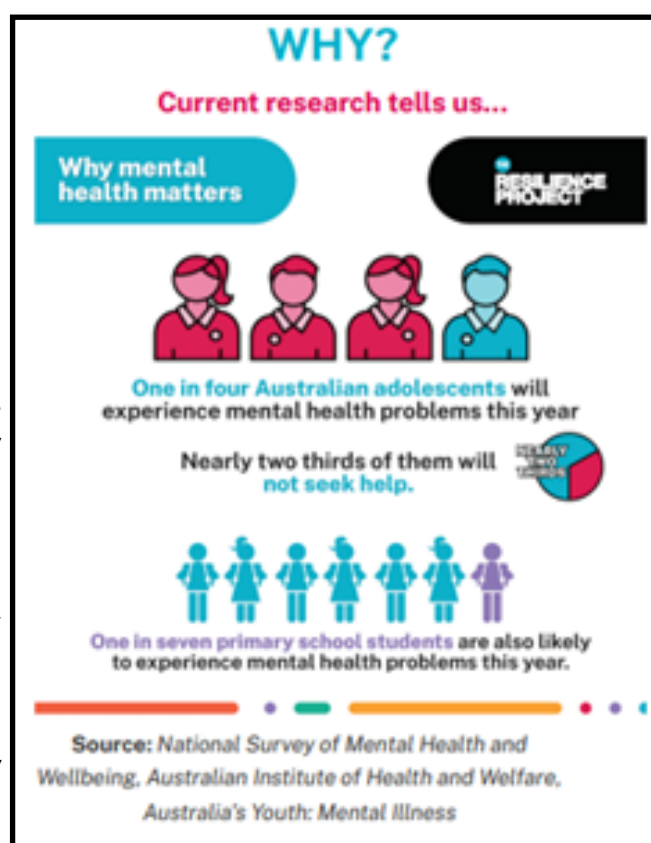
Primary

Start 8:55am | End 3pm

Secondary

Start 8:40am | End 3pm

In 2023 we have applied for a grant through the Lachlan Shire council to offer our school community the opportunity to be part of the Resilience Project. The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity. We will be implementing their evidence-based Teaching and Learning Program throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community. Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM) and Emotional Literacy to build resilience.



Thank you to our staff who provided amazing opportunities this week on the school excursions. We hope our students had a wonderful time and enjoyed their learning experiences out of school. Next week we have a full calendar of events and look forward to seeing students here each day to experience the fun activities organised, as well as our Presentation Day starting at 9:30am on Monday, 12 December at the Town Hall.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Angela Bush—Principal

School news

Presentation Day

Parents, carers and community members are welcome to join us at our Presentation Day Ceremony on Monday, 12 December at the town hall starting at 9:30am.

All students must wear full summer school uniform for the day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

A couple of reminders...

Class parties/disco/Secret Santa—Wednesday, 14 December—MUFTI DAY!

All students can wear Mufti and bring a plate of party food or drink to share at the class parties. A primary disco will be held during the school day. Secret Santa will also happen on this day with presents due by Monday, 12 December please.

SRC Colour Run

The SRC are holding a whole school colour run on Wednesday, 14 December. Students are encouraged to wear mufti clothes on this day that are able to get colour on them (that may not wash out). If your child would like to wear goggles and/or swimmers for the run they are welcome to. You may wish to pack spare clothes for them to change into afterwards. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at the COLA from 2pm.

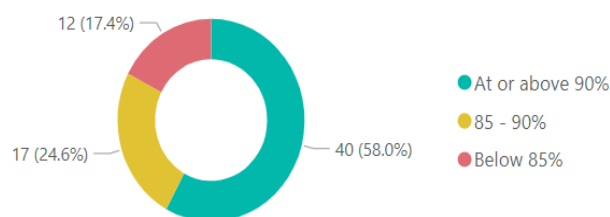
Swimming carnival nomination form and notes 2023

Swimming carnival nomination forms have been sent home for the swimming carnival next year. These need to be returned as soon as possible. For those parents with 8 year old children in Year 1, 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. A note will be generated on Sentral to give your child permission to swim in the carnival.

TCS students attending > = 90% of the time 58% vs DoE State 58%

School Attendance Level

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Wiradjuri word of the week

Billadurang
Meaning
Platypus

Art Credit: Max



NAIDOC DAY 2022

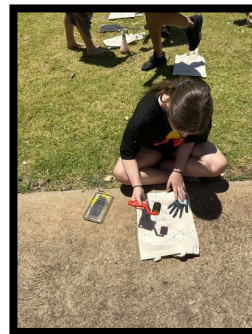
Tottenham Central School celebrated NAIDOC 2022 on Friday, 2 December with a showcase of dancing, singing, cooking, bead-making, art, and traditional indigenous games. It was a fantastic celebration of Aboriginal culture - the oldest living culture in the world.

We were privileged and so grateful to have many special guests to share their talents and stories. Many thanks must go to Sandra Peckham, her family and friends for sharing their knowledge, skills and traditions with our school and wider community.

The day's activities included:

- Acknowledgement of Country by Stage 4 students in front of the newly raised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags
- Address from Sandra Peckham
- Smoking Ceremony by Peter Peckham
- Girls' indigenous dancing by Inala Peckham, Maddison Gale, Shauna Pollard and Shai Handsaker
- Boys' indigenous dancing including Leo Peckham, Drew Pollard, Elijah Scott and Billy Simpson
- Didgeridoo playing by Justin Peckham (as well as Ben Williams and Drew Pollard)
- Whole school singing of "My Island Home"
- Johnnycake cooking
- Traditional dancing
- Bead making
- Quandong art on calico bags
- Traditional indigenous games

Our students were kept busy throughout the day and were outstanding in their engagement and participation in every activity. NAIDOC Day was a very proud day for our school.



Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo

The students in K-3 had a spectacular day at the zoo for their excursion. We started in the education centre meeting a lot of different animals, a shingle back lizard, possum and a tortoise. We learnt about the importance of looking out for animals in their natural habitats to stop them from being taken illegally.

We headed off on foot and by bus to check out the different animals. Some of the highlights being the Australian enclosure where we saw quokkas, emus, wallabies, a possum and koalas. We got to experience the elephants getting fed and playing with the zoo keepers who were spraying them with the hose. The otters kept us entertained for a short while, as did the meerkats who were very curious to have a look at us all.

We had a lovely day out with the children!
Miss Moore, Mrs Smith, Donna and Mrs Bush.



EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

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—N/A

Graduation Dinner 2022

On Wednesday, 30 November 2022, our secondary students and staff members had a fantastic evening at the Golf Club celebrating this year's graduates from Tottenham Central School – Dominic Vincent and Thomas Brennan.

Nibbles and a delicious dinner were followed by much fun and laughter as we listened to a formal farewell speech from Mrs Bush, then an entertaining guest message from ex-student Kyan Handsaker who wished his former classmates best wishes and gave some useful life advice for the real world.

Due to many of his family members being unable to attend the graduation, Thomas also received several messages read by Mrs Baldwinson to wish him well and congratulate him on completing his HSC.

A lot of laughing was heard as our MCs of the evening – Bailey, Maddi and Shauna - 'roasted' Dom and Thomas with songs and small gifts to acknowledge their time at our school. The graduates then continued the tradition by nominating a song and a mischievous gift for their teachers – which is always a much-anticipated part of the evening!

After the formalities, enthusiastic dancing to such classics as "Nutbush City Limits" and sing-alongs to songs such as "The Gambler" completed the night's celebrations.



PONY CLUB

Tottenham Pony Club - 2023.

First Rally: 26th March

CAMP: 11-13 April, finishing with a mini-gymkhana.

Further details as we get closer



Experience a FREE Holiday Break Camp these January School Holidays

Holiday Break is a series of free day and overnight camps for young people across regional NSW communities.

Inclusions

- 3 day camp inclusive of all meals and accommodation. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea supplied for day campers.
 - All organised activities, safety equipment and supervision
 - Open to 12-15 year old boys and girls
- With hundreds of places available across seven centres, don't miss your opportunity to book.

Camp Locations

- **Berry** (South Coast)
- **Borambola** (Riverina)
- **Jindabyne** (Snowy Mountains)
- **Lake Burrendong** (Central West & Orana)
- **Lake Keepit** (North West)
- **Milson Island** (Central Coast)
- **Point Wolstoncroft** (Lake Macquarie)

Activities can include:

Kayaking, bushwalks, cooking, craft and much more

More info and eligibility sport.nsw.gov.au/holidaybreak or 13 13 02

Office of Sport

Find out more

www.sport.nsw.gov.au/holidaybreak



YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Thanks to Shae and Louise, Shauna and Lib for running recent Open Houses

FRI 9TH DEC: CLOSED (EXCURSION)
FRI 16TH DEC: MRS J - MAKING A
FEW CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SUN 18TH: XMAS TREE - ALL
MEMBERS

Calendar

WEEK 9	5 K-3 Zoo excursion Year 4-12 Canberra excursion	6	7 NO CANTEEN Transition 8:55am—3pm	8	9
WEEK 10	12 Whole School Presentation Day 9:30am Town Hall	13 CANTEEN TODAY BEAUT reward day—Secondary	14 Class parties/ Primary disco/Secret Santa SRC Colour run 2pm COLA Reports go home	15 Gobondery Cup—Secondary	16 School Wellbeing Day Last day of term for students
WEEK 11	19 SDD Last day of term for staff				

1 WEEK TO GO

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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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