# Tottenham Central School

Principal: Angela Bush

Week 10 Term 2 Thursday, 30 June 2022



# Principal's message

Welcome to our final newsletter of the term. Thank you to our whole school community for your warm welcome to Tottenham Central School. I have been extremely fortunate to land around such warm and open people who are all striving to ensure the best education for our children, the future of our community.

Thank you to the staff for their openness and willingness to make change and move forward. We have some exciting ventures in the pipeline, and it is only with the support of dedicated and enthusiastic staff that this improvement is possible. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our motivated team to improve the educational outcomes for all students.

Thank you to the students for your polite, respectful, and fun approach to school. It has been extremely refreshing to be surrounded by primary students whose zest and passion is infectious. I am extremely proud of our secondary students who are the next leaders of our community. Our secondary students conduct themselves with an excellent work ethic and care for each other daily. Our students have taken every opportunity to better their best this term with so many extracurricular activities and important learning activities in classrooms. It has been an absolute pleasure to read their reports and see the major improvements each student has made. I look forward to sharing more success in Semester Two.

Our school hats went out to primary students on Monday, and they are now part of the school uniform. Wearing uniform is an extremely important part of school life. It not only teaches children to be respectful, but it fosters a real sense of community and pride. There is nothing I love more than seeing our students dressed with integrity and pride, representing our school.

Our school has recently become part of an exciting new initiative, the Wiradjuri Language Nest. An Aboriginal Language Nest is a network of communities bound together by their connection to land and the language group they are part of. Students in Stage 4 will start the Wiradjuri Language and Cultural program in Semester 2 2022 as part of their LOTE. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to play a part in preserving a traditional language. They will pave the way for future generations and help in passing the language on to the other students at Tottenham Central School and the wider community.

Next semester we will be upskilling in the use of technology in teaching and learning. Theresa Moore will fill the Digital Classroom Officer (DCO) position to support our staff in professional learning to better meet the needs of the students through the integration of technology across all Key Learning Areas. We welcome Lyndel Ellem an extra day a week to help fill this position and look forward to the opportunity.

Our school was successful in its application to Sporting Schools receiving a grant to have Rugby NSW deliver workshops in Term 3 for all students. These workshops will run weekly and provide opportunities for students to learn basic rugby skills, as well as confidence and capability to be active for life.

Term 3 will see Tottenham Central School forge ahead with its new school plan. Our activities will target improvement in literacy and numeracy, attendance, wellbeing and professional learning. We look forward to sharing our new processes and procedures with everyone.

Have a safe and restful holiday. Let's hope we can all recover from the awful flu season and return refreshed and ready to learn.

Angie Bush Principal **School news** 

## **EOI First Aid course**

We are looking to gain notice from anyone wanting to obtain or update their first aid certificate. St John will come to Tottenham if we have enough interest. The cost would be dependent on number of attendees.

Please call the school office on 68 924 006 by 30 June if interested.



#### Dress Up Parade

Next term, we are having our annual 'Dress up as your favourite Book Character Parade' for Book Week. This is a very early notice in case you would like to buy or make a costume for the parade during the school holidays. More details will be provided next term

# Congratulations to our students who received their well earned Merit Awards this week! Congratulations also to Isaac Noakes who won the Secondary Handball Competition!









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# Kerri Parkes Western Challenge Debating Competition Round 3 Win

Last Thursday, 23 June, our school hosted a Zoom debate against Dubbo North Public for Round 3 of the Kerri Parkes Western Challenge Debating Competition. The topic was "*Participation in school sports carnivals should be compulsory*" and Tottenham took the Affirmative case. The team consisted of Nathan, Ella, Kate A and Fergus. The students' effort in researching and preparing in advance helped them to present their case well on the day and be successful in securing the win. Well done to these students! A big thank you to Mrs Horsburgh and Mrs Martin who co-adjudicated together and delivered valuable feedback to each speaker on the day.

The Year 6 team's debate success this term has enabled them to proceed to the Interzone Finals next term. As the other schools are still finalising results, we do not know exactly which school or when we will next be debating. More information will be shared early next term.

Chrissie Baldwinson



# **Tottenham Central School is participating in the MS Readathon**



# THE FUN FILLED MS READATHON

MS Readathon challenges kids to read as much as they can in August.

Kids love earning prizes, collecting badges and completing challenges.

It makes reading fun and exciting!

And kids spend a month reading books, instead of being glued to screens.

All funds raised provide vital support services to families with multiple sclerosis.

**REGISTER NOW** 



# Parents

Please **go the website below** and register your child to participate. It's free!

Your child can start reading straight away and books they read from now until the end of August can be added to their book list.

# Parents can join up too!

https://www.msreadathon.org.au/homepage

When you register, join your child to **Tottenham Central School. Don't forget to ask for donations from friends and family members to support this fabulous cause.** 

Please call the school office if you have any questions.

**Primary news** 





### Living things

K/I has been studying living things in Science this term. One of the activities we participated in, was to collect data on a germinating seed. The students put a bean seed in a sealed plastic bag with some damp cotton wool. The bags were attached to a window where they got the morning sun. We discovered that some seeds germinated quicker than others, that the stem started to grow before the roots and the seeds that got the most sun grew before the others. The students got to take their seeds home and we are eagerly awaiting news of what has happened to those that were planted in the garden!







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#### **Secondary news**

# Secondary Assessment

#### Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6				
Term 3 Week 1	N/A	N/A	Year 11—N/A Year 12—N/A				



Stage 4 practising their soldering skills before constructing their dragster car.

Stage 5 are now onto the finishing stages of sanding and getting ready to lacquer their keyboard shelf.



Dominic working on his picnic table (pictured below)





Bailey making custard for Portuguese tarts. Bailey's culinary skills are Improving each time he creates a dish.

In Stage 4 Geography, we have just finished 'Landscapes and Landforms'. Stage 4 LOTE (Samoan), we are now working on nouns and creating short sentences in English and translating them into Samoan.

Mr Filemu



**Other news** 





# **Premier's Spelling Bee 2022**

The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all students in New South Wales government primary and central schools. Junior division - Years 3 and 4 Senior division - Years 5 and 6.

Information about the Premier's Spelling Bee, including the word lists that students need to study for the competition, are posted on the Arts Unit website at <u>https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee</u>

These lists are password protected. You can access them using the 2022 password: (refer email)

Words for the competition are provided by Macquarie Dictionary and are divided into several categories. Junior and Senior students study different wordlists. Regional and State Finals also include unseen words in later rounds. If you would like access to a paper copy of the word lists, please contact the school office.

#### School stage finals: Term 3 Week 2

The top speller from each division will compete in regional finals online. The regional finals will be held between the Monday 29 August to Friday 9 September 2022.



Junior and Senior winners from each regional final go on to compete in the state finals which will be held at The ABC Centre in Sydney, November date to be determined.

Meggan Adam Assistant Principal (rel.)



AND A PACKET OF CHIPS

BISTRO OPEN FROM 6PM

Calendar						
1994	27	28	29	30	1 July	
WEEK 10					PSSA Golf—Mudgee	
					Last day of Term 2	
TERM 3	July 18	19	20	21	22	
WEEK 1	SDD	Students return				
	25	26	27	28	29	
WEEK 2					100 days of school K/1	
1000	August 1	2	3	4	5	
WEEK 3				Open Day Assembly		
1000	8	9	10	11	12	
WEEK 4		Gob/NF Athletics— Dubbo	WAP Camp	WAP Camp	WAP Camp	



## **Contact us**

Principal Angela Bush	Your say		
Assistant Principal (rel) Mrs Meggan Adam	You are encouraged to use this space to give us any feedback on things which you feel you need to:		
Head Teacher Secondary Studies Mrs Sarah Lindsay	Congratulate a student, teacher or parent, let us know what you think of the newsletter format, make		
P&C President Mrs Sharon Medcalf	a suggestion or request.		
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Tottenham Central School	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.