

Tottenham Central School



Principal: Angela Bush

**Week 1 Term 3
Thursday, 21 July 2022**

Principal's message

Welcome to Term 3 and hopefully the start of some warmer weather. I hope our families had a restful and enjoyable holiday and managed to stay sickness free. Following is a brief overview of how we are continuing to ensure our school remains COVID-safe throughout the term.

As we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, our layered COVID-smart measures will remain for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- ⇒ Testing if unwell – RATs are available for all families
- ⇒ Encouragement of mask wearing
- ⇒ Encouragement of vaccinations and boosters
- ⇒ Requirements for close contacts to test and wear masks each day
- ⇒ Boosted cleaning and hygiene practices

The department has updated its policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for employees following an independent risk assessment of school settings and consultation with unions and relevant stakeholders. While vaccination will no longer be a requirement for our staff from 1 August 2022, it is pleasing to see that a recent survey highlighted that more than 99% of the department's active school-based workforce have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. The department will continue to strongly encourage all our staff to keep up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as a way of protecting themselves, students, and our school community.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Tottenham Central School wishes to work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

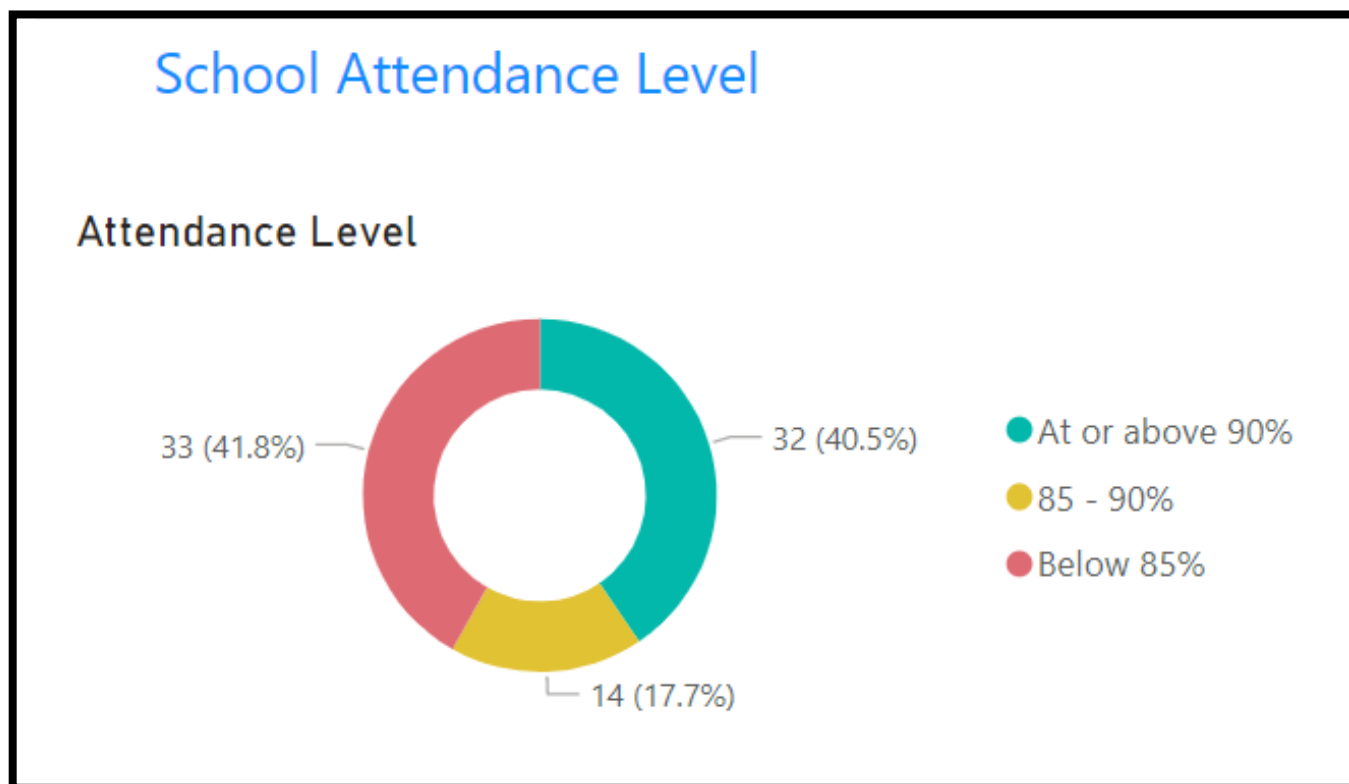
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS A CLEAR CORRELATION BETWEEN STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF QUALITY ACADEMIC, SOCIO ECONOMIC AND HEALTH OUTCOMES.

THIS RESEARCH TELLS US THAT STUDENTS WITH AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF BELOW 90% ARE EDUCATIONALLY AT RISK.

ABOVE 95% IS OUR EXPECTED STUDENT ATTENDANCE

For Semester 1, Tottenham Central School's attendance rate was **83.6%** below the state average of **85.2%**. Working together, I strongly believe we can significantly lift this figure. The following graph shows the attendance percentage bands of students at TCS for Semester 1. Our aim is to boost the amount of students in the green. All research shows those students not in the green – 90% or above - are educationally at risk.



We totally understand that children become sick, there are unavoidable appointments, travel that needs to occur, and misadventures that pop up. In these circumstances, we ask that you justify your child's absence by responding to the SMS sent each day, or contact the school via phone, email or with a note.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

There are many exciting cultural, social, sporting and learning opportunities ahead this term for Tottenham Central School and we look forward to a plentiful and productive term.

Angie Bush
Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Tottenham Central School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competitions this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas) (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

2022 Participation

In 2022 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

Subject	Sitting date	Cost
ICAS Writing	Monday, 8 August 2022 to Friday, 12 August 2022	\$23.65 including GST
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday, 8 August 2022 to Friday, 12 August 2022	\$19.25 including GST
ICAS English	Monday, 15 August 2022 to Friday, 19 August 2022	\$19.25 including GST
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday, 22 August 2022 to Friday, 26 August 2021	\$19.25 including GST
ICAS Science	Monday, 22 August 2022 to Friday, 26 August 2022	\$19.25 including GST
ICAS Mathematics	Monday, 29 August 2022 to Friday, 2 September 2022	\$19.25 including GST

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas) (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)
2. go to Parent Portal [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps) (<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>)
3. enter our school's access code - **MEE334**
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Online payment closes: **Term 3 Week 2, Friday, 29 July 2022.**

Please note that the ICAS tests shown for selection are at the school's discretion. After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.



ICAS Assessments is a wholly owned enterprise of Janison Solutions Pty Limited and is a provider of educational assessments and competitions for schools, including ICAS.

You're invited to our Open Day!

When: Wednesday, 3 August

What's on: Assembly 11:30pm—12:30pm

Open Classrooms 12:30pm—1:15pm

Book Fair will be open after the assembly in the computer room.

BBQ lunch will be available from 1:15pm. Please return the order form below by Friday, 29 July.



Our family, would like to order the following for the Open Day:

		Qty
• Sausage sandwich with can of drink	\$5	_____
• Steak sandwich with can of drink	\$7	_____
• Sausage sandwich only	\$3	_____
• Steak sandwich only	\$5	_____
• Soft drink/Water only	\$2	_____

School news

P&C Committee meetings Term 3

Date: Thursday, 4 August & Thursday, 1 September

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Tottenham School library

NEW MEMBERS ENCOURAGED!

Please join to support our children and families. Family memberships only \$5.

Payment via TCS P&C account:

BSB: 082-897

Account: 5099 54210

Reference: Your surname & initials

Please send an email to Greg Radford gjradford@bigpond.com to advise of your payment. Thank you.

Congratulations to our students who received their well earned Merit Awards this week!



SAVE THE DATE: TOTTENHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL CONCERT 'TROY STORY' WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER

Moorambilla Voices 2022

Recently relocated Tottenham Central School student, May Tucker, has just received official notice that she has been selected to attend the Moorambilla Voices music and dance experience in Baradine and Dubbo this year. Although now living quite a distance away from Moorambilla workshops, she is delighted to have been chosen and is looking forward to the experience. Congratulations May!

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 12 confirmed attendees. The cost would be \$195 per individual.

Please call the school office on 68 924 006 by 25 July if interested.

School news continued

PSSA State Cross Country

Good luck to Bailey Lloyd-Small who is participating in the PSSA State Cross Country trials tomorrow at Eastern Creek.

Book Fair

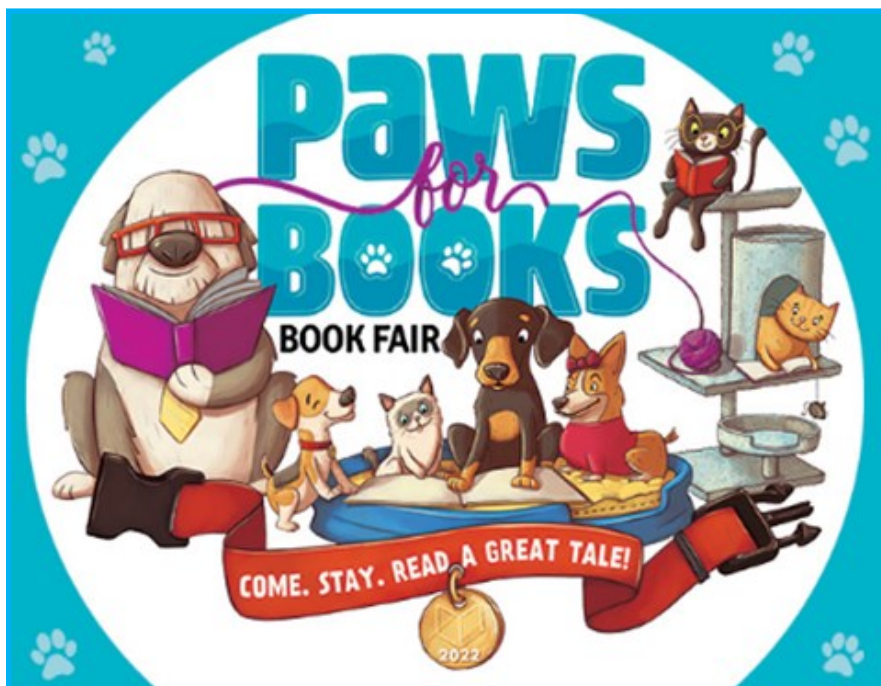
This year we are excited to announce that we are able to hold our annual Book Fair on site at Tottenham Central School!

The theme this year is 'Pets: Paws for Books'.

The Book Fair will be held on Open Day, Wednesday, 3 August Week 3.

We will be set up in the computer room this year, from 12:30-2pm. Family and community members are welcome!

Students are able to bring money in on the day and may choose a book, poster or stationery (pencils, rubbers, pens, textas etc) to buy if they wish.



Pet Photo Competition

Due to this year's Book Fair theme "Pets: Paws for Books", we have decided to hold our very own Pet Photo Competition at Tottenham Central School. There are 3 different categories:

- Cutest Pet
- Funniest Pet
- Most Unique Pet.

Parents, if your child would like to participate, please send photos of your pets, along with your child's name and the categories you wish to go in, to tanya.stevens4@det.nsw.edu.au. There is no limit to how many entries you wish to make.

Photos will be displayed at our Book Fair. Winners to be announced on the day.



What's been happening in 2/3/4!

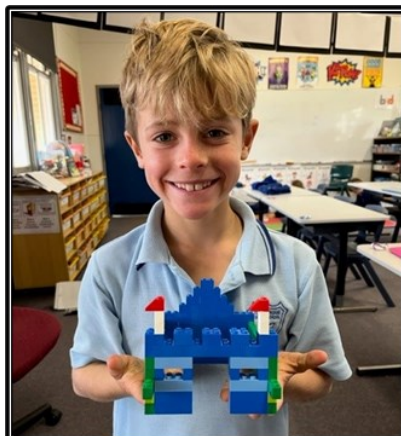


Mathematics in Year 4
Learning about grams. Students have made their own standard mass set with sand in a jar. They are using the mass set to find three objects that match 100g, 200g and 300g.

Mathematics in Year 3
Learning about the kilogram. Here, students are holding 1kg mass in one hand and an object in the other. They are estimating whether it is less than, about or more than 1 Kg.



We love our **lego and game time** where we are using our creative thinking and problem-solving skills!



Here's what we have been learning in 2/3/4!



Celebrating Sorry Day

What does it mean for 2/3/4 every day?

We

Show respect
Apologise
Are honest
Sympathise
Include others
Say thank you
Are polite
Are trustworthy
Encourage
Show kindness
Listen to others
Speak gently
Put others first
Care for others

Artwork designed by Zachary Bennett-Brook – a contemporary Indigenous man of Torres Strait Islander ancestry, born and raised on Dharawal Country. Our colours inspired by Aboriginal artist, Brook Sutton.



Autumn Trees

inspired by Cubism

Cubism is a style of painting developed in the 1900's by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque.

Cubist artwork shows objects from many angles at once – appearing fragmented and abstract.



Secondary news

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 3 Week 2	PDHPE	PDHPE	Year 11—N/A Year 12—N/A

Calculators

All secondary students are required to have a calculator for mathematics. These can be purchased through the school office for \$25. Currently in stock are CASIO fx-100AU Plus.

Canteen

As part of the fundraising activity at the WA CHS Athletics Carnival, it would be appreciated if secondary students could donate eggs, cakes and slices to the canteen. These can be left at the office up until Wednesday, 3 August when they will be collected. Thank you.

Stage 4 History

Whilst continuing the study of the ancient past, Stage 4 will remain looking at the fascinating Ancient Egyptians. Their mummified hot dogs, King Tutankhamen and Cleopatra, were exhumed at the end of last term. They were remeasured and although they had shrunk slightly, they still looked similar, had little odour and were quite pliable and well preserved. We will spend a few more weeks looking at conflict, trade and the legacy left by Ancient Egypt before delving into Ancient China mid-term.



Stage 4 Science

After studying forces at the end of last term, Stage 4 are starting to look at mixtures and will be learning about solvents, filtering, evaporation, and distillation.

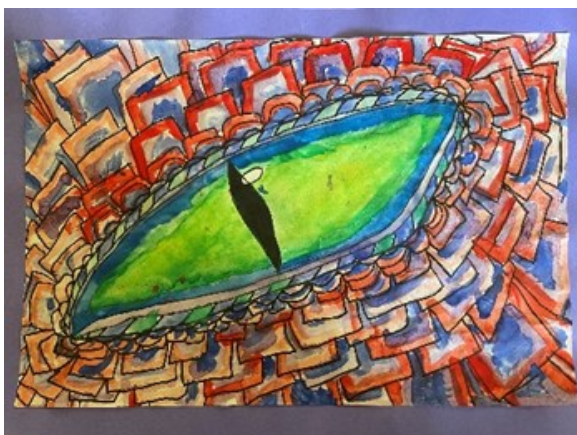


Secondary news—continued

Stage 4 Visual Arts

This term, Stage 4 are focusing on Urban Art which will see students examining artists like Keith Haring and Banksy. They will experiment with screen printing, graffiti and digital logos.

At the end of last term, they completed fantastic paintings of a dragon's eye, which will be displayed during book week for all to admire.



Geography

Stage 5 will begin to investigate the topic of 'Environmental Change and Management', which looks at the broad topics of forests, inland water, and environments. Throughout the semester local, national and international environmental change will be examined.

Stage 5 Science

After studying 'Energy and Matter' in ecosystems, Stage 5 are enjoying the new topic of Body Systems. They will learn about the incredible intricate body systems that coordinate to sustain life. Among other examinations, the students will examine the structure of a sheep's brain as an example of a mammalian brain.



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Other news



Tottenham Soccer Club: Last Home Game 2022

Dust off your camping chair and bring it along to the Tottenham Sport & Recreation Ground this weekend, Saturday 23 July as our local teams play against Nyngan and Warren from 9am.

Bring your grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends to cheer on our teams with a hot dog, pie, sausage roll and from the blokes on the bbq egg & bacon rolls and steak sandwiches. Visit the canteen early for your footy tucker and don't forget to bring cash \$

For more information contact Steve 0427 883 186, Brett 0428 852 602 or Nicole 0429 873 070 if are keen to play or interested in volunteering. We hope to see you on Saturday!

YOUR PHOTO DAY

Monday 5th September, 2022



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Parents, please remember...

On photo day please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online).
NB: Family envelopes can be picked up from the office before photo day.
2. Best school clothes (clean is always best!)
3. Their best smile!

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YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

FRIDAY, 22ND JULY: MRS J & LIZ. POLYMER CLAY WORKSHOP

FRI, 29TH JULY: BAILEY AND WARREN CROSS

DRAFT SEMESTER 2 ROSTER OUT NOW. PLEASE CHECK YOUR ROSTERED DATES.

SHIRT ORDERS TO MADDI OR SHAUNA BY FRIDAY, 29/7/22

NEXT MEETING WILL BE 30/8/2022, 4PM



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love your teeth

Dental Health Week

5 ways to love your teeth!

- 1) Take your teeth on a date to the dentist**
You may not have been for a little while or it may be time for your regular check-up, take this as your reminder to take your teeth on a date and see your dentist! Your teeth will thank you.
- 2) Care for your teeth by brushing every day**
Show your teeth you care by brushing two times every day. Brush once in the morning and once at night. At night, brushing is best done last thing before bed and no food or drinks to be had after.
- 3) Spoil your teeth by cleaning between them every day**
Cleaning between your teeth helps to remove bacteria and food that build up during the day. Not cleaning these spaces can cause gums to become inflamed and sometimes tooth decay can develop.
- 4) Treat your teeth to healthy foods and drinks**
The World Health Organization recommends adults have 6 or less teaspoons (24 grams) of sugar each day. Sticking to this recommendation can decrease the risk of tooth decay developing. Choose to drink water during the day and if having a sweet treat, do so together with a main meal instead of snacking on the treat between meals.
- 5) Show your teeth love by using them for their intended purpose**
Teeth are made to chew and smile. They are not made for opening bottles, or packets. These habits can increase the risk of breaking or cracking teeth. Love your teeth by only using them for their intended purpose.

For more information and tips on caring for your teeth and mouth, check out the Australian Dental Association's website Teeth.org.au. This website is a one-stop-shop for Aussies to find up-to-date and easy-to-understand information on oral health.



PONY CLUB

Rally, Sunday 24/7/22, 10:30am start, all welcome. RSVP to Deidre by Saturday.

Thanks to those instructors who participated in recent training. Your contribution is appreciated.

Calendar

TERM 3 WEEK 1	July 18 SDD	19 Students return	20	21	22
WEEK 2	25	26	27	28	29 100 days of school K/1
WEEK 3	August 1	2	3 Open Day Assembly Book Fair	4	5 CHS Athletics
WEEK 4	8	9 Gob/NF Athletics— Dubbo	10 WAP Camp	11 WAP Camp	12 WAP Camp
WEEK 5	15	16	17	18	19
WEEK 6	22 Wether Challenge—Stage 5	23 Wether Challenge	24 Wether Challenge	25	26 Book Parade 2:30pm
WEEK 7	29	30	31 Secondary Gala Day—Trundle	Sep 1	2 Gob/NF Netball/Touch football—Warren
WEEK 8	5 SCHOOL PHOTOS	6	7	8	9
WEEK 9	12	13	14	15	16 PSSA Athletics – Dubbo Spring Fair
WEEK 10	19	20	21 SCHOOL CONCERT	22	23 Whole school assembly and Year 12 farewell

Contact us

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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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