

Tottenham Central School



Principal: Angela Bush

Week 8 Term 3

Thursday, 8 September 2022

Principal's message

We are nearing the end of the term but it's still all systems go at Tottenham Central School. We have lots to get done including our whole school performance in Week 10 and farewelling our Year 12 students at their graduation in Dubbo next week.

Prior to the end of term, 2023 kindergarten students will receive a transition package. This information pack will include school information, details about our Term 4 transition program and enrolment forms. We will hold an information session early in Term 4 to answer any questions, provide a tour of the kindergarten classroom and school and an overview of the school procedures and expectations. If you have questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Moore.

We are launching our parent app at the end of this term. Our Sentral parent app will make communication quicker and easier. In Week 10, families will receive their portal key. You will simply need to download the app on your phone and enter your key. Once you login, you will see your child's attendance heat map, be able to respond to student absences, access your child's reports, view the school newsletter and calendar and teachers can communicate through a newsfeed. Later in the year we will be rolling out excursion permission notes and payments which will be done through the app. Early in Term 4 we will hold a parent information session to support parents using the app. We look forward to seeing many parents there and making communication more streamlined. Of course, for those families who still need it, paper copies will still be available, and you can always contact the school via phone should you need anything.

Next week we have two important and exciting events. On Tuesday, the Department of Education has chosen Tottenham Central School as one of the schools to feature in their promotion of excellence in public education, particularly rural and remote areas. We are excited to host a film and photography crew in the school for the day to showcase our best. On Wednesday we will be visited by the Director of Educational Leadership, Charles Dwyer and the Executive Director School Performance Rural South and West to showcase our wonderful school and share the great things we are doing. It is important that we put our best foot forward as we do each day and wear our school uniform with pride, showcasing respect, excellence and responsibility at all times. I am excited to show what our school is achieving.

Our Wiradjuri language class have been lucky enough to have some sessions with Belinda Lindsay, Wiradjuri Language teacher. Our students are learning the Acknowledgment of Country and greetings in language. I am extremely proud of their effort and dedication and the pride in which they are rekindling the local traditional language.

Today is R U OK day. It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. We all have the power to make a difference in someone's life by having a conversation. Who will you check in on today?

Take care of yourselves and each other. My door is always open.

Angela Bush - Principal



School news

Check-in assessment for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students during Term 3, Weeks 8 - 10
- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3, 4 & 5 students during Term 4, Weeks 1 - 4
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing task.

Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual Trophies awarded at our Presentation Ceremony last year need to be returned to the office please.

Misplaced uniform

1 x size 8 sports jumper, 4 x size 10 school jumpers—all unlabelled in the 2/3/4 classroom. Please advise the office if you believe any items belong to your child. Thank you.



P&C Committee Meeting

Date: 15 September

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Tottenham Park (due to dance)

NEW MEMBERS ENCOURAGED!

Please join to support our children and families

Family memberships only \$5.00

Payment via TCS P&C account:

BSB: 082-897

Account: 5099 54210

Reference: Your surname & initials

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

Congratulations to our PBL Merit Award recipients!



Congratulations to our 90% attendance canteen raffle winners for Week 7!



School news continued

Troy Story Costumes – Togas and Shoes

Togas

Please see the photo of some ideas for the costumes that the students are required to bring in ASAP for dress rehearsals if they haven't already done so. Togas can be created out of a white sheet (it doesn't need to be cut and you will get it back), an oversize shirt which can be worn inside out if it has a pattern on it, a nightie, or a piece of white material. The school will provide the rope.

Shoes

Students will need to bring in a pair of slides, sandals or thongs for the performance, however, due to many of them currently being worn at home, these can be bought in during the full dress rehearsal in Week 10.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any assistance with costumes.



SRC PJ Day – Friday, 9 September

The SRC are fundraising for 'The School of St Jude'. Our first event will be a Pyjama Day.

This will be held on Friday, 9 September. On this day, students can come dressed in their pyjamas for a gold coin donation.



Thank you
SRC

Absence SMS Messages

Each day, an SMS will be sent home for students who are absent. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to respond to these messages with an explanation for the absence. Thank you.

School hats!

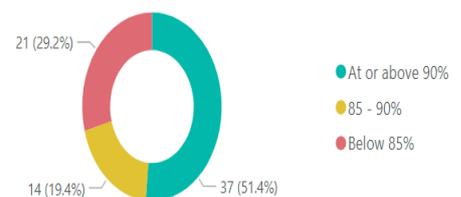
Please ensure your child comes to school each and every day with a school hat in their bag. At the end of last term, each student was gifted a new school hat with their name on it.

- The school hat is a compulsory part of our school uniform and is a sun safe design.
- Students are to wear school hats only.
- Students without their school hat will need to play in the designated covered area.

TCS students attending > = 90% of the time 51.4% vs DoE State 51.5%

School Attendance Level

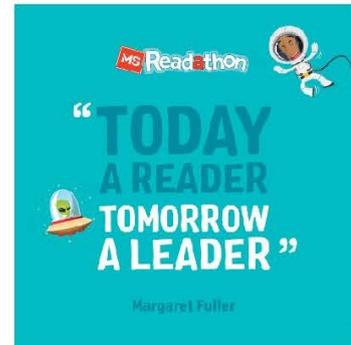
Attendance Level



Congratulations

Tottenham Central School!

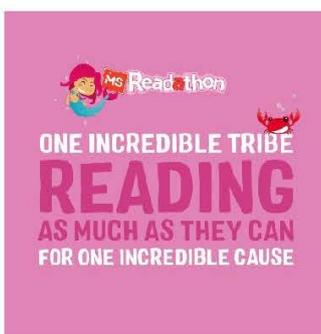
I have been so impressed with your amazing efforts and enthusiasm in participating in this incredibly valuable cause – reading and helping those in serious need. Thank you parents, for taking the time to sign your child up to participate in the MS Readathon and especially for encouraging them to read. Thank you to all those who donated – your generosity to those in need is humbling and your encouragement to our children to read, is inspiring.



Raised
\$3,193

The team from the MS Readathon are extremely grateful and we are thrilled that we could contribute to their needs. Well done everyone and do not forget to keep reading with the same enjoyment and vigour. Please read the words below, taken from some emails of thanks from someone living with the effects of MS. (Mrs Horsburgh)

"Can I just say I have been so impressed by your massive effort this month with MS Readathon? You have no idea how much of a difference you've made for families like mine. My wife, Leah, and our kids and I have been cheering you on as you knock out this MS Readathon Challenge! Thank you to the community at Tottenham Central School for raising \$3152.91 so far towards vital support services for those living with MS and their families. If I could, I would give you a big hug. But we'll just have to settle for a huge thank you instead, from the bottom of my heart. We really appreciate your support. My kid, Ava, wanted to share a couple of words with you too:



'Thank you, thank you thank you SO much for doing the MS Readathon to help people living with MS like my dad!'

"Together, more than 30,000 kids read more than 206,000 books! And we've raised over \$1.7 million together so far, to help kids whose mummy or daddy has a neurological condition like MS! It all means that a lot of families will be able to go on a special Family Fun Day, that people will be able to access the MS Peer Support Program, and more!"

Thanks so much for doing the MS Readathon this year and helping people living with MS and other neurological conditions!"
From **Kristen Savva (MS Readathon)**

WE'VE READ 593 BOOKS

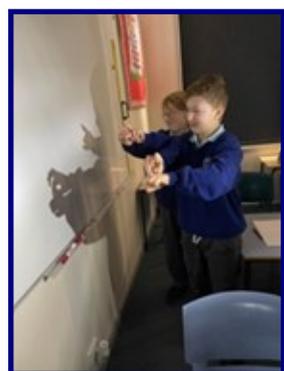
Primary news



What's been happening in Mrs Smith's room?

In Science, Year 5/6 have been studying light. The students investigated shadows and the idea that materials can be transparent, translucent, or opaque. Another group of students had the challenge to make catapults to see who could get their catapult to throw a small object the greatest distance. Years 2/3/4 have been studying the conduction of heat and completed an experiment to investigate which material was the best conductor of heat out of metal, plastic and wood. In Geography, K/1 have been investigating maps and the idea of a bird's eye view. They made a map of the classroom using concrete material.

All of the primary students have been discussing the idea of being grateful for the good things in their lives. They all helped to create the above display.



EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

Sport news

Gobondery/NARRAF netball and touch football Gala Day

Congratulations to all the primary students who participated in the Gobondery/NARRAF Gala Day held in Warren last Thursday. All students had a great day, playing a number of games of netball and touch football. Both teams showed terrific sportsmanship and team spirit. Thank you to those parents who transported and supported the students.



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Secondary news

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 3 Week 9	English, Geography, Visual Arts	English, Geography, Visual Arts	Year 11 – Yearly Examinations Year 12 – N/A

Secondary Gala Day

The Secondary Gala Day has been postponed to Wednesday, 12 October. A note will go home for this amended date, which will need to be returned by the due date for students to be able to attend the day.

Stage 4 Mathematics

As part of Literacy and Numeracy Week, Stage 4 were challenged to create an equilateral triangle using a 20cm line and a protractor. The students then created a challenge game using equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.



Other news



YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Thanks to Hayley and Kathy for running open house last week

FRI 9TH AUG: SHAUNA & LIB
FRI 16TH AUG: MADDI & KRISTY SIMPSON

NEXT MEETING WILL BE 27/9/2022, 4PM

Some unidentified keys have been found at Youth Club. If you're missing some keys, let us know.



LIVING WELL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2022

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

First Prize \$300
Second Prize \$200
Third Prize \$100

THEME: BUILDING RESILIENCE

Our lives after the COVID-19 pandemic have changed in so many ways. Social distancing, health screening, mask wearing, hand hygiene and isolation have become the new norm. We are seeking photographs that portray your resilience post pandemic. Show us the things that keep you strong, safe and positive. Share with us the moments that gives you hope and happiness with each new day. Tell us about you and your strengths. Along with your photograph we want you to tell us, in a maximum 100 words, the thoughts and feelings behind your photograph.

SLHD Staff Award \$100
Technical Award \$100

FREE ENTRY

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
<https://www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/MentalHealth/photocompetition.html>

NSW Health Sydney Local Health District

SUBMISSION BY 30.09.2022

September School Holidays @ DRTCC

ROFL (Rolling on the Floor Laughing) by The Listies



Tuesday 4 October, 6.30 pm
A double act sketch comedy with hilarious skits that will have the whole family in stitches!
Suitable 5+ years

Erth's Prehistoric World



Saturday 8 October, 4 pm
It takes the audience to the bottom of the ocean to discover ancient bio-luminescent creatures and marine reptiles, and then back to dry land to witness some of the most amazing dinosaurs to have ever walked this Earth. Suitable 5+ years

Edward the Emu



Monday, 31 October, 6 pm (AUSLAN interpretation service available)
The time has come for the Emus to tell the story, their way! More than an adaptation, this is a unique imagining of two beloved picture books, *Edward the Emu* and *Edwina the Emu*, combining the plights of both emus in one heartfelt, clever and funny new tale.

Show details and buy tickets DRTCC.COM.AU
Keep up to date - join our mailing list
DRTCC 105 DARLING ST, DUBBO
PHONE: (02) 6821 4276

PLEASE ABOUT OUR NEW DUBBO THE FAB CLUB (Friends and Buddies) FOR those who don't like to go to the Theatre alone.
The FAB Club is FREE to join

DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL DRTCC

We're coming to your community



NSW Government services will be available in Tottenham on Thursday 29th September between 10:00am and 3:00pm

This includes:

- driver licences, proof of identity documents, and Photo Card applications
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Working With Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Check
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- up to 70 government rebates and savings
- Stay NSW and Parents NSW voucher applications.

Find us at:
In front of Memorial Park
80 Umang St

Visit service.nsw.gov.au or call **13 77 88** to check our schedule. Unfortunately, sometimes our routes change at short notice.

NSW GOVERNMENT Service NSW

To help keep NSW safe, we've ensured our Mobile Service Centres follow COVID safe practices.



2022 Central West is Best Photography Competition



"Central West Unmasked"

CATEGORIES

Junior (under 18 years) & Open (over 18 years)

PRIZES (PER CATEGORY)

First Place: Fujifilm Instax Mini 11 Camera plus \$300

Second Place: \$200

Special Mentions: Fujifilm Instax Mini 11 Photo Kit

Entry is free and open to all ages and photographic abilities - as long as you live in the Central West. There is a maximum of **four entries per person**, and entries close 5pm, Friday 30 September.

Full Terms & Conditions are listed on the website - www.rdcentralwest.org.au

PONY CLUB

Upcoming rallies:

*11th September

* 2nd October

10:30am start

Come along and join us. 😊 🐾



Calendar

WEEK 8	5 SCHOOL PHOTOS	6	7 CANTEEN	8	9 SRC Pyjama Day— gold coin donation
WEEK 9	12 Beatbox workshops	13	14 CANTEEN	15	16 PSSA Athletics – Dubbo Spring Fair WAP Graduation— Dubbo
WEEK 10	19	20	21 SCHOOL CONCERT 5:30pm for 6pm start - Town Hall CANTEEN	22 BEAUT reward day - Dubbo	23 Whole school assembly and Year 12 farewell

SAVE the DATE
Whole School Production
‘Troy Story’
Wednesday, 21 September
5:30pm for a 6pm start.

Contact us

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Assistant Principal (rel) Mrs Meggan Adam

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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.