

# Tottenham Central School



**Principal: Angela Bush**

**Week 10 Term 3**  
**Thursday, 21 September 2023**

## Principal's message

As we approach the end of another term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our whole school community for making this term such a remarkable and memorable one. The end of Term 3 is always a lovely time of year with end of Year 12 celebrations and heading into the warmer weather. Thank you to our school community for the dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work of all its members that make it so special. From our exceptional teachers and staff to, our talented students and supportive parents, together we have achieved incredible things this term.

Our students have shown tremendous growth, not only academically but also in their character development. They have displayed resilience, creativity, and a hunger for knowledge that is truly inspiring. Thank you, students, for your commitment to learning and your positive attitude towards every challenge. To our devoted teachers and staff, your unwavering commitment to providing the best education and support for our students is deeply appreciated. You go above and beyond every day, and your dedication is the driving force behind our school's success. I also want to extend my gratitude to the parents and carers who have been our partners in education. Your involvement, encouragement, and support have been instrumental in helping our students thrive. We look forward to more opportunities and developments in Term 4.

Congratulations to Bailey for successfully completing Year 12. Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Attenborough and myself were privileged to attend the Year 12 Graduation at Club Dubbo last Friday night. It was a special evening celebrating the students from across the 5 WAP schools. We are immensely proud of Bailey and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. This accomplishment reflects the collective support and encouragement of our school community; one of the true benefits of living in a small community.

I was delighted to announce the extraordinary occurrence in our school's history at last week's assembly: a tie for the position of School Captains in 2024. This remarkable event showcases the exceptional leadership qualities of not one, but two outstanding individuals. Congratulations to Maddi and Shauna, who will I am sure, lead collaboratively and continue to be wonderful role models for our school. I look forward to working with you both in 2024.

21 students were eligible for BEAUT this term and will be treated to lunch and ice cream in the park. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate this outstanding achievement. These students have attended school above 90% of the term and have epitomised our core values of excellence, responsibility and respect. Well done on an excellent achievement.

A reminder, the Tottenham Gymkhana is being held on the last weekend of the school holidays. The day looks like a fabulous event and will be a major fundraiser for the school with the P and C running the canteen. This will have a significant benefit for our students, and we would encourage everyone to try and lend a hand; many hands make light work. I hope everyone has their ponies and running shoes ready.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to the summer months ahead.

**Angela Bush - Principal**



## School news

### STUDENT MOBILE PHONE PROCEDURE UPDATE

Just a reminder that all Department of Education Secondary schools will be student mobile phone free at the beginning of Term 4, 2023.

Student phones are to be out of sight and turned off at all times whilst they are on school grounds. If you wish to contact your child, we ask that you do so through the school office.

### Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual trophies need to be returned to school to allow for organisation of this year's Presentation Ceremony.

**BEAUT Reward recipients for Week 9!**

**Congratulations to all students who received merit and attendance certificates!**



### Primary Excursion—Sockable Fundraiser

Orders are due back TOMORROW for the 'Sockable Fundraiser'. Orders will be delivered to school by the end of Week 2 next term.



### Tottenham P&C Committee are looking for

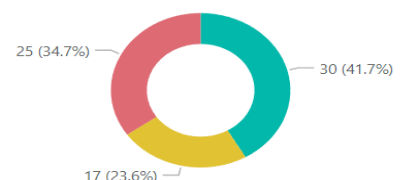


**to help in the canteen at the Tottenham Gymkhana  
Saturday 7 or Sunday 8 October**

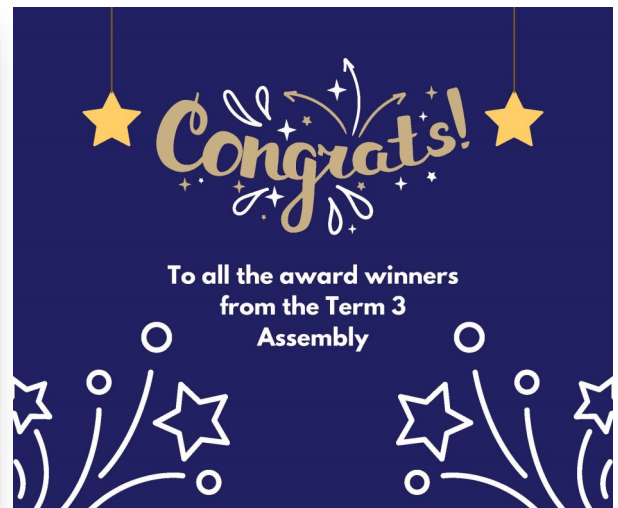
All funds raised go to supporting our families!  
If you can volunteer your time on either day  
or make a baked donation please contact  
Sharon 0459 934 471

**TCS students attending > = 90% of the  
time 41.7% vs DoE State 54.8%**

Attendance Level







**2024 School Captains:**

**Maddi Loftus & Shauna Pollard**

Principal Awards: Billy Attenborough, Annalise Klante, Zali Paterson, Shai Handsaker (absent)

BEAUT Awards: Maddi Loftus, Georgia Campbell, Emily Wood, Heidi Jarvis

Creative Arts Awards: Katie Ellem

BOB Award: Emma Larkings

Sport Award: Bailey Lloyd-Small





## Primary news

### MS Write-a-thon

In August, during the MS Readathon, students had the opportunity to write the end of a story from the Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths. William Starr, Year 2, displayed remarkable determination and creativity in his writing piece where he wrote the ending to the 170<sup>th</sup> Storey Treehouse. Well done William! Here is his submission!

### K/1/2 Update with Mrs Smith

K/1/2 has had fun recently examining the shape of Australia in Geography. Their task was to try to recreate the shape by eating away parts of a plain biscuit. The trickiest part was remembering Tasmania!

In English, the 1/2 students have been looking at alternate ways authors can reach a target audience. The students examined using Auslan and Braille to present texts to readers who struggle with sight or hearing.



William's 170<sup>th</sup> Storey treehouse ending for the MS Write-a-thon.

The 170<sup>th</sup> storey appeared! It was the greatest level of all with a group of snap-bar-splashaphores. They were a crocodile, giraffe, sheep, hippo and dolphin combined. The crocodile bit was the head, the giraffe was the neck, the sheep was the body, the dolphin was the tail and the hippo was the feet.

"Look out!" said Jill as one tried to eat them. Fortunately, the moneys from book 13 came to rescue them.

"I guess they aren't so bad," says Andy, as one throws poo right in his face.

"I regret saying that" says Andy.

We climb back up to the snap-bar-splashaphores but they're gone.

"They must have run away," said Andy. There was only a book called 'How to keep snap-bar-splashaphores.' It said: Rule 1. Don't let them out of your sight, if you do say, "you are good".

So, we say it and magically the snap-bar-splashaphores appear.

Rule 2: get a cup and through it in the air and while it is in the air say, "grow giant". The cup grows super big and lands over the snap-bar-splashaphores.

"Well, that worked well," says Terry. "Now, let's finish the book." We write and draw and finish the book.

"Look" says Andy "there's more snap-bar-splashaphore instructions." It says their purpose is to take you anywhere, just hug them. Jill talks to them.

"Ok you can hug them now" We hug them. BANG we are in Mr Big nose's office. We put the book on this desk.

"Back to the tree."

The End



## Secondary news

### Secondary Assessment Schedule

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

### Secondary Excursion

A reminder to families and students that passbooks need to be taken to the office to allow for any fundraising monies to be recorded. It is suggested that families use this passbook to assist with payment for the excursion. Money can be brought into the office over the next term to pay for the excursion.

### Getting creative and dramatic around the school

Enacting spontaneous drama scenes in the canteen area proved to be lots of fun for Stage 4 students as they finalise their "Hating Alison Ashley" unit of work.

### Captain speeches

Last Thursday morning, Shauna and Maddi presented their captain speeches to the whole school. Both students explained why they would make a wonderful school captain for 2024, which convinced the school community to elect both students as representatives! Well done to Shauna and Maddi!



Dear Bailey

It's finally here, thirteen years of work, effort, friendship and experiences.

Thirteen years of family, teachers, sports and dreams and after tomorrow things will never be the same. You are an adult, a graduate, the person in charge of your own destiny.

There will be no mandates on your school attendance, who you become or the path you take. You get to choose, which is both exciting and overwhelming so I wanted to offer a little guidance. And you can choose to take it or leave it as you are an adult now.

I hope you choose to live your values. It might take a little time to figure out exactly what they are but once you do figure it out, hold on to them.

I hope you choose to connect. In a world of virtual experiences there is no substitute for real people, real community, real conversation and real connection.

I hope you choose to keep learning. It doesn't matter where this happens, at university, as an apprentice, at work or through other courses. Increase your wisdom at every opportunity.

I hope you choose to take some risks. This means that sometimes you will succeed and sometimes you will fail. Success is a fun companion and failure is a beautiful teacher, learn from both.

I hope you choose to step up. When everyone else passes the buck, leaves the mess or walks away I hope you choose to be different, take responsibility, do more than your share.

I hope you choose to ask for help, you don't have to have it together all of the time. You don't have to do things by yourself, lean on the people around you. I hope you choose to enjoy the small things. Live life in the present and don't sweat the little things.

I hope you choose to be humble. It's ok not to know everything, it's ok to make mistakes. The opportunity to change for the better is one worth taking.

I hope you choose to be kind. Our world has enough hardness, anger and greed. Stop for the stranger, think of others, be patient, see the good, say the good, be the good.

These last 13 years have been a journey with many ups and downs, but you have made it. So go, dream, be brave, step into the spotlight and enjoy the next chapter of your life.

**Good luck and goodbye BAILEY!**





## Sport news

### Sport dates for Term 4 2023

Carnival/Trials	Venue	Date
PSSA State Athletics	SOPAC	25 – 26 October
Gobondery/NARRAF Tennis gala day	Tottenham	3 November

### PSSA Athletics

Congratulations to all students who competed at the PSSA Athletics trials last Friday. It was fantastic to see all. Students participate well and try their best. Congratulations to Bailey who has qualified for the PSSA State Championships in October at SOPAC.



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## Other news

Tottenham Swimming Club

# WELCOME *Afternoon*


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

**TOTTENHAM SWIMMING POOL**

<b>OCTOBER 13TH</b>	<b>START, 3.30PM</b>
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- INFO ON SWIMMING CLUB
- HELP WITH MEMBERSHIP
- NOVELTY EVENTS AND GAMES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE @ 5PM

**FIRST CLUB MEET  
STARTING 20TH OCTOBER  
REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
SOON!!**

## YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Thanks to those members who participated in our recent meeting. Some fabulous ideas were raised.

Here are the two most exciting ones:

**TERM 4: Youth Club will be open 7-10pm Friday nights**

**TERM 4: Youth Club activities will be available for Years 6-12.**

Contact Mrs Jarvis for details and membership forms. (0429917913) or visit our Facebook page

**UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE:**  
Youth Club will be **CLOSED** this Friday, 22nd September.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17th, 4:00pm at Youth Club, afternoon tea provided



**EXPERIENCES PLANNED**

- COOKING
- SCIENCE
- ART & CRAFT
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

OUR PROGRAM IS FLEXIBLE  
WE WOULD LOVE TO  
HEAR WHAT YOUR  
CHILDREN WOULD LIKE TO  
DO SO WE CAN TAILOR  
OUR EXPERIENCES FOR  
THEM

## TOTTENHAM VACATION CARE

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

AGES 6WKS - 12YRS - SUBSIDIES AVAIL

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - 8-5PM MON, TUES, FRI  
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY



## Register now!

Registration is open for our U12 and U14 Saturday competition teams. Have you registered your child for the upcoming season? If not now is the time. Head to our Facebook page and follow the link.

We will be set up at the Glenn McGrath nets this Thursday 21st Sept from 5pm to help with registrations.

**REGISTRATION CLOSING MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**

**NARROMINE BOMBERS**

[narrominejnrcricket@outlook.com](mailto:narrominejnrcricket@outlook.com)

## Calendar

<b>WEEK 10</b>	18	19	20	21 Tim Naden	22 Last day of term
<b>WEEK 1 TERM 4</b>	9 Oct Staff and students return	10	11	12	13
<b>WEEK 2</b>	16	17	18 Secondary Graduation	19	20
<b>WEEK 3</b>	23	24	25 PSSA Cricket	26 Kinder transition 9-11am	27
<b>WEEK 4</b>					

We hope you all have a lovely,  
well-deserved school break, and look  
forward to seeing you all back,  
refreshed and ready, for what will be a  
busy Term 4 2023!

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the week:

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Meaning:  
Thankful

Art credit: Max

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a suggestion or request.

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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.

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