To help celebrate Senior’s Week, Tottenham Central School would like to invite all grandparents to our

Grandfriends Day

Tuesday, 12th March

Starting with Morning tea in the school library at 11.00am

Followed by student items

Reminders

March

Prim. Science & Engineering Challenge
Tuesday 5th

Sec. Science & Engineering Challenge
Live Education van
Thursday 7th

Assemblies

Whole school
Friday 15th March

Whole school
Friday 12th April

P & C meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month in the school library at 7.30 pm.

Everyone is very welcome to attend

Next meeting is Tuesday, 19th March
Welcome to another week. Various activities and sporting events are being held this week. We have students competing at the PSSA Swimming Carnival in Cowra on Friday 8th of March. We have our primary tennis team competing against Ungarie Central School on Wednesday, 6th of March. In addition the Science and Engineering Challenge is being held in Dubbo this week. Our primary team will be competing on Tuesday, and our secondary team will be competing on Thursday. Good luck to all TCS students!

K-6 will be visiting the Life Education Van this week, as well as next. Students in K/1 and Year 2/3 will be meeting ‘Happy Harold’ on Thursday, 7th March, whilst Year 4/5/6 will be visiting on Monday, 11th March. The Life Education Van program provides some very important information for children, presented in an entertaining and meaningful way.

Please note that there are two major extra-curricular events that you need to plan and prepare for during this term. The most important school event is the fete which is going to be held on Friday, 5th of April, starting at 12.30pm. Please think about how you can contribute or help to make this a successful event. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our fete please contact our P&C President, Mr Rick Bennett.

The other event is the Tottenham Community Expo on Saturday, 16th of March. The organising committee has asked that our students compete in a colouring-in/poster competition with the theme ‘Farming in Tottenham’. Students will be given details about this competition in class. The Tottenham Community Expo committee are asking our students to be involved in the pet parade as well. This competition will see prizes awarded for ‘The Best Decorated Pet’, ‘Most Unusual Pet’ and ‘Pet of the Day’. Our hard working P & C will be providing a range of meals and refreshments throughout the day. This is one of the major fundraisers for the P&C and they are calling for support on the day.

Included in this newsletter is a flyer about Regular School Attendance which gives important information. I urge all parents to read it. It is timely for me to remind parents that there is strong evidence highlighting the correlation between consistent attendance and higher academic results. If for any reason your child is absent from school, please send in a note the following day.

Have a great week!

Steve Garriock

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: ____________________________
Tottenham Central School’s

P&C Rock Stars Fete

Friday 5th April 2013

Starting Time 12.30pm

“Rock Stars”

Opening Parade with prizes for Infants, Primary and Secondary
judged on creativity for their Rock Stars outfit.

Many stalls
Treasure Train
‘Nerf War’
Obstacle Course
Talent Quest
Wet Sponge Toss
Footy Toss
Bubble Blowing
Lucky Sticks
Balance Game
Coin Toss
Sock Wrestle
Ice Cream Sodas
Yabby Calcutta
Raffle
BBQ &Hotdogs
Afternoon Tea

Inviting you to come along and support the school and students. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of additional vital resources for our school.
Tottenham Ag Expo: Saturday 16th March, 2013

Tottenham P&C will be running the food stall at the Tottenham Ag Expo this year. Could you please let Rick, Jane or myself know ASAP if you are able to help at any of the following times:
9am – 10am, 10am-11am, 12pm – 1pm, 1pm -2pm, 2pm – 3pm, 3pm – 4pm

We will also need donations of coleslaw, eggs and frozen ice bricks (5L ice-cream containers of frozen water). These can be brought on the day.

Fête Meeting

The next Fête meeting will be held this Wednesday 6th March in the school library at 3.30pm. We appreciate any input, ideas or suggestions and all are very welcome to attend. The annual Fête is a major fundraiser and enables the P&C to provide vital additional resources to the school and all its students. Any enquiries or for further information please contact Rick Bennett- 0268924070

Fête- Roster for parent helpers

We would be most appreciative of any parents that could volunteer to help with setting up or doing a shift on one of the P&C stalls at the Fête. Most stalls will need 2 helpers on each shift, except Central Booth which will need 3 helpers on each shift. Could you please contact Kim Williams on 68928264 if you are able to assist on the day.

Kid’s Raffle

SRC are running their own ‘Kids Raffle’ with prizes like an i-turns voucher, Reading Cinema movie tickets and 4L paint tin full of lollies. The students will be selling tickets during recess or lunch times from this week leading up to the Fête. Tickets are 50cents. Please support this fundraiser and initiative from the SRC.

TCS Parents and Citizens Association now have a page on Facebook. It is a page to keep parents, carers, students, teachers and community members informed of any upcoming fundraisers, events and news.

If you are a member of Facebook, search for: TCS Parents and Citizens Association, click ‘like’ and from then on any news, posts, updates and P&C information will appear on your own newsfeed wall.

The page has been set up with very high security measures and administrators will not tolerate any abuse, profanity, bullying, inappropriate or anti-social comments or posts to the page. The P&C executive would like to advertise fundraising events etc. on this page and that may also include some photographs. For example: Fête, BBQ fundraisers, Canteen fundraisers, catering days, sporting days, health and well-being days and other school activities that P&C are involved with.

Please fill out and sign the note below ONLY if you CONSENT to photographs of yourself or your child/children appearing on the TCS Parents and Citizens Association’s Facebook page. Return notes to the school office in an envelope marked “P&C President - Confidential”.

Please note also, that children’s full names will not be published on Facebook, only first names.
Thanks
P&C Executive

TCS Parents and Citizens Association - Facebook page

I CONSENT TO the photographs of those named below to be used on the Tottenham Central School’s P & C Facebook page

Family name: ……………………………………………………….
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Signed (Parent/Carer/Guardian):………………………………
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MERIT SYSTEM
Congratulations to Bridget Bennett, Chelsea Smith, Christian Ridley, Faith Miller, Hannah Smith, Karl Loftus, Leonie Jones and Sammy Dunn for having moved to Bronze in the Merit System.
Well done to these students
L. Jarvis

BOOK CLUB
Book Club is due back on Friday, 22nd March.
Please make cheques payable to Tottenham Central School

K/6 SCRIPTURE
Scripture lessons have begun and parents are asked to please contribute $5.00 for each child, to cover the cost of a workbook. Please place this an envelope with your child’s name and scripture written on the front and send it to the office. If this is a problem, please let me know. If you do not wish your child to participate in scripture lessons, please complete the slip below and return it to the school.
Thankyou, Rose Martin

K/1 Fete Activity
K/1 will be running the ‘Lucky Stick’ stall at the fete.
Any donations of new or used (in good condition) prizes would be appreciated.
Prizes can be left at the office or sent to my classroom.

Thank you
Amanda Smith

HOMEWORK CLUB
for secondary students
Every Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
in the school library.
Supervision by Miss Dwyer

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
Notes and money for the Life Education Van should be returned before this Thursday.

BULB ORDER
Attached to this week’s newsletter is a catalogue for a bulb fundraiser being conducted. Funds raised by the sale of these bulbs will go towards supporting the Merit System for all students. Please have order sheets returned to school by 19th March for delivery on 4th April. Please make cheques payable to school.
L Jarvis

GRANDFRIENDS DAY
Tuesday, 12th March
Morning tea - 11.00am
Items - 11.20am
in the school library.
## Term 1

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## 2013 Term Dates

**Term 1**
- **Wednesday 6 February** to **Friday 12 April**

**Term 2**
- **Staff Monday 29 April**
- **Students Wednesday 1 May** to **Friday 28 June**

**Term 3**
- **Staff Monday 15 July**
- **Students Tuesday 16 July** to **Friday 20 September**

**Term 4**
- **Staff Monday 7 October**
- **Students Tuesday 8 October** to **Friday 20 December**
Sport News

WESTERN AREA CHS SWIMMING
Good luck to Jack Bennett who is competing at the Western Area CHS Swimming Carnival at Dubbo this Thursday.

WESTERN AREA PSSA SWIMMING
Good luck to Taylah Larkings, Clio Ridley, Chloe Harley, Madeline Hopkins, Élyssa Pearce, James Weston and Oliver Lees who are competing at the Western Area PSSA Swimming Carnival at Dubbo this Friday.

WESTERN AREA PSSA TENNIS
Good luck to Oliver Lees who is participating in the Western Area PSSA Tennis trials at Bathurst tomorrow.

WESTERN AREA PSSA TENNIS KNOCKOUT
Good luck to Oliver Lees, Tom Hopkins, Michelle Harding and Madeline Hopkins who are participating in the Western Area PSSA Tennis Knockout against Ungarie Central School this Wednesday.

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NARROMINE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
FINAL REGISTRATION DAY
THURSDAY 12th March 2013
From 4.30 - 6.30pm
Narromine USMC

$90 for first & second players of same family
$45 for third & subsequent players of same family

New players registering - You will need a copy of your Birth Certificate.
All players encouraged to register if they haven't already!
Players who register prior to the start of the season (6th April) will receive FREE playing shorts & socks!
Call Brett Smith on 0447 219 618 or Tim & Lou Burns on 6888 7671 for further information.

FWAS TENNIS TRIALS
Sunday 17th March
Athletes turning 12 – 16 years of age in 2013 who demonstrate talent and ability as a tennis player and show commitment and dedication to their sport are encouraged to attend.

Where - Warren Tennis Courts Victoria Park, Udora Rd, Warren
Time - 10.45am – 3pm
Cost - FREE
Athletes are required to coordinate their own travel to attend the trials.
Nominations close Wednesday 14 March, 2013
Please see Mrs Lindsay for an application form or call FWAS on 6847 3638.
Tottenham Central School
2013 School Fees

All elective subjects attract fees to subsidise the costs of materials consumed by the students in those subjects. The fees for 2013 have been set at the appropriate level and are now due and listed below. If there is a possibility that the payment of these fees may cause financial difficulty please contact the school as soon as possible.

Elective Fees:
These fees are compulsory - as they purchase materials used by individual students:

**Stage 4**
- **Technology** $60.00 - plus individual purchase of materials

**Stage 5**
- **Information & Software Technology** $10.00
- **Metal Technology** $60.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
- **Textiles Technology** $20.00 - plus individual purchase of materials
- **Agriculture** $10.00 - plus individual purchase of materials

**Stage 6**
- **Hospitality** $30.00 per term - plus $50 uniform hire or purchase of own uniform

Fees payable to Dubbo School of Distance Education are also due.

**Voluntary Contributions:**
- **Infants/Primary (per child)** $40.00 per year
- **Secondary (per child)** $40.00 per year
- **Maximum** $100.00 per family
- **P&C Membership** $2.00 per family

Please find enclosed school fees for 2013:

Child/Children

Family: ..........................................................

Elective Fees

Stage: ..........................

Total enclosed: ..........................

Signed ........................................ Date ..........................
**Other News**

**YOUTH CLUB**
Thank you to Andrew and Linda Pearce for running Youth Club on Friday night. This week Sammy and Dave are on duty. They are holding a Mystery and Intrigue night!
Thank you to all the people who came to our AGM and monthly meeting last Friday night. Congratulations to the incoming committee and thank you to our past committee for all of your contributions.
A roster is being created for the Tottenham Community Expo. Youth Club members have been asked to volunteer some of their time on Saturday, March 16th, to man the gate and collect entry money.
A reminder that all memberships are now due. If you haven’t already done so, please return your membership form with the $2 membership fee.

**GREEN ART COMPETITION**
Prizes in each category:
1st $30
2nd $15
Highly Commended $5.
Open to all school students K – 12
Artwork – own choice of subject, any medium, maximum size A3.
Must include some green colour.
Categories:  
Secondary Yr 7 – 12
Primary Yr 3 – 6
Infants K - 2
Student name, school and category to be marked clearly on back of work.
Entries: To Mrs Williams or Tullamore Central School by **Tues 26th March 2013**
Enquiries: Janette McCosker After Hrs: 68925138

**FREE DENTAL CLINIC**
Once a month at Tottenham MPS
Any children with problems or needing assessments please ring 1300 55 26 26 for an appointment

**TOTTENHAM COMMUNITY EXPO**
The Tottenham Community Expo will be held on Saturday 16th March 2013 at the Tottenham Racecourse. There will be many events and attractions that will interest children and parents, as well as various stands from a range of service providers, businesses, and other agricultural related exhibits. Our students will also be able to take part in a colouring-in or poster competition, details of which will be given to students in class.
Please note that the P & C will be providing a range of meals and refreshments throughout the day. This is one of the major fundraisers for the year and the P&C will be calling for support on the day.

**Talking Tottenham**
Talking Tottenham was published last Thursday, 28th February. If you wish to subscribe to Talking Tottenham for the year, fill out the form below and return to school. Cost: $16.00 (8 issues) $25.60 if you require it to be posted. Last week’s edition can be sent home or posted.
The next edition will be published on Thursday, 11th April. If you have any articles of interest, ads, photos etc. to submit in future editions please have them at the school office by the Monday of the week of publication.
Cost to submit an item is:
$2.00 (small ad)
$5.00 for half page and
$10.00 for full page

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Name: _________________________
Send home with: _______________________
Year: ____
Please find enclosed $16.00 for annual subscription.
**************************************************************************

If you wish to have it posted, please fill in name and address below:
Please find enclosed $27.60 for annual subscription and postage.
Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 - and until they turn 17 - students must be:

1. in school, or registered for home schooling.
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or
4. in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction.

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student’s absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged. It is the responsibility of parents or carers to make sure that their children attend school each day that the school is open for instruction or other activity. It is important to understand that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?

YES. While education is not compulsory until your child turns six, we require you to send your child on every school day as a condition of enrolment. This is for a number of reasons. First, the learning in kindergarten is essential preparation for your child’s whole educational career. This is a time where your child’s teacher can focus carefully on your child’s learning needs for the future. Kindergarten also provides a chance to sort out any difficulties or problems as they arise. Secondly, having a good routine and being punctual are important skills for your child to develop.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. Information on how schools can support parents to manage head lice infestations can be accessed from the student health section of the Department’s website at http://www.
Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and the reason for your child's absence.

All absences must be explained to the school at which the child is enrolled. The principal of the school has the right to question parents' or carers' requests for their child to be absent from school, or an explanation given for a child's absence from school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer, regional officers who support school attendance initiatives. These officers can work with you and the school to discuss the issues and provide support.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?

Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child's attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to maintain regular patterns of attendance.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers can be found at the website address: www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm or by telephoning 131 536.

Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?

- Won't get out of bed
- Won't go to bed
- Can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag ...
- School lunches not ready
- Dawdles over breakfast
- Homework not done
- Watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- Mum planning a day out
- Test / presentation at school
- Child or sibling birthday
- Child screams and won't let you go.

Here are some suggestions which are based on 'setting regular routines'

- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting/ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child's hand into that of a teacher and then leave.
2013 UNSW International Competitions and Assessment for Schools

For over 30 years, the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) has been helping teachers gain a deeper understanding of their students’ needs. Developed annually for Years 3 to 12, ICAS offers meaningful assessments which challenge students to demonstrate their skills, then give teachers the feedback necessary to build up strengths and target weaknesses. In this way, students are able to continually improve and move closer to achieving their personal best.

Once again the University of NSW Education Testing Centre is holding competitions in: English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Computer Skills. We encourage all students in Years 3-12 to enter into these competitions. The value of these competitions should not be underestimated as it gives our students an opportunity to compete against students from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa and other countries in the Asia Pacific region.

All students will receive a certificate and a detailed result letter for all competitions entered. These documents are suitable for inclusion in a student portfolio.

Please indicate on the form below which competition you wish your child/children to participate in and return to the school office with the correct money by Friday, 5th April.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

These competitions, run by UNSW, will be held again this year. If you wish your child/ren to participate in these please return the following form and amounts by Friday, 5th April, 2013

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