‘Bike Safety’
Helmet Distribution

Reminders

**March**
- Gobondery/NARRAF Gala Day- Peak Hill
  Friday 22nd
- PSSA Tennis - Round 2 vs. Orange PS
  Tuesday 26th

**Assemblies**
- 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
- AGM meeting is TOMORROW NIGHT
  Tuesday, 19th March
Dear Parents,

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the school, and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with a specialised treatment, which is available from your local store. After using the treatment (according to the directions on the pack), use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. Or apply conditioner to dry hair and keep combing for at least 20 minutes (this is a very successful treatment). Any articles which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen, should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should also be washed in hot soapy water. As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time. Also to minimise the risk it would be advisable for long hair to be tied back securely.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Garriock
Principal
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:

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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 ................................
Principal’s Message

Last week was highlighted by “Grandfriends Day’ on Tuesday. Unfortunately I couldn’t be there but I have heard that many grandparents, grandfriends and friends of the school attended to enjoy a wonderful morning tea and presentations by the students. Congratulations to all primary classes who I heard sang beautifully, Stage 4 and Stage 5 students who had wonderful History and Geography presentations, and to the Stage 4 students who recited some of the poetry they had written. My congratulations and thanks go to all involved and especially Mrs Jarvis who organised this event. Thank you to the Stage 5 students who helped Mrs Jarvis with the lovely morning tea. This event is very special and reminds us of the importance of children spending time with their grandparents.

Last week all primary students really enjoyed their visit to the ‘Life Education Van’. Very important messages about living a healthy lifestyle were presented to students in an entertaining manner with ‘Healthy Harold’ being a big hit with all students. I wish to thank Mrs Smith for organising this visit, and also Mr Jack Smith and Mr Leith Adam for driving the van to Tottenham and Tullamore respectively.

Last Wednesday all students received a free bike helmet which featured the very attractive winning design of Amy-Lee Wilson. This program involved students from Tottenham CS, Tullamore CS and Trundle CS in a number of Road and Bike Safety workshops as well as the helmet design competition. Every student from each school received a free helmet featuring Amy-Lee’s design. My thanks go to Melanie Suitor, Parkes and Lachlan Shire Councils, the Police, and the Roads and Maritime Services.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children always wear helmets when riding bikes. It is also vitally important that all bike riders and skateboarders do so safely, following safety and road rules at all times and of course when riding to and from school.

It was great to see so many parents at the whole school assembly last Friday. The other pleasing aspect of the assembly for me was being able to congratulate so many students on receiving their Bronze Merit Levels. In all, sixteen students received their Bronze Merit Level, which means almost all of secondary have now achieved their Bronze Level. In addition a large number of students received Merit Certificates and Sports Awards. Well done everyone!

Last Saturday many students participated in the Tottenham Community Expo. This was an opportunity for everyone to be involved in a wonderful community event. I would like to express my thanks to Mr Geoff Chase and members of the Tottenham Welfare Council for hosting and organising this event. My thanks go also to Kim Williams, Rick Bennett and all the P&C members and parents who manned the food and refreshments stall, providing delicious breakfasts and lunches and very welcome icy cold drinks.

This week will be another busy one. On Wednesday all secondary students will be taking part in a ‘Motivational Media’ presentation. This is a very impressive and inspiring show with images projected onto a massive screen. It allows students to see and hear stories of young people who have, against the odds, achieved success. The presentation aims to motivate and inspire our young teenage people.

Preparations are well and truly underway for the School Fete, which will be on Friday 5th of April. Please keep this date free, and if you are able to contribute in any way contact Rick Bennett or phone the school. I am sure it is going to be a great day and as it is the P&C’s major fundraiser for the year, I urge everyone to support, attend and enjoy the afternoon.

A reminder to all parents that the P&C Annual General Meeting is on this Tuesday, 19th March at 7.30pm in the library - Everyone Welcome!

Congratulations to Elyssa Pearce who has qualified to compete in breaststroke at the PSSA State Swimming Carnival in Sydney later this term. Well done to Naomi Fishpool and Danielle Harding who both tried out for the CHS Western Area CHS Girls’ Soccer Team last week. Best wishes also to Hannah Smith who is competing at CHS Golf today and to Sammy Dunn who is trying out for the Western Area CHS Boys’ Soccer Team tomorrow.

Best wishes to all the primary students who will be involved in the Gobondery/NARRAF cricket and softball Gala Day on Friday this week!
This newsletter contains information about the UNSW Academic Competitions. I encourage all students to enter some of the competitions. These competitions give our students good practice in sitting exams and also give some indication, through results, of how they compare to other students from schools across Australia and around the Asia Pacific Region. Please note that the entry form and full payment are required on or before Friday the 5th of April.

Attached to this newsletter is information about 2013 School Fees. It would be appreciated if all fees could be paid before the end of Term 1.

Have a terrific week!

Steve Garriock

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**MERIT SYSTEM**

Congratulations to Demmi Bennett and Jayde Fishpool for having moved to Bronze in the Merit System. Well done to these students.

L. Jarvis

**BULB ORDERS DUE TO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH.**

Orders for bulbs from the catalogue sent home in a recent newsletter need to be returned to school tomorrow, **Tuesday 19th March**, with delivery on 4th April. Funds raised by the sale of these bulbs will go towards supporting the Merit System for all students. Please make cheques payable to school. Spare catalogues are available at school if needed.

L. Jarvis

**KINDERGARTEN READING GROUPS**

I would like to have some helpers for our kindergarten reading groups. Our reading times are Monday and Tuesday at 10.00am and Wednesday and Thursday at 11.20am. Each session is for 30 minutes. If you would like to help out weekly, fortnightly or on a semi regular basis, could you please let me know?

Thankyou, Amanda Smith

**BOOK CLUB**

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

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**Class Fete Stalls**

**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

**Year 2/3** will be running a bottle stall and a balance game at the fete. Any donations of bottles or jars filled with produce/lollies or any other items from the community would be greatly appreciated. We would also appreciate any donations of little prizes for our game. These can be brought into our classroom at any time.

Thank you Grace Stewart

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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.

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Signed: ___________________________________
MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the students who received merit certificates at last Friday’s assembly.

K/1
- Tyrone Gumbleton-Hogarth
- Maddi Loftus
- Alesha Pollard (2)
- Henry Baldwinson
- Bree Adam
- Julian Ridley (2)
- Sophie Hopkins

2/3
- Liam Humbert
- Angus Baker
- Isabelle Lindsay
- Ben Radford
- Zanthie Hewett
- William Anderson

4/5/6
- Michelle Harding
- Tom Hopkins
- Thomas Hewett
- Madi Hopkins
- Anneka Lees
- Eliza Harley
- Jeanne Hardy
- Oliver Lees
- Robert Adam

Secondary
- Danielle Harding
- Hannah Smith (3)
- Sammy Dunn (3)
- Leonie Jones (2)
- Tommy Shanks

- Chelsea Smith (2)
- Demmi Bennett (2)
- Brendon Vincent (2)
- Bridget Bennett (3)
- Sam Jackson

- Peter Lindsay
- Jayde Fishpool (2)
- Jack Bennett
- Jack Weber

P & C News

AG EXPO
I would like to thank the parents who helped out on the P&C stall last Saturday at the Ag Expo. It was a very successful day and your efforts were greatly appreciated.

FETE
Parent Helpers Needed!
Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help on stalls. We are still in need of more help and 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 Fete. 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. A roster/timetable will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Donations Please.
Cakes, Craft, Plants and Produce. We would appreciate any donations of cakes, craft, plants and produce for the fete stalls. Craft items can be left at the school anytime and cakes, plants and produce brought in on the day.
White Elephant. Any donations of preloved items in good, clean, saleable condition can be sent in prior to the fete or brought in on the day.

Kid’s Raffle
SRC are running their own ‘Kids Raffle’ with prizes like an iTunes 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 Fete. Tickets are 50cents. Please support this fundraiser and initiative from the SRC.

Things to do:
- Spread the word to family & friends and mention that the fete is starting at 12.30pm
- Get things together for stalls and bring/send them in to school
- Organise your “Rock Star” outfit for the opening parade
- Bake up a storm for the cake stall, get creative with your craft and bring your goodies in on the day
- Prepare some seedlings/cuttings of plants for the plant stall
- Gather some eggs, fruit, pumpkins etc for the produce stall
- Bring in saleable goods for the “White Elephant” stall

Next Fete Meeting
The next Fete meeting will be held this Thursday, 21st March, in the school library at 3.30pm. We appreciate any input, ideas or suggestions and all are very welcome to attend. The annual Fete is a major fundraiser and enables the P&C to provide vital additional resources to the school and all its students.

For further information please contact Rick Bennett – 68924070 or Kim Williams - 68928264
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.
SURPLUS COMPUTER & PRINTERS & ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT
Tottenham Central School has several items of technology that are surplus to needs. Most are out-dated pieces of equipment that are still serviceable, however are not up to our classroom standards. If you feel that any of these items may be of interest to you, please contact the school and make an offer.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO WARRANTY OR SUPPORT OFFERED WITH THESE ITEMS.

LEXMARK, C780 COLOUR LASER PRINTER. Able to be networked, prints A3 and A4. In working order.

HP LASERJET 1505n LASER PRINTER (monochrome). Has problems with pick-up feed, however can produce a good quality print. Able to be networked.

2 x EPSON EMP-82 PROJECTOR. Can be ceiling mounted. In working order, however image is not as bright as is needed in a classroom.

4 x IBM THINKCENTRE DESKTOP PC MODEL # M-9211 – D14. In working order. Most have CD/DVD drives. Comes complete with keyboard and mouse, but NO MONITOR

2 x HP COMPAQ PCs. In working order. Floppy & CD/DVD drives. Comes complete with keyboard and mouse, but NO MONITOR

IBM THINKPAD LAPTOP Model: R51e. Works fine, just not as quick as it used to be!

SWITCHES / ROUTERS. A collection of 10/100 HP Procurve, Compaq Netelligent, & Allied Tennyson CentreCom FS716 routers and switches, mostly 16 ports.
**Sport News**

**WESTERN AREA CHS GIRLS SOCCER**
Congratulations to Danielle Harding and Naomi Fishpool who competed at the Western Area CHS Girls Soccer trials at Dubbo last Thursday.

**WESTERN AREA CHS GIRLS GOLF**
Good luck to Hannah Smith who is participating in the CHS Western Area Golf Championships at Orange today.

**WESTERN AREA CHS BOYS SOCCER**
Good luck to Sammy Dunn who is participating in the CHS Western Area Boys Soccer trials tomorrow.

**GOBONDERY/NARRAF CRICKET/SOFTBALL GALA DAY**
Good luck to the 4/5/6 students who are participating in the Gobondery/NARRAF Cricket/Softball Gala Day this Friday at Peak Hill.

## Sport dates for Term 1

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## Attendance

**Do you have problems with getting your child to school?**

*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.
**YOUTH CLUB**
Thank you to Shannon and Josh for supervising on Friday. This week Montana and Kara are on duty. A big thank you to the kids who volunteered at the Ag. Expo on Saturday. You all did a fantastic job! The 10 Pin bowling night on Saturday night went very well and we thank Bill Berryman for driving the bus, much appreciated!

**PONY CLUB**
The Annual General Meeting, registration and our first rally for the year will be held this Sunday, 24th March, 10.30am – 4.30pm. Pies and sausage rolls will be available for lunch.
Enquiries L Jarvis – 68928211.

**GIRLS/LADIES SOCCER TEAM**
We are looking to form a girls/ladies soccer team in the area. We had tried to form a team to be entered into the Parkes comp but we are all so busy and we couldn’t quite round up the 10 ladies required. So our next idea is to start up a casual and social, seven a side comp, between Trundle, Tullamore and Tottenham. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in joining in for a bit of fun, a laugh and some exercise then please contact Mel Alvey ASAP on 68925562 or jmalvey@bigpond.com

**STAGE 4 SCIENCE STUDENTS USING THE VAN DE GRAAFF GENERATOR**
A Van de Graaff generator is an electrostatic generator which uses a moving belt to accumulate very high voltages on a hollow metal globe on the top of a stand. It was invented by American physicist Robert J. Van de Graaff in 1929. Question……Why would something like this be invented?? Answer in next week’s newsletter.

**St Anthony’s**

**Changing times**

Father Doug wishes to inform everyone at St Anthony’s that due to commitments he has decided to cancel Mass on Saturday, 23rd March and have Mass on Saturday, 30th March, at 4pm which will be the Easter Vigil Mass for Tottenham. Also, at this Mass there will discussions about having a working bee to do some long overdue repairs.

The church will be opened on Good Friday at 2.45pm for anyone wishing to make the Stations of the Cross.
Should anyone require more information please ring 68474147.
Father Doug
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.

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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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