



Tottenham Central School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 29th September, 2009
Week 10, Term 3

Principal's report

My last few hundred words...

I spent a bit of time talking to the adults who accompanied the Year 4/5/6 excursion last week and they were all full of praise for the way the children behaved while they were in Sydney. I have a strong belief that we make our own luck and this applies to successful excursions; they don't just happen, they come as a result of good planning and lots of hard work. I'd like to thank Mrs Attenborough, Mrs Lindsay, Mr Wright and Mr Bennett for making the excursion such a success. Without people willing to step up and take on supervisory roles on excursions, such trips simply would not happen. The success of the trip is a testament to their dedication and hard work. Thankyou.

This is my last principal's report so I'm going to take this opportunity to thank all those who I've met and worked with over the last term and a half. Thanks to everyone for their dedicated involvement in the education of the students at this wonderful school. I've been doing a bit of thinking about next term and I can't deny that I'll miss Tottenham Central School a great deal. I imagine that quite a few people will be interested in the new principal and wondering what he's like. As I won't get another opportunity, I thought I might take this chance to offer my personal perspective on your new principal.

I started teaching at Trundle Central in 1986. It was my first school and my first teaching appointment. In the years since I've met and observed many teachers; some good, some not so good but only a handful who I would describe as truly brilliant and inspirational. One of these was a man by the name of Col Garner, who was teaching at Trundle Central for two of the years I was at the school. Col was a real teachers' teacher; he knew both the art and craft of teaching. Col had all the attributes that I think are essential for really good teaching; he knew his subject and was passionate about passing it on to his students, he got a real buzz from seeing them develop and learn, he had a great sense of humour and he had a fairly keen eye for the good in a child. Not once did I ever hear him run a kid down, either to their face or behind their back. However one quality he had in abundance was probably the most important requirement if a teacher is to be successful in this job; he simply loved kids. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Col when it came to the kids and the dead give away that this bloke was something special was that the kids loved him back, in spades. Sadly, Col passed away a few years after I left Trundle.

What does this have to do with Tottenham Central's new principal? Well the man who later filled Col Garner's very big shoes as Head Teacher at Trundle Central was Mr Stephen Garriock, the new permanent principal of Tottenham Central. I've had the chance to get to know Stephen a little over the last few months as I've worked at Tottenham. I may not be able to stare into a crystal ball and tell you what type of Principal Stephen is going to make for Tottenham Central but I do know that any teacher who can step into a position once filled by a teacher like Col Garner and be universally respected by his school community must be doing something right. There are a couple of teachers still at Trundle Central who date from my time there and one of these is Carmel Berry. I gauge the level of respect the staff and students at Trundle have for Stephen through the comments friends like Carmel have made about him, things she was telling me even before he got the principal's job here. These comments have definite echoes of those qualities I mentioned earlier, attributes that I feel make a truly great teacher. I have a great deal of respect for Carmel's judgement and, based on this and my own reaction to Stephen as I've come to know him better, I have no doubt that Tottenham Central School will be in very capable hands.

As I know he reads my principal's reports avidly, I'll say welcome to Tottenham Central Stephen, this is a fantastic school.

Trevor Hodges
Relieving Principal.

Dates to remember

School Concert Night
Wed 30th September

Aboriginal Performance
9.30am Fri 2nd October

Suggested Assembly Dates

Week 10 – 2.10.09
Yr 12 Farewell Assembly

All parents and
community members are
welcome to attend.

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School Performance – Gindaja – Sean Dewar

On Friday, 2nd October we will be having an Aboriginal Performance, Gindaja – Sean Dewar. The performance will start at 9.30am in the Library. The cost is FREE and any community members that would like to attend are more than welcome.

K/1/2/3 Concert Items

We will send the childrens' costumes home today with them. As the concert night is an out of uniform night, they can come dressed in their costume for Mother Goose's Goose Is Loose and bring other costumes ready to change in to. Thank you to all parents for helping with costumes. The children looked great at their dress rehearsal. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Thank you,
Amanda Smith & Meggan Adam

Welfare System Update

Moving from Copper to Bronze recently are Natalie Lindsay, Luke Ball and Karl Fitzalan. Peter Lindsay has recently moved from Bronze to Silver. Congratulations to these students!

Concert Night Refreshments

Drinks and chips will be on sale during intermission on Wednesday night. Funds raised will go towards the welfare program.
L Jarvis

Sand Green Golf

Good luck to Jason Owen, Alex Williams, Steven Holmes, Danni Jackson and Hannah Smith who are participating in the Sand Green Golf Championships at Yeoval this Friday.

Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual Trophies awarded at Presentation Night last year need to be returned to the office to allow for this years' Presentation Night to be organised.

Thank you

Access News

Last Friday night 25th September Kayla and Bethany attended the Access Graduation at Parkes.

Year 11 continue their Preliminary exams today and tomorrow.



Bethany Brown with Mr Hodges at the Access Graduation



Kayla Davidson with Mr Hodges at the Access Graduation

Year 4/5/6 Excursion

Last week Year 4/5/6 travelled to Sydney for their excursion. They enjoyed many different experiences such as the Scenic Railway, Sydney Aquarium, Centre Point Tower, Oz Trek, Darling Harbour, Imax, The Rocks, a ferry ride, Manly beach, Harbour Bridge, Tarmac Tour, a ride on the Monorail, the Powerhouse Museum, ANZ Stadium and Circular Quay. I would like to congratulate all the students on their exceptional behaviour during the excursion. A huge thank you to Mrs Attenborough, Mrs Lindsay, Mr Wright and Mr Bennett who accompanied the students on their excursion. Thank you also to the P&C, school and library who helped subsidise the cost. A very special thank you to Kay and Ray Henry (Tottenham Bakery) and Sue Nicholls for their exceptional generosity during our fundraising.



Tennis Competitions

Primary and secondary students will continue with their tennis competitions this week.

Year Book Cover Competition

Entries are now being invited for the 2009 Year Book Cover. Entries must be A4 in size and contain the words "Tottenham Central School, 2009".

Entries are to be submitted to Mrs Jarvis by Tuesday, 27th October, 2009.

L Jarvis

Secondary Guard of Honour

A reminder to those secondary students that will be forming the Guard of Honour tomorrow, that your signed permission note needs to be returned to school. Full uniform is expected.

L Jarvis

Canteen

- NO pies, sausage rolls or party pies for sale during Term 4.
- Canteen accounts will be sent home this week. It would be appreciated if these could be paid before the end of term.
- Thank you to all the parents and children who have supported the canteen over the past term. It is with this support that we are able to provide this service. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Carol & Allison

Youth Club

Thanks to Andrew and Wendy for Squash night last Friday. This week there will be no Open House unless we have a volunteer. Have a safe break.

Thanks.

Lisa

Mosaic Workshop

There will be a FREE mosaic workshop at the school on Monday 12th October at 1.00pm. Names to Mrs Fishpool by 10th October.

Soccer Club News.

The Soccer Club held its AGM and Presentation day on the 18th August.

Congratulations to all the children on a great season & also to the following who received special awards on the day.

Most improved players-

Makayla Strudwick,

Chloe Baker

Jayde Fishpool.

Most Consistent

Joshua Eldridge

Lachlan Hunt

Fergus Brown

Sportsmanship Award

Xavier Bryant,

Karl Fitzalan

Geoffrey Hillam



Many thanks to the parents and grandparents for their support and help throughout the season.

The new committee members for next year will be:

President -

David Fishpool

Vice President -

John Lees

Secretary -

Melanie Eldridge

Treasurer -

Sandra Hewett,

Canteen Officer -

Melissa Strudwick

Publicity Officer -

Barbara Baker



Pony Club

Pony Club will hold its next rally and working bee on Thursday, 8th October, 10am start. On this day we will set up the horse events for the gymkhana. Please bring a water bottle.

L. Jarvis