



Tottenham Central School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 2nd November, 2009

Week 3, Term 4

Principal's Message

Last week was another busy week at school for everyone, with Year Six students starting their Transition Program in preparation for Year 7 2010 and a visit from the pre-schoolers who will become our 2010 Kindergarten class next year. We also had a visit from Quality Sporting Services. Their instructors provided excellent gymnastic and netball activities which were enjoyed by all. The young woman who ran the netball activities is the current captain of the Fijian Netball Team! Well done to everyone concerned.

Perhaps the highlight of the week however, was the K/1/2/3 excursion to Dubbo. All the students were visibly excited on Friday morning as they came into school. There was much talk of meerkats and elephants before they left! All reports indicate they had a great day. My thanks go to Mrs Smith, Mrs Adam and Mrs Baker for organising and supervising the excursion. Special thanks also to Belinda Lindsay and Simone Berryman for assisting on the day.

I continue to be impressed with the students' happy, positive attitudes and I am still on track to meet as many students as possible. I have also managed to talk at length, to a number of students. With some secondary students the topic of their future directions came up. Most students had obviously given it some thought and they surprised me with their answers. Possible careers included vet/equine studies, nursing, teaching, music/sound engineering and farming. The other interesting conversation I had was with a Primary student. He asked me to come to his classroom and see his work. Chatting to him, I asked him what his interests were, prompting him with suggestions like cars or Rugby League. To my delight and surprise he said farming also! It was heartening to see a lot of students were thinking about their future and I would urge all Stage 5 and Stage 6 students to consider and research career options during Work Education classes and in their spare time.

We have, since the beginning of term had two prac teachers from CSU working here. They have been working with Jodie Attenborough and her Year 4/5 class. I am sure the experience of teaching in a school such as this, and working with Jodie and her good students, will continue to be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

On Wednesday this week, Primary students will be involved in the "Super 8's Cricket" at Peak Hill and we wish them well in their games. On Friday 6th of November, there is a School Assembly at 2.30pm and all parents and friends of the school are invited to attend.

Next week, Year 10 students start their SC exams, commencing on Monday 9th November. I again urge all Year 10 to devote as much time as possible to revision and study in preparation for these exams. Remember the BOS website has practice questions for all exams. Work hard this week Yr 10!

Enjoy your week!

Stephen Garriock
Principal

Dates to remember

November

Wed 4th - Super 8's Cricket
Wed 4th - Bennett Cup Tennis
Final
Mon 16th - WAP Orientation Day
Wed 25th - Burgoyne Debate
Mon 30th - Y 10 Work Exp week
(Sydney)

December

Fri 4th - Bogan Shield
Fri 4th - Central School Swimming
Tue 8th - School Disco
Thur 10th - Graduation
Tues 15th - Presentation Night

Assembly Dates For Term 4

Week 3	6 th November
Week 5	20 th November
Week 8	11 th December

All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Assemblies start 2.30pm in the school library

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P & C News

In order to accommodate harvest, there will be **NO November meeting**.

Thank You

Thank you to all students, parents, staff and community members who supported the cancer research day.

We raised:

\$337 for Canteen

\$112 for Pink Ribbon

\$112 for prostate cancer

A special thank you goes to everyone who sent in cupcakes. They were all sold on the day.

Calendars, Cards and Mouse Mats

Kids Art Works are offering mouse mats this year as well as calendars and cards. The mouse mats are suitable for art work but photos need a border around the edge to work properly.

The calendar art work will cost \$11, photo calendars \$12, and all cards and mouse mat \$14 each.

Please return the order form, which has been sent home together with the appropriate money, to the school by Friday, 13th November.

Roslyn McFadyen



Talking Tottenham

Talking Tottenham will be published

Thursday 3rd December

All articles are to be received at the
School office before

Monday 30th November

Thank you

Kindergarten 2010 Parent Meeting

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th December at 2.30pm. in the school library, for all parents/carers of children beginning Kindergarten in 2010. At this meeting, information regarding, all aspects of 'life at school' will be presented. All interested parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Access News

HSC Exams

Mon 2nd Nov - Community and Family Studies
Kayla, Bethany, Billie-Jo

Wed 4th Nov - Legal Studies
Kayla, Bethany, Billie-Jo

Swimming

Swimming for primary sport will begin this week. Secondary swimming will begin next week.



Tennis Competition Finals

The Secondary Finals will now be played this Wednesday 4th November during secondary sport.

Bennett Cup Finalists:

Girls: Jayde Fishpool v Demmi Bennett

Boys: Jason Owen v Blake Loftus

The Primary finals will be played tomorrow Tuesday 3rd November at 9.00 a.m.

Williams Cup Finalists:

Girls: Daisy Berryman V Georgie Berryman

Boys: Joe Williams V Karl Fitzalan

Vincent Cup Finalists:

Girls: Claire Mackinnon V Bridget Bennett

Boys: Edward Smith V Jeremy Hillam

Super 8's Cricket



Good luck to the two primary teams participating in the Super 8's cricket competition this Wednesday 4th November at Peak Hill. Thank you to Mrs Baker, Mr Garriock and parents who are transporting and supporting the students. If your child is travelling with someone else could you please send \$10 for petrol money.

Thank you

Welfare System Update

Moving to Bronze this week have been Sophie Williams, Faith Miller and Tommy Shanks. Congratulations to these students.

L Jarvis

Stage 5 Work Education

Parents of Stage 5 are reminded that Work Experience for Year 10 in Hornsby is going ahead during Week 7 of this term, from 30th November – 4th December. Arrangements are well under way, and notes will be sent home later this week. Please keep in mind that students will need clothing suitable for their week of work, and it is planned that they will each be phoning their employer throughout this week.

Mock Interviews for all of Stage 5 will be conducted on Thursday, 26th November.

L. Jarvis

Far West Academy Netball Trials 2009-10

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November, 2009

Who is eligible

- Netball players who reside in the Far West region of NSW (i.e. area bound by Lake Cargelligo – Lightning Ridge, Trangie – Broken Hill)
- Athletes must turn 14-18 in 2010 (i.e. born between 1992 – 1996).

Where Warren Sport and Cultural Centre

Time Arrival – 10.30am Sat 21 November
Departure – 2.30pm Sun 22 Nov

Cost \$5 meals
\$5 accommodation at stadium (camp style)

Nominations close Monday 16 November, 2009.
Application forms available from Sarah Lindsay at school

Concert Night DVD

There are two DVD's available from Concert Night. Disk 1 contains all performances up to, but not including, the secondary item. Disk 2 contains all of the secondary item as well as all of the still photos I took on the night. Orders are being taken if you wish to purchase either of the two disks. Cost: \$10 each, or both for \$15. Proceeds from the sale of the DVD's will go towards the cost of hiring the sound system for the night.

For your copy/copies please complete and return the following order as soon as possible.

L Jarvis

Concert Night Disk Order			
Name:			
Contact Phone:		Quantity	Total
Disk 1 (all items, excluding secondary item)	\$10 each		
Disk 2 (Secondary Item plus 270 still photos)	\$10 each		
Set of Disks 1 & 2	\$15 set		
	Total:		

Please return to school as soon as possible with correct money, cheques made payable to Tottenham Central School. Orders will be returned promptly.

Youth Club

We held Fright Night last Friday. Thanks to Brent for helping clean, set up and decorate. Could have done better with movie choices but we live and learn. Next year we'll scare your socks off. Working on a supervisor for this week, will spread the news when it's finalised.

Meeting tonight - Monday 2nd November, 6.30pm with Heather Blackley from WPRD attending. Please make the effort to come. Light supper will be provided.

Agenda: Funds from Tottenham Tourism
mosaic gutter numbers
Pool party
Christmas Tree in the Park
Australia Day Committee
Youth Club office

MEDIA RELEASE



29 October 2009

13 local schools named in four of the state's top school achievement awards

Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid has congratulated 13 local schools on winning 2009 Director-General's School Achievement Awards.

The announcement coincides with World Teachers Day tomorrow (Friday, 30 October).

The 13 schools are recognised with four separate awards.

Mrs McDiarmid said the winning achievements were:

- **Denison College of Secondary Education** for the *WeCONNECTonline* project
- **Western Access Program** for using emerging technologies and collaboration to increase the educational opportunities for isolated students in small rural communities
- **Orana Heights Public School** for its inclusion response to students with special needs
- **Dubbo College** of its team approach to careers and transition education

"Each award recognises amazing achievements that have brought exceptional benefits to many public education students," Mrs McDiarmid said.

"They point to the exceptional education that is taking place every day in our Western NSW public schools.

"Each of the initiatives recognised by the Director-General's School Achievement Awards has in its own way been motivated by the important public education value of a fair go for all.

"Our schools are creating better educational outcomes for their students.

"I not only applaud the work of the teachers and schools who have won these awards, but also pay tribute to the thousands of dedicated teachers who are committed to making a difference in the lives of their students right across the Western NSW Region."

Mrs McDiarmid said one interesting aspect of this year's awards in Western NSW Region was that three of the four were shared by schools that work co-operatively together. These awards were for:

- **Denison College of Secondary Education** – Bathurst High and Kelso High campuses
- **Western Access Program** - Peak Hill, Tottenham, Trangie, Trundle, Tullamore, Tullibigeal and Yeoval Central Schools
- **Dubbo College** – Delroy, Dubbo South and Senior campuses

Each award will be presented locally so teachers, students, other staff and the school communities have the best opportunity to celebrate their outstanding achievements.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES: Grant Hatch Media Liaison Officer 02 63348080 / 0419284243

Pony Club

Our next rally will be Saturday, 14th November, 4pm start. Please bring a water bottle.

L. Jarvis

Tidy Town Awards

The Tidy Town Awards weekend was held in Tamworth on Friday 30th – 31st October. Lochart was the 2009 winner of the NSW Tidy Towns Competition.

Tottenham did very well winning 3 awards in the sponsored section.

- Tottenham won the award for waste management litter reduction in Category A with their "Do the Right Thing" in Tottenham program.
- Tottenham also won the wildlife corridors and habitats conservation award in Category A with their tree planting program.
- Tottenham also received a highly commended award in Category A with their catching and storing storm water run off facilities.

Category 'A' in population 1-350 residents

There will be a presentation of these awards at this Friday's School Assembly

