



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 5th November 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th to Friday 15th November
School Swimming Scheme

Thursday 14th November
Kinder Orientation Day
9.30 - 11.30

Wednesday 27th November
School Council 6 pm
P & C 7 pm

Thursday 5th December
Kinder Orientation Teddy Bears Picnic
12.30 - 1.30

Thursday 12th December
Presentation Evening 7 pm

Monday 16th December
Year 6 Farewell (Yrs 5 & 6)

Tuesday 17th December
Whole School Disco

Wednesday 18th December
Last Day of Term
Mufti Day

2014 Dates

Tuesday 28th January
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29th January
Students Years 1 to 6 return

Thursday 30th January
Kindergarten students start

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Transition Morning

As a part of our transition program, all students jumped up a grade level this morning giving each student an introduction to their 2014 school year. Also during the morning, Year 5 students worked with Miss Kirk preparing themselves in their new role as Kindergarten Buddies and Year Six students spent time with Mrs Gaukroger, discussing what to expect when they enter high school.

Our 2014 Kindergarten intake will visit our school for their next transition morning on Thursday week (14th November) where they will be introduced to their buddy.

School Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all classes commenced yesterday. The lessons, conducted at Gould Swimming Academy take place every day for two weeks. 3/4/5/6 will leave school at 11.30am and return to school by 1.15pm. K/1/2 will leave school at 1.30pm and return to school by 3.00pm. Students who are not doing swimming lessons will stay at school with the remaining classes.

Borella House Christmas Carols

Our school has been invited to sing Christmas carols to the residents of Borella House in Albury on the 6th December. Students will be learning a selection of carols and songs in the lead up to this important community event.

ICAS Mathematics Certificates

Results for the ICAS Mathematics test have arrived at school and certificates will be handed out during Friday's assembly. I am very pleased to announce that among the awards, of

the five students who undertook the challenge, one achieved a Credit certificate.

RFS Fire Safety Visit

The Rural Fire Service education team visited our school last week presenting fire awareness sessions to all classes. Students played a fun life sized game of Snakes and Ladders, where they were the board pieces and each square had a fire safety message. With the summer months fast approaching, it is very important to know what to do when faced with a dangerous fire situation.



Selective High School Application for 2015

Selective High Schools applications for Year 7 placement in 2015 are now available. Paper applications are available at school, however, applicants seeking placement in a selective high school in 2014 with access to the internet should submit an online application. Online application is available until Monday 18 November 2013.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Andrew McEachern - Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are pleased to announce that Lowes Albury are now stocking all summer & winter uniforms in all sizes.

Please see attached price list.

XMAS CARDS FOR SALE

The students have been creating wonderful Xmas artwork and we will be making Xmas cards using this artwork.

You can order as many as you like of your children's creations or order a mixed set which will consist of a random selection.

Please see the attached sample and order form. If you would like to have some of these wonderful cards to send to your family and friends, complete the order form and return to school along with your payment.

Cards & envelope will sell for \$1.50 each.

Cards are printed on card not paper.

HOW2Learn

You can PDQ it!

Learning happens naturally through play. You can support your child once you realize that most learning involves three stages. This is true whether you are just playing or involved in more structured learning.

The three stages are:

1. getting yourself ready to learn
 2. the learning itself
 3. checking that you have got it all worked out.
- We call this **PDQ**.

Plan for it, Do it, Quiz yourself about it

PDQ Activity: shopping with a young child
Plan for it

1. Talk to your child: 'We're going shopping today. What do we need?
2. Make a list. Make sure you write clearly so that your child can read any words they know and count the items with you.
3. Leave the big list at home to check things off when you get home, and write out a small list to take with you.

Do it

4. Set your child tasks at the supermarket: ask them to remember some things on the list; ask them to find specific items on the shelves.

Quiz yourselves about it

5. Talk to your child as you unpack the shopping
6. Count out how many things you've bought and check them off against the big list you left at home.
7. Organise items into groups, ready to put away: things for the freezer, things for the fridge, tins and packets for the cupboard, and things for cleaning and the bathroom.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for 2013 are \$40 per child. This fee covers the cost of textbooks and other consumables for each child. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Table Top Public School.

MATHLETICS CONTRIBUTION

Parents are asked to contribute \$10 per child to help cover the annual user fee for Mathletics in our school. This is a fantastic price, as the usual fee is \$99 per child. Thanks to the P&C who have already committed funds to support Mathletics for our children.

P & C FUNDRAISING CONTRIBUTION

The fund raising voluntary contribution for 2013 is \$50 per family. This can be paid in full or by instalments over the next three terms as follows:

Term 1	\$20
Term 2	\$20
Term 3	\$10.

*Cheques should be made payable to
TTPS P & C*

school bank details:

Account Name: Table Top Public School

Account Number: 157014

BSB: 032-001

Reference: *Surname and item/s being paid*

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following award winners from last Friday's School Assembly:

K/1 AWARDS

Ned ~ for great learning in patterns
Darcy ~ for Super Spelling

2-3 AWARDS

Ethan ~ for persevering well in Maths
Caleb ~ for excellent Storywriting

4-6 AWARDS

Isla ~ for working well in class
Emily ~ for a great effort in class
Ellie ~ for great application in sport & PE

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GARDENING NEWS

Yesterday we potted up tomato plants and these are available for sale at \$2 each. We also have eggs for sale for \$4 per dozen.

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.



Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There's no doubt that success in today's world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you'll witness diversity firsthand. You're likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You'll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are 'different'. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation

of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait. Here's how:

- ✓ **Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.
- ✓ **Model acceptance.** Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.
- ✓ **Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views.** Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.
- ✓ **Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- ✓ **Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children's differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.

TABLE TOP COMMUNITY

FOOD SWAP

Thurs Nov 14th 2013 6pm - 7:30pm

TABLE TOP COMMUNITY HALL

A **FOOD SWAP** is open to all the community whether you have something to swap or not.

- ❖ Do you have fresh home grown produce you would like to share and swap - please come along.
- ❖ Do you bake or preserve FANTASTIC - simply list the ingredients used on a label and bring those precious delights to swap.
- ❖ Do you have other items that help grow delicious food such as seeds or seedlings or manure..terrific bring them to swap.
- ❖ Perhaps your garden is brimming with spring flowers that you can compose in a bunch and bring to swap.
- ❖ Eggs - nothing quite like home grown eggs - a great delight to share with those who haven't ventured down this path
- ❖ Do you like meeting your neighbours - then come and have a cuppa and share some yarns and garden experiences
- ❖ Don't have something to swap - doesn't matter - you can make a \$donation instead and still enjoy the goods.
- ❖ Bring your own bags, boxes and egg cartons (good for swapping too) for taking home all those swapped items
- ❖ Food swaps are about community, home grown produce, sharing and not individual gain. Help us celebrate us.

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