



# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

School Council Meeting 6 pm

P & C Meeting 7 pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

GMTT Network Day

Last Active After School session

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Last Day of Term 3

P & C Astronomy Night

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Labour Day Holiday

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

First Day of Term 4

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Years 4 - 6 Canberra Excursion

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

School Council Meeting 6pm

P & C Meeting 7 pm

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Gerogery Sports Day

K -6

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

School Swimming Scheme

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Kinder Orientation Day

9.30 - 11.30

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

School Council 6 pm

P & C 7 pm

## SAVE THE DATE

Here are some more dates that will be coming up later this year:

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Kinder Teddy Bears Picnic

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Presentation Evening

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 6 Farewell (Yrs 5 & 6)

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Whole School Disco

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last Day of Term (Mufti -day)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### P&C Election Day Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall

Our school library will be used as a polling place on election day (this Saturday), drawing in many people from across the area into our school as they cast their vote. This is a perfect opportunity for our P&C to sell a few snags and cakes to the hungry constituents and raise some funds to help support our school. If you are able to give up a little bit of your time and donate a home baked cake or two, it would be much appreciated. Please contact the office to put down your name.

### Kinder Orientation

It was fantastic to see so many new and happy faces join in on our first Kinder Orientation day last week. Our new enrolments went for a ride on the school bus, took part in learning activities in the classroom and most stayed for recess. Miss Kirk presented an information session for parents about what to expect in the Kindergarten year. The Orientation Day also caused much excitement for our current Kinder and Year 1 students as they progressed to Year 1 and Year 2 for the morning!

Further Kinder visits will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November (9.30 am TO 11.30 am) and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Teddy Bears Picnic 12.30 pm TO 1 .30 pm).

### **Athletics Success**

Well done to Natalie from Year 4 who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 100m age race at the Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival last week. Natalie has qualified to represent the Riverina at the NSW State Carnival later in the year.

### **2-3 Library Excursion**

Mrs Cambey is taking her class to visit the Library Museum today to look at and participate in activities around the Albury Historical display.

Mrs Livermore and Lou Bull will accompany the class.

### **GM TT Network Day**

Students and staff from Gerogery PS, Mullengandra PS and Table Top PS will combine for a GM TT Network Day this Thursday, 5th September. During the day, students will join stage groups (K/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6) to participate in Personal Development, maths and tabloid learning activities. Parents who would like to lend a hand on the day are most welcome to come along!

### **Premiers Spelling Bee**

The 4/5/6 class held a competition today to decide the Table Top PS Premier's Spelling Bee representatives. Our school will send two representatives from Year 3/4 and two representatives from Year 5/6 to the regional final which will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Thurgoona PS. The winners were decided after publication of this edition of the newsletter and will be included in next week's edition. The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

### **School Assembly**

Parents are more than welcome to attend our whole school assembly, which is held from 12.20-1.00pm in the school library each Friday until the end of term.

### **School Facebook page**

Have you liked our Facebook page yet? Our school Facebook page is for parents, where information on the latest happenings, the newsletter and photos are shared. If you are a Facebook user, do a search on Table Top Public School or follow this web address:

<https://www.facebook.com/TableTopPublicSchool>



### **Year 6 JFHS Orientation**

Year 6 students enrolling at James Fallon High School next year attend their first Orientation Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. During the day students will meet teachers and fellow students and take part in a series of activities preparing them for a successful transition into secondary school.

### **SRC Footy Colours/Crazy Hair Day**

Members of the Student Representative Council met for an SRC meeting last Tuesday lunchtime. Among the many things discussed, it was decided that the SRC would host a Footy Colours/Crazy Hair day on the last day of term. For a gold coin donation, students will be allowed to dress up in their favourite footy/sport team colours and do something crazy with their hair! It should prove to be a fun day.

### **School Council/P&C Meetings**

A reminder that our next School Council Meeting (6pm) & P&C meeting (7pm) will be held on Wednesday evening.

*Andrew McEachern*

## HOW2Learn

### **Providing the BASICS**

How children feel about themselves affects their approach to life. It influences their willingness to 'have a go' and take risks. It's difficult to say 'I don't know' or 'I need help' if you believe you're not good enough. It's more difficult to be successful if you don't think well of yourself.

Here are the elements of what we call the BASICS. They are key to effective family learning and developing your child's self-esteem.

#### **Belonging**

Everyone needs to feel they belong. Children need to feel valued and loved, both at home and at school. Make time to be with your child and listen to them. But there is more to it than just showing you care. If you establish routines for times like meals, baths, reading and bed, your child will know how you expect them to behave. This will help them to feel a sense of security and belonging.

Children with a strong sense of belonging are more likely to make friends who have similar clear guidance from their families. They will be more trusting in making friendships and less likely to be shy.

#### ***Tips for developing a sense of belonging***

- Show your child what you want them to do, rather than criticizing them.
- Remind your child that they are loved for who they are and not what they do.
- Keep a family photograph album. Look at it sometimes and talk about the people it shows.

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

This week will be the last week for Active After School. Please be aware that as of next week students will be placed on the bus as usual unless we are advised otherwise via a note or phone call.

There will be no make-up session for the Tuesday that was cancelled due to unavailability of dance tutor.

### KINDER SOUND

The Kindergarten sound for this week is 'I' for Lion



### KINDER THANK YOU

Miss Kirk would like to thank the families who bought morning tea for the Kinder Orientation last Thursday.

### ELECTION DAY STALL & BBQ

Table Top Public School will be a polling place for the Federal Election on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds from the surrounding community.

We are calling for parents to help with a Sausage sizzle and a cake/produce stall on the day.

We would require people to man the BBQ/stall from 9.30 am to approx. 2.30 pm. If you can't help out on the day maybe you could donate some scrumptious homemade cakes, slices, biscuits or preserves for the stall.

These items (eg. Biscuits, slices, preserves) could be dropped off at the school on the Friday before or fresh goodies (cakes) on the morning when you come to vote.

Please return the note sent home last week or call the office with how you can help out.

## NUDE FOOD

### **HIGHLIGHT CAKE...**

At the School working bee the Willinck family brought along this cake. With horror I realised the cake looked so under cooked and soggy – too late though - dear Bella had already been passing it around. Despite the look a number of people wanted the recipe – a test to the great flavour of this cake.

This is a childhood food memory for me. My brother and I use to make it all the time and would not mix or cook it properly to induce a gooey undercooked cake – which we then dubbed *deflator* cake.

I make in the food processor because I don't have a mix master. The real trick is to beat it for at least 10 mins to get a light and fluffy cake.

The cake is a biggy so you can halve it or make two smaller cakes (cook for less time) and freeze one for when friends come around (aren't I coming next week!?!?). Lou Bull

Here goes...

2 cups Self raising flour  
2 cups sugar  
4 tablespoons custard powder  
1 cup milk  
4 eggs  
250gm butter (softened)  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence



- Sift flour, sugar and custard powder into a large bowl of a mixer (I don't sift)
- Add eggs, milk, butter and vanilla
- Beat on medium speed for 10mins (this is important to make it light and not a "deflator")
- Place in a greased deep 25cm round cake tin
- Bake in a moderate oven for approx 1 hr (less if using smaller cake tins)

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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

### K/1 AWARDS

Mia ~ for a fabulous 'star' story  
Harry ~ for fabulous story writing with Miss Innes  
Darcy ~ for good ideas about 'stars'

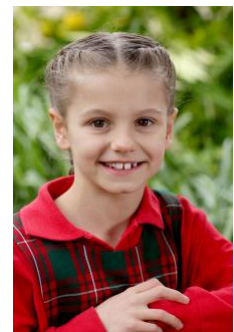
### 2-3 AWARDS

Elizabeth ~ for persevering with her slideshow  
Jessica ~ for great 'teaching' with Year One students

### 4-6 AWARDS

Ethan ~ for helping others  
Dylan ~ for always being willing to have a go  
Emily ~ for working well with others

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





## GARDENING REPORT

In Gardening today some people were moving mulch around the new trees planted along the western fence line of the school. Another group was watering the plants planted around the Yambla building during the P&C working bee last week.

By Jake week 8 2/9/13



## 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*

## **Easy Sudoku for Tuesday 3-9-2013**

	2	8			3			1
6			5				2	4
		7		8	6		5	
9	4	3		2	8			
	5						7	
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	9		6	4		1		
3	6				7			9
2			1			5	8	

Sudoku provided by [Sudoku.com.au](http://Sudoku.com.au)





## Making children's birthdays special

*Children's birthday parties seem to be getting bigger every year. But bigger is not always better when it comes to celebrating children's birthdays*

There's no doubt a child's birthday is a special day. It's one day of the year when they legitimately become the centre of attention for their family and friends.

It's not just children for whom birthdays have significance. A child's birthday is also a milestone for mums and dads. Another year older means another year along the parenting journey and plenty of fond memories too.

Traditionally a child's birthday has been recognised with gifts, a family gathering, and perhaps a special treat with a few friends. Essentially it's been a relatively low-key family affair with parties to celebrate milestones such as fifth, tenth and thirteenth birthdays.

Over the last decade children's birthday parties have become an annual celebration; and they've become increasingly bigger events.

Where once a few good friends would gather; we are now seeing the emergence of the BIG party where everyone, or close to everyone, in a child's class gets an invitation whether they are close friends or not. **This Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** is interesting to say the least.

It's obviously beneficial for the 'birthday child' as the number of presents they receive increases astronomically. Somehow there is something not quite right about a child receiving twenty or more presents, not to mention the gifts from his or her family.

Having the whole gang along removes the special opportunity for celebrating a birthday with their closest friends.

I know many parents organise whole class parties to encourage friendships. However in wanting to promote friendships they may inadvertently be making it more difficult for kids to form





friendships as little differentiation is given between a good friend and a child in their wider social circle when invitations are issued en masse. Good friends need to be recognised as such.

Some parents invite the whole class so that no child is left out or feels disappointed. That's a great intention, but it removes the chance for parents to teach the 'birthday child' to be discreet when issuing invitations and to be mindful of the feelings of those that aren't invited. It also removes the difficult decision-making process of choosing whom to invite from a child, which can be a great learning experience in itself.

The **Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** places enormous pressure on parents to come up with something bigger and better every year. Backing up a BIG PARTY year after year is hard work.

If you are over the **Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** here are a few ideas to make celebrating your child's birthday special, keep the budget and your sanity in tact and incorporate your child's friends as well:

1. **Alternate** birthday parties with gatherings or sleepovers of a few friends (without presents) every two or three years.
2. If you have a party each year then consider **matching** the number invited with their age. That is, six year olds can have six friends and so on.
3. **Identify** the different groups your child is in and allow him or her to invite a small number from each group. So school friends mix with friends from outside school.
4. **Involve** children in choosing and preparing the activities, food and treats for their party.
5. If organising a BIG BIRTHDAY BASH is for you, then keep it for your child's **milestones** such as their tenth birthday.

Birthdays like a lot of things can get out of hand. It's probably better to aim for SPECIAL rather than BIG and that means surrounding your child by his family and **close** friends to celebrate his or her special day of the year.

**NOTE:** Get your Kids' Chores & Responsibilities Kit when you subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael's FREE weekly parenting guide at [parentingideas.com.au](http://parentingideas.com.au)

## **NOTICE OF MEETING - Table Top Community Forum**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – 7.30pm**  
**Table Top Hall**

The Table Top Community Forum **Spring** Meeting will be held at the Table Top Community Centre at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. These meetings provide Table Top residents with an effective means of communicating local issues and concerns to the relevant authorities such as Albury City Council, the RMA and other Government departments. They also aim to foster community spirit in the area by meeting your neighbours, as well promoting social and sporting events. All residents are encouraged to come along to these meetings to raise important issues.

We have a variety of short speakers including Lou Bull talking on a Food Swap Event planned for Table Top and other local identities who will update you on the Tennis Club, Fire Brigade, Roadworks on the Southern end of Burma Rd, the Gerogery Compost Facility and possibly some local history.

**For further information about the Forum contact:**

**Marion Taylor on 6026 2222 or Lou Bull 60262772**

***Delicious supper will be provided by Talented Table Top cook!***

