



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 26th February 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 27th February
James Fallon HS Interest Day
Years 4 - 6

Wednesday 5th March
Responsible Pet Ownership Education
K - 6

Thursday 6th March
Year 6 High School Experience Day
James Fallon High School

Wednesday 12th March
Pre-School Open Day
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Wednesday 19th March
School Council Meeting - 6 pm
P & C Meeting - 7pm

Monday 7th April
Life Education Van
K-6

Friday 28th March
Albury Gold Cup Half Day Holiday

Wednesday 9th April
Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Alexandria Park, Albury
Whole School

Friday 11th April
Last day of Term 1

Monday 28th April
Staff Development Day
(Pupil free)

Tuesday 29th April
First day of Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Pre-School Open Day Invitation

Please spread the word about our Pre-School Open Day, which Miss Kirk will host on Wednesday 12th March from 10 - 11.30am. We are opening up our K/1 classroom to parents of pre-schoolers, and their children, to see and experience some of the magic of Table Top Public School. Parents of Kinder and Year One students who would like to come along and assist are more than welcome! Notice of the Open Day has also been posted on our school Facebook page. Please feel free to share this with your friends.

Table Top Public School

To Excel



Pre School Open Day

Wednesday
12th March 2014
10 am - 11.30 am

Parents of pre-schoolers and their children are invited to take the short drive out to Table Top PS for our Pre School Open Day.

Come in and see for yourself what our small school can offer your children.

Kindergarten places for 2015 are still available.

556 Burma Road, Table Top
Turn right at the Table Top turn-off from the north-bound lane of the Hume Freeway.

Call Mr Andrew McEachern, Principal on 6026 2220 to find out about the quality education offered at Table Top Public School.

James Fallon HS Visits

Our 4/5/6 class will visit James Fallon High School tomorrow for a small schools interest day. Students will experience a high school activity and a tour from 1:00-pm-2.45pm. A permission note was sent home last week. All Year 6 students will follow up next Thursday, 6th March, with the Northern Spirit Learning Community High School Experience Day at James Fallon High School. Regardless of which high school they intend to enrol, all Year 6 students from across the Northern Spirit network will attend JFHS to experience a day in a high school setting.

Student Leadership Assembly

Congratulations to our school captains, Louis and Claire , Year 6 student leaders, Alicia , Bethany , Billy , Emily , Emma , Jacinta , Jaxon , Mickaela , Robert and Ryley , and the newly elected class SRC representatives, Mia , Eliah , Anthea , Zoe , Lochie , Jayne , Callie , Denzel , Caleb , Minna , Dylan , Isabella , Ryley , Mickaela , Louis and Claire , who were presented with their badges at a special whole school assembly last week. These fine students have taken on the added responsibility of assisting the school and their fellow students.



New Playground Seating

Over the weekend new seating was installed in the playground. They are made of high quality aluminium and should last for many years to come.



Racing into Leadership

The Year Six leadership group are heading off to the first day of the Melbourne Formula One Grand Prix on Thursday 13th March. This fantastic leadership excursion will give the students the opportunity to cement the bond they have as leaders and give an insight into their potential as student and future leaders in the wider community. Students and staff from Mullengandra and Gerogery PS will also join us on the excursion.



Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival

Well done to the members of the Table Top Small Schools swimming team who competed at the Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival last Friday - Mickaela , Harry , Jessica , Tilly , Toby , Emily , Ryley , Bethany , Claire , Jaxon , Elizabeth , Louis , Isabella , James , Thomas and Zenith . These children all tried their hardest and represented our school very well. Congratulations to Harry who qualified for the Riverina Swimming Carnival to be held on the 10th March. Thanks to the many parents who assisted on the day.

Mathletics

Parents are reminded to contribute \$10 per child to help cover the annual user fee for Mathletics use in our school. This is a fantastic price, as the usual fee is \$99 per child.

School Fridge

Don't forget to encourage your children to use the school fridge located in the corridor outside Miss Kirk's room. It has been provided by the P&C to help keep our students' lunches cool on these hot days.

Natural Art

Students in the 4/5/6 class, with the help of Mrs McEachern, are creating sculptures made

from sticks collected in the playground last Friday. The sculptures, when completed, will be placed in our gardens for all to enjoy.



School Noticeboard

Keep an eye on our school noticeboard where important messages are regularly displayed. It is a little more difficult to see after the changes to our carpark, but well worth reading!



Andrew McEachern – Principal

GARDENING REPORT

This week in gardening class, 4/5/6 we collected the sun flower seeds and measured the plants we planted last week. They're

growing fast! During the bird survey Mickaela and Bridie spotted 10 sparrows and 2 galahs.

We would like to thank Emma's family and Isabella's family for supplying a large amount of horse manure!

by Claire and James



KINDER SOUND

The Kinder sound for this week

is 't' for TIGER



BUS APPLICATIONS

Bus applications are required for new students and students who have entered Year 3 this year. These forms were sent home in week 3 and we are still waiting for some to be returned. If you haven't returned these forms please do so by the end of this week. If you require a new form please contact the office.

HOW2Learn

Challenge

Dealing with everyday challenges helps your child develop coping strategies. You will not be helping your child if you protect them in a cotton-wool world. Instead, help them to learn the skills of coping, then next time a crisis occurs, they will have ways of dealing with it.

Tips for developing skills to cope with challenge

- Don't rush to help when your child struggles with an activity. Encourage them to keep trying.
- Break tasks down into smaller chunks that can be tackled one at a time.
- Help your child understand that mistakes are all right provided we learn from them. Learning is a messy business!

ACTIVITY: Make a spider diagram

Use this when your child is struggling with something and needs help to break the task down into more manageable chunks.

1. Write a brief description of the task in the middle of a large piece of paper.
2. Draw a circle around it.
3. Talk about how you could break the task down into a number of stages that seem more achievable.
4. Draw lines out from the circle and write one stage down at the end of each line.
5. See if you can put what you have learned into practice.

MURRAY CONSERVATORIUM MUSIC

Once again we are offering music lessons run by the Murray Conservatorium - these are all tailored to be part of the NSW curriculum and they are a great opportunity for our students. The conservatorium covers the cost of the teachers transport and the school helps out with the GST which means we can offer these very economically. This Term we are running Drumbeat classes and there are 2 positions available.

Drumbeat has up to 8 students. This is based on social and emotional learning and is a very positive program.

Please note that part of this is run in lunchtime and part of it does cut into class time. We have done this so that we can get the music teacher we want and so that the children do have the opportunity for half an hour of lunch and playtime so they don't feel like they are 'missing out'.

Anyone who is interested needs to email me at cathygiltrap@gmail.com as soon as possible so I can lock everything into place and we can get music happening next week.

DRUMBEAT

DRUMBEAT is a music therapy drumming program delivered by one Murray Conservatorium teacher to groups of 8 students and one school staff member over ten weeks

Age:	All ages
Duration:	One Term
Performance Outcome:	no
Equipment Required:	Provided by the Conservatorium
Class Size:	Up to 8 students plus one school staff member

Originally developed as a music therapy program to engage young Aboriginal males **DRUMBEAT** is now practiced in a variety of fields including mental health services, school education and corporate team building. Based on the core principles of social and emotional learning, the program uses djembe drums to engage students

DRUMBEAT helps students develop:

- Teamwork and respect for others
- Rhythms and games as a basis to learn about a range of values
- Recognising and regulating emotions
- Developing empathy for and understanding of others
- Establishing positive relationships
- Making responsible decisions
- Handling challenging situations constructively.

K-1 PAEDIATRIC WARD VISIT

On Friday 21st February K-1 went on an excursion to the Paediatric Ward at Albury Base Hospital. We did a tour of the facilities and the nurses explained to the children what might happen if they needed to stay on the ward. We even tried out the blood pressure machines! The inside and outside play areas were terrific. Some of the children found some places to sit



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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

Student of the Week



School Captains Badge

Recipients Claire and Louis

Student Leader Badge Recipients

Alicia , Bethany , Billy , Emily , Emma , Jacinta , Jaxon , Mickaela , Robert and Ryley

School Representative Council Badge Recipients

Mia , Eliah , Anthea , Zoe , Lochie , Jayne , Callie , Denzel , Caleb , Minna , Dylan , Isabella , Ryley , Mickaela , Louis and Claire

Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Angus , Abigael , Stefan , Dante , Zoe , Mia M

2-3

Zenith , Elizabeth , Harry , Jayne

4-6

Dylan , Ethan , Jaxon , Billy , Paris , Robert , Destiny , Natalie , Jacinta , Isabella

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for 2014 are \$45 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 2014 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*

If you would like to pay by direct debit

School bank details:

Account Name: Table Top Public School

Account Number: 157014

BSB: 032-001

Reference: *Surname and item/s being paid*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Locker Room

LibraryMuseum

Are you interested in film making, photography, games and all things to do with technology? Then this is the group for you! Put down your school bag and get ready for some after school fun.

Suitable for upper-primary to secondary school students.

Each Thursday during NSW school terms 4.00pm – 5.00pm.

Bookings: 02 6023 8333



Books & Stuff

Lavington Library

Kids, do you love reading? This is a great opportunity to chat about your favourite books and enjoy some fun after school activities. Suitable for ages 8 - 12 years.

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month during NSW school terms (11 and 25 March, 8 April, 13 and 27 May, 10 and 24 June) 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Thurgoona Football Club Auskick



Address: 21 Heymer Court
Thurgoona NSW 2640
Phone: Hayden 0417 496791
Daryl 60432274
Email: thurgoonaaustrick@dodo.com.au

Registration Days

When: Saturday 15th March
Where: Thurgoona Football Ground (Tabletop Road)
Time: 9am to 3pm
Cost: First child: \$70.00
Second and subsequent children \$65.00

Visit <http://www.aflauskick.com.au> to complete your registration online or by attending our registration day. If registering online you will need to bring the signed print out of your registration details with you to the registration day.

Registration can also be completed on any Auskick morning.

Start Dates

When: Saturday 22nd March 2014
Where: Thurgoona Football Ground (Old Sydney Road)
Time: 8am - 9:30am

For further information:

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Daryl Brownlaw
Thurgoona Football Club Auskick

MiniRoos

MiniRoos is a smaller version of football that provides boys and girls aged 4 - 11 with a fun introduction to the world game.

MiniRoos is designed for kids; it is all about having fun, learning new skills and making life-long friends.

Get involved and become a miniroo today with Albury United Soccer Club. Registrations for the 2014 season are open.

Please contact our club Registrar
Jodie Greschke - 0418 407 805 or registrar@alburyunited.com