



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 30th July 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

28th July to 1st August
Education Week

Wednesday 30th July
Lavington Square - singing 11 am
P & C & School Council meetings

Thursday 31st July
Open Day and Book Fair
BBQ Lunch at 1pm
Open Classrooms & Book Fair 2 pm

Thursday 28th August
First Kinder Orientation Day
9.30 - 11.30

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Public Schools NSW - Celebrating the 60th Education Week

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first official Education Week. Public Schools across NSW have adopted the original, 1954 Education Week tagline: "Lighting the way to a better world" because at our core, this is what we aim to do everyday!



Education Week Lavington Square

Well done to all of our students who performed at Lavington Square this morning as part of the Northern Spirit Learning Community Education Week celebrations. Combining with our friends from Gerogery and Mullengandra Public Schools the children sang three wonderful songs. Isabella, Natalie and Bridie also entertained the audience with their fantastic dance! We then took the chance to look at our artwork which is on display in the food court, and the displays from other schools within our NSLC network of schools. Thanks to everyone who came along to the performance. The artwork will be on display for the next couple of weeks.



EDUCATION WEEK

28TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST 2014

Amazing local school art displays all week
Wednesday 30th July:
Live performances
10am - 2pm

Participating Schools:
Albury North Public School
Hume Public School
Glenroy Public School
Thurgoona Public School
Gerogery Public School
Mullengandra Public School
Table Top Public School
James Fallon High School



  
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Lavington Square

Education Week TTPS Open Day

Table Top PS will hold an Open Day tomorrow as part of our Education Week celebrations. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to share in a BBQ lunch from 1pm (no cost), followed by open classrooms, a Book Fair in the Library and the K/1 art exhibition in the historic Yambla building. We hope to see you here tomorrow!

Creative Art Projects

Our colourful murals are coming together and looking really fantastic. Once finished they will really brighten up our weathershed! Mrs McEachern will work with the children on these exciting projects most Tuesdays this term. It would be a good idea for students to bring a large shirt or smock from home to help protect their uniforms while participating in the mural and totem pole activities.



Kurrajong Tree Planting

As part of Lou's 4/5/6 gardening class on Monday, students planted a number of beautiful Kurrajong trees along our eastern fence line, the southern fence line and the central garden in the car park. Given love, water and time, these should grow into beautiful and spectacular shade trees.

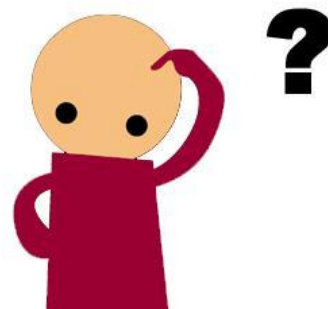


School Musical Production

The cast is being finalized and rehearsals are about to get underway for our fabulous school production, 'Thank You for the Music', written by Miss Kirk and her friend Mrs Parker. A play looking back at the history of modern music, it promises lots of singing, dancing, acting and good times for all of our students.

SRC Friday Fund Raiser

Have you had your guess yet? Students (and parents) are invited to guess the number of stones in the SRC guessing competition. Whoever guesses the correct number of stones will not win the jar of stones, but a fantastic child's voucher for the Cinema Centre! It is 50c a guess or three guesses for \$1. Guesses can be made during Friday recess.



PSSA Friday Sport

Unless it is raining, PSSA netball and soccer will continue this Friday. No matter the weather, Gymnastics for the K/1 students will go ahead. Students not engaged in PSSA activities will play school-based sports. CSU Student, Mr Seifert, an A-Grade soccer player, will conduct soccer training sessions during Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes and also go to the Friday PSSA soccer matches for the next few weeks.

Riverina Athletics Carnival

Best of luck to Natalie, who competes at the Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival this Monday!

Premier's Spelling Bee

Our school has entered into the NSW Public Schools Premier's Spelling Bee. Over the next few weeks, interested students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will compete for a chance to represent

our school at the regional final, which this year will be held at Deniliquin PS on Thursday 11th September.



ICAS Tests

Congratulations to students who were presented with their Computer Skills and Science Test Certificates at last Friday's assembly. Special mention to Callie and Jessica who achieved Credit Certificates and Rupert and Louis who achieved Distinction Certificates in the Computer Skills Test, and Louis who achieved a Merit Certificate and to Jessica who achieved a Distinction Certificate in the Science Test. The English ICAS test will take place for the students enrolled in this assessment next week.

School Counsellor

The school counsellor, Michele Dupe will deliver her service to our school on the following dates this term: 30th July and 27th August. If you would like to make an appointment for yourself or your child please contact the office.

School Assembly

The whole school assembly will be held in the library this Friday at 12.00pm. The class presenting the item this week is 2/3.

Kindergarten Orientation

The first of our exciting Kindergarten Orientation Days will be held on the 28th of August. Please get the word out around the local community about this important opportunity to introduce new people to our wonderful school.

School Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Facebook:

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

Twitter: @TabletopPS

School Council/P&C Meeting Dates

Tonight - 6pm School Council and 7pm P&C.

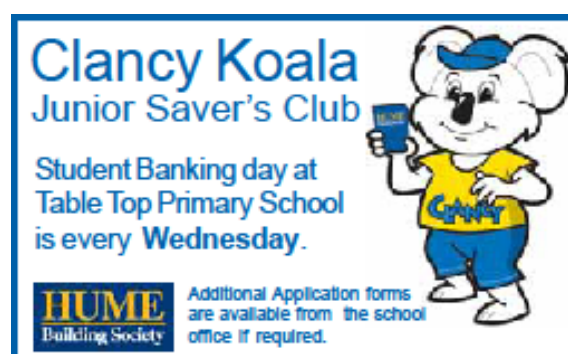
Andrew McEachern - Principal

KINDER SOUND

The Kinder sound this week is "i" for Igloo



STUDENT BANKING



If you would like to pay any accounts 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*



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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

Student of the Week



Special Encouragement Awards:



Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Aimee, Darcy, Stefan, Zoe, Mia R, Hope

2-3

Ethan T, Gibb, Darcy E, Ned

4-6

Rupert, Isabella, Destiny, Paris



COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Open Garden Scheme August 16/17th 2014

AQUILA GARDEN

"Aquila" (named after the Wedge Tailed Eagles that circle our hill) is situated just north of Albury on the NSW & Victorian border and is nestled into a magnificent setting with views to Table Top Mountain. It is home for Emmo, Lou, Bella, Tilly and Gibb.

Our gardening energy and focus is on growing food for our plates, plants to support local biodiversity and a garden with low water needs. It's our sanctuary and our creative space. We love it!



Relax and enjoy our garden too.



Initial plantings on our 6 hectare block were done by Emmo's parents starting in the late 1980s. These plantings have provided the fabulous foundation around which we built our home and garden. Our house was built and then moved into in December 2005 – in the midst of a drought. The garden was slowly established. Plantings include mostly local natives in the main body of the garden; fruit trees and vegetable beds in the productive zones; plus patches and groupings of other plants for attracting pollinators and wildlife. Reflecting on our early years we would say that it took probably five years of dedicated hard work to get to the point we could say the establishment phase was done. Now we create, improve and enhance this early work and enjoy the garden maturing and growing.

We eat extensively from the produce that comes from the garden and share the excess. We are now building beautiful structures for ourselves and others to enjoy. We are changing elements of the garden to offer less vulnerability to fire. We love the wildlife that comes to our space (birds such as the White-browed Babbler, Spinebills, Shrub Wrens, Shrike Tits and critters such as the Squimie Gliders, Echidna's and Kangaroos) and time spent with family and friends when they visit.



Every garden has its own story and personality. There is no magic recipe except the one created by those that live in their garden.



Hard Sudoku for 30-7-2014

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	6				1	5		4
4	1						3	

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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator

Positive Parent Involvement - you make a difference

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school.



Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include; hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure

kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

- ✓ **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child's school apart from others.
- ✓ **Support a broad, balanced curriculum** that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R's.
- ✓ **Direct constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child's teacher, the principal or the school's governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school's reputation.
- ✓ **Become an advocate** for your child's school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- ✓ **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- ✓ **Consult with your child's teacher** about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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**Table Top Public
School**

**OPEN
DAY**



**Thursday
31st JULY,
2014**

**All parents, friends
and relatives
welcome**

**OPEN
CLASSROOMS
&**

BOOK FAIR

2:00—3:00



**BBQ LUNCH
1.00 PM**

