



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 3rd September 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 17th September

Indigenous Literacy Day
QEII Square 11 am - 2 pm

Friday 19th September

Mufti Day
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 6th October

Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 7th October

First day of Term 4

Wednesday 22nd October

School Council Meeting 6 pm
P & C Meeting 7 pm

Thursday 16th November

Presentation of World Peace Flame
To TTPS

Monday 3rd to Friday 14th November

School Swimming Scheme

Scott and Karin Mackay (School Administration Managers), Alison Hamilton (School Administration Officer), Sally Livermore and Janene Jacob (School Learning Support Officers), and Ian Elworthy (General Assistant).

It is the combined effort in all areas by these staff that make for the effective running of the school. Table Top PS boasts a great variety of curriculum and the support provided by the SASS staff is valued by staff and students.



When you next see Gayle, Karin, Alison, Sally, Janine and Ian, say thanks for everything they do for our great little school!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SASS Recognition Week

This week Public Schools all over NSW are recognising the valued work of our School and Support Staff. At Table Top PS we recognise the range of skills and expertise that our SASS has and appreciate that our school, like other schools across our state, would not function as well as it does without these wonderful people.

SAS Staff in every school play an important role by managing school administration and by supporting the delivery of curriculum. SAS Staff at Table Top Public School are: Gayle

Kindergarten Orientation

It was wonderful to see our 2015 Kindergarten students and their parents (and those considering enrolling their children in our school) at the Kindergarten Orientation Day last week. Thank you to our students, staff and parents for making them all feel so welcome!



RFS Fire Safety Visit

The Rural Fire Service education team visited our school yesterday presenting fire awareness sessions to all classes. Students learned about the tools and equipment used to assist with firefighting (truck and demonstration), how to protect themselves from fires inside and outside the home, and the importance of volunteering in our community. With the summer months fast approaching, it is very important to know what to do when faced with a dangerous fire situation.



School Council/P&C

Due to a clash of dates with the community forum, the meeting planned for tonight has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be 22nd October (T4W3) - 6pm School Council and 7pm P&C.

P&C Bonfire

Thank you to everyone who helped make our P&C Bonfire such a wonderful success. It was a great evening of school community!



NSLC Student Leadership Breakfast

Year 6 students spent an interesting and entertaining morning learning about different facets of leadership at the Northern Spirit Learning Community Leadership Breakfast and

Forum last Friday. After listening to presentations from David Hunter (environmentalist and corroboree frog expert), Breanne Shaw (JFHS Student Prefect), Ross

Jackson (Albury City Councilor) and Justin Koschitzke (former St Kilda AFL player), students participated in various thought provoking leadership workshops before returning to school. Thanks to those parents who were able to provide transport to and from the venue.



Police Visit

Senior Constable Amy Epstein, Albury Police School Liaison Officer, paid a visit to our school on Monday this week.

Among other things, she spoke to the students about the role of police in our community, stealing, and how to keep cyber-safe. Thank you to Stuart Busch for organizing Amy's visit to our school.



Premier's Spelling Bee

The school competition to determine the TTPS representatives at the Premier's Spelling Challenge was completed on Monday.

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Regional Final, which will be held in Deniliquin next Thursday,

11th September: Junior: Callie and Tilly; Senior: Emily and Billy (Louis was the overall winner, but unfortunately cannot attend the final).

We wish these students all the very best of luck!

Creative Art Projects

The totem poles are looking fabulous! Students will continue to build up the mosaic designs on Monday and Thursday of next week. A special thank you to Sally Reichel for helping out with this project each week!



Indigenous Literacy Day

Everyone from school will spend most of Wednesday 17th September at QEII Square and the Albury Library Museum for an Indigenous Literacy day. This special day is part of the Charles Sturt University SpICE program and will be held in conjunction with Woomera, AWAHS, Koori Kindermanna, HIPPY, Albury Library Museum, TTPS, the Table Top community, and other local community services. During the day students will participate in dancing, music, storytelling, arts and crafts, face painting, a book sale and other activities. A permission note is attached to this newsletter.

Thanks

Thank you once again to Cade Johnston for mowing the school oval and surrounds. Your efforts are much appreciated!

SRC Friday Fund Raiser

The SRC stone guessing competition was won by Emma. She guessed the exact number of stones - 153! The SRC made a \$20 profit!

PSSA Friday Sport

Hopefully the rain will hold off for the PSSA netball and soccer competitions. No matter the weather, Gymnastics for the K/1 students will go ahead. This is the last week of PSSA competition and Gymnastics. Thanks to everyone who has assisted with PSSA sport, particularly those who provided transport to and from venues.

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 K/1.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 have finally arrived and will be sent home to parents today. Parents are most welcome to arrange a time to discuss the reports with their child's teacher if they wish.

Mufti Day - Last day of Term

This term we will have a Mufti Day to raise funds for the Christmas Party for Special Kids which is held in Albury every year for kids with special needs. Students can donate a gold coin for the option of wearing casual clothes to school.

Newsletter Changes

From Term 4, our newsletter will be published fortnightly rather than weekly. It will be sent home via email, published on our school website (www.tabletop-p.schools.nsw.edu.au), posted on our school Facebook page and also on our Twitter account (see below). As is the normal practice, special notices will be sent home as they are needed.

School Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Facebook:

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

Twitter: @TabletopPS

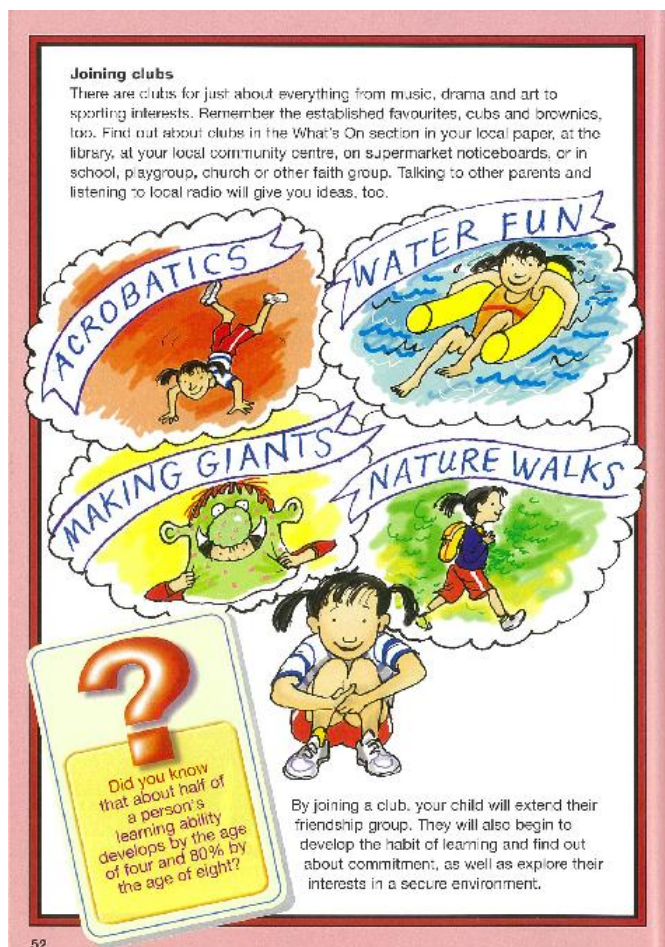
Andrew McEachern - Principal

KINDER SOUND

The Kinder sound this week
is 'l' for Lizard



HOW2Learn



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

Stefan, Esher, Mia R, Angus, Abi, Ava

2-3

Thomas, Lochie, Denzel, Jayne

4-6

Claire, Paris, Jacinta, Toby

SRC Kindness Award: Emma

Class Awards:

Library - 2/3

Classroom- K/1

Assembly - 2/3

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*

P & C MEAT FUNDRAISER

The P & C will be conducting another Yalandra Meat Fundraiser for Term 3. Order forms and information are attached.

Medium Sudoku for 3-9-2014

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Sudoku provided by Sudoku.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to attend the - Table Top Community Forum

Wednesday 3rd September – 7.30pm

**Note Change of Venue *Table Top Fire Shed *
572 Burma Rd**

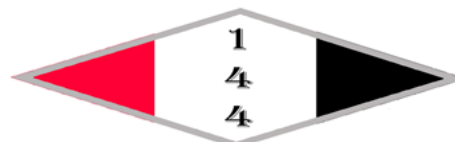
The Table Top Community Forum **Spring** Meeting will be held at the Table Top Fire Shed at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 3rd September**. These meetings provide Table Top residents with an effective means of communicating local issues and concerns to the relevant authorities such as Albury City Council, the 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.

Come along and have a look at our very professionally set up Table Top Rural Fire Brigade Shed and hear our local speaker this month, David Grant who will present an independent information session on the current landscape of internet and mobile phone services regarding rural and regional areas. Topics will include NBN Updates and how to improve your mobile phone coverage.

**For further information about the Forum contact:
Marion Taylor on 6026 2222 or Lou Bull 60262772**

Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday program is on again!

Children aged 5-12 years are welcome. Book in for one day, 2 days, all days - or as many as you like. Children will learn to roll, jump, flip and turn, as well as make friends and are guaranteed to have lots of fun. Programs are running Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday both weeks of the NSW September school holidays from 11am-1pm. Cost is \$20 per child per session, \$55 for 3 sessions and \$105 for all 6 sessions. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please call (02) 6041 1127 to make a booking, or for more information.



Lavington - Jindera
Little Athletics Centre

2014/2015 Season

Keep fit...meet new friends...learn great skills...

give Little Athletics a go!

Little Athletics is for children aged 5-16 years. It is a great way for children to develop new skills in running, jumping and throwing. If you've got the skills, come along for fitness and further skills training.

Athletics competition **will start** on Friday 10th October at 5.00pm sharp at Wodonga Athletics Field.

Registration:

ONLINE REGO- www.lavic.com.au and follow the Join/Registration prompt. Bring a copy of your receipt and for new members your child's birth certificate or blue/yellow book.

When: Friday 12th September and 19th September

Time: 4.30-6.00pm

Where: Alexandra Park, Cadell St Albury.

Fees: \$126.55/child for season. Discounts for families.

Any enquiries phone:

Secretary – **Melanie Gollan** 0449 945 239

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REGISTER TO PLAY NOW!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ YMCA (LEISURE CENTRE)

10 WEEKS OF COMP.

GAMES ON 6PM, 7PM, 8PM

8TH OCTOBER 2014 @ 6PM



Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.



There's no doubt that fathering has changed in recent years. Gone is the distant dad of the 1960's and 70's who saw his main job as keeping a roof over his family's head and bread on the table. An occasional game in the backyard and dishing out the heavy discipline that mums couldn't deal with was the extent of his involvement with his kids.

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don't enjoy a close relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:

1 Find something in common with your kids

Dads need something in common with their children. They relate better when they have a shared interest or shared passion with their kids. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your bag, find something else that you and your kids have in common. A common interest is a great help for fathers who live apart from their kids who are looking to maximise the time they have with them.

2 Spend time with your sons

A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in these impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That's when boys turn off their dads.

3 Don't whip out on discipline

Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children's behaviour.

4 Treat your daughters well

There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

5 Say good bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent

Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It's part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the 'old ram, young ram syndrome'. He's right. It's a type of rite of passage

that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son's life.

6 Support your partner

Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

7 Change as your child changes

Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They're kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.



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