



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 10th 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

Creative Art Projects

The totem poles are continuing to take shape in our school gardens and are looking absolutely fantastic! Just imagine how beautiful they will be upon completion!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Premier's Spelling Bee

All the best of luck to Callie, Tilly, Emily and Billy who will represent our school at the Premier's Spelling Challenge Regional Final in Deniliquin tomorrow.



Welcome

We welcome Mrs Lisa Condon to our staff. Mrs Condon will be working as an SLSO in the K-1 room on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Indigenous Literacy Day

Everyone from school will spend most of next 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, AWHS, Koori Kindermanna, HIPPY, Albury Library Museum, TTPS, the Table Top community, and other local community services. During the day students will participate in storytelling, arts and crafts, face painting, a book sale and other activities. A permission note was sent home last week.

Friday Sport

PSSA sport has come to an end for 2014. It was a terrific season of soccer, netball and gymnastics. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the teams!

Friday sport will now be school based and held between recess and lunch on a class basis.

School Assembly

With the conclusion of PSSA sport, the whole school assembly will return to the usual 2.20pm timeslot in the library. Parents are most welcome to attend. The class presenting the item this week is 2/3.

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

School Council/P&C

Our next meeting will be 22nd October (T4W3) - 6pm School Council and 7pm P&C.

Andrew McEachern - Principal

KINDER SOUND

The Kinder sound this week is for
Y for Yo Yo




HOW2Learn

Holiday time
School holidays and travel are wonderful opportunities for learning new things. Here are some ideas for making holidays fun for all the family.

Tips for getting ready for journeys

- Have a family brainstorm of things you could do in a car, train or plane.
- Get children to make up travel bags with favourite games and toys.
- Take lots of story tapes. Give children personal stereos and headphones if you want some periods of peace and quiet.

Travel games



- Look out! Take turns to choose something you spot as you travel. Every time you pass one, shout 'Look out!'. Others have to guess what it is. (Might be best not to play this one in the car!)
- Play I spy with my little eye, which is a great game for all ages. For very young children, spy things 'the colour of ...' rather than 'beginning with the letter ...'.
- Take turns to choose a car numberplate and make one or more words from the letters. Score a point for every letter you use. Give younger children an 'e' or an 'a' that they can use whenever they want.
- Spot car makes. Score points on a scale of 1-5, giving most points for the less common makes. For example, 5 for a Porsche, 1 for a Ford.
- Tell a story. Take turns to build up a story, sentence by sentence.
- Spot the number. First to spot the number on a numberplate wins.
- Take turns to be a DJ and introduce a favourite track from a CD or tape.

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DRUMMING LESSONS

Murray Conservatorium of Music Drumming Lessons on a Monday morning @ 8.30am-9.30am are still running till the end of the year - there has been a bit of confusion with the teacher being sick, but they are on and the kids are still loving them.

If anyone would like their children to join for next term please email Cathy on cathygiltrap@gmail.com and we can get that organised. Lessons are \$6 per child at the moment but that reduces with more participants

Cathy Giltrap

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

Darcy, Brideh, Clifton, Ava, Sheya

2-3

Darcy, Gibb, Jake, Ned

4-6

Emily, Natalie, Alicia, Rupert, Jacinta, Destiny, Dylan, Tilly

SRC Kindness Award: Rupert

Class Awards:

Library - Nil this week
Classroom- 2/3
Assembly - 4/5/6

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 - Reminder

Please have your orders returned to school by this Friday 12th September.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX COMPETITION

CSU SpICE students recently conducted a Healthy Lunchbox Day competition as part of their university program.

Congratulations to Mickaela, Gibb, Tilly, TJ & Zenith. You are the lucky winners of the Healthy Lunchbox Day competition. Your photos will be published on cards as examples of what a healthy lunch box looks like. Thank you to all the students who brought a healthy lunchbox on Wednesday 27th August. Keep those lunchboxes looking healthy!"

Thank you, Claire & Alyce



COMMUNITY NEWS

Falcon's Under 12 hockey girls in Grand Final



Table Top may be a small school but for the Under 12 Falcons hockey team they are major players. The team of 11 includes 5 Table Top school girls - nearly half the team. The coach (Emmo) is also a Table Top parent. The Falcons Hockey Club haven't had an U12 Girls team in finals for over 10 years.

These girls, their families and friends are beautifully representing themselves, Table Top School and the local area. It was obvious last Saturday how positive and motivated the families were in supporting the girls and the team, the umpires decisions and the opposition as well.

So if anyone is interested in watching the girls in the finals this Saturday, please come along. The game is at 12pm at the Albury Hockey grounds (just near Alexandra Park where the sports carnival is). The girls' skills and enjoyment for this game is a pleasure to see.

By the way - there are also some Table Top School boys in the junior hockey who had a great year of learning new skills and a new team game.

Lou Bull

REMINDER

TABLE TOP FOOD SWAP
This Thursday **Sept 11TH**
6pm -7pm TABLE TOP COMMUNITY HALL

Bring all your wonderful garden goodness to swap, share and trade. Our gardening guru Lou Bull will be there to answer all your questions and help you plan for spring plantings.

[Click here for more details.](#) **Recently featured in the Weekly Times!!**
[Here is the link to the story.](#)



In conjunction with the Food Swap we are continuing the Book Swap
Any queries please contact: Lou Bull 60262772 or Marion Taylor 60262222.

OTHER TABLE TOP HAPPENINGS

INCLUDE:

OPEN GARDENS/MORNING GARDEN PARTY

If you missed the recent Open Gardens Day, the Table Top Red Cross are holding their Annual Morning Garden Party at "Aquila" 182 Mitchell Rd, Table Top on October 27th.
More details next month.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Still on at the Hall on Monday and Wednesday nights 6.30-7.30pm. ph Karen 0423618232

REQUEST FROM THE TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

For donations of old terracotta pots, coloured tiles, tile grout or tile glue to be used for a new art project/mosaic.
Please drop off at the School or call 60262220

Albury JUNIOR Touch Summer Competition 2014

Ages: U/7's U/10's & U/13's BOYS & GIRLS

Registration Fee: \$30.00 per child. Rego Nights: 8th & 15th September 5pm-6pm

Competition details: Monday afternoons Starts 13/10/14 at 5pm-6pm
Runs for 9 weeks at Jelbart Park

Helpers/ Referees: Any parents or Juniors wishing to assist please register your name.

Albury Touch contact details: Website: www.alburytouch.com

Mobile: 0418 166 762

Easy Sudoku for Wednesday 10-9-2014

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6			5					

Sudoku provided by Sudoku.com.au

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Building deep relationships with kids

Building a strong relationship with their children is every parent's dream. Here are some time-honoured ways of doing this ... if you can stick to them.

Every parent I know wants a great relationship with their children.

An effective way of promoting such relationships is through rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families I know are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every kid, no matter what their age, is expected to come to the meal table. Kids in these families are generally also expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

This can require some parenting spine, but these rituals build wide relationships – that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle.

Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. They also survive the potential storms of adolescence, during which relationships can become stormy and intense.

Certainly some ages are more amenable to positive relationship building than others. Developmentally, it's easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency: five through to ten years of age.

The easiest way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your kids is to spend regular one-on-one time together.

- Go somewhere for a whole day with a child.
- Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy.
- If possible, go camping.
- Talk. Cook. Mooch.

These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children's behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to share an interest with a child. Having something in common, whether it's a shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. A shared interest also creates 'natural' opportunities for one-on-one time.

Make it happen

- One-on-one time needs to be organised.
- It generally won't happen by accident.
- It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make it happen. Most of all it takes permission.
- But one-on-one time is so worth the effort.
- One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.



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