

TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday 7th October 2015

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CALENDAR – What’s on?

Monday 12th – Thursday 16th October
Years 4 – 6 Borambola Excursion

Sunday 18th October
P & C Working Bee
9 am – 12 pm

Monday 19th October
Gerogery Sports Day
(Whole School)

Tuesday 20th October
School Council Meeting 6 pm
P & C Meeting 7 pm

**Monday 26th October to
Friday 6th November**
School Swimming & Water Safety Program

Thursday 29th October
Second Kinder Orientation Day
9.00 – 11.30 am

Saturday 14th November
P & C Bunnings BBQ

Tuesday 24th November
P & C Meeting 7 pm

Thursday 26th November
Kinder Orientation Teddy Bears Picnic
12.15 – 2.00 pm

Monday 14th December
Presentation Evening
6:30 pm in School COLA

Tuesday 15th December
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Wednesday 16th December
Last Day of Term for students

Principal’s Report

Welcome Back

After a well-earned holiday, children and staff have returned to school refreshed and eager to begin a busy term of learning. This is an eleven-week term, ending for students on Wednesday 16th December. The term ends for the staff on Friday 18th December.

Be Sun Safe

Wear a Hat! Table Top Public School is a Sun Safe School, where we actively encourage sun safe practices amongst students, staff and visitors. Students are required to wear their broad brimmed school hat while in the playground before school, at recess, lunch and after school. Children without their appropriate school hat will be asked to play in the shade of the COLA or alternatively, sit on the seats. It is a good idea to pack sunscreen in your child’s bag so they can reapply during the day.

School Assembly

Whole school assemblies will be held at 2.20 pm every Friday in Term 4. Parents are always most welcome to attend.

SRC Icy Poles

Icy poles will be available for purchase every Friday lunch-time during the term for 50c each. Thanks to the SRC who are providing this wonderful service for our students.

Super 8s Cricket

TTPS has been invited to join Mullengandra and Gerogery students to make up three teams for the Super 8s Cricket in Culcairn this Friday. Culcairn Public School in conjunction

with Cricket NSW and Mr Robbie Mackinlay, Regional Cricket Manager Riverina, are hosting this exciting school Round Robin competition at the Culcairn Sportsground. Our teams will be managed by Mr McEachern and Miss Twitt. Parents are encouraged to come along and help on the day!

4/5/6 Borambola Excursion

The 4/5/6 students head off to their Borambola Sports and Recreation Camp this coming Monday. The excursion will involve rail travel to and from Wagga, and a series of fun and challenging outdoor activities. Mrs Gaukroger is organising this major excursion for our senior class. For more information about the Borambola Camp:

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/borambola>

PSSA State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Natalie who will represent the Riverina in the 100m event at the state athletics carnival next week. This is the third year in a row Natalie has competed at the state carnival, which is an outstanding achievement.

Gerogery Sports Day

We will be joining our Mullengandra and Gerogery friends on Monday 19th October at Gerogery PS for the annual GMTT Gerogery Sports Day. It should prove to be a fun day of healthy competition in a beautiful small school setting. The sports day is for all students, and families are encouraged to stay for the day. Please be aware that parents will need to arrange transport for their children. A permission/information note is attached to this newsletter and is also available on our School Stream phone app.

School Swimming Scheme

Our annual ten-day intensive swimming program for all students will begin on Monday 26th October and conclude on Friday 6th November (T4W4&5). The program, will be conducted by the trained and experienced instructors at the Gould Swimming Academy in North Albury. Thanks to our P&C, the total cost for the entire 10 day program is only \$30 per student (or \$75 for a family of 3 or more

children). A permission/information note is attached to this newsletter and is also available on our School Stream phone app.

Spelling Bee Final

Well done to Ned D, Callie G, Charlie and Ned T who represented our school at the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee final, at Corowa Public School last term. Competing at the highest level, the children all did their very best and we are proud of their efforts.

JFHS News

Congratulations to former Table Top PS student, Sophie K, who has been elected as 2016 James Fallon HS Vice Captain. This is a wonderful achievement.



Staff Long Service Leave

Mrs Cambey will continue her Long Service Leave over the next two weeks. Mrs Scott will teach the 2/3 class until Mrs Cambey's return on Monday 19th October.

Drumming Program

The drumming program for all classes will continue this term, with all of our efforts leading up to an amazing performance at our school presentation night at the end of the year.

Hotdog Thursdays

Hotdogs orders will continue on Thursdays this term (\$2.50 each). This is a fundraiser to purchase new soccer, netball & hockey uniforms and related equipment for Friday

PSSA Sport. **Please write your child's name and their hotdog order on an envelope, enclosing the correct money and drop it into the office.**

School Facebook, Twitter, School Stream

Facebook:

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

Twitter: @TabletopPS

School Stream: Download the app for your smartphone from the App Store

P&C News

P&C WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE - SUNDAY OCT 18th 9am - 12pm.

Kick off the school term and join in our quarterly working bee to maintain and build our beautiful school grounds. We need as many hands to help as possible and the more help we get the better the school grounds are for your children.

We will be:

- taking down the old shade sails over the Lizard garden
- creating the long jump & shot put area
- pruning and weeding of established garden beds
- finalising design and location of future garden plans
- Finish the work with a sociable shared lunch together - bring something to share.

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 20th October 7.00pm. School Council - 6.00pm

Andrew McEachern

Book Club

Book Club catalogues are coming home this week and orders are due back by Friday 16th October 2015.




NO HAT, NO PLAY

During Terms 1 and 4 our 'Sunsafe Policy' is in place. All children **must** wear a school hat when in the playground. NO CAPS. Hats are available from the office for \$10 each or from Lowes with school emblem.

How2Learn

Learning the benefits of being Positive




HOW POSITIVE IS YOUR PARENTING?

	ALWAYS	NEVER
1. You're about to go out for the evening when your baby is sick over your new clothes. You smile and say, 'We'll laugh about this in years to come!'	+2 Marks	-1 Mark
2. Your child has a favourite bedtime book. They ask you to read it again and again. You do so.		
3. Your child doesn't believe your explanation of why birds don't fall off branches. You try a more creative approach.		
4. Going to the bathroom in the middle of the night, you slip on some Lego blocks and crack your head on a toy truck. Your first thought is how to improve the toy storage.		
5. Your child joins a swimming club. You agree to take them there every weekday at 6.00 a.m. and to competitions all day Saturday.		
6. Your child gets upset as they struggle with a jigsaw. You avoid interfering because you want them to learn to do it for themselves.		
7. Your child comes last in a school sports race. You spend the evening persuading them that they are brilliant at football.		
8. You want to go home to watch a major event on TV. Your child wants you to carry on pushing them on the swings in the park. You willingly agree and forgo your own pleasure.		
9. You're relaxing on a Sunday evening. Your child and their friends are enjoying a karaoke session, when the machine's batteries run out. You all pool your ideas as to which shops might still be open.		

Score 2 marks for each 'Always' and take off 1 mark for each 'Never'.

Questions 1, 4, 7 are 'Positivity' questions.
 Questions 2, 5, 8 are 'Persistence' questions.
 Questions 3, 6, 9 are 'Problem-solving' questions.

Score 9-18 You are a superstar – a model of positivity!
 Score 0-9 Some work is needed – this chapter will help!
 Less than 0 Go and lie down in a darkened room!



School Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from week's 9 and 10 of Term 3's School Assemblies:

Students of the Week



Special Encouragement Awards:



Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Week 9: Lizzy, Jy, Jett, Aiden H

Week 10: Billie, Esher, Harry M, Aimee

2-3

Week 9: Ned D, Clifton, Gibb, Anthea, Darcy B.

Week 10: All Students

4-6

Week 9: Ned T, Charlie, Callie G, Natalie, Tilly.

Week 10: Thomas G, Elizabeth, Jessica, Ethan, Ned T

Isabella, Rupert, Destiny.

Thank You

We would like to extend a very big Thank You to the following people and businesses for their sponsorship of our new PSSA sports uniforms

Kelly & Wayne Spurr

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Voluntary/Mathletics Contributions

Contributions for 2015 are \$45 per child and \$10 per child for Mathletics. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Table Top Public School. These can be paid at the office or by direct debit.


P & C Fundraising Contributions

The fund raising voluntary contribution for 2015 is \$50 per family. This can be paid in full or by instalments.

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*

	Table Top Tennis Club Table Top NSW 2640
Junior Tennis Coaching 2015/16 Caters for all levels	
When: Thursday 8 th October 2015	
Where: Table Top Tennis Club just past the Ettamogah Pub	
Time: 5-00pm (first night) 45min lessons	
Cost: \$10 per lesson for 1 st child \$5 for each additional child	
Extra days and times available dependant on demand	
For further details contact Liam O'Neill Mobil: 0400 164 846 Email: liamoneill14@bigpond.com	

Come along! Be active! Keep informed! Be an involved community member!

TABLE TOP FOOD & BOOK SWAP

This Thursday October 10th

6pm -7pm TABLE TOP COMMUNITY HALL

Come and grab the last of winters vegetables and fruit.

You can still come along and buy, it is not necessary to bring produce along.

[Click here for more details.](#)

You can now find us on Facebook! To go to our new community page, use this address.

<https://www.facebook.com/tabletopcommunity?pnref=story>

In conjunction with the Food Swap we are continuing the Book Swap.

Any queries please contact: Lou Bull 60262772 or Marion Taylor 60262222.

TABLE TOP TENNIS CLUB are looking for Section Two ladies for upcoming Summer Pennant Competition, if interested please contact Leanne O'Neill on 0437 796728. JUNIOR COACHING IS ALSO AVAILABLE SEE ATTACHED FLYER

COMMUNITY XMAS PARTY DECEMBER 2ND *SAVE THE DATE*

Come along and enjoy a free sausage sizzle and a chat with your neighbours. Santa will be there with lollies for the kids.

More details in the next Newsletter.

RED CROSS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY:

Is being held at Bradley Haydens, Bowna on October 26th. Ph: 02 60203243

CHEMICAL USERS COURSE AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Chemical Accreditation & Reaccreditation Course.

WHEN: Sun 18th Oct

WHERE: TABLE TOP HALL - venue & catering to be provided by group. (Bring & Share).

COST: \$190pp UPDATE Accreditation \$280pp NEW Accreditation

- New & Update Accreditation Course available
- Pre-course material sent prior for New Accreditation - (1 day course) NO's: Min. 12

On successful completion of course, participants receive Chemical Accreditation Card & Statement of Attainment for the following competencies:-

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Any questions or queries please get in contact with me (Jane) either via email or my mobile phone, for the rest of the information and payment details.

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Parenting *ideas*

INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. "I want..." "Give me..." "It's mine!" and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of...or they're supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I'm not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child's propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children's personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents' wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents' greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1 **Expect kids to help**

With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2 **Think 'gang'**

It's a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. "What's in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What's in the best interest of the family?" as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling's special concert rather than some children missing it because 'it's boring!' 'We put ourselves out for each other' is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3 **Don't let them get away with meanness**

Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don't always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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... How to raise a child to be a giver ...

4 Develop a sense of other

Children and teenagers don't live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. "What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?" is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5 Encourage giving

During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven't changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I'm sure they'd say they'd hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!

Michael Grose



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