

# TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 9

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

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### CALENDAR – What's on?

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

School Disco  
Table Top Hall 6 -8 pm

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

'Brewster the Bulldog'  
Author Workshop  
9.20am in the Library

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

2016 Captain Speeches  
2.20 pm in the Library

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Presentation Evening  
6:30 pm in School COLA

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Pool Day  
Jindera Pool 10 am – 2 pm

#### Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Ettamogah Pub 6 pm

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Term for students

#### 2016 Dates

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Development Day

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Students in Year 1 to 6 commence

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Kindergarten students commence

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Small Schools Swimming Carnival  
Whole School

### Principal's Report

#### School Financial Year

This week marks the end of the school financial year. Special thanks to Mrs Gayle Scott for managing our school finances and for preparing a balanced 'roll over'.

#### Thank You Mrs Mackay

Farewell to Mrs Mackay who leaves TTPS at the end of the year to resume her normal duties at Thurgoona PS and Albury West PS. On behalf of everyone at TTPS, I would like to thank Mrs Mackay for her fantastic work every Friday and for relieving while Mrs Scott has been on leave.

#### Mrs Livermore

We wish Mrs Livermore a speedy recovery from her surgery and look forward to seeing her in 2016.

#### Year 6 Mosaics

Year 6 students worked with Mrs McEachern recently to create some beautiful new mosaic signs for around the school. Thanks to Year 6 and especially to Mrs McEachern for this wonderful project.

#### Colourful Lunch Seats

Students from all grades assisted in painting the lunch seats and tables in a multitude of bright and colourful designs today with Mrs McEachern. Thanks to Mrs McEachern for heading up this school beautification project. Thanks also to the Albury City Council for donating all of the colourful paint.

#### Special Coming Events

As the year draws quickly to a close, we are organising some very special activities and functions for our students and community.

- **School Disco:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm-8pm, Table Top Hall: all students – families are most welcome. Families are asked to provide a plate of food to share.
- **Brewster the Bulldog Workshop:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 9.20am, school library. Author Kim Macklin and promoter, Craig Dent will lead all students through a writer's workshop. All welcome.
- **2016 Captain speeches:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2.20pm, school library. Students K-5 will cast their secret vote after the speeches. The captains will be announced on the presentation night.
- **School Presentation evening:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, school COLA. Presentation of student awards and class performances. Please arrive before 6pm (bring a chair).
- **Pool Day:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 2pm, Jindera pool – entry for students paid by the SRC. Parents will take their children to and from the pool. We would like those parents who are able to stay and enjoy the day with their children. A permission note will follow.
- **Year 6 Farewell Dinner:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, Ettamogah Hotel. Year 6 students, their parents, staff and Year 5 students are invited to this important farewell function.
- **Last day of term for students:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Mufti Day.

### Student Reports

The end of year student reports will be sent home on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Every year we ask families to donate items for a Christmas hamper which is raffled on our school presentation night. Please find attached to this newsletter the list of donations required and a book of raffle tickets to sell.

### Scripture Classes

This week marks the last week of regular Scripture classes for 2015. I would like to thank the volunteers who teach scripture lessons each week. Next week students who

attend regular Scripture classes will enjoy a special Christmas performance in the Library on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 9.30am.

### Drumming Program

The drumming program for all classes will continue until the end of the year.

### 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.

### Hotdog Thursdays

Hotdogs orders will continue on Thursdays this term (\$2.50 each). This is a fundraiser to purchase new 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 Assembly

Assemblies will be held each Friday from 2.20pm in the library. Families are encouraged to come along.

### TTPS Greeting Cards

Images of our school mural have been made into beautiful, high quality greeting cards which are available for sale. Each A5 size card is blank on the inside and comes with an envelope. They are available as a complete set of 12 cards for \$24 or an assortment of 6 cards for \$12. They are available at the office and at the School Presentation night. Email orders are also welcome.

### 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

Next P&C Meeting and AGM – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm

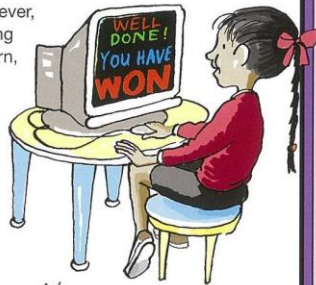
## Holidays

This is the last newsletter for 2015. On behalf of the Table Top Public School staff, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Good luck to the Year 6 students as they begin their adventures in secondary school. The staff and I look forward to seeing the Year 1 to 6 students upon their return on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January and the Kindergarten students on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## How2Learn

### **Switching your child's mind on to learning**

Children's minds are wired up to learn. However, being wired up is not the same thing as being switched on. To encourage your child to learn, help them to make connections between learning and what they'll be able to do as a result. Try saying things like: 'When you get your pen licence, you can always write in pen.'



Train Lucky properly and he might pass obedience school.



You can win at a computer game if you practise enough.

Appeal to your child's self-interest and you'll be more likely to motivate them. Computer games work like this, getting players to complete each level in order to move onto the next, more interesting one. Collecting cards works in the same way: children who don't like maths in the classroom become experts in the playground, learning the strengths or points of each card.

Collect all the stickers and you can complete your poster.



If you practise your cartwheels you might win the Gym Cup.



Join the Brownies and enjoy collecting all the badges.



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## School Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from week's 7 and 8 of Term 4's School Assemblies:

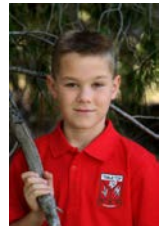
### Students of the Week



### Achievement Banner:



### Special Encouragement Awards:





## **Teacher Merit Cards** (Green cards)

### **K/1**

**Week 7:** Jyden, Esher, Lizzy, Alex, Jamie, Stefan

**Week 8:** Abigail S, Esher, Aidan

### **2-3**

**Week 7:** Darcy B, Boyd, Matilda, Mia M

**Week 8:** Jake, Sheya, Darcy E, TJ

### **4-6**

**Week 7:** Ned T, Dylan, Charlie

**Week 8:** Ethan S, Toby, Tilly

## **Community News**

### ***Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday Program***

*Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs at both our Albury and Wodonga venues, running both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a structured two hour program for Primary school children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5-16 years something a little different. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices\* and times please call (02) 60411127 Albury or (02) 60241129 Wodonga or visit [www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au](http://www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au)*

*\*Special offer for school students who have participated in a Flyaway Gymnastics school gymnastics program. Book in a friend and receive your session at 1/2 price. Please quote "school Gym Offer" and your school when booking in for this discounted price. Conditions apply.*



## **Have a Crafty Christmas**

8 Dec 2015 - 17 Dec 2015 @ LibraryMuseum, Albury.

### **Price: Free**

The countdown to Christmas has begun, so get into the swing of things with some crafty fun. Families - drop in after school and make fabulous decorations, cards and so much more!

Lavington Library: Tuesday 8 December and Thursday 10 December, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

LibraryMuseum: Tuesday 15 December and Thursday 17 December, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Bookings on 02 6023 8333 or 02 6043 5645

[http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/libraries?mode=results&current\\_result\\_page=2&results\\_per\\_page=10](http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/libraries?mode=results&current_result_page=2&results_per_page=10)

ALBURY CENTRAL'S 2015

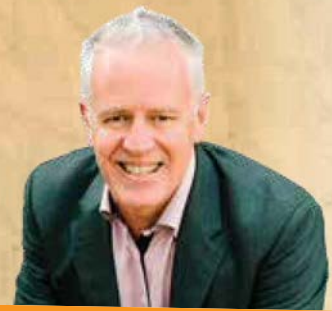
## CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN & Emergency Services Day

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
10am-1pm QEII Square

Hear the sirens, see the vehicles & meet the people behind Albury's Emergency Services

**There'll be music, face painting, free children's activities, fun for the whole family ... and of course Santa & his helpers will be there too!**


Proudly brought to you by Albury Central  
For more information call 02 6021 7775



## Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

# Parents using kids as bargaining chips



It's been said that children are the unwitting victims of a breakdown between partners, but it doesn't take a separation for kids to be caught up in their parents' disputes.

In particular, kids of all ages can be impacted by games of one-upmanship that can be played out even when parents are together.

It happens when one parent criticises the other parent's child-rearing either verbally or non-verbally: a raised eyebrow can send a strong message. This type of criticism creates doubt and uncertainty in children.

It happens when one parent intentionally overindulges children by buying them toys, gadgets and clothes or granting them excessive freedom out of spite. Competitiveness and disloyalty cause confusion and unhappiness in children.

It happens when a parent withholds affection and attention to children to punish their partner for some transgressions they may have committed. Callousness leads to feelings of unhappiness and guilt in children.

### Consistency is the greatest gift parents can give

Kids crave consistency from their parents. They love to be able to predict how their parents will raise them as this puts them in control, which is vital for their healthy development. When they grow up in a predictable, caring environment they are more likely to take the learning risks necessary to grow and develop. In unstable, unpredictable environments kids either go into their shells to keep safe or they rebel. Consistency requires parents to use predictable routines, to stick to a known set of rules and to act always in their children's best interests when raising them.

### Avoid negative partnership spill over

Families have many relationships within them. Parents have relationships with children as individuals and as a group. Children also have relationships with each other and with each parent, if there are two. Parents also have a relationship with each other, which can be compromised when there is family breakdown. The challenge for parents

is to prevent a breakdown in their relationship impacting on their other relationships including each person's relationship with children. Positive parent relationships also have a positive effect on children's learning and wellbeing. Conversely, anecdotal evidence suggests that the spill over to children from their parents' negative relationships is significant indeed in terms of negatively impacting children's learning and their wellbeing.

### Kids are mood detectives

If two parents are in dispute there is an absolute imperative for the parents to keep the breakdown or conflict between themselves and to minimise the negative spill over to children. Inevitably, children will experience a tension if it exists between couples no matter how well their parents try to keep a dispute private. Kids are mood detectives. They're generally better than we think at picking up the nuances of relationship tensions.

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## ... Parents using kids as bargaining chips ...

### Stick to the business of parenting

It helps if parents in dispute can stick to the business of parenting and don't confuse it with the business of partnering. If a parent isn't getting along with a partner, then this is a problem to be worked out between them. Acting in the best interests of children means that we separate the partnering from the parenting when it comes to childrearing. This means that parents may have to compromise about many issues ranging from the straightforward, such as bedtimes, to more complex issues such as how best to manage children's behaviour. Giving some ground to the other parent maybe problematic when relationships are troubled, but it's not impossible. Plenty of separated couples do so successfully by consciously putting their children's best interest before their own.

### Putting aside differences in children's best interests

Relationship breakdown can bring out the worst and the best in people. It brings out the worst when parents put their individual interest before their children's, particularly when they interact with each other. Parents show their best side when they don't let emotions rule their heads when they are in dispute with their partner. That means refraining from using kids as bargaining chips when interacting with their partner or ex-partner. Instead they stick to the business of parenting and make decisions in the very best interests of their children rather than their own interests. That's the adult thing to do.

*Michael Grose*

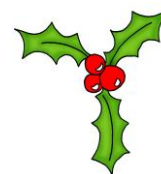


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## P & C ASSOCIATION XMAS HAMPER



Dear Parents,

Each year we raffle a Xmas Hamper at our Presentation Evening. We are again asking each family to donate items for the hamper.

Listed below are the donations requested for the Hamper. It would be most appreciated if these goods could be at school by no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. A book of raffle tickets will be sent home to each family to sell to friends and relatives. Tickets will also be on sale on the night of the concert. If you would like more tickets to sell, please send a note to Mrs Scott.

Belk	-	Chips
Boyce	-	Candy canes/popcorn
Brock	-	Bottle/s of Coke
Brown	-	Bottle/s of Dry Ginger Ale
Busch	-	Bottle/s of cordial
Burt	-	Tropical Fruit Punch
Cartwright	-	Shortbread biscuits
Chaplin	-	Santa Hat/s
Cunningham	-	Box of Chocolates
Denton	-	Xmas Cake
Devlin	-	Bottle/s of Lemonade
Dudley	-	Orange Juice
Dundas	-	Bon Bons
Edwards	-	Tin of biscuits
Evans	-	Salad dressing/s
Gaukroger	-	Basket & Wrapping for Hamper
Greenhow	-	Zooper Doopers
Harmer	-	After Dinner Mints
Jackson	-	Corn Chips/Salsa
Johnston	-	Seafood sauce & Toothpicks
Judd	-	Savoury biscuits
King	-	Gravy/White Sauce Mix
Lescun-Davies	-	Long Life custard
Masterson	-	Tinned fruit
McEachern	-	Bottle of Champagne
Mitchell	-	Xmas Paper plates & cups
Newton	-	Sparkling Apple Juice or non-alcoholic wine
O'Hare	-	Peanuts or mixed nuts
Reichel	-	Xmas Pudding
Scarlett	-	Choc coated peanuts
Sharman	-	Xmas Gift Tags
Spurr	-	Xmas Wrap & Party poppers
Stanton	-	Pretzels
Sutton	-	Dried Fruit and Nuts
Thomas	-	Xmas Lollies
Trebley	-	Xmas Serviettes
Trethowan	-	Fruit Mince Pies
Wicks	-	Bottle/s of flavoured soft drink
Willinck	-	Cranberry & Apple Sauce
Whoever phoned Mrs Scott	-	Bottle of Red Wine
Whoever phoned Mrs Scott	-	Bottle of White Wine (please let me know what else you are down for so I can get it).

This should cost no more than \$5.00 to \$10.00 per family.



## ***AN INVITATION TO OUR XMAS GATHERING***

### ***ALL TABLE TOP RESIDENTS***

***Wednesday 2nd Dec – 6.30pm  
Table Top Community Hall  
Burma Road***

The Table Top Community Xmas Gathering will be held at the Table Top Community Hall at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 2nd Dec.**

The Xmas Get Together is a great opportunity for Table Top families, new and old to meet up for a BBQ and a few pre-Xmas drinks. If you have new neighbours or old neighbours you don't know, please ask them along.

Sausages and bread are being generously provided by the Jindera IGA Supermarket and coleslaw and cordial by the Community Centre Management Committee free of charge, but if you would like other salad and drinks please bring your own.

Santa will be coming with lollies for the children.

RSVP to Marion Taylor on 60262222 or 0413048147, or on our Facebook page.

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## **TABLE TOP FOOD & BOOK SWAP**

**Thursday Dec 10th**

**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 any questions.

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 brand new community page, use this address. <https://www.facebook.com/tabletopcommunity?pnref=story>

In the future, we will be phasing out our flyers in letter boxes due to cost and contacting everyone via email and posting events on Facebook.

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