



TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9

Wednesday 25th March 2015

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CALENDAR – What's On?

Friday 27th March

Albury Gold Cup ½ Day Holiday
School finishes at 12 noon

Saturday 28th March

State Election P&C BBQ, Cake Stall & Car
Boot sale

Monday 30th March

Small School Athletics Carnival
Alexander Park
K – 6

Wednesday 1st April

Whole School Singing at UPA
Retirement Village

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day of Term 1
Easter Hat Parade
P & C Pizza Day
Mufti Day

Term 2 Dates

Monday 20th April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21st April

Students resume

the baskets! Last year we had two very full baskets thanks to the generosity of our families; let's hope we can repeat this! The money raised this year will go towards the purchase and construction of a pottery kiln shed so our school can offer ceramics as part of our Visual Arts learning program.

Raffle tickets for the Easter baskets went home last week. Could you please sell and return the stubs as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 31st March. If you can sell extra tickets, please collect a raffle book or two from the office.

Easter Hat Parade

It's time to start thinking about our annual Easter Hat Parade! Students will display their home-made creations on Thursday 2nd April, which is the last day of term.

P&C PIZZA DAY

As a special treat and as a small fundraiser next Thursday the 2nd April the school is offering children the option of purchasing slices of Pizza for their lunch from DJ's Pizza. Cost will be \$2 per slice. Money and order form needs to be returned to the school **Tuesday 31st March**. Pizza's will be delivered to the school at 1pm on the Thursday.

If anyone has any questions or special dietary requirements please contact Cathy Scarlett on 0427908479

Please identify type of Pizza and quantity on the attached form and return with money by Tuesday 31st March.

Principal's Report

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated an item or two to our annual Easter Raffle. Each family has been asked to donate something to go towards the raffle – including Easter eggs, chocolate, books, textas, pencils, stationary, toys, bunny ears or anything else that could fill

Albury Gold Cup Half Day Holiday

A half-day holiday has been gazetted for the Albury Gold Cup, this Friday, March 27th. School will finish at 12 noon on this day. Martins Bus Lines have advised that our school bus will run at 12 noon for the Table Top bus run and will leave the school at approximately 12.20 for the Thurgoona bus run. **They have asked that parents are aware of the early drop off times and that parents are waiting at the bus stop for their child/children. If parents are not present the children will be returned to school from the first bus run and taken to the depot from the Thurgoona bus run.**

Athletics Carnival

The Small School's Athletic Carnival will be held at Alexandra Park in Albury on Monday 30th March. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate. In the lead-up to this fun day of competition, Mrs Sirr has organised rotational athletics activities to give the kids a brush-up on their sporting skills. If you are able to assist at the carnival, please contact the office or simply turn up on the day!



A Permission note is attached to this Newsletter. Please have these returned by Friday so that transport can be arranged for those who need it.

Farewell Mrs Sirr

CSU student, Mrs Sirr will finish her teaching placement on the K/1 class next Thursday. We thank Mrs Sirr for her work at Table Top PS and wish her all the best in her future career.

Racing into Leadership – Melbourne Grand Prix

Our Year Six leadership group spent a huge day when they travelled to the Melbourne Formula One Grand Prix. They experienced the sounds, smells, crowds and excitement of this world-class international sporting event. This fantastic leadership excursion gave the students the opportunity to cement the bond they have as leaders and give an insight into their potential as student and future leaders in the wider community. Students will share their experiences in movie form at an upcoming assembly. Thank you to Mr Broomfield, Mrs Scott, and our parent helpers from Gerogery and Mullengandra for their support and assistance on the day. This is an annual excursion for our Year 6 leaders.





excursion was been planned to give Natalie and Dylan the opportunity to develop their potential as student and future leaders in the wider community and to and enhance their understanding of what it means to be a Captain at Table Top Public School.



Vote at Table Top PS

The NSW State Election will take place this Saturday, 28th March and our school library will be used once again as a polling place. Please encourage your friends and family to head out to Table Top to vote. The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle, cake stall, car boot sale and have organised for coffee stall to be in attendance. This is a great way to get new people into our school and raise funds to support our students.

P&C BBQ, Cake Stall and Car Boot Sale

If you are able to assist with the P&C BBQ or cake stall on the day of the election, please let the office know. Cakes and slices can be dropped into the office Friday morning or on Saturday morning. Also, if you or somebody you know would like to book a space in the car boot sale for the low price of \$10, please inform the office asap.



National Young Leaders Day

Our School Captains, Natalie and Dylan joined thousands of primary school student leaders from across NSW at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Monday for the very inspiring National Young Leaders Day Conference. Wildlife, Conservation Advocate and television personality, Bindi Irwin; NSW Premier, Mike Baird; Paper Plane Pilots, Dylan Parker and James Norton; and Musician and The Voice Finalist, Rachel Leahcar, all shared their leadership journey and gave tips on youth leadership. This

Murray Conservatorium Lunchtime Concert

Thank you to Deiter, Stephen and Jenny from the Murray Conservatorium who gave an outstanding lunchtime concert on piano, saxophone and flute for our students and staff last Thursday. It was quite magical to listen to the beautiful music while the students sat around the Lizard garden eating their lunch and then all squeeze into Yambla for the conclusion of the concert.



Peace Flame and Sculpture

The beautiful Ribbons of Peace Sculpture, which was on display in the library, moved on to its next host school after last Friday's assembly, which was also attended by the donor of the TTPS Peace Flame, Mr Bob Smith. We thank Mr Smith once again for his very generous donation.



SRC Icyroles

Icyroles will be sold by the SRC at recess time on Thursday for the next two weeks. There are two types of icyroles available. The supermarket flavoured water varieties (50c each) and the Smooze fruit juice varieties (80c each). If you would your child to purchase either one of the icyroles, please ensure they have the correct change.

P&C Meeting Notice

A special Playground Planning meeting of the P&C will be held Wednesday 29th April. All welcome.

End of Term

This is the final newsletter this term I wish you all a very happy and well-earned break with your children, and look forward to seeing everyone for the beginning of Term Two on Tuesday 21st April.

Andrew McEachern

Kinder Sounds

The Kinder sound for this week is 'h' for hat.



The sound for next week is 'b' for balloons.



K/1 News

Kindergarten and Year 1 students are building a house in the last week of term. This is for our unit of learning - 'Places'. We will choose the criteria to judge the success of our design and our finished home. Could you please send in cardboard boxes for us to use in the construction? The boxes need to be approximately 40cm/50cm by 60cm/70cm. Thank you. Elaine



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.

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*

Bus travel

Please advise the office of any changes to regular bus travel. New parents should advise the office when their child/children will be traveling on the bus.

Lost Property

We have a quantity of clothing and plastic lunch containers in our lost property with no names on them. Could parents please look through these to see if any belong to your child/children.

How2Learn

Aspirations

Aspirations are dreams about what's possible. We all have them, we all need them, but we seldom share them! Talk to your child about what's possible. Have positive aspirations of your own and share them with your child.

If children want something, then they will really try to get it! They need to learn that to turn dreams into reality, they may have to alter or improve what they are doing. Sometimes, especially with younger children, this will involve you in saving rewards or treats until another day.

Once your child learns how to stick with things over time, their aspirations start to become

their goals, for a goal is a dream with a timeframe. Children who can set goals, and who work towards achieving those goals, will be more successful in later life.

Tips for developing your child's aspirational thinking

- *Be positive. Turn 'can'ts' into 'cans'. Try saying 'I can't yet'.*
- *Practise goal-setting in and around the home. Help your child set little targets and then discuss what they will have to do to achieve them. Catch them when they succeed, and be there to support them if they fail!*
- *Share your own aspirations: 'I'm really looking forward to...'*

How2Learn

Identity

Your child is an individual. Allow them to follow their own interests and not just to copy yours. By learning about their own strengths and weaknesses, and what is important to them, your child is developing a sense of identity. Children with a strong sense of who they are, are often resilient and have more confidence. They learn and achieve more.

Tips for developing your child's identity

- Encourage your child to talk about feelings. This is particularly important for boys, who tend not to express themselves so freely.
- Share your own interests and enthusiasms. Take an interest in your child's, avoiding comparisons with others in the family unless you can do this in a positive way.



School Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1's School Assemblies:

Students of the Week



(Week 7)



(Week 8)

Special Encouragement Awards: Week 7

Nil

Special Encouragement Awards: Week 8

Tilly

Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Week 7: Ethan B, Jamie, Eliah, Aimee, Jett

Week 8: Jamie, Olivia, Stefan, Aidan L, Ava, Mia R, Aiden H

2-3

Week 7: Audrey, Sheya, Darcy, Ned

Week 8: Mia M, Tenika, Lochie, Gibb, Annabel

4-6

Week 7: Denzel, Thomas G, Ethan T

Week 8: Courtney, Ellie, Paris, Caleb, Toby, Rupert

Class Awards

Library – 2/3

Classroom – 2/3

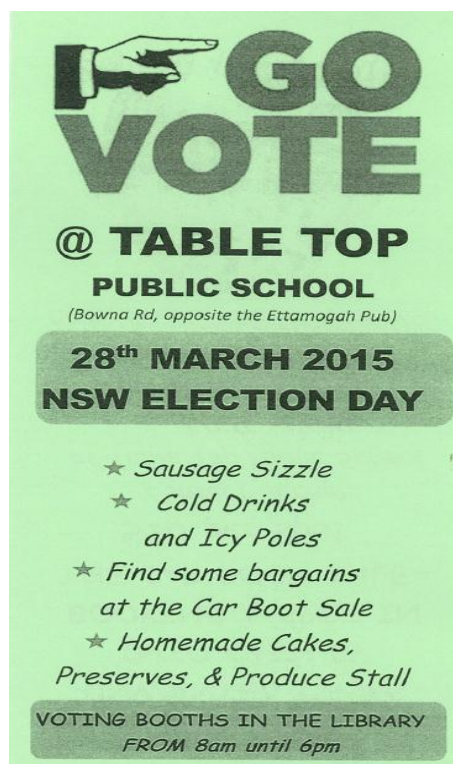
P & C News

Election Day 28th March 2015 - Fundraiser

The P&C are holding a fundraiser here at the school on the upcoming NSW Election day. We will be running a Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stall, Car Boot Sale, Easter and Wood raffles.

We are asking for volunteers to help run these events and to donate Homemade Cakes, Preserves and Produce to sell at the stall.

Contact Rachel Gaukroger at the school or Cathy Scarlett on 0427908479.



SAVE THE DATE: P&C School Camp-out

Keep Saturday April 25th free for your family's attendance at the 2015 Table Top PS P&C's Camp-Out. With Swags, tents, caravans and camper-trailers set-up on the school grounds, it will be a fantastic evening, with camp-fire cooking, a BBQ dinner and breakfast and an outdoor screening of a kids movie.

Let's celebrate our wonderful school community.

Come along and join in the fun!

WHAT WILL OUR SCHOOL YARD LOOK LIKE IN 10 YEARS?

P&C are asking all school families and students to give us their top 3 ideas and wishes for our school grounds.

- If we had the perfect school grounds what would be in them?
- Imagine 10 years from now what you think needs to change or be added to our grounds.

P&C will hold a special design meeting on Wednesday 29th April at 6.30 pm to collate and discuss the ideas and then prioritise which to implement over the next 5 years. Now is your chance to get creative and give us your thoughts.

Please e-mail your ideas before the end of Term 1 to loubull.aquila@gmail.com. You can also come to the planning meeting in Term 2.

For a map of the grounds and school have a look in the corridor near the office next time you are in.

Community News

Albury City Library Holiday Activities

Denim Delight

Use your unique creativity to dress up old denim for a fun new purpose! Make a fashionable shoulder bag or design a jazzy notebook cover using sequins, buttons and fabric paint.

When: Tuesday 7 April
Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Where: Lavington Library
Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Rags to Rugs

Dig out those old cotton T-Shirts from your cupboard and that old hula hoop from the garage and bring them in to create an amazing circular rag rug!

When: Wednesday 8 April
Time: 10.30am – 12.00 noon
Where: LibraryMuseum
Bookings: 02 6023 8333

Humans VS Zombies

Will you be the last standing survivor? Pull out your nerf guns and prepare for the apocalypse that will hit Hovell Tree Park. Defend yourself against the growing horde of zombies using nerf guns and sock grenades in this huge game of tag. Bring your family and friends

along. You will need to bring: nerf gun/s, bullets, eye protection and a water bottle

When: Friday 10 April, Ages 5 – 10. Friday 17 April, Ages 11 – 18.

Time: 11.30am – 2.30pm

Where: Hovell Tree Park

Price: \$5 per participant includes pizza

Bookings: 02 6023 8333

Lego and Games

Come along and enjoy old and new board games, bring along an adult and put your skills to play. Can you outwit your granddad? If not, there is always Lego construction to impress him with.

When: Monday 13 April

Time: 10.30 am – 12.00 noon

Where: LibraryMuseum

Bookings: 02 6023 8333

Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Join Katrina from Cakesrlicious and learn how to decorate cupcakes with fondant and butter cream. Katrina will teach you how to make wonderful decorations for your cakes and better yet... you get to take them home to eat! Come for a little while or stay for the whole session - it all depends on how many cupcakes you want to decorate. Demonstrations will take place every half hour.

When: Tuesday 14 April

Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Where: LibraryMuseum

Price: \$5 per cupcake (payment required on booking)

Bookings: 02 6023 8333

Gift and Wrap (9 yrs +)

Decorate a candle with your original artwork for Mothers Day and create a beautiful gift box. Go on, spoil your mum!

When: Tuesday 14 April

Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Where: Lavington Library

Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Puppets of the World Show

Ken Harper will entrance children with the magic of puppetry to tell stories from around the world. Ken brings to life puppets from Indonesia, China, Europe and Turkey, including rod puppets, shadow puppets and glove puppets. The show includes a brief demonstration of the way in which a traditional English 'Punch and Judy' show is performed.

When: Saturday 18 April

Time: 10.30am

Where: Lavington Library

Price: Gold coin donation

Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Punch and Judy Show

Punch and Judy is slapstick puppetry for kids in the traditional English booth style of glove puppetry. Punch and Judy has a long history in England where it originally was an Italian marionette show with Pulcinella as the original Punch. Characters include Judy, Joey the Clown, Baby, The Policeman, Crocodile, The Doctor, The Devil and with a special guest appearance by Death!

When: Sunday 19 April

Time: 1.00pm

Where: LibraryMuseum

Price: Gold coin donation

Bookings: 02 6023 8333

School Holiday Family Films

Legends of the Guardians (Rated PG)

Fledgling owls Soren and his older brother Kludd, along with desert owl, are abducted by The Pure Ones, who want conscripts for their army in order to conquer the world. Soren and Gylfie manage to escape; their mission is to find the legendary Guardians to save the world from The Pure Ones. But many dangers lie in their way.

When: Thursday 9 April

Time: 2:30pm – 4.00pm

Where: Lavington Library

Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Blinky Bill (Rated G)

Blinky Bill is a little koala with a big imagination and an adventurer at heart. After Blinky's home is destroyed by deforestation, he sets out on a quest to find his mother.

When: Thursday 16 April

Time: 2:30pm – 4.00pm

Where: LibraryMuseum

Bookings: 02 6023 8333

Drop in Activities

Dream Weavers

Using wool and recycled materials weave a miniature wall hanging.

Where: LibraryMuseum

ANZAC Craft

Drop in to make a poppy wreath to take home or add your poppy to the large library wreath.

Where: Lavington Library

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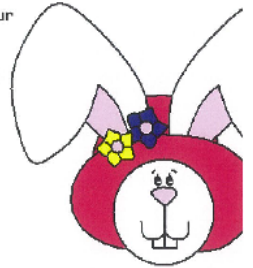
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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Easter Anagram

Hidden Word (circled letters):



a a h l l m m o r s w

a b e k s t

a e e r s t

a e l p s t

c c h i k

c d d l u y

c d g i k l n u

g e s g

g i n p r s

p o h

Medium Sudoku for 25-3-2015

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			2			6		
	2					9	1	
	1		8			4	7	
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Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Lost in concentration

It's more challenging than ever to be present with our kids, and so easy to get lost in concentration on a device. Here are 5 tips to really impact and make the most of every opportunity you have with your kids

I can't help but admire my young colleague Sonia, mother of a 4-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl. She is an avid user of social media and other electronic devices, but she is disciplined enough to set them aside when she is with her kids. Sonia chooses to focus her attention on her children, so she limits her use of communication devices to the times when she is alone – which she admits is less often than she'd like.

Electronic devices such as tablets and mobile phones are ever present. They are heaps of fun, the source of so much knowledge and a great way to stay in touch with others. The flip side is that their hypnotic effect is powerful so that frequently all our concentration is directed at them rather than our kids. When this happens you'll more than likely miss some wonderful opportunities to really impact your child

There are five BIG opportunities available to you as a parent if you, like Sonia, choose to be in the moment when you have children.

When you are fully present you can:

1 Build their language

Recently, I saw a mother walking side by side with a young toddler playing a simple language game. She would make a sound with her mouth and her young son would mimic her. She changed or added to the sounds and her son tried to replicate the sounds. This is language building at its most natural and finest, and wouldn't have happened if this mother was on the mobile phone rather than being present with her child. Whether you are with a toddler, primary aged child or a teen the language building opportunities are endless. You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally.

2 Teach your children about their world

Most children are naturally curious and will ask lots of questions. "Why do dogs bark?" "Why is the sun round?" "Where do babies come from?" Yes, some are simple, some are hard to answer and some you are just

not ready for. But it's through these simple interactions that you become your child's first and most important teacher. My hunch is that most kids will stop asking these questions of you if your attention is focused elsewhere, such as on a mobile phone or other electronic device.

3 Impact their thinking

Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, "If you want to influence your child's thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children." According to Des Forges it's through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.

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... Lost in concentration ...

4 Build relationships

Relationships are built through common interest, good intent and respectful behaviour. I can think of no better reason for being in the moment with your child than the opportunity it presents to build some common interest and rapport. Time spent giving attention to your child is like putting money in the bank for the future. You never know when you are going to withdraw some of the deposits that you've made, so it's reassuring to know that you've made plenty of deposits of goodwill to draw on, particularly in the tricky teenage years.

5 Build memories for you

As a parent of adult children I now treasure the memories of times I was fortunate to have spent with them as young children. It's strange how these memories resurface at the most unexpected time. Recently, I was in a supermarket and I remembered the time when I enthusiastically asked my youngest, who was three at the time, to get the box of cereal with the big red K. Off she went feeling all important and returned with a triumphant smile armed with a box of dog food. "Thanks darling. Nearly!" was my reply desperate not to quell the enthusiasm to help that only a three year old can have.

Yes, there are million memories such as this available to parents who are willing to focus attention on the children rather than be distracted by the lure of communication devices.

As a parent you have competing demands on your time, and the allure of communication technology can be overwhelming. However, as Sonia is so aware, the time for parents to really impact on kids is limited so you want to make the most of every opportunity you have with them.

The key to positively influencing your kids, building strong relationships and building enough fond memories to last a lifetime is to make sure that your mind is where your body is and be fully present when you are with your kids.

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