

TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday 17th June 2015

556 Burma Road, Table Top NSW 2640 T 0260 262220 F 0260 262402 E tabletop-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au W www.tabletop-p.school.nsw.edu.au

CALENDAR – What's On?

Monday 22nd June
P&C Soup-er Lunch Day

Thursday 26th June
Peter Pan @ The Cube
(Whole school)

Friday 26th June
Last Day of Term
Mufti Day

Monday 13th July
Pupil Free Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14th July
Students resume Term 3

Friday 24th July
P&C Hot Dog Day

Monday 31st August
Riverina PSSA Athletics
(Selected students only)

bread rolls and sausages were a delicious way to finish a really fun and worthwhile day.



P&C Souper Monday

The P&C are organising a winter warming soup lunch for our students this coming Monday, 22nd June. Students will need a mug, a spoon and a gold coin donation. A note is attached to this newsletter with details and also a request for help. The note is also available for download under the EVENTS section of our School Stream smartphone app.

Peter Pan

All students in K-6 have the opportunity to attend a performance by local junior theatre company, Bytesized Productions, of Peter Pan Jr, at the Cube Theatre, Wodonga, on Thursday 25th June. The cost is only \$7.50 per student. The permission note was sent home this week and the note is also available for download under the EVENTS section of our School Stream smartphone app.

Principal's Report

P&C Working Bee

Thanks to the dedicated families who helped at our P&C working bee on Sunday, 13th June. The gardens along Burma Road have been refreshed with new trees planted, the school entrance garden had a few more shrubs added, the car park drainage was improved and the lunch seats were sanded back and given a lick of undercoat. Soup,

Student Reports

The Semester One student reports will be issued next Friday, 26th June. Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted in Week 2 of Term 3 (20th-24th July). An interview time booking sheet will be sent home prior to interviews.

School Stream – School Communication for Smart Phones

The Table Top PS School Stream mobile app is our school's preferred way to deliver important school messages and information in real time, directly to parents on their mobile devices. In one convenient location parents can look up information about upcoming school events, sign consent forms, fill out absence notes, read the newsletter and so much more. Please search your device's app store and install this free app onto your device. There is no cost for parents to use this app. For this method of communication to be effective, we would like all parents to have this app installed on their smartphones.

Tenpin Bowling

TTPS has partnered up with Twin Cities Tenpin Bowl in Wodonga, under the Federal Government's Sporting Schools program, to learn tenpin bowling. The lessons have been a lot of fun for our students and their skill level has improved remarkably over the last week. The lessons will conclude next Thursday, 24th June with a whole school tournament.



SRPSSA Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the students who competed at the SRPSSA Athletics Carnival on Thursday 4th June. Our team was named as

the overall and handicap champions. Well done to Natalie who was the 11yr Girl Champion, and Courtney who was runner-up Senior Girl Champion. Both girls, along with the senior girls relay team, also qualified to compete at the Riverina carnival early next term.

Riverina Cross Country

Congratulations to Courtney who represented the SRPSSA at the Riverina Cross Country carnival held at Gundagai last week. Courtney ran very well and enjoyed her experience. We are all very proud of her efforts.

PSSA Friday Sport

PSSA sport continues every Friday. Students from Years 3 – 6 are playing either netball (girls only) or soccer (mixed), combining with Gerogery and Mullengandra students. **The netball team has a BYE this week, Friday 19th June.** Students from the K/1 class are enjoying gymnastics at Flyaway Gym. There will be **NO GYMNASTICS** next week, 26th June, as the venue is not available. The Year 2 students are learning sporting skills at school with Miss Twitt, principal of Mullengandra PS.

Friday Assembly

While we take part in PSSA Friday Sport, our regular school assembly will be held in the school library at 12.00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend each week. The K/1 children will present a short item this week and the 2/3 children will present an item next week.

School Holidays

The last day of Term 2 is next Friday, 26th July. I hope everyone enjoys the time with their children. Term 3 will begin on Tuesday, 14th July.

Andrew McEachern

Kinder Sounds

The Kinder sound for this week is 'n' for nuts



The kinder class will be doing revision of their sounds in week 10

How2Learn

Overcoming barriers to learning

Have you ever wondered...

- ? what effect stress has on learning?
- ? why your child avoids doing certain things?
- ? how much pressure to put your child under?
- ? how to deal with your child's moods?
- ? about how friends can influence your children?
- ? What you can do to motivate your child?

We will be looking at these questions in Term 3.

Gardening News

The Working Bee

Sunday 14th June we had a working bee. The students who came with their families helped with lots of things. Look at our new garden!



We have some new chooks – Lemon, Puppy and Lucy, here they are with our weekly hen handlers, Ethan S and Courtney G. And Puppy laid her first egg!

By Jessica W and Ellie G ☺☺☺☺

School Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from week's 7 and 8 of Term 2's School Assemblies:

Students of the Week



(Week 7)



(Week 8)

Special Encouragement Awards:





Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Week 7: Arthur, Ethan B, Stefan , Jamie

Week 8: Jamie , Ethan B, Alex , Angus

2-3

Week 7: Sheya, Mia M, Zoe

Week 8: Annabel, TJ, Gibb, Ned

4-6

Week 7: Rupert

Week 8: Destiny, Elizabeth S

P & C Uniforms

In case you didn't know we have a lot of second hand uniforms for sale. Most sizes available.

Red Short & Long Sleeve Tops

With Logo \$2

Without \$1

Green Jumpers

With Logo \$8-\$10

Without \$2

School Jackets

1 of each Size – 70cm, 80cm, 90cm & 100cm

All \$25

Girls Winter Uniforms

Size	Pants	Pinafore
4	1	1
5	0	1
6	2	0
8	2	1
10	2	0
12	2	0
14	0	0

Price –	Pants	\$10
	Pinafore	\$10-\$15

Majority are in good condition, except the pants, 1x size 6, both size 8 have holes in the knees (have spare material if you know a good sewing person), these ones free.

Red Jumpers

We have lots & lots of Red Jumpers which used to be the school uniform. They are free for anyone wanting a great “round the house” jumper. We have both with & without the school logo.

Obviously all the above prices are subject the condition of each item.

There are also lots of Tracksuit pants, grey pants & shorts, however I'm yet to sort through them for sizes and condition.

If you want to see what we have please contact the school otherwise contact Sally Reichel on 0428 362820 and I can help to organise them for you.

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*



Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when staff, family and friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. One sticker for every \$10 they spend. Once the card is completed they can place them in a collection box, at either our school or local Woolies.

So lets get our community collecting for our school so that we can redeem resources from a wide range of curriculum based needs.

Community News

FREE KIDS COMEDY SHOW

These school holidays, comedian Sean Murphy is performing *Kids' Party Confidential* for free! The show was nominated as a highlight of the 2014 Sydney Fringe Festival and will be in town for two shows on Monday, June 29th at Lavington Library (11:30 AM) and Albury LibraryMuseum (2:30 PM). To book, please contact 02 6023 8349 or learningoutreach@alburycity.nsw.gov.au with your preferred location and number of tickets. Booking is free, with optional gold coin donation on the day. Suitable for adults, teens and children aged 5+.

Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday Programs.

Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs in both Albury and Wodonga, running in both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and

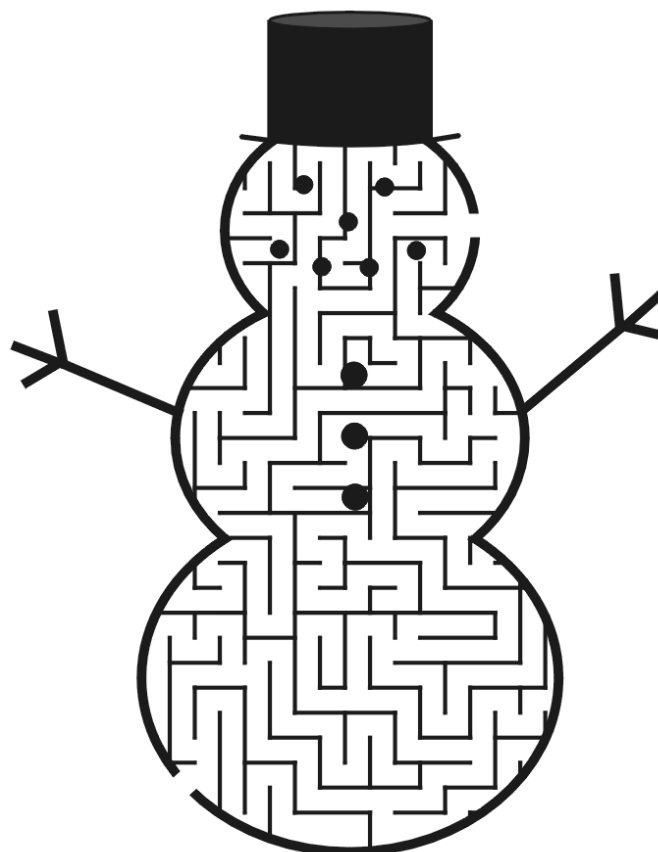
twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127 in Albury or (02) 60241129 in Wodonga or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

Medium Sudoku for 17-6-2015

5			4		8			3
7								4
	8	2		6		9	1	
		5		4		7		
			3		6			
		7		1		2		
	4	8		3		5	9	
1								7
6			9		1			2

Sudoku provided by Sudoku.com.au

Go from the top of the snowman down to the ground.



Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder ... always does her best ... lacks concentration ... easily distracted ... a pleasure to teach ... Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1 Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2 Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so

avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3 Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

- **Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Michael Grose 

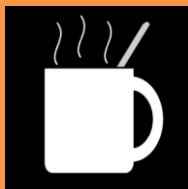


Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.



parentingideas.com.au

© 2015 Michael Grose



MONDAY MUG OF SOUP LUNCH

1pm June 22nd

BYO Mug & Spoon

P&C are co-ordinating a hot soup lunch on Monday 22nd June to warm everyone up for a hearty afternoon of learning (and lunch making on Mondays can be tough!).

There will be either **Leek & Potato Soup** topped with grated parmesan cheese OR classic **Pumpkin Soup** with a generous dollop of Sour Cream. The soups will be homemade and donated by some of our school families.

We are asking everyone to **BYO mug & spoon** PLUS a donation of either:

- **your time** to help on the day to serve and clean up *or*
- **soup** (we need approx 8lts of each flavour) *or*
- **parmesan cheese** (2 blocks of un-grated cheese) *or* **sour cream** (200ml cartons X 6) *OR*
- **a gold coin** on the day *or*
- **other** suggestions.

Please fill out details below to help us finalise the planning

Contact Lou on 0458 240 634 for further info.

PLEASE CUT AND RETURN BY Thurs 18th June at the latest.

YES..... MY CHILD/REN WILL HAVE SOUP *number*

NO..... MY CHILD/REN WON'T HAVE SOUP

YESI CAN HELP SERVE ON MONDAY (we need 4 adults from 12:20pm– 1:15)

YES..... I CAN HELP CLEANING UP (2 adults to clean & ensure pots go back to families 1:15 – 1:45PM)

YES.....I CAN SUPPLY CHEESE *your name and quantity*

YES.....I CAN SUPPLY SOUR CREAM *your name and quantity*

YES.....I CAN MAKE A SOUP *volume & flavour*

YES.....THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN MISSED?.....