

# TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015

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### CALENDAR – What's on?

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jul**  
**Education Week**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
Open Day and Book Fair  
BBQ Lunch 1.00 pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
26 Story Tree House Performance  
2-6 students only

Pre-schools Open Day  
10 – 11:30 am

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
Riverina PSSA Athletics  
(Selected students only)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
First Kinder Orientation Day  
9.00 – 11.30 am

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
Library Museum Visit  
Years 4/5/6

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Library Museum Visit  
Years 4/5/6

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
P & C Pizza Day  
Last Day of Term

today to sing a few songs at Lavington Square. Natalie and Isabella also performed a self-choreographed dance. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch our students perform today. Student artwork is also on display near the Wendy's ice-cream shop.



### Principal's Report

#### Education Week Lavington Square

Public Schools across NSW celebrated student learning this week during Education Week. We combined with students from Gerogery and Mullengandra Public Schools

#### 20 Years at Table Top PS

Congratulations to Mrs Scott who this year celebrates 20 years of service with the NSW Department of Education, all of which has been at Table Top PS, with some time also

spent at Mullengandra PS, Hume PS and James Fallon HS. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Gayle for her dedication, friendliness and commitment to the students, parents and staff of Table Top Public school.

### **Education Week TTPS Open Day**

We will hold our Open Day tomorrow afternoon. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to share in a BBQ lunch from 1pm (no cost), followed by open classrooms, and a Book Fair in the Library. We hope to see you on our special day!

### **Interviews**

Thank you to all families who were able to come in for parent/teacher interviews. The interviews are an important way to connect with your child's teacher and support your child's learning.

### **Preschool Open Day**

Our Preschool Open Day, for families wanting to know more about our 2016 Kindergarten class will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of August. Please get the word out around the local community about this important opportunity to introduce new people to our wonderful school. Brochures will also be made available for display at the local preschools.

### **26 Storey Treehouse Performance**

Students in Years 2-6 will travel to the Cube in Wodonga on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August for a performance adapted from the very popular children's book 26 Storey Treehouse, by Andy Griffith. This production is highly professional and has been performed at the Sydney Opera House to rave reviews. A permission note will be sent home soon.

### **Cartooning Workshop**

Jeff Taylor (Joffa) is a professional author, illustrator, motivational speaker, and cartoonist. "Joffa" cartoons have appeared in most of Australia's major publications, and newspapers over the last sixteen years and he has also written and or illustrated numerous resource books, confidence building books – (for Australian youth) – and most notably illustrated cutting edge publications, marketed internationally. He will be presenting an inspirational cartooning workshop to all

students (K-6) on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, teaching students the skills of drawing while also looking at the skills of resilience building and anti-bullying techniques. A permission note will be sent home soon.

### **Whole School Music Program**

Our school has organised teachers from the Murray Conservatorium of Music to conduct a 10-week drumming program for all students beginning at the end of this term. Students in each class will learn the skills of drumming and develop an understanding of musical rhythmical concepts and perform an exciting item on our presentation night. The 10-week program will be at the very reasonable cost of \$30 per student.

### **Premier's Spelling Bee**

Our school has entered into the NSW Public Schools Premier's Spelling Bee competition. Over the next few weeks, interested students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will compete for a chance to represent our school at the regional final, which this year will be held at Corowa PS on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Absentee Notes**

When returning absentee notes, parents and guardians are requested to give a legitimate reason for the absence. If your child is away sick and has been vomiting for example, "Sick" is not an acceptable reason according to the Department of Education's guidelines. However, "Sick – vomiting during the night" fulfills Departmental requirements.

### **PSSA Friday Sport**

Unless it is raining, PSSA netball and soccer will continue this Friday. No matter the weather, Gymnastics for the K/1 students will go ahead. Students not engaged in PSSA activities will play school-based sports.

### **Earn and Learn Stickers**

Woolworths Supermarkets is once again running with their Earn and Learn promotion, offering learning resources to schools on the collection of special stickers. In the past, this promotion provided our students with art, reading and maths materials. If you shop at Woolies, please collect the special stickers

and have your child drop them into the Earn and Learn box in our office foyer. The more we collect, the more resources we can claim.



### **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.

We are looking into the issues owners of Samsung phones are currently experiencing with downloading PDF files.

### **School Facebook and Twitter Accounts**

Facebook:

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

Twitter: @TabletopPS

### **P&C Meeting Dates**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. 6pm for playground planning meeting, 7pm for general meeting. The School Council meeting will be held at the end of the term.

**Andrew McEachern**

### **Kinder Sounds**

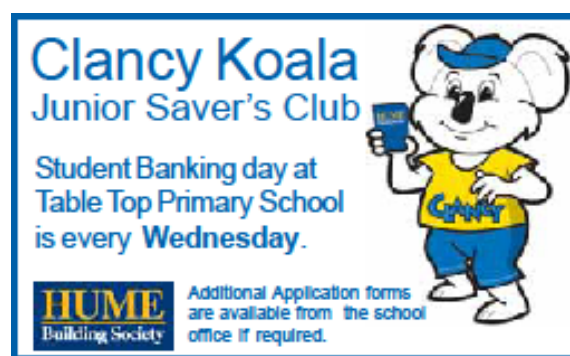
The Kinder sound for this week is 'i' for igloo



The kinder sound for next week is 'o' for orange



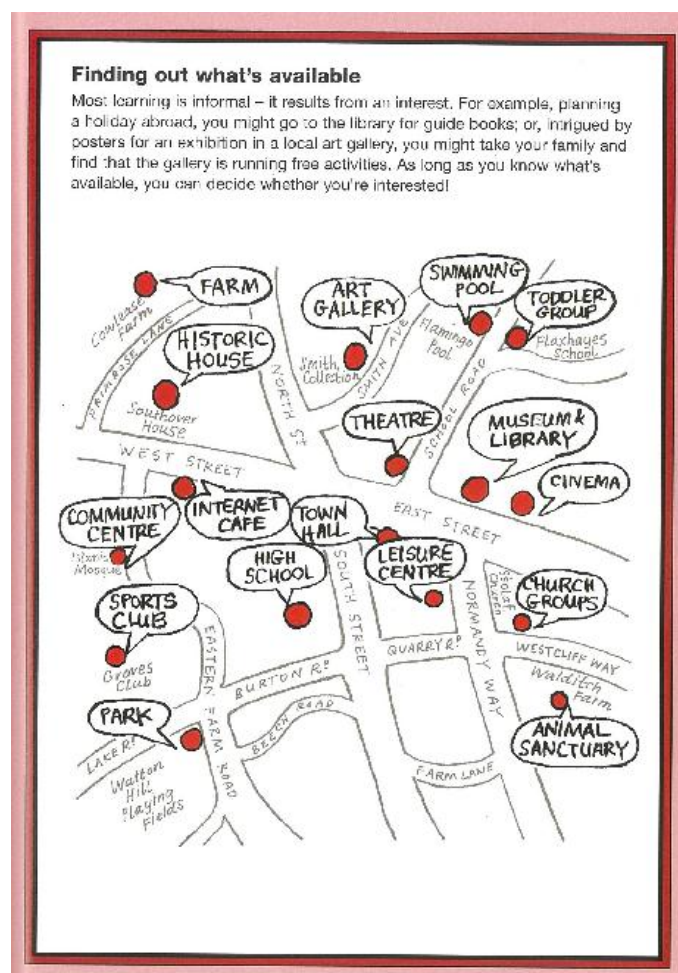
### **Student Banking**



### **How2Learn**

#### **Classrooms on your doorstep**

There are lots of great places to visit on your doorstep, wherever you live. Some of them work well on family journeys, too.






**Learning about libraries**  
 Nowadays, most libraries are like friendly learning centres. Whatever you want to know about – Internet access, photocopying, children's story tapes or videos, music CDs and tapes, how to find specific books – the librarians will be delighted to help. They'll also tell you about book clubs and activities.

Many libraries run activities for children.

Many have extra school-holiday activities.  
 Authors read their stories.

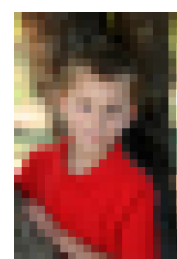
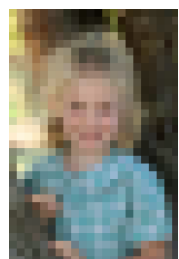


Joining your local library is easy: pick up information to take home to read or join on the spot. Most libraries need to see a household bill or something similar as proof of your name and address, and proof of your signature, such as a driver's licence.

**Tips for getting the best out of your library**

- Establish a routine for library visits, perhaps after school once a week or every Saturday morning. Take time to browse with your child, helping them to choose books. If appropriate, make sure both parents are involved.
- Remember that libraries have much more than books to offer.
- Show your enthusiasm for books by choosing some for yourself, too.

## Special Encouragement Awards:



## School Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from week's 1 and 2 of Term 3's School Assemblies:

## Students of the Week



(Week 1)



(Week 2)



## Achievement Award - Banner



## Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

### K/1

**Week 1:** Olivia, Billie, Jett, Esher, Stefan

**Week 2:** Olivia, Chelsea, Abi S, Saphira, Aimee

### 2-3

**Week 1:** Jake, Annabel, Darcy E, Mia M

**Week 2:** Tenika, Boyd, Hope

### 4-6

**Week 1:** Destiny, Dylan, Ethan T

**Week 2:** Isabella, Paris, Denzel, Natalie, Elizabeth, Toby

## 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

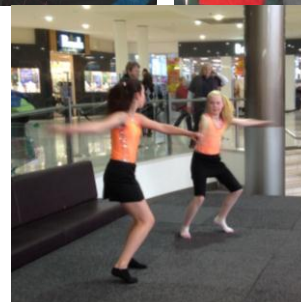
Account Number: 157014 BSB: 032-001

Reference: *Surname and item/s being paid*

### **Easy Sudoku for Wednesday 29-7-2015**

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Sudoku provided by [Sudoku.com.au](http://Sudoku.com.au)





# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

## Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

# Do you let your kids amaze you?

"I'm amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/ pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: "What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?"

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children's independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

I've long believed that **adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence.**

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop **self-help skills** (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with **real responsibility** (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them **autonomy** to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we **do too much** for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); **rescue** them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to

school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and **neglect** to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It's a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children's abilities to the detriment of their development.

### Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children's independence?


Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves

**redundant** from the earliest possible age of a child's life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet **physically** (Don't we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), **emotionally** (with support, of course) and to **navigate their world** without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they've mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It's those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won't happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

*If the idea of promoting real independence in kids enthuses you then join me at Parentingideas Club where week in and week out I'll show you how to raise kids that will amaze you. Find out more.*

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](http://parentingideasclub.com.au). You'll be so glad you did.



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# Table Top Public School

To Excel



## TTPS Pre-School Open Day

Wednesday 12th August 2015 10am-11.30am



Pre-school children and their parents are invited to take the short drive out to Table Top PS for our Pre-School Open Day.

Come in and see for yourself what our small school can offer your children.

Kindergarten places for 2016 are still available.

556 Burma Road, Table Top

Turn right at the Table Top turn-off from the north-bound lane of the Hume Freeway.

A dedicated bus run from Thurgoona is available each day for enrolled students.

**Call Mr Andrew McEachern, Principal on 6026 2220 to find out about the quality education offered at Table Top Public School.**