

TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 5

Wednesday 12th August 2015

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CALENDAR – What's on?

Monday 31st August

Riverina PSSA Athletics
(Selected students only)

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th August

K-1 Canberra Excursion

Thursday 3rd September

First Kinder Orientation Day
9.00 – 11.30 am

Wednesday 9th September

Library Museum Visit
Years 4/5/6

Thursday 10th September

Library Museum Visit
Years 4/5/6

Friday 18th September

P & C Pizza Day
Last Day of Term

TTPS Preschool Open Day

Our Preschool Open Day, for families wanting to know more about our 2016 Kindergarten class was held today. It was a great opportunity to introduce new people to our wonderful school. Thanks to Miss Kirk for organising this important activity.

Semester Two SRC

The Semester Two SRC elections will be conducted next week. Students who have not previously been SRC students in 2014 or 2015 are eligible for the SRC. Two students from each year group will be elected. Our school captains will continue their role as SRC representatives. Thank you to our outgoing Semester One SRC students for your outstanding contribution to our school. TTPS has a Semester One and Semester Two SRC to provide more students with leadership opportunities.

26 Storey Treehouse Performance

Students in Years 2-6 enjoyed the performance, 26 Storey Treehouse, at the Cube in Wodonga today, which was adapted from the very popular children's book of the same name by Andy Griffith and Terry Denton. Thanks to Mrs Gaukroger for organising this wonderful cultural experience for our students.

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

Principal's Report

CSU Pre-Service Teachers

This week we say a sad farewell to Miss Laura Fulford, who has been teaching the K/1 students over the past five weeks as part of her CSU teaching studies. We have all been impressed by Miss Fulford's contribution to our school and I would like to wish her all the very best in her future teaching career.

We extend a warm welcome to Miss Jessica Gillies, who will begin her five week CSU Pre-Service teaching placement with the 4/5/6 class next week.

internationally. He will be presenting an inspirational cartooning workshop to all students (K-6) tomorrow, teaching students the skills of drawing while also looking at the skills of resilience building and anti-bullying techniques.

Whole School Music Program

Teachers from the Murray Conservatorium of Music will conduct a 10-week drumming program for all students beginning on Thursday 3rd September. 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 \$33 per student. A permission note is included with this newsletter.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the students who competed in the school level selection competition of the Premier's Spelling Bee on Monday. Well done to our senior representatives, Charlie and Ned T, and our junior representatives, Callie G and Ned D who qualified to represent our school at the regional final, which this year will be held at Corowa PS on Thursday 10th September.

PSSA Hotdog Thursdays

Students can order hotdogs for lunch on Thursdays (\$2.50 each). This is a fundraiser to purchase new soccer, netball & hockey uniforms 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, preferably on Wednesdays.

Airport Excursion

Students in the 4/5/6 class will visit the Albury Airport on Monday to extend their learning about airport operation. Mr Simon Thomas, who recently gave a talk about air traffic control, will take the students on a guided tour of the airport, including the control tower, the baggage facilities and a passenger aircraft. Thanks to Mr Thomas and Mrs Gaukroger for

organising this excursion. A permission note is included with this newsletter.

Canberra Excursion

The K/1 students, their parents and Miss Kirk are all very excited about their upcoming overnight excursion to Canberra on the 27th/28th August. Whilst in Canberra, the highlights will be the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum of Australia and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. This excursion will extend the students' class learning and give them their first overnight school trip. Thanks to Miss Kirk for organizing this amazing opportunity for her class.

Borambola Excursion

The major 4/5/6 excursion to the Borambola Sports and Recreation Camp will be held from Monday 12th – Thursday 15th October. The excursion will involve rail travel to and from Wagga, and a series of fun and challenging outdoor activities. An information note for 4/5/6 parents is included with this newsletter.

Middle Years Childhood Survey

Our Year 6 students who were assessed using the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) in 2009 have the opportunity to participate in the follow-up Middle Years Childhood Survey in early August. This project aims to map patterns of resilience and vulnerability for later mental health, education, work, and other outcomes. Participation is important because the results will provide unique information and raise awareness about child developmental pathways that can be used by schools, governments, and other agencies/organisations to develop policies and programs that promote the healthy development of all Australian children. This information is crucial for children to develop into successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and healthy, active and informed adults. The survey is completely anonymous and measures the mental health and wellbeing of all NSW children in Year 6 in 2015. The survey will gather information directly from the children about their thoughts, feelings, actions, and experiences. An information booklet for Year 6 parents is included with this newsletter.

NCCD

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW Public Schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students. All information is protected by privacy laws, which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/> if you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection please contact the school. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive. Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website: <https://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-and-resources-national-data-collection>

Staff First Aid Course

As part of our school's ongoing WHS compliance requirements, Mrs Scott, Mrs Gaukroger and myself completed the St John's First Aid course yesterday. We were joined by teachers, principals and administration staff from several local schools for the training. Thank you to our wonderful P&C, and in particular Julieanne Edwards and Lou Bull, for providing a delicious morning tea and lunch for this event.

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

Please keep collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers and drop them into our special box in the office foyer. In the past, this promotion provided our students with art, reading and maths materials. The more stickers 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.

The issues owners of Samsung phones were experiencing with downloading PDF files should now be rectified.

School Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Facebook:

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

Twitter: @TabletopPS

P&C Meeting Dates

Tuesday 1st 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 students will be doing revision of their sounds this week.

The kinder sounds for next week is 'u' for umbrella and 'qu' for Queen



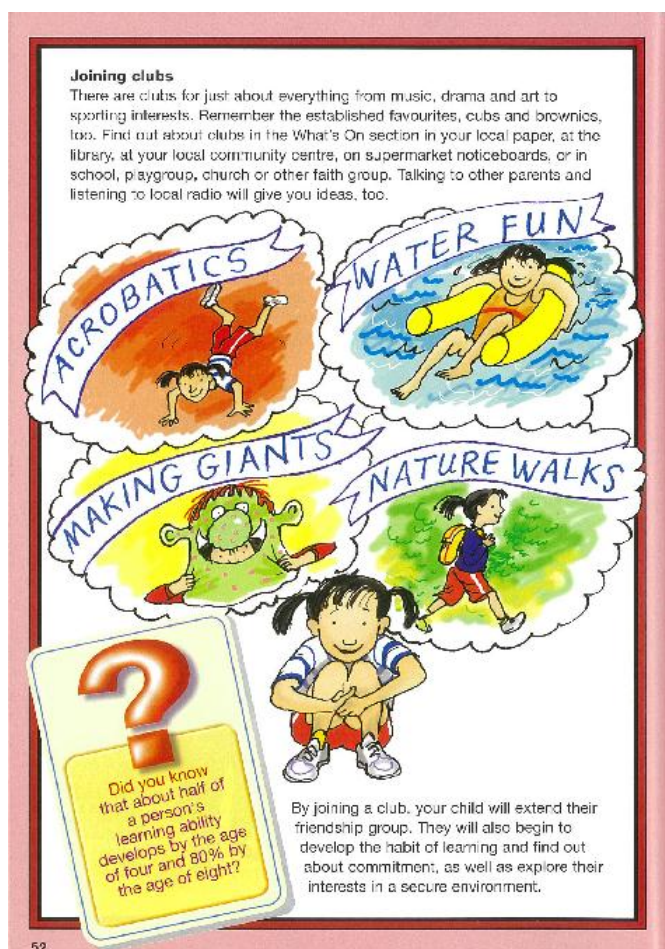
How2Learn

Making the most of museums

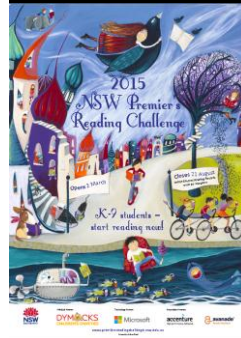
Museums are treasure troves! There are museums for science, furniture, technology, inventions, tanks, ships, nursing, rural life, design, clothes, jewellery, prison life, children, plants, natural history, environmental education, toys and much more. In addition, historic houses, such as those owned by the National Trust, are a kind of living museum.

Tips for getting the best out of museums

- Plan a trip to a city where there are several museums to choose from.
- If you have a local museum, ask if they run an educational program.
- As a family, make a list of things you are interested in and then look for a museum that fits with these. The Internet can be very useful for this.



It's almost time!!



The 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge finishes next Friday. All students need to have completed their online reading log **before 5pm on Friday 21st August**.

It has been fantastic to see so many students accept the challenge and read as much and as often as they can!

Please take the time with your child or children to list the books they have read over the last 12 months. To add them online use the following prompts -

1. Go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>
2. On the left hand side of the website is a box with links. Third from the bottom is a link 'Logon'. Click on that link.
3. You will be taken to the Portal Login page for NSW Dept of Education and Training. Your child/children need to log in using their username and password they use to log on to the computers at school. The teachers have a copy of these if your child has forgotten.
4. You will be taken back to the Premier's Reading Challenge website. The menu of links on the left hand side will now have extra links. Click on Student Reading Record close to the top.

Books can be added at the bottom of that page. Use the titles and it should automatically complete the rest of the details for you.

If you are unable to access the website, or are having difficulty navigating the website, please send the book list in with your child and I will add the books for you.

Thanks for your support.
Mrs Gaukroger

School Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from week's 3 and 4 of Term 3's School Assemblies:

Students of the Week



(Week 3)



(Week 4)

Special Encouragement Awards:



Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Week 3: Dante, Callie B, Aidan L, Arthur, Alex

Week 4: Lizzy, Ethan B, Aiden H, Jamie, Brideh, Angus

2-3

Week 3: Gibb, Ned D, T.J., Audrey

Week 4: Boyd, Matilda, Zoe, Darcy B, Gibb

4-6

Week 3: Dylan, Natalie, Charlie, Ned T, Thomas G, Ethan S

Week 4: Thomas H, Caleb, Tilly, Rupert, Courtney, Jessica

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

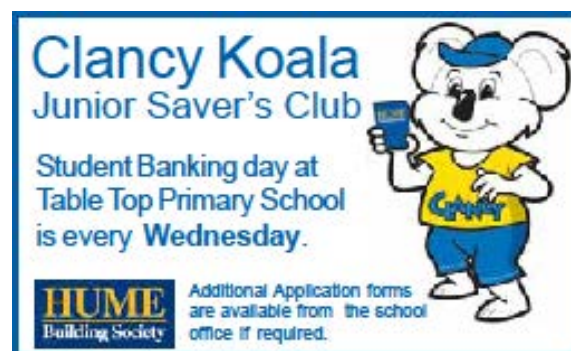
School bank details:

Account Name: Table Top Public School

Account Number: 157014 BSB: 032-001

Reference: *Surname and item/s being paid*

Student Banking



Medium Sudoku for 12-8-2015

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Sudoku provided by Sudoku.com.au

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Build up Frequent Father points

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed.

He was having some '**dad time**' with his kids.

Good on him!

He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun.

He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing.

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids ('Your dad's very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can't make it.') As well, she'd keep him up-to-date with the children's lives.

Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids on their own.

Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads.

And the kids usually just love it.

Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (Most mums I meet welcome this!)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to **do together** with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling....the list goes on.

It's through shared activity and involvement in kids' lives that dads build up **frequent father points**. It's hard to build good connections with kids when you are not there!

Don't wait until adolescence

These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is

a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I'm not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child's space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it's easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child's space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case maybe.

So how are your (or your partner's) Frequent Father points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that the kids enjoy. Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author's note: *Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.*

Michael Grose



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