

TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2

Wednesday 1st February 2017

CALENDAR – What's on?

Friday 3rd February

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Whole School

Wednesday 8th February

Best Start testing commences
P & C Meeting – 6.00pm

Monday 13th February

Parent Meetings and Welcome BBQ

New School Year

Welcome back to Table Top Public School for another exciting year of learning.

A special welcome to our Kindergarten children and to the students and families who have joined our great school this year.

I look forward to working with staff, parents, children and supporters of Table Top Public School to ensure that our students continue to achieve the very best that they can with their learning.

2017 Class Structure and School Staff

K/1: Miss Kirk is the class teacher, Monday to Friday.

2/3: Mrs Gaukroger is the class teacher, Monday to Friday

4/5/6: Mr McEachern is the class teacher, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Mrs Cambey teaches the class every Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Cambey continues her important role as Learning and Support teacher, RFF and Principal's release and managing student borrowing in the library.

Mrs Mackay is full time in the office, Monday – Friday, as our relieving School Administration Manager.

Mrs Hamilton works Thursday in the Library as our School Administration Officer.

Mr Elworthy is the General Assistant Monday and Wednesday mornings.

SLSO (School Learning Support Officers): these important members of staff assist teachers in the classrooms to help students with their learning:

Mrs Livermore

Miss Livermore

Ms Jacob

Mr Rodgers

Mrs Condon (Lisa)

Bell Times

9.15am – School begins

11.10am – Recess

11.30am – Classes resume

1.00pm – Lunch

1.50pm – Classes resume

3.15pm – Home time

School Routines

Morning Muster: Monday-Friday mornings: at 9.15am

Morning Drop-off: Students can be dropped off at school after 8.30am each morning. Please do not drop off earlier as there is no teacher supervision before 8.30am.

Morning Bus: The first bus (from Thurgoona) drops students at school at approx. 8.30am. The second bus (from Table Top – across the highway) drops students at school at approx. 9.00am.

Afternoon Pick-up: Students all assemble under the COLA at home-time and are marked off a prepared list when parents collect them.

Afternoon Bus: The first bus (to Table Top – across the highway) departs school at

approx. 3.20pm. The second bus (to Thurgoona) departs school at approx. 3.45pm.

Any changes to routine, please contact Mrs Mackay in the office.

Whole School Assembly: Whole school assemblies are held each Friday in the Library from 2.20pm. Student awards and class items are a feature of the assemblies. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Parent Meetings and Welcome BBQ

Parents are invited to class information sessions on **Monday 13th February**. Supervision will be provided for young children in the Library by parent volunteers – please contact Karin if you are able to help with the supervision.

Session times:

Mrs Gaukroger 2/3 session – 4.30pm
Mr McEachern 4/5/6 session – 5.00pm
Miss Kirk K/1 session – 5.30pm

We will conclude the evening with a P&C BBQ at 6.00pm to welcome the new and returning students and families for the 2017 school year.

All families are encouraged to attend.

Kindergarten Best Start

Miss Kirk will begin her Best Start assessments with the Kindergarten students next week. Best Start is a series of assessments that give Miss Kirk a good understanding of where each child is at in their learning.

Kindergarten parents have the opportunity to discuss their children with Miss Kirk during the assessments. Parents will receive a report later in the term.

School Swimming Carnival

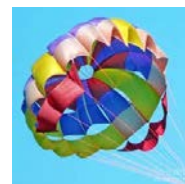
This coming Friday, 3rd February, we combine with our friends from Gerogery PS and Mullengandra PS at the Lavington Swim Centre for the annual Small School Swimming Carnival.

It should prove to be a very exciting day for everyone, as there will be events for all age groups (Kinder to Year 6). The younger students (5 - 7 year age group) will be involved in fun events, while the primary aged students (8 – 12 year age groups) will compete in timed races.

Parents are encouraged to attend. Please return the permission note, which was sent home earlier this week. Please note, travel to and from the pool is the responsibility of parents as there is no bus running on Friday.

Kinder Sound

The Kinder sound for this week is 'p' for parachute.



2/3 Class News

Each fortnight students in the 2/3 class will share news from our classroom. This week it is Mia Reichel.

This year our 2/3 class is going to the Snowy River Camp in term 4. This term 2/3 class is talking to different countries. The 2/3 class is making a garden and cooking with Mrs Livermore. Mia Reichel

No Hat, No Play

During Terms 1 and 4 our 'Sunsafe Policy' is in place. All children must wear a school hat when in the playground. NO CAPS. Hats are available from the office for \$10 each or from Lowes.

Visitors Book

Parents are advised that when visiting the school to help in the classrooms, you must sign in and out in the visitors' book located at the front office.

School Communication

School Stream: Table Top PS uses the School Stream mobile app to help deliver important school information in real time, directly to parents on their mobile devices, IOS & Android. In the app you can look up information about coming school events, sign consent forms, fill out absence notes, read the newsletter and have school



information alerts pop up on your screen in real time.

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.

Class Dojo: www.classdojo.com

Facebook:

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

Twitter: @TabletopPS



Permission Notes

Over the next week several different permission notes will be sent home for parents to read and sign. Please look out for these in your child's bag.

- Media Permission (new students)
- Internet Code of Behaviour (new students & those new to year 2)
- Health/Personal Development/PE (4-6) (students new to this class)
- Scripture (All)
- Generic Permission (All)

Newsletter delivery

We will continue to distribute our Newsletter via email unless advised otherwise. New families can choose a paper copy or an electronic copy. Let Mrs Mackay know in the office.

School Voluntary Fees

Our school voluntary fees, which help cover the costs of educational resources for your children are \$45 per student. There is an additional \$10 fee per child to help cover the cost of a one-year subscription for Mathletics. Accounts will be sent home next week.

School Lunch Orders

The Ettamogah Pub Café is offering a lunch order service for us. This will

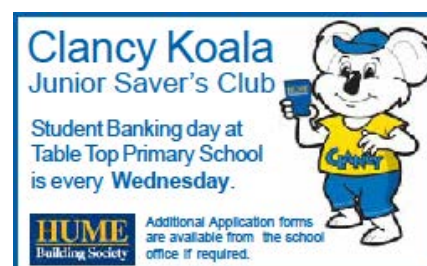
commence next Monday. If you would like to order from the café please send in a brown paper bag with your child's name, order and correct money. Lunch orders should be placed in the box provided at the front of the office.

A price list is attached to this newsletter.

Student Banking

Student banking will commence on Wednesday 8th February. Students must take their books to the office as soon as they arrive at school as the security pick up is at 9.20 am.

Kindergarten and new students will receive a Junior Savers Club information and Application pack soon.



P&C Fundraising Contributions

The fundraising voluntary contribution for 2017 is \$50 per family. This can be paid in full or by installments.

Cheques should be made payable to TTPS P&C or you can direct debit into our Hume Bank account:

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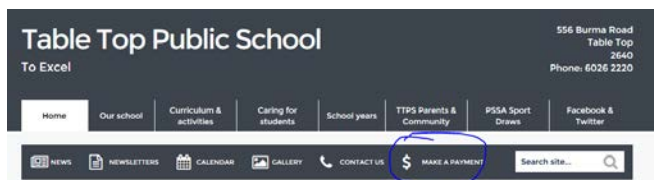
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School Council/P&C

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 8th February. Parents are most welcome to attend the P&C meeting in the staffroom, from 6pm.

Parent Online Payments (POP)

Parents can now access the school's website via computer, mobile phone or tablet to make online payments through a secure Westpac payment page.



The payment process is intuitive and follows the format of many other online payments that are used every day.

Please use the Parent Online Payment facility through the schools website www.tabletop-p.school.nsw.edu.au Cash, cheque made out to TTPS or we now have eftpos facilities available at the school.

Community News



Black Range Pony Club is a not for profit youth organisation which provides a safe venue, where children as young as four can learn to ride and care for their horse, with an emphasis on sportsmanship, citizenship and self discipline.

What do you require to join? Members of pony club require their own horse or pony as well as safety approved helmet and riding boots.

Black Range has had riders complete at State Sporting, Campdrafting, Dressage, Polocrosse, Mounted Games, Jumping Equitation and One Day Event in the last 10 years, with riders placing at all these events, including multiple State Champions.

Black Range's first rally (training day) for 2017 will be held at our club grounds 73 Roberts Rd (off Corry's Rd) in Thurgoona on February 5th from 8:30am. New members can join on the day. Unsure about pony club? We offer a trial membership which allows your child to ride at 2 rallies before making a full commitment. Please contact us via blackrangepc@hotmail.com ("newsletter enquiry") for more information.



Players Wanted!!

Come and play soccer with Melrose FC.

The 2017 season will be commencing soon.

We are a family friendly club welcoming players from 4 years old to over 35's.

If you are interested in playing, contact us on 0438 443 023

or call into our ground at Barlow Street, Lavington,

between 5pm and 7pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Make this year your child's best ever at school

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A new school year means a fresh start for students. Regardless of your child's performance last year, they start school with a clean slate. A break offers students the chance to begin new habits and adopt new behaviours. Here are five ideas to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child's best year ever year at school:

1 **Commit to your child going to school every day on time**

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. Kids spend more time asleep than at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.

2 **Help kids start each day well**

A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you adjust your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time get up, eat and get ready for the day.

3 **Establish work & study habits**

The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school's expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child's or young person's school

and help them establish a work routine that matches.

4 **Make sure your child gets enough sleep**

Many children and young people are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their wellbeing and their learning. A good night's sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bedtime and get-up time each day. Have a 45-minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.

5 **Insist kids exercise**

The old saying about 'a healthy body and a healthy mind' is so true. Exercise releases the chemicals needed for learning and wellbeing. Yet kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage your child to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives.

6 **Focus on being friendly**

Schools are very social places requiring kids to negotiate many different social situations

each day. Yet we often only focus on academic learning. There are strong links between social success, and academic success and wellbeing. Encourage kids to be open and tolerant; to be friendly; to be sensitive to others; to be involved in plenty of activities and to be social risk-takers. These are all characteristics of socially successful kids. At the same time discourage anti-social behaviours such as over-competitiveness, self-centredness and lack of sharing.

7 **Develop self-help skills**

Successful students are often well organised, self-directed and self-motivated. Personal organisation seems to come more naturally to girls than boys, however both genders benefit from coaching in this important area. You can foster organisational skills and self-direction by developing simple, age-appropriate self-help skills related to their every day lives. Such skills as making lunches, packing school bags, and organising after school schedules can be great lessons that impact on how kids perform at school.

At the start of the school year kids are likely to adopt changes than at any other time. Make the most of the opportunity by focusing on two or three areas to really focus on and you'll find that the rest will fall into place.



Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my **FREE** weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.





Ettamogah Coffee Shop
Canteen list 2016

Sandwiches (can be toasted)

Ham Cheese Tomato \$3.80

Ham & Salad \$4

Chicken & Salad \$4.50

Chicken Tomato Cheese \$4

Ham & Cheese \$3.50

Rolls \$0.50 extra

Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets \$0.50

Hot Dog \$3

Cheese bacon or onion \$0.50 extra

Lge Meat Pie \$3.50

Lge Sausage Roll \$3

Sauce \$0.20

Party Pies & Mini S/Rolls \$1

Hash browns \$1.20

Cup Of Home Made Soup & Bread Roll \$4

Cup Of Noodles Chicken or Beef \$2.80

Chicken Schnitzel Burger lett cheese tom mayo \$4

Beef Burger Cheese let tom sauce \$4

Specials

Tuesday Mini Pizza \$3

Friday Spaghetti Bolognaise and cheese \$4

Drinks

Flavoured milk

Straw / Choc 300 ml \$3

Juice

Apple / Orange /Tropical /Apple & Black Current \$2



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