

# TABLE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 8

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### CALENDAR – What's on?

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

P & C Meeting – 6.00pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Albury Gold Cup – half day holiday

F1 Grand Prix – Year 6

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

ICAC Entries due

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

P & C working bee – 5.00pm

### SRC Update

Our SRC held their first meeting last Monday. Congratulations to the following students on the SRC executive for this year –

Chairperson: Thomas Harmer  
Vice Chairperson: Callie Gaukroger  
Treasurer: Lochie Hosie  
Vice Treasurer: Jayne Singleton  
Secretary: Ethan Thomas  
Vice Secretary: Elizabeth Stanton  
Publicity Officer: Callie Gaukroger  
Publicity Committee: Elizabeth Stanton, Jayne Singleton, and Mia McEachern

We held a meeting at lunchtime today, where we started planning our activities for the year.

### Visible Learning Teacher Professional Learning

Our teachers are attending important professional development conferences this week, focusing on the Visible Learning research of world-renowned educational professor, John Hattie. "Visible Learning is a deliberate mindset that shifts the focus from what teachers are teaching to what students are learning".

The conference will reinforce a strong foundation for the positive direction we are taking at Table Top Public School to bring about educational change; to better prepare our students to be thinkers, and to know what really matters as a learner.

### Lunchtime Clubs

Well done to the students in Year 4/5/6 who have taken up the challenge of organising and leading lunchtime clubs for the students of our school. The clubs give children an exciting way to spend their lunchtime and are providing fantastic management and organisational opportunities for the club leaders.

### Racing Into Leadership

Year 6 students from Table Top Public School are getting ready for their F1 Australian Grand Prix School Day excursion – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This annual excursion has been planned to give the students the opportunity to cement the bond they have as leaders, give an insight into their potential as student and future leaders in the wider community, and to supplement learning in the areas of literacy, numeracy and technology.

### Albury Gold Cup

A reminder that classes will conclude at 12.00pm for the Albury Gold Cup half-day holiday on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Student Leadership

Captains, Elizabeth and Ethan, will strengthen their leadership skills when they attend the Halogen Foundation's ImagiNATION Conference in Melbourne, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. <http://www.halogen.org.au/>

### Riverina Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Zoe Reichel, Elizabeth Stanton and Aidan Lescun-Davies who competed at the Riverina Carnival on Monday. We are all very proud of their achievements!

### Athletics Carnival

Save the date for the Small School Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are invited to come along to Alexandra Park to cheer on their children, and assist with events where needed.

### Tell Them From Me Student Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey, undertaken by students in Years 4, 5 and 6, measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered at our school between 20 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students this week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 20 March 2017. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

### Friday Icy-poles

A reminder that students can purchase 50c icy-poles each Friday lunch time.

### P&C Friday Sausage Sizzles

Sandwiches are available for lunch each Friday. Sausages are \$2.50 each. Orders should be taken to the office (with money) by Wednesday each week.

### P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 6pm. All welcome.

### P&C Easter Fundraiser

The P&C is organising a hot cross bun Easter fundraiser. More details will follow soon.

### P&C Working Bee

The next working bee will be held at school on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, beginning at 5.00pm. Please come along and lend a hand. A BBQ will finish the evening.

### ICAS Competitions

Just a reminder that the permission form and money for the 2017 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) testing must be returned no later than **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. No late entries can be accepted.

Dear Parents,

I would like to ask you if you can donate any leftover timber from any projects or anything else you have finished, for the

woodwork club. If you would like to donate please leave it against the 2/3 ramp. We are going to build a cubby house at school in the woodwork club.

Thank you,

Woodwork club students.



## Kinder Sound

The Kinder sound for week 8 is  
– k for “kite”



The Kinder sound for week 9 is  
‘h’ for “horse”.



## How2Learn

### Your Child is a learner

How you and your family can become learners

Have you ever wondered ...

- ? what happens when you are learning?
- ? if there is a good way of learning?
- ? whether play helps children to learn?
- ? what you can do to make your home a good place for learning?



### HOW GOOD A LEARNER ARE YOU?

#### DO YOU ...

Yourself		Your partner	
Yes	No	Yes	No

1. Always have to get it right first time?.....
2. Enjoy watching someone and copying them?.....
3. Talk yourself through it?.....
4. Try alternatives in your head?.....
5. Do it again and again until you get better?.....
6. Work out what you will do in detail beforehand?.....
7. Ask lots of questions as you go?.....
8. Give up easily?.....
9. Set yourself a target or targets beforehand?.....
10. Try to work out how it all fits together?.....
11. Need to get up and move around a lot?.....
12. Test yourself on what you have remembered?.....



### ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

1. No. It can be helpful to experiment and try alternatives.
2. Yes. Imitating others is a great way to learn, it's how we learn to walk.
3. Yes. Talking aloud helps you to understand and remember.
4. Yes. Rehearsing in your head works!
5. Yes. Practice does make perfect!
6. Yes. Planning is an essential part of most successful learning.
7. Yes. Asking yourself questions is essential.
8. No. Staying positive and persisting is essential.
9. Yes. Setting goals helps you to stay motivated and purposeful.
10. Yes. Your mind loves to make connections and see patterns.
11. We are all different! Moving about may help to give you more energy.
12. Yes. Going over things on a regular basis helps. Little and often is best.

Discuss your answers to the questions and the explanations given alongside them. What might you do differently as a result?

## School Assemblies:

### Student of the Week:



Anthea Johnston



Jayne Singleton

### School Banner:

Tenika 4/5/6

### Special Encouragement Award:



Gibb Willinck



Mia McEachern

Ebony -K/1

Jamie -2/3

### Teacher Merit Cards - (Green cards)

#### K/1

**Week 6:** Dallas Pallett, Ebony , William Honeywell, Stirling Marshall.

**Week 7:** Charlie Clarke, George McEachern, Ruby Dean, Denzel Johnston, Lyla Lescun-Davies, Memphis Devlin.

#### 2/3

**Week 6:** Billie , Elizabeth , Harry McEachern, Dante Devlin, Ethan Burt

**Week 7:** Aimee Judd, Mia Reichel, Emily Shoemark, Jamie .

#### 4/5/6

**Week 6:** Anthea Johnston, Zoe Reichel, Charlie Shoemark, Bill Shoemark.

**Week 7:** Hope Masterson, Ryan Sharman, Mia McEachern,



## Community News



### Wodonga Centre

Location: Wodonga Middle Years College (Huron Campus)  
Mitchell Street, Wodonga

Tuesday 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

#### ENROL NOW

Chinese  
French  
Italian  
Japanese  
Punjabi  
Spanish

Cost: Year 1 - Year 10  
\$75 per year

Contact the Area Manager  
Joanne Lepore

on 0474 0546  
or country3@vsl.vic.edu.au  
for further information

Enrol online at  
[www.vsl.vic.edu.au](http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au)

\*Years 11 and 12 students currently studying a language at their day school can enrol at the VSL Wodonga centre as 'Extra Tutor' students (Subject to availability) Fee \$220 per year



## New and Improved Commercial Club Bandits



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS 9.30 AM - 3.00 PM

With coaches Haydn Kirkwood (Lady Bandits Assistant Coach) and Bandits and Lady Bandits stars TJ Robinson, Justin Browning, Deba George, Toccaro Ross and Adijat Adams!

Wodonga - 3, 4, 5, April 2017  
Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre  
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga

Albury - 10, 11, 12 April 2017  
Lauren Jackson Sports Centre  
229 North Street, Albury

All participants must register and pay online prior to the camp

Go to [www.qobandits.net](http://www.qobandits.net)



Cost: 3 days \$135.00 per child (1st child)  
3 days \$125.00 (2nd child)  
2 days \$105.00 (1st child)  
2 days \$100.00 (2nd child)  
Open to all boys and girls 7-15yrs

NOTE: Places are limited and registration closes 6pm on the Friday before the Camps

A JUNIOR BANDIT MEMBER DISCOUNT OF \$10  
APPLIES TO 3-DAY CAMP ONLY



Dasher the tree

## Brocklesby BUSH DASH

11.5 & 2 km run walk

Sunday 21st May 2017

## GALA SATURDAY

Learn new skills in a team environment  
And apply those skills in a friendly game

Limited to the first 100 people on the day

25 March 2017 from 9.30 - 11.30

Ground 2 - Alexander Park, Albury

ALL PLAYERS AGED 10-15 WELCOME

### HOCKEY IS

A game that involves...

- competition for all age groups
- skill & fitness
- personal satisfaction
- player development
- local competition
- representative opportunities
- a fun, safe and friendly environment

BRING A FRIEND  
GET 1 FREE  
MOVIE TICKET

IF THEY SIGN UP,  
GET ANOTHER 1!!

For more information  
[www.admin@haw.net.au](mailto:www.admin@haw.net.au)  
0417 688 852



## 2017 Southern Sports Academy Wagga RSL Club Junior Netball Athlete & Umpire Development Camps



Hosted by Jackie Murphy  
(former NSW Swifts player)

Wagga Wagga Netball Courts, Equex  
Centre, Koorringal Road, Wagga Wagga

### Athlete Camps

18th - 21st April 2017, 9am-3.30pm

### 7/8/9/10 Years

Tuesday 18th / Wednesday 19th April

### 11/12/13/14 Years

Thursday 20th / Friday 21st April

COST \$130.00\*

Please enquire about family discounts

\* Includes Junior Netball Camp Gift Pack  
Please note: there will be a cap on  
numbers this year

## ALBURY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Registrations for 2017 Season

Family Fun Day and Rego Event

Saturday 11th March - 9.30am to 1pm

Sarvaas Park, Albury

Rugby League - Boys 5 to 15yrs and Girls Up to 12yrs

League Tag - Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 15's

Birth Certificates for new registrations

For more information -

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/alburythunderjuniors/>





Dear Parents and Carers of Year 4/5/6 students,

In Term 1 2017, **Year 4/5/6 students** from our school are taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Andrew McEachern  
Principal  
Table Top Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

## ***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....



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Dear Parents and Carers

**Table Top Public School** will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **22 May 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **Parent Online Payments (POP)** : Between **17 May 2017** and **23 May 2017**, the online payment option will be disabled on the school website. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding POP payments before **17 May 2017**.
2. **EFTPOS payments**: We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **17 May** and **22 May 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **17 May, 2017**. From **23 May 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Cash and cheque payments**: Between **17 May 2017** and **22 May 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **17 May 2017**. From **23 May 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact Mr McEachern or Mrs Mackay.

**Andrew McEachern**  
Principal