



Tottenham Central School

Week 11 Term 1

Thursday

10 April 2025

Principal: Angela Bush



UPCOMING DATES

Apr 10: K-6 BEAUT Reward Day

Apr 10: White Card St 5

Apr 10/11: State swimming

May 1: PSSA Netball

Knockout Year 5/6

May 1: Cross Country Walk

May 2: PSSA Tennis Round 2

May 5: Cross Country

May 6: PSSA State Tennis

May 15: Gob/NF Football Trials

May 16: Athletics Carnival

May 22: R2 Kerri Parkes

Principal's message

As Term 1 comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on the achievements, growth, and energy that have defined the term. From the classroom to the sports field, the debating stage to the science lab, our students have risen to every challenge. We have seen success in swimming, won debating, progressed in tennis, and celebrated outstanding results in the Science and Engineering Challenge for our primary students. Our staff have gone above and beyond to make these opportunities possible, showing the care, commitment, and drive that make our school truly special.

This term has been a strong reminder of the value of persistence and effort. So much of what we do takes time, energy, and resilience, whether it is preparing students for a big competition, supporting learning needs, or staying the course with a challenging goal. There is no shortcut to progress, and no substitute for hard work. It builds not just achievement, but also character and confidence. I encourage all our students to keep showing up, giving their best, and taking pride in the effort, because that is where the real growth happens.

**Excellence
Respect
Responsibility**

Looking ahead to Term 2, I am excited to share our updated staffing arrangements for the remainder of 2025. Thanks to an increase in our original staffing allocation, including EAL/D support, small group tuition funding, added administrative time, and a boost to our teaching staff, we are in a fortunate position to expand our team in meaningful ways.

Mrs Barbara Baker will officially join our staff four days a week, from Monday to Thursday. She will support K12 and take on the English Language position. This will be a flexible role, with a focus on working with our Year 1 and Year 2 students. Barb's contribution this term has been outstanding, and we are thrilled to have her as a permanent part of the team.

Miss Danielle Allen returns full-time to continue her work as APCI and Learning and Support Teacher. She will also lead the newly funded small group tuition program, which is an excellent initiative building on the former COVID support model. In addition, Miss Allen will continue providing executive support across the school.

We also welcome Courtney Shanks as an SLSO on Mondays and Tuesdays. Lisa Schuhmann will continue in the role on Wednesdays and Fridays. Roz Hall will join us to replace Libby in her SLSO role from Monday to Thursday while she is on maternity leave.

Before we wrap up the term, I would like to remind our secondary families about elective fees. Students are actively engaged in practical subjects such as cooking and design, which involve consumable materials. Your support in paying these fees helps us maintain high-quality resources and ensures students get the most out of these hands-on learning experiences.

Thank you all for your continued support and partnership. It has been a big term and a brilliant one. Let us carry this momentum into Term 2 and continue striving for excellence together. Have a wonderful holiday and happy Easter.

Angela Bush - Principal

Ability
is what you're capable of doing
Motivation
determines what you do.
Attitude
determines how well you do it.

School news

Congratulations to our Merit and Attendance Award recipients for Weeks 9, 10 and 11!



Congratulations to our 'Regular Reader' Award winners. We hope you enjoy your free book!



What is the Tottenham Central School P&C?

The Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is an organisation made up of parents, teachers and interested citizens. As a P&C we play an important role in:

- Providing services, facilities and equipment for the school through fundraising
- Fostering communication between the school and the community
- Providing financial support to assist parents as their children go through their education
- Providing access to students to exciting, fun, social activities such as discos and fetes

What are the benefits of your local Tottenham P&C?

In recent years, the P&C have used our fundraisers to contribute to:

- School excursions
- Visiting performances and shows
- Student activities – discos and fetes
- Financial support for state representation
- Book awards
- Canteen facilities

We need more members – So Why Join?

Both children and parents benefit from parental participation at school. There are many skills and experiences that you as a parent have to offer that our school can benefit from. Without new members we can't continue to offer our existing support.

What can I do to support the P&C?

Attend as many meetings as you are able - We meet twice a term. Your input is valuable. Meeting reminders are published via the Sentral Parent app.

Volunteer to help at our fundraisers to lend a helping hand to support our students. We need your help to continue to service and support the school community.

Become a member today!

Make an annual payment of \$5 per family to the Tottenham P&C.

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School news

Sentral permissions and fees

A reminder to please log on to the Sentral Parent app regularly to check activities, notifications and fees. There are quite a few outstanding permissions due for the first week of next term. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Years 3-4 PE day change

Please note from Week 1, Term 2, Years 3-4 will now have PE on Thursdays. The students are welcome to bring joggers for this day.

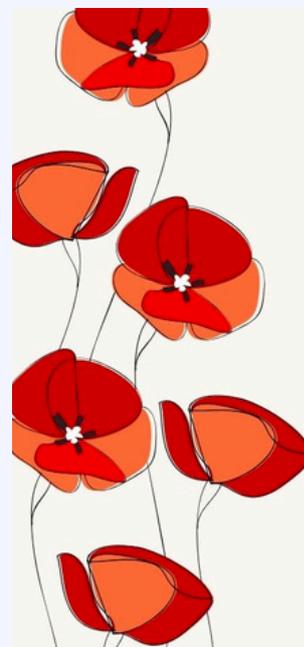
Small Group Tuition

The NSW Government has funded Small Group Tuition as a permanent, evidence informed literacy and numeracy program. This program provides targeted, short-term support for students Needing Additional Support (NAS), identified through NAPLAN, departmental and school-based assessments. It is implemented in all NSW public schools, ensuring equitable access for all students. At our school, the executive team has been collaborating to use this funding effectively. We are refining our plan, training staff and identifying students who will benefit most, with a continued focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes. For more information about the program, visit the Small Group Tuition website, contact our school's Small Group Tuition coordinator Danielle Allen, or reach out to our school.

Western Division Junior Dance Ensemble

On Monday, 24 March, Arlie and Charlotte travelled to Orange High School to attend a workshop and audition for the Western Division Junior Dance Ensemble.

Arlie and Charlotte have both been successful, and will now have the opportunity to attend workshops and perform with dancers from across Western NSW. Congratulations!



ON APRIL 25

We remember Anzac Day.

We remember heroes and what they gave for our tomorrow.

This year ANZAC Day falls on Friday, Week 2 of the school holidays. We would like to encourage all students to participate in the ANZAC Day service.

Students need to meet at the school no later than 10:30am to enable us to get organised and march to the Post Office to meet community members. Students participating in the march will need to wear full winter uniform.



Year 6 Shirts

A reminder that orders need to be in before Friday 2 May. Once orders are received, a fee will be added to Sentral and payments need to be made before the group order is submitted on Wednesday, 7 May.

Delivery is expected to be 2-3 weeks after final submission.



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Term 1 Assembly



Harmony Day



Young Leaders Conference

Our primary school captains, Katie and Evie, recently did us proud at the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney! Alongside more than 500 student leaders, they were inspired by an incredible lineup of speakers including Catherine Laga'aia (star of the upcoming Moana movie), Olympic champion Emma McKeon, a Bondi lifesaver, and a talented screenwriter and author. The powerful message they took away? Keep going, even when things get tough – resilience and focus will take you far.

Beyond the conference, the girls made the most of their Sydney stay – enjoying Darling Harbour by night, playground fun, ice cream under the lights, Annie the musical, shopping on Pitt Street, and even a refreshing hotel pool swim! Mrs Bush, who accompanied them, said it was an unforgettable experience. Well done Katie and Evie – you represented our school with pride, energy, and excellence!



Science & Engineering



Year 5 and 6 visited Dubbo on Thursday, 27 March to attend the Western Plains Science and Engineering Discovery Day presented by the University of Newcastle. Students had a fabulous day, participating in various challenge activities, building their teamwork skills, and increasing their knowledge and understanding of science and engineering. Students were also exposed to the many and varied career opportunities in this field, broadening their understanding of the ways they could be involved in the world of STEM. What an amazing day!

Kerri Parkes Debating Round 1 Winners!



On Friday, 28 March, our Year 5/6 debating team debated against Middleton Public School from Parkes in the first round of the Kerri Parkes Debating Competition.

The topic was 'That the school day should start later.' Tottenham represented the affirmative argument and convincingly persuaded the adjudicator.

Congratulations primary debaters!

The next round will be held early next term.

It has been an exciting start to Science in primary!

K/1/2 have been studying light and sound, specifically how we see and how we hear. We have learnt that sounds are vibrations and have completed some experiments on this. We did the cups and strings experiment, and also the balloon experiment. This involves blowing up a balloon and having one partner hold it, while the other partner talks through it. The vibrations of the speaker are felt through the hands of the one holding the balloon!



Science with Miss Allen

Stage 3 students have been clever scientists this term and have been studying electricity. We have learnt about how we there are many ways to make electricity via solar, hydro, nuclear plants just to name a few. We have also discovered how to draw and represent electricity using the correct diagrams and even had some fun learning and being creative with electrical circuits. Students can now understand how electricity flows and how some items or objects are either an insulator or conductor.



Stage 2 has been studying heat, how it is a form of energy, the different sources and how heat is made e.g. natural, electrical or friction. Check out some of our awesome Heat Safety posters we made.



Sport dates for Term 2, 2025

Carnival/Trials	Venue	Date
PSSA Netball Knockout Round 1	Narromine	Thursday 1 May
Walk Cross Country	Tottenham	Thursday 1 May
PSSA Tennis Knockout Round 2	Tottenham	Friday 2 May
Cross Country	Tottenham	Monday 5 May
PSSA State Tennis Championships	Bathurst	Tuesday 6 May – Friday 9 May
CHS Boys Squash Knockout Round 1	Warren	Wednesday 7 May
Gobondery/NARRAF boys and girls Football trials	Narromine	Thursday 15 May
Athletics carnival	Tottenham	Friday 16 May
Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country	Trangie	Friday 30 May
WAP Athletics Carnival	Dubbo	Wednesday 4 June
WSSA Cross Country	Orange	Wednesday 11 June
Secondary Gala Day	Trangie	Wednesday 18 June
Gobondery/NARRAF Soccer Gala Day	Trangie	Friday 20 June

Gobondery/NARRAF and WSSA Trials Term 2

Trials for Gobondery/NARRAF and WSSA will be advertised on the calendar and sent out via Sentral. If your child would like to trial for a sport, please notify the school by the notification date. You will also need to organise to take your child to the trial. A note will be on Sentral for the sport which have all information needed for the sport.

Please be aware that if students are nominated individually, and attend PSSA trials, convenors expect that they are competent in that sport, can display a good standard of skills and have experience in the sport they are trialling for. If your child does nominate for PSSA trials they will be asked what playing experience they have and what position/s they usually play. If Gobondery/NARRAF trials are held for sports this is where students are able to go and get experience in that sport. It is still expected that they know the rules of the sport and have some experience playing the sport.

Sport	Trial date	Venue	Nomination date	Notification date to school	Gobondery/NARRAF or WSSA Trial
Gobondery/NARRAF boys and girls Football Trials	15 May	Narromine	9 May	7 May	Gobondery/NARRAF
PSSA Football boys	19 May	Dubbo	Selected from G/N trial	N/A	PSSA Trial
PSSA Football girls	19 May	Dubbo	Selected from G/N trial	N/A	PSSA Trial
CHS Boys and girls Tennis	20 June	Bathurst	10 June	5 June	CHS Trial
PSSA Golf	30 June	Mudgee	27 June	23 June	PSSA Trial

Gobondery/NARRAF Cricket Gala Day



**TOTTENHAM
CENTRAL
SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY
WILL BE HELD
MONDAY, 5 MAY
COMMENCING AT
9:30AM
TOTTENHAM
GOLF COURSE**

CROSS COUNTRY

Everyone welcome.

**Helpers will be needed on
the day.**



*Wishing Evelyn, Arlie, Toby and Quin
all the best at the PSSA State
Swimming Championships tomorrow
at the Sydney Aquatic Centre.
Swim fast team!*

The Secondary Showcase

Secondary Assessment Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Term 2 Week 1	N/A	N/A	Year 11 – N/A Year 12 – N/A

CSU Future Moves Visit

On Tuesday 1 April, Secondary students spent time learning about university life and available options at Charles Sturt University (CSU). The visiting CSU students shared their personal experiences, offering advice on the transition from secondary school to university, what life on campus is like, and the various academic and extracurricular opportunities available.



Ag Immersion Day at Trangie

On Thursday 27 March, Billy took part in an Ag Immersion Day at the Trangie Research Station, where he participated in a variety of informative sessions covering different aspects of the agricultural industry.

Secondary Parent Check In

On Tuesday 1 April, our staff dedicated the day to conducting phone check-ins with families. These conversations offered a chance to update families on their child's academic progress, discuss any challenges, and celebrate achievements. It also provided parents with the opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and offer valuable feedback, fostering a more collaborative approach to supporting student success. We appreciate our secondary families for taking the time to engage in these meaningful conversations with us about your children.

The Secondary Showcase

White Card Course

Today, four of our Stage 5 students have been at Tullamore Central School completing their White Card certification. This qualification will enable them to work safely on construction sites, opening doors to various career opportunities in the trades and construction industries. We are proud of their dedication to gaining these valuable skills and look forward to seeing how this qualification supports their future aspirations.



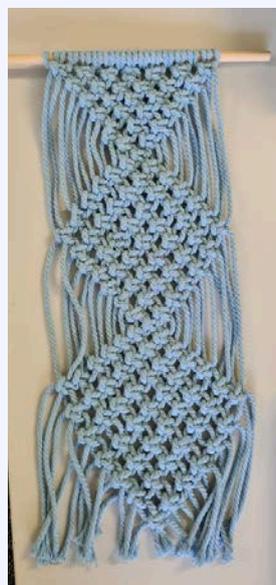
TAS Skill Building Day

Yesterday, Stage 4 and 5 students spent the day at Peak Hill with Mr Watt in the workshop, where they had the chance to create. It was wonderful to see all the students actively participating and fully engaged in the sessions, which allowed them to develop. We sincerely thank Mr Watt and Peak Hill Central School for providing this valuable opportunity for our students.



Science update

In Science this term, Stage 5 has been exploring the CSIRO's Sydney Particle Study as a large dataset they could analyse through making and interpreting graphs. Stage 4 has been studying the universe, making and analysing observations, including measuring the difference between temperature and thermal comfort in their assessment task.



Stage 4 has also been learning about weaving in Mandatory Technology this term, including different historical and cultural uses, as well as creating their own macramé wall hangings. It has certainly been a test of their dexterity and patience!

Community news

TO 'Cogs in our community'

YOUTH CLUB IS BACK IN 2025

GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!

Meeting: Weds 14th May, 4:30pm

at Youth Club

come along if you're keen to see Youth Club back in action this year

(year 7-18 yo plus parents and carers and supportive community members.)

Details: 0429 917 913

Tottenham Soccer Club

BIG KICKING DATES!

Wednesday 9th April, 3.15pm
Come & try
Collect your team shirt!
Totty Sport & Rec Grounds

Wednesday 30th April, 3.15pm
First training for season
Totty Sport & Rec Grounds

Saturday 3rd May, 8.45am
Season begins at Tottenham Soccer Grounds

Wednesday 7th May, 3.15pm
Training at Totty Sport & Rec Grounds

Saturday 10th May, 8.45am
Matches at Warrem Soccer Grounds

Wednesday 14th May, 3.15
Training at Totty Sport & Rec Grounds

Minis 5-7 years old Mids 8-11 years Seniors 12-18
Divisions are based on the age socceros & matildas turn this year, confidence, experience and player numbers

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School Exclusion Periods

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If your child has an infectious condition, you may need to keep them home from day care or school to stop it from spreading. Here's a list of common childhood illnesses and their recommended exclusion periods.

<p>Chickenpox Until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days).</p>	<p>Colds No exclusion period.</p>	<p>Conjunctivitis Until discharge (pus) from the eyes has stopped.</p>	<p>COVID-19 If positive COVID-19 test, stay home until acute symptoms go.</p>
<p>Diarrhoea 1 day after the last loose bowel motion (if no cause is identified).</p>	<p>Gastroenteritis 1 day after the last loose bowel motion (if no cause is identified).</p>	<p>Hand, foot and mouth disease Until all blisters have dried.</p>	<p>Head lice No exclusion period (as long as effective treatment has started).</p>
<p>Impetigo Until 48 hours after treatment or once sores have dried and healed.</p>	<p>Influenza (flu) Until well.</p>	<p>Measles At least 4 days after the first rash.</p>	<p>Mumps 9 days or until the swelling goes down.</p>
<p>Rubella At least 4 days after the first rash or until they have recovered fully.</p>	<p>Scabies 1 day after appropriate treatment has started.</p>	<p>Threadworms No exclusion period.</p>	<p>Whooping cough 5 days after antibiotics started, or 21 days from the first cough.</p>

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HAPPY
Easter

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We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.