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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi everyone – TCS continues to be creative and engaged.

Science at TCS

2016 has been a very exciting year for Science at Trangie Central School. This year for the first time in all the years that I have known at Trangie we have students studying Biology, Physics, Chemistry AND Senior Science. It is exciting to know that we have the teachers qualified to teach these subjects and the students who are interested and keen to study the Sciences at senior level. More importantly, it is very pleasing to know that our junior curriculum is strong enough to develop the skills and enthusiasm in the students as they come through the school.

Ms Ebsworth has joined our school this year as our Secondary Science teacher and has brought with her a wealth of enthusiasm and creative ideas. The Science at our school is energised and gaining momentum! An example of this was the project on building an earthquake proof building that I was invited to see last week. The creative and mathematical thinking was outstanding and the end result was amazing.

This year, again, our Year 6s have been given the opportunity to spend an hour a week in the Science laboratory with their teacher, Ms Murtagh and also Mrs Berkeley, a qualified secondary Science teacher, to conduct practical sessions that are related to the topic they are studying. The students and Ms Murtagh are loving the laboratory work and both she and the students are finding out firsthand what fun Science is. It is wonderful that the majority of our Year 6s will be moving into our Secondary school and after a year working in the Science laboratory in Year 6 they will have all the knowledge and skills to enable them to begin their Secondary Science work in earnest on day one.

Wudhagaragarra Awards

Huge congratulations to Pat Skinner who has been awarded a Creative Arts Award and Leonie Jones a Student Leadership Award at this prestigious ceremony being held in Dubbo this week. I would also like to recognise the fantastic job that our new Deputy, Dimiti Trudgett, did in completing the nominations for these awards.

Transition Program

Our transition program into both Kindergarten and Year 7 is organised and letters will be sent out shortly to all parents of Year 6 students and prospective Kindergarten parents. We will be having information sessions appropriate to each group and then visits to our school for the students to experience what 'big school' is actually like. Our Early Birds of course will have no fears of starting school as they are super confident already! If you would like information about our transition Program and we do not already have your name on our list for expression of interest, then just call us and we will send all information to you with no commitment required on your part.

We have already had parents ask for a tour of the school as they decide about their choice for 2017 and I am always happy to show people around at any time, again with no commitment required. Just give me a call.

Finally

My door is and always has been open – whether you are happy, sad or mad. I need to know if we are not doing something right but I also need to know that you trust our motives and our intentions. Everything we do, every single day is for YOUR children. If we can do it better, tell us.

All the best

Anne Holden



WOW!



CREATIVE ARTS

Science AND Creative Arts

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Deputy Principal
Dimiti Trudgett

Head Teachers
Kate Wilson
Ted Wright

Head Teacher's Report

Wudhagaragarra Awards

Congratulations to Leonie Jones and Pat Skinner, who have been recognised in this year's Wudhagaragarra Awards. Leonie is receiving the Student Leadership Award, recognising the outstanding work she does both within the school and in Trangie and in her community in Tottenham. Pat is receiving an award recognising his outstanding achievement in Creative and Performing Arts, including especially his commitment to the TCS Aboriginal Dance Group and the workshops he runs at local schools and for other community groups all around the Narromine Shire.

Leonie and Pat will be recognised at the Wudhagaragarra Awards Ceremony today in Dubbo.

They are both wonderful role models for all our students; congratulations to them both.

Term 3 Focus: Reading

Did you know? Reading is not just something that children should do in school; it needs to be an everyday part of our lives, something we choose to do at all ages. Reading for pleasure helps us to develop our sense of connectedness to the wider community.

Kate Wilson
Head Teacher

Taronga Western Plains Zoo - Meet A Keeper Program

This week saw four Year 9 and 10 students interested in the workings of a zoo attend the annual 'Meet a Keeper' day at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. We had a great day investigating the behind-the-scenes decisions made for animal enclosures, breeding and conservation. Students were able to get close and personal with the rhinos, giraffes, elephants and Tasmanian devils whose keepers shed light on various issues they face when designing enclosures and looking after these animals. Zoo staff also encouraged interested students to join the Youth at the Zoo (YATZ) program where students can volunteer at the zoo on weekends and school holidays. As always, it was a great day of career investigation!

Skye Rush - Careers Advisor



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TRANGIE CENTRAL SCHOOL CHESS CLUB LUNCHTIME – TUESDAYS

**Would you like to learn how to play chess?
Do you already know how to play chess and
want to practise with friends?
Then join our Chess Club and come play at lunch time on
Tuesdays. Location to be confirmed.**

PRIMARY & SECONDARY ARE WELCOME!



Ms Ebsworth
Organising Teacher

Watt's in the Box Week 2

Ms Ebsworth – Science Teacher

Week 1 Winners
Bryce Hannaford
Demi Dunn
Karly Edwards

Week 1 Answer – Mt Kosciuszko

Clue 1: This group of plants contain some of the tallest trees in the world. 75% of trees in Australia are part of this group.

Clue 2: Most species of these trees can survive more than 250 years in the wild and some can live to more than 400 years. There are about 900 species (different types)!

Clue 3: Their leaves point downwards and they turn with the sun to reduce the exposure to direct sunlight when it is very hot.

Clue 4: The oil creates a blue vapour in the air, which is how the Blue Mountains got the name!

Clue 5: The oil in the leaves can be used in medicines (it is great for sore throats and aching muscles), but it is quite toxic and causes koalas to become drowsy (which is why they sleep more than 20 hours a day!).

TERM THREE - Week 2

General Business

Work Placement is coming up in Week 6 for our Primary Industry and Hospitality students. Students have received documents that require parental/caregiver consent and important information about their placement. These forms must be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible please.

HSC Students 2016

Students have their **HSC Trial Examinations** which commence Wednesday, **Week 4** and finish Friday, **Week 5**. **Students will need to use their in school study periods and study plans for home in preparation for these examinations.**

Preliminary Students 2016

Students are reminded to use their STUDY PERIODS to the best of their ability. Using this time productively allows students to complete set tasks on time and prepares them for the HSC course.

Preliminary Students 2017

The **Subject Selection** process has started with our **Year 10** students in preparation for **Preliminary 2017**. Be sure to start a conversation with your child about their interests and goals for their senior years. Students are also slowly getting introduced to the Western Access Program and if you have any questions please contact myself or our Careers Advisor, Mrs Skye Rush.

Feel free to visit the Western Access Program website for more information about the program, policies and procedures. <http://westernaccess.nsw.edu.au/> <http://www.facebook.com/WesternAccessProgram>

Troy Jones
Access Coordinator



Combined School Development Day - Peak Hill

On Monday July 18 teaching and support staff from our 6 schools connected and collaborated in innovative style at Peak Hill. A huge thank you must go to Amanda Thorpe (Relieving Principal at Tottenham) for all of her hard work organising this event. Thank you also to the staff who ran sessions or were otherwise involved in the logistics of the day.

After an address from Maree Angus, Director Lachlan Schools, staff were split into common groups for further professional learning and workshops, as follows.

School Learning Support Officers (aka Teacher Aides) worked on literacy and numeracy strategies, students' health and wellbeing initiatives and ways to increase their effectiveness in supporting students.

Secondary teachers focussed on the 'Stand and Deliver' project which is aiming to better support teachers in maximising HSC results across the WAP, as well as curriculum based network meetings to share best practice in teaching and assessment.

Primary teachers were professionally developed in Creative and Practical Arts, Gifted and Talented education as well as networking around programming and resource development.

Administration staff focussed on handling media enquiries, technologically skill advancement and workplace health and safety issues.

Thank you must also go to Peak Hill Central School for hosting this event and providing the wonderful catering.

Peter Nichols - Principal, Tullamore Central School



Assistant Principals' Report

Year 6 Shirts



Students in Year 6 were excited today to receive their Year 6 shirts. These shirts have become a 'rite of passage' for our senior Primary class and look terrific. The students worked collaboratively to select a design and layout for the shirt. The shirts may be worn instead of the PE shirt.



School Food Reminder – Think Nutritious!

These students are enjoying healthy, nutritious food at play time. Well done families...raising strong, vibrant children who have all the right nutrients in their bodies to learn!

Family Influence

At TCS we are often asked by parents "What can I do to help my child do well in school?" There are of course a million and one great ideas that can help your child succeed academically. The most important is to make time for your child and really listen to them. Having great conversations helps you understand your son or daughter's thinking and their changing interests. If your child is fascinated by insects this can be a springboard to read some great books, visit the zoo, walk around the neighbourhood hunting for bugs, watch some documentaries together and talk, talk, talk! There are direct correlations between the number of words a child hears in conversation to academic success...so switch off the TV and get chatting!



We have an obligation to read aloud to our children. To read them things they enjoy. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it interesting, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves. Use reading-aloud time as bonding time, as time when no phones are being checked, when the distractions of the world are put aside.
-- Neil Gaiman, The Guardian, October 15, 2013

www.GrowingBookworms.com

International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS)

This week a group of students ranging from Years 2-7 took part in the annual ICAS English test. All of the children worked hard and concentrated; giving a quality effort. These tests can be a great experience for kids and give a good idea of where your child slots academically alongside the other children in Australia and overseas who take the tests.

Reminders

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| <i>Home Reading:</i> | Don't forget! |
| <i>Notes & Money:</i> | Canberra Excursion (Year 5/6) |
| | Primary Dance & Choir Wellington Eisteddfod |
| <i>Premiers Spelling Bee:</i> | Word lists have gone home for students. School finals for Years 3-6 are set for Wednesday 31st August. |
| <i>Moorambilla:</i> | Payments due direct to Moorambilla |

Jacky Murtagh
Assistant Principal

PRIMARY

Assistant Principals

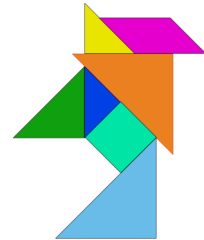
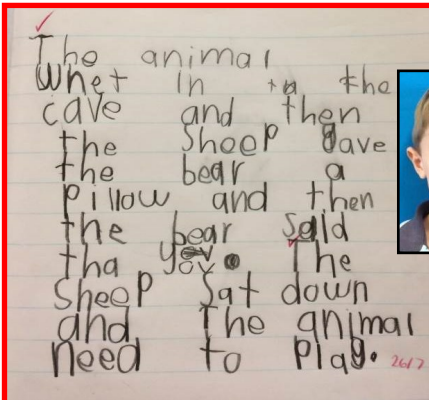
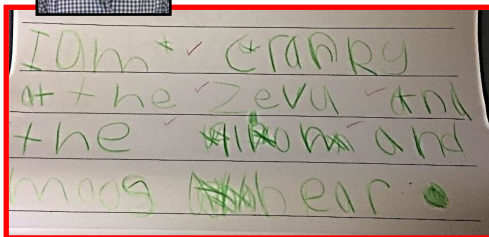
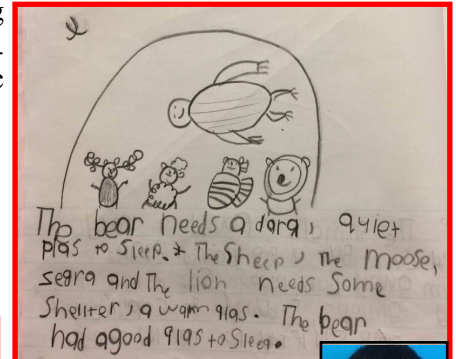
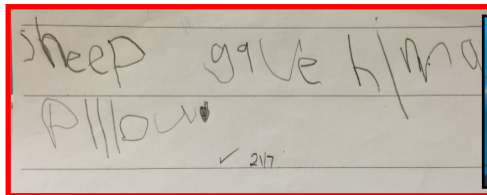
Jo-Anne Ellis
Jacky Murtagh



K/1D



Second week into the term and K/1D are off to a busy start!! This week during Literacy we are reading the book, *The Very Cranky Bear* written by Nick Bland. We have had some wonderful discussions and this has led to some terrific writing.



K/1D are having a car race and discussing which car came in first, second, third and fourth position.

This week we are using Lego during math groups. (A big hit!) Activities include; groups picking two blocks of Lego, learning to count on and deciding the best strategies to solve problems.



In Science we are learning about Living and Non-living things. K/1D have already been out into our playground discovering all the living and non-living things. Below are some pictures of K/1D working in small groups. Each group walked around together finding lots of interesting things. Year 1 students recorded the ideas and once we were back in class, each group shared their findings.

Jessie Druce
K/1D Teacher



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Trangie Carer Group



CARER SUPPORT GROUP

for people who care for someone with a disability

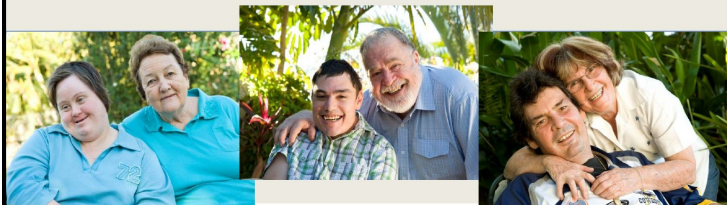
Next Meeting: Wednesday, 3 August 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00pm

Where: Trangie Bowling Club
35 Dandaloo St,
Trangie

10.00 – 12.00

RSVP: Robyn or Max
Support Co-ordinator
Older Parent Carer Program
Carers NSW
6884 7200

ADHC & Department of Human
Service will give a small talk about
services you may be able to receive



Health
Western NSW
Local Health District

Trangie Women's Health Clinic

Will be now operating from the
Trangie Hospital

Clinic dates for 2016

Thursday 14th July
Thursday 11th August
Thursday 22nd September
Thursday 27th October

For an appointment please ring
Trangie Hospital on 68808200
or text Jane on 0419 404487

TRANGIE KIDZ

SKILL BUILDERS

FREE afternoon activities

TRANGIE BOWLING CLUB

WEDNESDAY Bi-Weekly 3.30pm to 4.30pm

27th July

10th August

24th August

7th September

21st September

FOOD, LIFE LESSONS

FUN, CRAFTS, ARTS



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