



# Trangie Central School Newsletter 28th June 2018 Term 2 - Week 9



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## P & C Meeting

**Wednesday**  
**8th August 2018**  
**3.15pm**  
Secondary Staff Room

# GN SOCCER GALA DAY



## What's On

Wk 9	29/6	Central Schools Lawn Bowls Gala Day at Trangie 10.00am-2.00pm
	29/6	Primary Assembly in 1/2 class room 2.00pm - Everyone Welcome!
	29/6	Yr 12 Std English Ahn Do (The Happiest Refuge) performance - Depart TCS at 5.00pm
Wk 10	2/7	Yrs 9-12 ATO Tax & Superannuation Webinar at TCS 10.00am-12.30pm
	2/7	Secondary RAMS Reward 'Long Lunch with Mr Jones' 1.00pm
	3/7	Yr 9/10 Premier's Debating Challenge vs Coonabarabran High at TCS 9.00am-3.00pm
	6/7	Yrs K-12 RAMS Reward Day at TCS 12.00pm-3.00pm
	6/7	Students Last Day for Term 2
Wk 1	24/7	Students Return for Term 3

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Hi everyone – We like to win, and we often do – but not at all costs.*

## Minimum Standards Tests

Last week I mentioned that our students attempted the NESA Minimum Standards Test for the first time. The students who did not achieve Band 8 in the Year 9 NAPLAN test had to sit this online test in order to qualify for an HSC at the end of Year 12. The students have several attempts to reach this standard in between the beginning of Year 10 and the end of Year 12 but we were thrilled to find that over 90% of students reached or exceeded the Minimum Reading test on their first attempt. Well done, Year 10, I imagine a bit of incentive made a big difference.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the organisers of last week's Soccer Gala Day – it was a fantastic day, capped off by wonderful weather which I managed to arrange. The organisation ran smoothly and there was impeccable behaviour from our students. The Year 6 made a small fortune on the cake stall, raising funds for their Year 6 dinner at the end of the year and a small, and very hard working group of P&C members raised a very pleasing sum, yet to be finalised, on the canteen. Thanks also to everyone for making cakes and soup so that we catered so well for the day, with our P&C canteen operators very impressed by how many students picked the healthy fruit option when buying snacks. Great to see that the healthy eating message is getting through. My only problem was the layer of pumpkin soup in the back of the car when I went round the corner from school on the way home.

## Mobile Phones

Trangie Central School has long had a very firm policy on the use of mobile phones in school. The reason for this is to prevent the distraction from learning that endless Facebook and texting causes and also to protect vulnerable young people from the nastiness that can occur when cowardly people send messages that they do not have the courage to deliver personally. Children have very fragile self-esteem that can be irreparably damaged. They do not have the resilience or the confidence to deal with the kind of aggressive behaviour that some people display.

It has been said to me by many people that it is none of the school's business if it happens out of school. I disagree. At Trangie Central School we are committed to protecting the wellbeing of our students, and online verbal assault coming from one student to another most definitely ends up in school and affects many people, like ripples. For this reason I tell all our students that they need to save any messages they receive and bring them in to show us. Our policy is then to send a copy of the message to the parents of the person who sent it so we can ask for this parent's assistance in stopping such anti-social behaviour.

In the news at the moment I have read that it is being suggested that mobile phones should be banned in schools. This shows how very far ahead we are at TCS and it also explains why we do not have the same issues that so many other schools have. I can only thank our students for being, in the vast majority, so accommodating and willing to follow the rules and also thank you to the parents for supporting our decisions when it comes to consequences for breaking the rules associated with mobile phones.

## Thumbs Up

This week I give a thumbs up to the wonderful Trangie community.

The way that everyone pulled together for Kate Kennedy and her family was an inspiration.

Which other town do you know where people put chairs and tables outside shops like we have, and they are still there the next day?



How many students do you know who would spend their Friday afternoon Interest Group picking up rubbish around town?

Trangie is, indeed, a very special place.

**Strong in welfare and strong in discipline gives great results!**

## 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. FaceBook is for cowards – so please tell us to our face!

**All the best, Anne Holden**

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## Head Teachers' Report

### **Reminders to students:**

Students are reminded to bring water bottles to school, as students are not permitted to leave during class to get a drink. They are encouraged to take a drink of water with them. Also we are encouraging secondary students to bring fruit as a snack to consume between classes. Staff realise that some students tend to get hungry between classes, we recommend having healthy options available.

### **Thank you:**

Thanks to Blake Hodge, Ben Skinner, Ben Cook and William Anderson who volunteered their time to referee at the Gobondery/NARRAF soccer gala day last week.

### **Under 13's Rugby League Small Schools Competition:**

Our Under 13s are through to the next round in the Small Schools Rugby League Competition due to forfeit and will head to Coonabarabran to compete in Term 3. The boys will continue to train on Wednesday after school to prepare them for this game.

*Jessica Skinner*

*Head Teacher (Relieving)*

## Science & Engineering Challenge

This week saw 9 intrepid Stage 5 students attend the annual Science and Engineering Competition at Charles Sturt University in Dubbo. We were teamed up with Peak Hill Central School. Students were either placed into one full-day activity (Catapult or Bridge Building), or two half-day activities, which included making a bionic hand, a Mars Rover, an earthquake-proof building or solving other technical problems.

Our students did Trangie proud, and the highlights were the two FIRST PLACES we attained! Congratulations to Stacey Whitney and Jesse Cole on their winning catapult, and also to Tegan Hamilton and Damon James on winning the Confounding Communications event - deciphering a message using a Morse code communication system.

A pat-on-the-back also to Jessica Mills and Tori Cole for their second place in the ElectraCITY activity, where students have to connect towns to a power grid in the most efficient way possible.

While we did not make it to the next level of the competition, we DID have an absolute ball, and learned some valuable lessons in teamwork, problem-solving and, of course... Science and Engineering!

Well done everyone!

*Maryann Ebsworth*

*Science*



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### **Getting To Know Your TCS Staff**

*Name:* Cheryl Rowley

*Nick Name from students:* Aunty Rowley/Chez

*Home Town:* Narromine

*Subject you teach:* K-6, LOTE, EaFS, LST, LST Coordinator, Welfare

*What are you passionate about:* As a Wiradjuri Aboriginal woman it is my responsibility to carry on the tradition of my ancestors and guide Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students on the road to reconciliation and recognition of our culture. It is also my responsibility to teach all students with respect regardless of my culture. I also aim to develop a rapport with the students in a professional manner. This therefore will result in the students feeling comfortable to approach me in any matter of concern.

*How long have you been teaching at TCS:* 14 years

*What's your favourite thing about TCS:* EVERYTHING especially the compassion and empathy each student displays towards each other, very resilient and respectful.

*What accomplishment at TCS fills you with pride so far this year?* Walking through the playground and students saying hello to you or wanting to give you a cuddle and chat. Best feeling in the world. RESPECT. Yindyamarra.

*What would students be surprised to find out about you?* I was born in Sydney (Mona Vale) but have lived in Narromine since I was 3 months old.

**Jessica Skinner**

**Head Teacher (Relieving)**

### **UAC Information Session**



After school on Thursday 14th June, parents, students and teachers were invited to attend a session presented by the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). This talk was aimed at Year 10 to 12 students and looked at the ATAR, early entry (SRS), scholarships, scaling and subject choices for Year 11 and 12. The session was very informative as there are new concepts being introduced this year particularly in relation to early entry submissions. Thank you to the parents and students who attended and I'm sure that everyone got something out of the session to think about. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me as I know how daunting these final years can seem!

**Skye Rush**

**Careers Advisor**

### **CWA Public Speaking**

A very big congratulations to Nikeata McMaster, Annalee Ball and Jessica Mills who represented the secondary side of Trangie Central School at the Country Women's Association Inter Group Schools' Public Speaking competition last week.

The girls did a brilliant job speaking at this level, and we are very proud of how they represented themselves and their school in front of a large audience. They demonstrated a great level of skill and improvement in public speaking, delivering their speeches with confidence, coherence and sophistication.

Nikeata and Annalee spoke on the topic "We are a selfish society", covering issues such as theft and greed in relation to money, and Jessica spoke about "looking, but not seeing" in terms of people often missing the bigger picture.

These girls are to be commended on their achievements in the competition, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve in public speaking in the future.

Also, a very big thank you to the parents who made the day possible, for taking the girls across to Molong after an early start!

**Sarah Press**

**Public Speaking Coordinator**



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## CHS Rugby League 7's

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, our Under 14s Rugby league team travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Small Schools League Sevens. The boys were undefeated in their pool demonstrating an aggressive attack and solid defence. The team went on to play Molong Central who out played us going down by one try. Our final game was against Baradine who took advantage of our fatigued defence.

It was a great day out with the boys who all had great games and displayed great sportsmanship.

Bryce and Brandon combined with Yeoval who both displayed endurance and heart, played, all games with no substitutes whilst staying competitive with the other teams.

A big thanks to Yeoval Central students, Mrs Corinth, Mr Ryan, Miss Skinner and Mr Haines.

**Troy Jones**  
**Rugby League Coordinator**

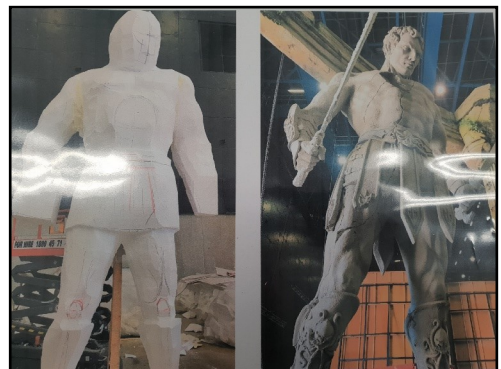


## Waste 2 Art Workshop



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, Visual Art students were invited to attend a Waste to Art recycling art workshop held at Narromine. Students worked in collaboration with Artist Amelia Batchelor who was fresh off the movie set of Aqua Man. Amelia is currently working in the film industry and has worked on other movie franchises like Thor and Pirates of the Caribbean creating sculptures and props. The students created polystyrene sculptures that are now on display at the Regional Waste 2 Art Exhibition. This exhibition is currently being held at the Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre along with around 100 recycled artworks from around our region. Thank you to our students for your enthusiasm and creativity and Sue Clarke from Netwaste for inviting our students to partake in the workshop. If you are in Narromine make sure you check out the exhibition. It's worth the look.

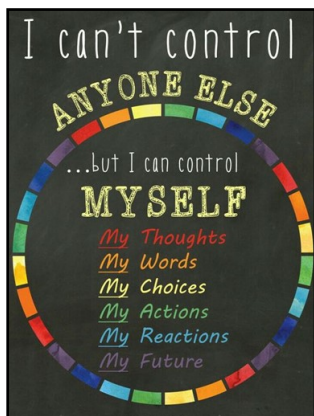
**Troy Jones**  
**Visual Arts Teacher**



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## Assistant Principals' Report

### Raising Thoughtful, Responsible Children



We all want to raise happy, healthy, capable kids and we all struggle with doubts from time to time about how we're doing. There are a lot of great websites and books that parents can use to help get good, well researched advice when dealing with difficulties that may arise with our kids.

[Raisingchildren.net.au](http://Raisingchildren.net.au) is a fantastic government resource for all families and deals with common parenting problems from birth through the teenage years. There are articles and videos dealing with issues such as disciplining and consequences, bedtimes, siblings and friendships and even childhood illness. Classroom teachers can also be a great 'sounding board' if you need help and advice.

As this is our last newsletter for the term, our staff would like to wish you all a happy and safe winter break. Enjoy the extra time you have with your children; go for some walks, discover something new, draw together, make some delicious warming foods and please, please keep reading during the holidays!



### Skiping Success

Our students participated in a terrific Jump Rope for Heart event, organised by Mrs Corcoran. The children heard real life stories from a heart disease survivor (and grandfather of our Kindy student Harry Miles!) and had great skip offs with their classmates. Our event raised over \$2500 and was attended by several media outlets keen to publicise this important issue.

Check out our Facebook and next term's newsletter for photos and further information.

### Fantastic News Abounds.....



Students from Years 3-6 demonstrated what great students we have at the recent soccer gala day event. The teachers were very proud of the outstanding sportsmanship of our students but most importantly by the way they conducted themselves at the event. Mrs Holden even received a very kind letter from a Principal who was there on the day and was impressed with our students!



Thank you to our families who baked for Year 6 Cake Stall. Your support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Sam and Mark O'Neill for setting up the goals for us.



Welcome to our new music teacher, Mrs Daymond, who has begun taking individual music lessons in Primary. Students can learn a variety of great instruments including violin, cello, guitar, piano and banjo. Lessons cost \$20 per term. We look forward to hearing the children progress with their instruments.