

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 21 February
7.30pm P&C AGM - Library

Thursday, 23 February
8.00am Assembly - Choir

Friday, 2 March
Clean Up Schools Day

Friday, 16 March
Faction Swimming Carnival -
Yr 4 - 7

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Principal's Report

Believe it or not, it's already the end of week 3. Everyone has settled in and is already working hard. Thanks to the whole school community for a really positive start to the new school year.

copies are also available from the front office. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell to prevent others from getting ill.

Attendance

Regular attendance and consistent participation at school are fundamental to your child's learning and social development. As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the *School Education Act 1999* to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life. The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation for any absence of their children. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable causes for a school absence. Please let us know if we can assist you to improve your child's attendance. Improving student attendance continues to be a priority for the Department of Education and consequently our school.

Current Illnesses

Please be advised that there are currently confirmed cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease and Impetigo (school sores) in the school. Information sheets about these conditions are displayed on the pin up boards outside Room 12 and the office and

Keeping Kids in School Program

The Keeping Kids in School Program is being implemented in Tom Price this year. This program aims to increase student retention and participation in school and decrease truancy. The program involves school aged children not being served at local businesses unless they are with a parent/guardian or have a Department of Education Leave Pass.

Junior Road Smart Awards

This year, our local Tom Price police will be introducing the Junior Road Smart Awards. This program aims to reduce road trauma involving young people by highlighting dangers surrounding road use and rewarding those who do the right thing. Consequently, the police will be stopping and speaking to primary aged children who they identify doing the right thing. They will get the name and a few other details of those they stop so they can be included in a monthly prize draw. A prize and certificate will be presented at assembly once a month at both North Tom Price and Tom Price Primary Schools. There will also be a major prize draw at the end of the year.

Thanks!

Thanks to Sean Allardyce and Symmetrical Group who installed the air conditioner in our Uniform Shop and a power point for the new drink fountain installed near the canteen at the end of last year. Your time and support is appreciated.

Cybersafety and Facebook

Did you know that research has revealed that nearly 42% of kids have been bullied online and the psychological and emotional outcomes of cyber bullying are similar to real-life bullying outcomes?

Despite children needing to be 13 years or older to have a Facebook account, many of our students report that they have accounts which they regularly access. If your child does use Facebook, the following websites may assist you to keep them safe and minimise the potential risks.

<http://www.facebook.com/safety>
www.FacebookForParents.org

Gifted and Talented Programs

All Year 6 students received a brochure titled 'Gifted and Talented Programs' on Tuesday this week. This booklet outlines the Gifted and Talented programs which provide students with the opportunity to study in a selective entrance academic, languages or arts curriculum with peers of similar ability. Programs are offered at 17 public schools including Perth Modern School and John Curtin College of the Arts. Applications for Gifted and Talented programs are open to current Year 6 students entering Year 8 in 2014. More information is available at www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

Arriving at School

Please remember that Room 1 to 12 students should not be arriving at school before 7.40 am and should go directly to the old undercover area once they have dropped their bag off at their classroom. (Year 7 students are also allowed to sit in the Year 7 garden). There is sporting equipment available for students to use and they will be dismissed at 7.50 am when teachers open their classrooms. No students should be wandering around or playing on playground equipment before school as there is only a staff member on duty in the undercover area.

Room 14 and 15 students and parents are asked to wait outside their classrooms until the classrooms are opened by the teacher. Again, we ask that students and siblings do not play on the playground equipment. Thank you for your anticipated support in helping us keep your children safe.



2012 Student Councillors

Caitlin
Head Girl

Jake
Head Boy

Shelby
Student Councillor

Isabelle
Student Councillor

Bradley
Student Councillor

Brodie
Student Councillor

WELCOME



A big welcome to the following new student who has recently arrived at North Tom Price Primary School.

Hayden

Absences from School

As you may have seen in the media, attendance is high on the Department of Education's agenda in 2012. The table below illustrates the cumulative effect of consistent absenteeism over the compulsory years of schooling (i.e. Yr 1 to Yr 12).

Days absent per week	Total days missed over 12 years	Number of years of schooling missed
1 day	451	2 years & 1 term
1.5 days	676	3 years & 1.5 terms
2 days	902	4 years & 2 terms
3 days	1353	6 years & 3 terms
1/2 day (which amounts to 20 days per year or 90% attendance)	225	1 year & 0.5 terms

It is understood that students need to be away from school for a variety of reasons and there are times when it would be unsuitable for students to in fact be at school. However on all occasions when your school-aged children are able to attend school we love to have them here at NTPPS to maximise their learning.

Thank You!!

A huge thank you to the following ladies for your help in covering books. Your assistance is much appreciated and an enormous amount of books were covered, along with lots of laughs.



Michelle McGregor
Jane Wallace
Simone Fraser
Chantal Channells

Kolleene Kunkel
Kirrily Findlay
Louise Kirkby

Nolene Kaszanski
Library Officer

Happy Birthday!



Malachi
Kaden
Perron
Bradley
Mahani
Georgia
Hayley
Zali
Talara
Dyllon
Darcy
Rhys
Sheryse
Kristana

2012 TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 5 April 2012
Term 2: Thursday 26 April - Friday 6 July 2012
Term 3: Tuesday 24 July - Friday 28 September 2012
Term 4: Tuesday 16 October - Tuesday 18 December 2012

North Tom Price Primary School
P&C Association

AGM

Tuesday, 21 February 2012
7.30pm
School Library

EVERYONE WELCOME!



A big thank you to Sean Allardyce, Sally Neville, Kolleene Kunkel and Lindi Olman for your help in the Uniform Shop!

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

WHAT IS ICPA?

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association is a national voluntary lobby organisation dedicated to ensuring all rural and remote students have the same opportunity of an equal education as students in metropolitan areas.

Members include a cross section of rural and remote Australians including fishermen, miners, itinerant employees, farmers, pastoralists and small business owners.

Some relevant issues ICPA work on for those in rural and remote areas?

- Tertiary Student Accommodation shortage
- Year 7 intake to Secondary School
- Attracting teachers to rural and remote schools
- Special education support
- Updating of Curriculum

What you get for your membership

Upon becoming a member you will receive the ICPA (WA) publication of "Bits and Pieces", ICPA Federal publication "Pedals", voting rights and you will receive emails with up to date information on ICPA and Government decisions.

If you wish to find out more about ICPA visit www.icpa.com.au or contact Catherine 91845138 or Cindy 91898150

St Thomas Catholic Church - Tom Price

2012 Sacramental Programs

Reconciliation - Holy Communion - Confirmation

Student enrolment - Wednesday, 22 February 2012
at 3.00 - 4.00pm

Please contact Sr Bernadette Hynes on 9189 1251
for further information.

NTPPS Term 1 Planner 2012

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	W/End
Wk 1	30 January • Professional Learning	31 January • Professional Learning	1 February • Students Commence	2 February • Newsletter	3 February	
Wk 2	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February • 8.00am Assembly - Student Councillors	10 February	
Wk 3	13 February • Transition to School Program Commences	14 February	15 February	16 February • Newsletter	17 February	
Wk 4	20 February	21 February • 7.30pm P&C AGM - Library	22 February	23 February • 8.00am Assembly - Choir	24 February	
Wk 5	27 February	28 February	29 February	1 March • Newsletter	2 March • Clean Up Schools Day	
Wk 6	5 March Public Holiday Labour Day	6 March	7 March	8 March • 8.00am Assembly - Room 11	9 March	
Wk 7	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March • Newsletter	16 March • Faction Swimming Carnival (Yr 4-7)	
Wk 8	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March • 8.00am Assembly - Room 12 • Interschool Swimming Carnival	23 March	
Wk 9	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March • Newsletter	30 March	
Wk 10	2 April	3 April	4 April	5 April • 8.15am ANZAC Service • Last day of Term 1	6 April Public Holiday Good Friday	



SCHOOL CANTEN

Open Tuesday,
Thursday and
Friday

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Fridays 7.45 - 8.30am

SCHOOL BANKING



Starting date is still to be confirmed. If you have any enquiries please contact United Community on 9189 1622.