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## The Swimming Carnival

Article by Caitlin Kim and Porah Hyun

Article contribution by Dylan Thompson and Joseph Kim

The 2019 swimming carnival was a great and awesome event and many students participated. There was lots of loud cheering and clapping towards the racers from the houses. Everyone was very supportive of their friends, classmates and teammates even if they were in separate houses. Overall the swimming carnival was a great chance for students to interact with others and participate in a competitive event.



This year the winning house was Flinders. Numerous records were broken and many students won the races and earned ribbons for their achievement. For this year's swimming carnival the age champions were: Ruth Harnwell, Mason Rawhiti, Caitlin Kim, Joseph Kim, Sienna Dunlop and Byron Ryman. These students achieved a particularly amazing result which earned them the title of age champion.



A couple of students proceeded to Zone, which is brilliant and a few of them made it to even higher levels. We congratulate all these students who made incredible achievements.

The relays were one of the highlights of this year's swimming carnival. Four students from each house and age group, boys and girls were chosen to represent their house in a relay race. It was an amazing event with loud cheering and a good amount of support towards the racers. These students won their race and boosted their house forwards towards victory: For relays 10 & under girls, Amelia Moyes, Kayleigh Erasmus, Jemimah Smith and Erin Forsyth representing Sturt won first place. For relays 10 & under boys, Lachlan Booth, Zac Forsyth, Lachlan Ware and Matthew Ng representing Sturt received first place. For relays senior girls, Sienna Dunlop, Madison Mitchell, Sophia

Axisa and Charlotte Saw representing Ruse won first place.

For relays senior boys, Byron Ryman, Daniel Cribb, Lachlan Allchin and Cooper Rawhiti representing Flinders received first place. However the most entertaining event to happen was the teachers vs students relay race. Four captains and all the teachers present at the carnival were recruited to race.



It was extremely competitive and it gave us a good laugh, ending with a disqualification for the teachers thanks to Mr Watkins.

We would like to send a quick thanks to all the teachers and parents who volunteered to help and attend the swimming carnival.

# Swimming Carnival Contributions

"Even though I didn't go to the swimming carnival I heard it was great and lots of people participated. I also want to congratulate all the fantastic swimmers that participated and some that made it to higher levels and the swimmers that tried their very best and made an effort. I want to give special thanks to the parents that volunteered to help." - Porah Hyun, article author

"I attended the swimming carnival and it became one of the highlights of term one. Our school should be proud of our swimmers who showed great performance and sportsmanship at the carnival. The swimming carnival is a great opportunity for students and is encouraged by myself and the other writers for students to participate." - Caitlin Kim, article author

"I never went to the 2019 swimming carnival but all the swimmers should be proud of themselves for attending the event and trying their best. There was a lot of excitement at the assembly where they awarded the ribbons and announced the age champions. We have some fantastic swimmers who made it to the next level of competition and we hope they make it even further." - Dylan Thompson, article contributor

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## The Thornleigh West Easter Hat Parade

Article by Xavier Winthorpe and Kai Chespy

Photography by Naomi Law

On the last day of term one at Thornleigh West Public School, students showed their love for Easter by building hats and participating in this year's grand Easter hat parade.



With their buddies, young students made delightful little hats for the parade to show off. The kids had made a variety of designs. They had bunnies and chickens and mini carrots. There were tall hats, short hats, hats with stickers and glitter

all over them. It was definitely a colorful afternoon.

At 2:15pm the hat parade started. All around there were unique hats with cute kids wearing them. There were non-stop Easter songs to get everyone in the mood and a great atmosphere was made for the whole parade. There was a raffle with a bunch of great prizes including free tickets to the Sydney Easter show!!!

There was also a colouring-in competition for the kids in the school run by Di Jones. Thanks to them, people got to showcase their colouring skills and win some great prizes too!

Kids were very excited for the school holidays and some even

brought chocolate for their classmates. There was even a live appearance by the Easter bunny! Kids went home with a good feeling and started getting ready for their well deserved two week break.



# Year 6 VS Teachers Game: Round 1

Article by Arnetta Angelica, Hollie Humphris, Arwen Patrick, Kaylee Sluis

Photography by Phoebe Pringle

On the second last day of term 1, TWPS had another game of Year 6 vs Teachers.

It was on the oval and we were playing Tee-ball. The teachers team consisted of Mrs Clay, Miss Singh, Mrs Davis, Mrs Boon, Miss Citer, Mr Watkin, Miss Stewart, Miss Loke. The students were Arwen, Hollie.H, Freja C, Ava M, Vivaan M, Jarrah.

It was a very close game but

unfortunately for us the teachers *just* managed to win with a score of 5-4. The game was very intense and so was the choosing of players beforehand, which was a random choosing of names being picked out of a hat. During the game there were some great runners, catchers, and batters, and overall it was a super exciting game.

The most valued teacher was Miss

Loke, who scored a great home run and caught someone out.

We also thank umpire, Lachlan.F from year 5 who made sure everything went well. Three cheers to a great game!



# Band Camp Report

Article by Alia Curren, Porah Hyun Caitlin Kim and Naomi Law

Band camp was an awesome event that was available to all students participating in band this year. It was a great opportunity for students to meet fellow teammates and focus on their music. Overall everyone had a great time and learnt all about their music.

Students who are participating in band this year all had the opportunity to attend 2019 band camp. Everyone who participated had a wonderful time. All of the students showed their best behaviour for the whole time, and thankfully the teachers didn't have to get cranky at us. No loud shouting giving us headaches!

The training band had the hardest time because the mentors were at senior concert band rehearsals, so training band had their first few rehearsals without mentors. Despite the difference, they did an excellent job. The junior band had a great run and had Mr. Hamblin as their conductor for nearly all of the camp. They were quite used to not having mentors by the end concert so they did a great job. Finally there is the amazing senior concert band. They worked extremely well, improving and practicing their music to make the best results. Mr. Bell even gave them an early mark for lunch on Friday as a reward for their good work. Which predictably delighted the hungry students.

Then on Thursday afternoon we had activities, which was the best part of band camp. The student body thoroughly enjoyed the activities that were available to them and took a break from all the musical studies. The year 3s did orienteering, which was really fun, year 4s did the leap of faith and the year 5s did crate stacking. What you do in crate stacking is you try to stack the highest tower using crates while 1 team member is on top of it. You had a team of around 10 and they helped you with making the tower from the ground.

**Fun Fact:** The record of the highest tower is 11 crates!

One of the main parts of band camp was learning our parts and fixing mistakes. The students achieved this by attending tutorials. The tutorials allowed the students to focus on their parts and theirs only as a section. This helped the students point out mistakes and realise where they were making mistakes.

The tutors were all very kind and were willing to sacrifice their time to help the students. We thank them dearly for aiding us in improving our performance. Another important part of being part of a band is learning other people's parts so you know when to come in and when to stand out or blend into the music.

The rehearsals allowed students to cooperate and have fun. It also helps the students understand the music and complete the jigsaw puzzle in their minds. They learn how to behave properly in the rehearsals and act like a professional ensemble. These skills are necessary for a performing band and has to be learnt. The rehearsals were run by our conductors which we thank for all the hard work you have put in to lead the bands in the right direction towards improvement.

One of the most enjoyable moments was the meals. We had wonderful meals prepared by our wonderful cooks. For dinner we had spaghetti, and custard and cake for dessert.

On Friday afternoon, all the students did a breathtaking performance. The bands were applauded by parents, grandparents, and even the school principal, Mrs Mamol!

We would like to thank everybody who helped with this event, including mentors, conductors, parent helpers, scout centre instructors, the band committee, and our principal, for letting us go during school hours.

# Harmony Day

Article by Andrew Fox and Alex White

Photography by Sam Jones

On Thursday the 21st of March, our school, Thornleigh West Public school celebrated the beautiful Harmony Day alongside the rest of Australia. It is a great reminder of Australia's rich diversity throughout cultures and customs.



Many classes in the school took part in class activities.

These include arts and crafts which were related to Harmony day, like posters and symbols with the distinctive orange colours. Also, a special visit from Middle Eastern drummers excited children through learning music.

As well as that, all the classes made Harmony Day artworks to celebrate the diversity of Australian people.

The students also enjoyed some orange jelly courtesy of the school's S.R.C pupils. All the money raised by the jelly cups was sent to charity or went forward to getting new school supplies to boost education.



Every pupil liked Harmony Day at our school. We asked some students what they thought about it and they said that the best things about Harmony Day were being able to do the hand-print craft and the harmony of everybody there.



# ANZAC Day

Article by Max Norton and Dylan Thompson  
Photography by Hollie Humphris and Arwen Patrick

ANZAC Day is a day to remember all those men and women who died fighting for our lives in a heroic way. It is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand.

ANZAC Day is a memorial for those who died fighting in WW1 at Gallipoli. A very vigorous soldier named Alec Campbell was the last surviving ANZAC soldier who fought at Gallipoli.

At Thornleigh West Public School, we commemorated all the brave men and women who were part of war to help defend our country by holding an ANZAC Day assembly. The School Captains - Ruby Crothers and Kinshuk Sharma - and the prefects led the beautiful ceremony.

"Lest We Forget" is the saying of remembrance for those who have died fighting for Australia.



A video was shown about two kids that grew up together and went to war. But sadly, one never came back. It was a memorable video that showed the power of friendship and the devastation of war.

We respectfully did a 1-minute silence to think about and

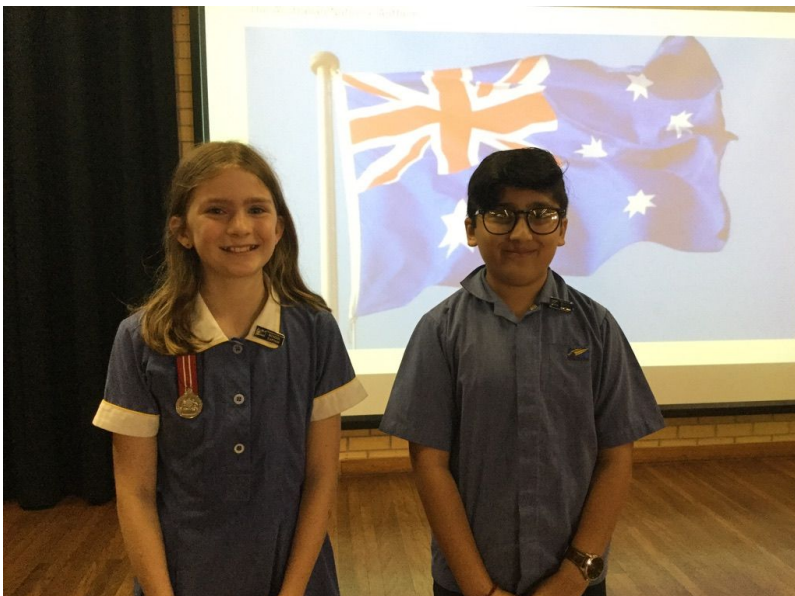
remember those who have fallen in war. It is always done after listening to "The Last Post", the bugle call that was played when the day's activities were over.

Flags were raised and then lowered to half-mast as a sign of mourning.

Red poppies were worn and placed on a wreath to show respect and remember the heroic soldiers. Students from each grade were then called up to place flowers at the base of the flagpole.

Many people from the community attended the ceremony including a special guest, Peter Wormald, an ex-serviceman.

It was a very special and memorable event for all.



# The New 3 - 6 Playground

Article by Joseph Kim

Article Contributor Roman Tettoni

Photography by Matthew Lim



Thornleigh West Public School has a new playground for years 3-6. The playground has many wonders such as, roped monkey bars, ropes as a challenge to stay on and rock climbing. These are only some activities of the great playground. There are scheduled days for each grade to use this playground:

<b>MONDAY</b>	Year 3
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 5
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Year 4
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Year 6
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Year 3

It has many challenges for the younger grades. When it's their day, all the children get excited to play on it.

The playground is new so it doesn't have any faults. All the students consider this a good thing. Everybody loves playing on this amazing playground.

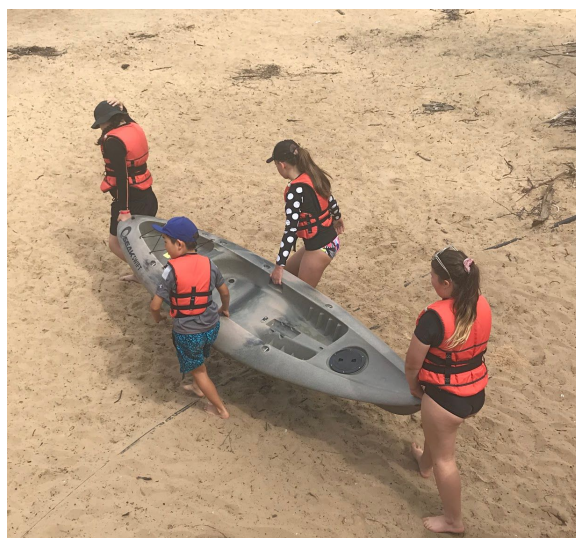
Many students time themselves on how long they can hang on the ropes or the roped monkey bars. There are lots of poles where students climb up and down. There are many things for everyone to enjoy. Many students challenge themselves and try to get to the top of the log in the middle. A lot of

children just hang around and sit around the carved logs and enjoy the surroundings. The playground is a wonderful new addition to TWPS!

# Stage 3 Camp

Article by Ayden Bolger, Toby Hughes and Phoebe Pringle

Photography by Mrs Davis



In March all of the year 5 and 6 students got to go to Broken Bay for camp. The food was ok until we got food poisoning on the 2nd night. The beef and most of the schnitzels were raw. Most people got sick. We also had to do chores in the morning and at night with our cabin groups. We had to do the dish washing and, if you were on lunch duty, you would have to make lunch for everyone.

All the teachers got all the good food, like bacon and eggs for breakfast. We were jealous! The camp was good at taking care of people with allergies by offering them other food to eat like Weetbix. But it wasn't all bad with the food for everyone else. We had some delicious hash browns for breakfast and sandwiches for lunch.

At camp we got to do lots of great activities like kayaking, rope climbing, scavenger hunt and orienteering.

The kayaking was in the water. There were two groups for kayaking. One group had to make a raft out of 2 large bottles, pipes and a tray. It had to be able to float in the water with one person on the raft at all times. If your group's raft made it to the rope at the end first, you won a lolly as a prize. Some groups were not so successful with one raft breaking apart before we even got halfway. It had to be carried to the rope! The other group got to Kayak in proper boats. Paddling in a kayak is harder than it looks!

They also had a pool where you had to do a swimming test to show you could confidently swim as part of free time and to keep

us safe. The pool was sooo cold! If you weren't confident, you got a yellow band which meant you could only go in the shallow end but if you could swim, then you received a pink band and could swim anywhere.

On the last night, the camp had a disco where you could dance 'til you dropped. Unfortunately, not everyone was there as they were still recovering from being sick.

Overall, camp was all right. There were some good times (fun activities and beautiful nature) and some not so great times (barely getting time to get changed and getting sick) but it was ALL memorable!



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# TOP BOOK PICKS

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## PICK FOR KINDERGARTEN AND SUPPORT UNIT - "WHERE IS THE GREEN SHEEP?" by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek

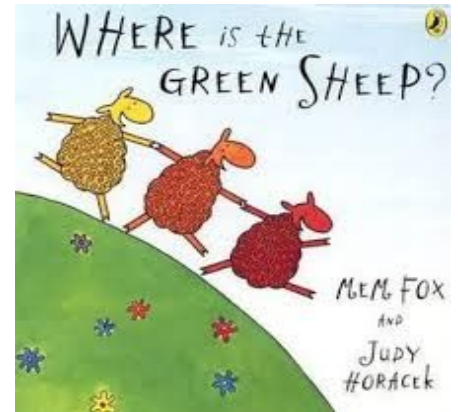
*Review by Ben Muir*

"Where Is The Green Sheep" is a book that we recommend for children 6 years and under.

This book will keep you guessing the answer to the same question: Where is the green sheep? You will find it funny and enjoyable. It will take you on an adventure about all types of sheep including: The blue sheep, The bath sheep and The bed sheep.

This book is an easy reading book for young kids. The words are in big writing and easy to understand.

This book is definitely a five star rating.



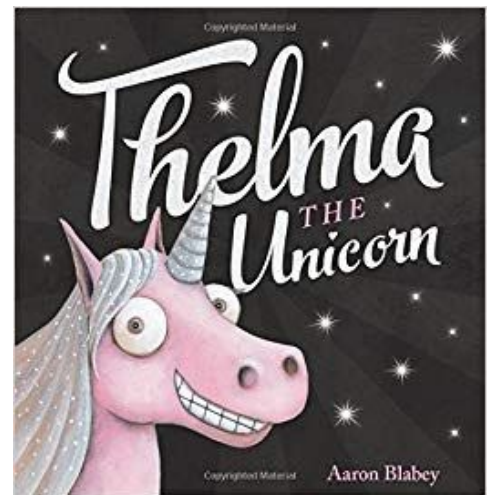
## PICK FOR STAGE 1 (YEAR 1 AND 2) - "THELMA THE UNICORN" by Aaron Blabey

*Review by Sean Kosnik*

"Thelma the Unicorn" is a funny book and is recommended for children in years K-2.

This book is about Thelma, a horse, who dreams of being a unicorn. Thelma's wish comes true after she is hit with pink glitter and paint and she instantly becomes famous. After a while, Thelma realizes that fame isn't that fun and that she was happier as her ordinary horse self. So she takes off her horn, washes off her sparkles, and goes home to her best friend, Otis, who is waiting for her.

This joyful book by Aaron Blabey is wonderful for young children because it is about learning to love who you are and it's got some great rhymes that the kids would love.



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## PICK FOR STAGE 2 - "DIARY OF A WIMPY KID" SERIES by Jeff Kinney

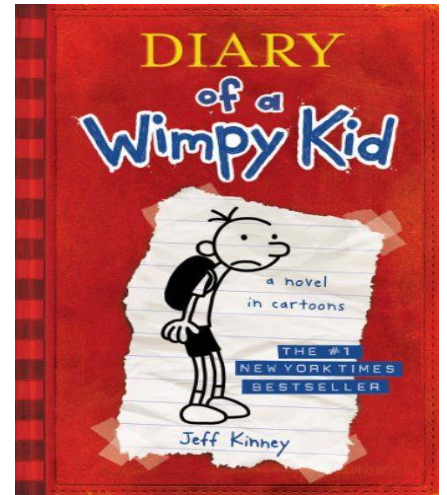
*Review by Will Miller*

Everyone reads the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series but we recommend students in years 3 and 4 or 8, 9 and 10 year olds.

The entire Diary of a Wimpy Kid series is in PRC so if you're looking for a book to read guys, then I suggest reading this as a first up book in PRC.

By New York Times number 1 bestseller Jeff Kinney this is a book series you want on your shelf.

I recommend it because it gives you a good outlook on how terrible life can be. It also gives you a good outlook of what's to come in the future. It's a very funny series with twists and turns all around] the series of these best selling books.



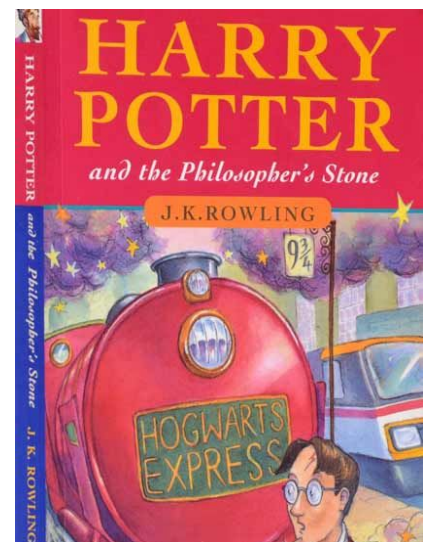
## PICK FOR STAGE 3 - "HARRY POTTER" SERIES by JK Rowling

*Review by Bryce Kitching*

Harry potter is a book we advise for years 5-6 because of the advanced language and there is a lot of death throughout the book series.

This book will keep you turning pages and will make you want more and more. In this book, JK Rowling takes you on an adventure through a magical land. On Harry's 11th birthday, Hagrid comes and gives him the letter about Hogwarts. On the train, he immediately finds and Ron and they become best friends.

All in all, I would recommend this book for advanced year 3 readers and 11+ years it is a phenomenal book and I recommend reading it. (WHAT MAKES IT GOOD? The descriptions, story, characters?)



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# SPORT REPORT

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## PSSA Weekly Reports

By Levi Kirkegard, Cooper Paiaro and Chris Stuart

### **STAGE 3 SOCCER** **Term 2, Week 4**

#### A Team

It was a great game for the PSSA A soccer team this week. The score was a tie at 1-1. The players played well and the score was even better seeing that they were a pretty good team. Overall the A team did well at their home ground that day.

#### B Team

The score for the B team was 1-1. The players played well and there were no injuries so unless people fall sick, we will have another full team next week.

The game was good to watch as it was very tight match as well.

### **STAGE 3 SOCCER** **Term 2, Week 5**

#### A Team

This week was a terrible week for the A's soccer team with a loss of 8-1 against Pennant Hills Public School. The only goal scored was by Cooper Rawhiti. We played hard but the other team outplayed us.

#### B Team

The B team wasn't successful either with a score of 4-0 - Pennant Hills' way. Goals were coming every second and we didn't have a chance. We had a few good chances but we came home with no goals.

### **STAGE 3 SOCCER** **Term 2, Week 6**

#### A Team

The A team was successful with their very first win of the season. The score was 5-0 to Thornleigh West Public school and it was a solid match to watch and play. We played at Greenway Oval against Epping.

#### B Team

The score was 1-1 for this match. We played at Greenway Oval against Epping and luckily there were no injuries. The person that scored for the B team was Josh.

## Coach's Corner

Coach of the Term: Miss Loke

Sport: Stage 2 Soccer

The Junior boys soccer team has performed outstandingly and has dominated continuously throughout this season due to their commitment and dedication to the game. The team spirit and brotherhood formed from the game is sure to carry them

through to next season. Good job boys!!

The Junior girls soccer team have been developing and refining their skills throughout this season. Though many of them have only recently taken up soccer, their understanding of the game has

improved rapidly. I look forward to witnessing their growth in the next season!



