



# Wednesday Weekly

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*A weekly newsletter for families and friends of Thornleigh West Public School*

**STARTING FROM 2018, OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE FORTNIGHTLY**

**Diary Dates Term 4 - can be subject to change**

<b>21 November</b>	Kindergarten excursion – Farm 2.15pm K – 6 assembly
<b>27 November</b>	School captain and sport captain elections this week
<b>28 November</b>	7.30pm P & C meeting
<b>29 / 30 November</b>	Last day for scripture and ethics
<b>1 December</b>	Year 6 Farewell
<b>3 December</b>	Band concert
<b>4 December</b>	TWOOSH meeting
<b>5 December</b>	Public schools high school orientation 2.15pm Final assembly K – 6
<b>6 December</b>	Year 6 Fun Day
<b>7 December</b>	Religious Instruction Xmas service 10.30am Principals morning tea
<b>8 December</b>	Kindergarten Graduation
<b>11 December</b>	Presentation Day Reports home
<b>12 December</b>	Volunteers morning tea (including scripture/ethics teachers)
<b>13 December</b>	Year 6 Tree Tops
<b>14 December</b>	Class parties
<b>15 December</b>	Last day of year! K – 6 Variety show

## Diary Dates

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In light of last weeks tragedy at Banksia Road Public School it is timely to remind everyone about pedestrian and road safety around our school.

It is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **Hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **Talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **Point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.
- **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**  
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

- **Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.**  
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.
- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**  
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

**The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.**

**Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.**

**Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.**

**Follow the road rules. No speeding and park legally.**

**Cars should not enter the staff car park.**

You can find out more at:

[Safety Town](#)

[Department of Education](#)

[Transport for NSW](#)

Last week at Thornleigh West Public School we implemented Instructional Rounds. The results showed a strong positive culture that emphasise academic, professional and personal development and strong engagement among students, teachers and the leadership team.

TWPS continuously focuses on school improvement. One of our common practices that ensure continuous improvement is effective collaboration.

Effective collaboration is vital to driving whole-school improvement. This often includes sharing resources and making them easily accessible to staff, as well as taking a collaborative approach to planning, programming and assessment throughout a school. This shared approach to teaching and planning is important to support students with additional learning needs, including those at risk of falling behind and those excelling beyond their year level. Our teachers are dedicated to making a difference!

Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts



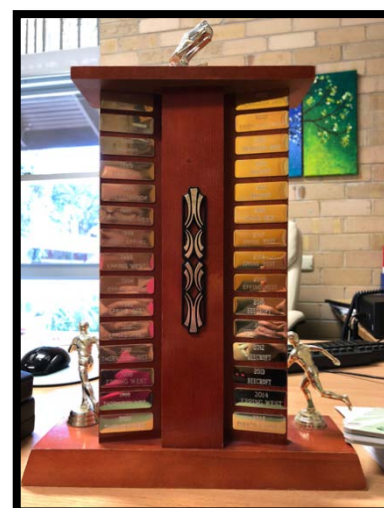
## Deputy's Message

### Athletics Update

Congratulation to the many Thornleigh West students who contributed to our recent first place at the Zone Athletics Carnival.

TWPS led the rankings with 242 points, a clear 98 points ahead of the next closest school.

Sport certainly is not only a enjoyable pastime and part of a healthy lifestyle but also it would seem to be quite a talent.



Zone Athletics Carnival trophy

## Remembrance Day

Our prefects and captains led our school Remembrance day service with pride and care last Friday. Thank you to the students for showing such sincere respect and also to Ruby C and Ashton P for playing both The Last Post and the Rouse. You both contributed to making the service a special gesture of thanks and remembrance for our school and community. Lest we forget.



## Kindergarten Transition

Over the last 4 weeks both future students and potential Kindy teachers have got to know each other. The 4 sessions provide a valuable opportunity for students to become familiar with the school setting, meet a few teachers and friends while also allowing the parents to hear the latest information and also offer their thoughts to shape the future of learning at TWPS.

Thank you to year 5 students in 5/6B for your support and help in the classrooms. I know the teachers valued the caring way you interacted and supported the students as they start to settle into school life. Thank you also to the panel of students and parents at our last sessions Q&A panel. It's reassuring to hear directly from a parents perspective, responses to those questions from our new families. We appreciate you giving your time to participate and contribute.



TWPS Treasure Hunt		
Can you find these places at school? Collect a stamp from the helpers when you do.		
Library	Canteen	Adventure Playground
Front Office and Sick Bay	Hall	Kindergarten COLA
Staff Room	Principal's Office Mrs. Mamo	Veggie Garden

## Band Elections

It is election time of year. Our elections for band captains and vice captains will be held as below.

Junior Band 2018 - Tuesday 21 November 8.30am in the library.

Senior Concert Band 2018 - Thursday 30 November 8.30am in the library.



### Role Description:

- Provide a positive role model and leadership in the band.
- Represent the band at school and community functions as required/requested.
- Actively participate in band programs.
- Encourage students to take pride in band activities.
- Assist any student in need when necessary.
- Willingly and actively help when required and / or requested.

### Essential Criteria:

- Satisfactory attendance and punctuality at band practices and rehearsals.
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of behaviour in band and school activities.
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the band director and principal.
- Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness.

### Something to crow about ... maybe not!

It seems our local bird life is impressed by our local lunchtime cuisine and have been trying their luck at a number of student morning teas and lunches over the last couple of weeks. The birds seem to be quite skilled at both plunging their way into partially unzipped school bags and indeed are capable of opening the occasional lunch box. During this particular time students are encouraged to use the eating time in class to enjoy their food, and pack containers and left-over food safely away before going into the playground. We hope to discourage the growing confidence of the birds to eat your childrens' food before they can get to it

### Homework Survey

This is the final week to submit your thoughts on homework via our online survey. Please follow the follow the following link if you haven't had a chance to complete it yet. Your contributions are very much appreciated. The survey will close this Friday. <https://surveyhero.com/c/44a89f7>

### Wheelchair Basketball

As you may know, we have a student in year 2 who has experienced a significant change to his physical wellbeing this year. We wanted to raise awareness and understanding of Hamish's disability, now being restricted to a wheelchair to support his body as he copes with changed due to a rare hip disease. Boys and girls considered the changes and adaptations to activities through the support of the facilitator and then had the opportunity to have a go at wheelchair basketball. Students strength and determination was tested while enjoying the shared activity. Thank you to our ever supportive P&C who fully funded this activity.



## Music Count Us in



### **VERSE 1**

I've never been the kind to stand in the spotlight  
But everyone is here and we all shine together  
Imagination's free as the world around us dances

### **PRE-CHORUS**

It's okay to be a little different  
You don't have to hide

### **CHORUS**

Let the music take control  
Find your rhythm find your soul  
If you ever feel you've lost your spark  
Listen to the beat within your heart  
La la la la la la la  
La la la la la la la  
La la la la la la la  
La la la la la la la

### **VERSE 2**

No matter who we are and no matter where we come from  
Our differences create wonder of the song  
We start to sing louder joining our hearts as one

The sound of our 600 voices joining in with 3,000 school was a delight and memorable moment. Being a part of something bigger and hearing how our parts joined together to make a beautiful song.

The lyrics centre around individuality, acceptance of others and working together with others. All attributes that resonate with our great school. Thank Ms Aked, for your musical passion and sharing the love of this with us.



## Clarke Rd visits by 5P

In terms 3 and 4, 5P had the opportunity to connect more closely with Clarke Rd School in Hornsby, by being role models in play skills sessions for their two youngest classes, over six weeks. Our students learned about leadership, mentoring and inclusion, and their students loved having big kids to play with and to teach them about sharing and turn-taking. We were so impressed by the maturity, kindness and compassion shown by our Year 5 students, and the genuine delight they all felt in the accomplishments of the Clarke Rd students! We hope to continue our relationship with Clarke Rd School over the coming years.



## P&C REPORT

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[www.facebook.com/TWPSPC](http://www.facebook.com/TWPSPC)

Dear School Community,

**ROAD SAFETY:** In light of the terrible events at Banksia Road Public School, the issue of Road Safety has again been in focus. PLEASE remember: NO PARKING in the Staff Car Park. NO WALKING through the Staff Car Park. it is a 40km School Zone around our school each school day 8am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 4pm. PLEASE remember to walk safely with your children especially when crossing roads. On our Facebook page this week we have highlighted some issues and there has been some hearty discussions. At the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November this issue will be raised again.

**NEXT P&C Meeting:** Tuesday 28th November at 7pm – last P&C meeting for the year. I will be discussing the year in review and also talking about money raised/spent and fundraising ideas for 2018. **Please see the following AGENDA for our next P&C Meeting. If you would like to add anything else for discussion, please email [twpsandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpsandc@gmail.com) and we can add it to General Business for discussion on 24<sup>th</sup> November.** All welcome.

**AGENDA:** see below

**2019:** P&C Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> week of each term on a Tuesday evening / 7.30pm in the Library. Dates will be uploaded to the TWPS P&C page before the start of Term 1.

Please follow us on our  Facebook page as above. We often post information during the week on these pages.

Vanessa Erickson  
P&C President  
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THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Agenda

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

1. Opening and Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting – ( 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017)
3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - 3.1 PA System update from last meeting
  - 3.2 Policy on TWPS Sport Teams Contribution
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 Pedestrian safety around the school – Email G Rowell, 09.11.17

**5. Principal's Report**

**6. Reports – P&C Subcommittees**

6.1 President

6.2 Treasurer

6.3 Uniform shop

6.4 Canteen

6.5 MDFDGG

6.6 Fundraising General

6.7 Band

6.8 Green Thumb

**7. Agenda Items**

7.1 Code of Conduct – Patty & Veryan to discuss

7.2 Fundraising Ideas for 2019

7.3 Senior Girls Toilet Doors

7.4 Newsletter

**8. General Business**

**9. Closing**

**10. Next Meeting** - 2018 Date TBA – see Facebook for Date announcements

**BAND NEWS**

**Band Committee Elections**

Our P & C Band Committee Elections are to be held on **Tuesday 21 November 2017** at 7:30pm at TWPS Staffroom. The usual Committee Meeting will follow on as per usual.

We would love to see a representative from each family! Our program would not be as cost effective or as personal if it weren't for the band parents on the committee. Many hands make light work, and who wouldn't want to be involved in a program that assists our children learn an instrument and has bands achieving great results in the various music festivals? We have at least 45 new Training Band children starting, and would love to see some new faces.

We would also like to thank Lydia van Elven, Melissa Watts and Warwick Edwards who will be stepping down from roles this year.

The open committee roles are (Convener, assistant convener, secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, band coordinator (at least two for each band), band camp coordinator/s, fundraising coordinator, tutor coordinator or instrument coordinator and assistant instrument coordinator).

If you have any questions or would like further information on a specific role please contact email [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto:twpsband2011@gmail.com)



## Training Band 2018

We have 47 children interested in joining the Training Band next year. We know you are eagerly waiting to hear which instrument your child has been offered. We hope to have email offers out to you by next week. Remember you are all welcome to this Tuesdays Band Meeting / AGM and the End of Year Concert.

### Band dates for your diary

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - K-6 Assembly – Junior Concert Band to perform

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Committee Meeting and AGM. 7:30pm Staffroom. All welcome, especially TB parents 2018!

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Band end of year concert – from 2:30pm

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – JCB rehearsal cancelled

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – PHHS Orientation Band Performance - For Year 6 Band students going to PHHS

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Combined JCB and SCB rehearsal. JCB can be picked up at 4pm.

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Combined 2017 and 2018 Stage Band rehearsal

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Combined SCB and Senior Choir Anthem rehearsal

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Presentation Day – Senior Concert Band and Stage Band performance

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Instrument Return – only for Students leaving the program.

Robin Beard (Band Convener) and Nicole Ng (Assistant Convener)

Email: [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto:twpsband2011@gmail.com)

<https://twpsbandc.wordpress.com/band/>

## SCHOOL BANKING



Well done to all our bankers last Friday, we had over 100 that banked! Congratulations to KY for the most deposits, well done KY!

I have been advised any rewards made after the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 won't be delivered to our school this term and will have to wait until 2018, so if you would like one of these great rewards, please complete and send the request in!

We have all rewards from this year available for redemption!

Please see the link below to print off your rewards sheet:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking>



Please ensure that all deposit slips are fully completed including your student number also with the correct money included.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact school banking co-ordinator  
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