



# 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>27 November</b>	School captain and sport captain elections this week
<b>28 November</b>	7.30pm P & C meeting
<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 2:15pm
<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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Currently teachers are working hard to finalise all the student reports. On Monday 11 December copies of reports will be brought home by your children. We trust you will take time to read these documents closely and to speak with your child about the advice provided.

Please know that many hours have been spent in the assessment process and writing of these reports to give you a detailed and thorough view of your child's achievements to date. The information in the report is a summative account of your child's progress this semester. It is intended to provide information on your child's performance in class exercises, ongoing assessment tasks, testing and teacher observation of approaches and strategies employed. In addition to this, we are required by federal legislation to report on student achievement with a five point scale grade from Years 1-6.



### **Ms Aked**

Ms Aked will be taking extended leave and her last day will be Wednesday 29 November. I would like to personally thank Ms Aked for her hard work and dedication to 3A this year. She has created an outstanding learning environment. We wish her well during her leave.

### **Transition to High School**

The later years of primary school are a good time to start preparing your child for high school. You can help them with these tips:

#### Show enthusiasm

Start talking about high school with your child throughout the year leading up to the start of high school. Be positive and discuss the things about going to high school that you know they will be interested in—it could be an opportunity to try out for a school band, or to engage in experiments in science. Discuss the subjects they might learn and the friends they might meet.

#### Listen and acknowledge their concerns

Discuss with your child what they think going to high school will be like. What do they think their classes will be like? What are they most looking forward to? How many kids do they know from their primary school who will be going to their high school? Listening to your child talk may give you some indication of their concerns. If they have concerns, let your child know that you take them seriously, and together work out ways to address them.

#### Get your child used to their new school

If you can, drive or walk past the high school your child will attend occasionally, and comment on it. For instance, you might talk about the nice garden or the fact that it has a basketball court. This will familiarise your child with the

school. Most high schools hold an orientation day to help new students and their parents become familiar with the school. This may include a school tour, meeting fellow students and teachers, and taking part in special lessons and activities. This is a great opportunity for your child to get to know their new school.

Begin or increase focus on time management

Help your child to start scheduling their study and extracurricular activities on a calendar or wall planner, so they appreciate the power of time management.

**Presentation Day 11 December 9.15am in the school hall.**

We warmly invite all parents, grandparents and friends of TWPS to Presentation Day. A day we celebrate success and reflect on 2017.

Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo

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**DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

**Citizenship**



Congratulations to our citizenship award recipients. We are so proud of you and thank you for contributing so much to our school through your respectful nature, commitment to learning and striving for your best.

Bronze recipients	Award
Connor H	
Matthew N	
Summer C	
Luke F	
Madison H	
Paige C	

Silver Award recipients
Chelsea W
Jackson L

### Normanhurst clown visit

Our Kindy and Year One student were treated to an exciting morning of jokes, skills and wonderful stories, as year 9 students entertained us with their funny routines and engaging stories and books they had made.

Each year the published stories amaze us in their quality and this year the technology was a real stand out. There were many laughs from students and teachers during the show with some students getting to take part in the hands on show.

Normanhurst Boys High School *presents:*

*The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## GIRGUS and Picture Book Tour



### Youth Liaison Officer

Constable Lynda Hart visited year 6 last week and had some deep communication around the issues surrounding online communication and social networks.

Over the next few weeks I will publish snippets from the Parent's guide to online safety that supports this conversation and offers some support in this area.

The main message of the support material hopes to encourage behavioural change – where children and young people act responsibly online- just as they would offline.

Topics include:

- Cyberbullying
- Social networking
- Unwanted contact
- Too much time online
- Inappropriate, offensive & illegal content
- Safeguards
- Help and resources
- Let's get social



If you would like a full copy of the document, I will leave a few printed in the school foyer, or can send one home if requested.

## Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group with the intent to hurt them socially, psychologically or even physically.



### Cyberbullying behaviour may include:

- \* abusive texts and emails
- \* hurtful messages, images or videos
- \* imitating others online
- \* excluding others online
- \* humiliating others online
- \* nasty online gossip and chat.

### By reporting it, talking about it and supporting each other, we can stop it.

For many children and teenagers, their online life is an important part of their social identity. They can't just 'switch it off'. Many young people do not report cyberbullying to their parents as they fear that they might lose access to their devices and the internet.

Young people may also be concerned that parents' actions will make cyberbullying issues worse, so it is important for you to remain calm and supportive.

### Trolling

Trolling is when a user intentionally causes distress by posting inflammatory comments online.

++ Trolling differs from cyberbullying in that trolls aim to gain attention and power through disruption of conversation by encouraging a defensive reaction from those they attack. Cyberbullying usually focuses less on the reaction of the victim, and more on the feelings and authority of the bully. Cyberbullying is usually repeated behaviour, while trolling can be one-off.



## What can I do?

As a parent, you can help your child and encourage them to take control of the issue. Talk to them about cyberbullying before it happens. Together you should work out strategies to address any potential issues and reassure your child that you will be there to support them.

+ Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service where it happened.

Social media services should remove cyberbullying material that has been reported and is in breach of their terms and conditions. Most social media services have a reporting area on their website. The Office website also provides information about how to report material on various services.

+ Collect details of the cyberbullying material. You might need to do this before you report it to the site. A simple way to collect this information is by taking a photo or screenshot or copying the URL.

If you submit a complaint to the Office about cyberbullying material, you need to provide this information.

Report cyberbullying to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

+ Block the person. We recommend that you help your child block or unfriend the person upsetting them, so they cannot continue to upset them while the material is being removed.

++ Remember that if your child has been involved in cyberbullying, and seems distressed or shows changes in behaviour or mood, it may be advisable to seek professional support through Kids Helpline.

Kids Helpline is a free and confidential online and phone counselling service for young people, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 55 1800.

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 [esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying](https://esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying) 4

## School Captains and Prefects Elections + Sports Captains Elections

Year 5 students have completed the nomination process and next Monday we elect our school captains and prefects for 2018 from the shortlisted candidates. Sports captains and vice captains elections will be held next Thursday 30 November. Year 5 students who wish to be considered for a sports captain's position and who are absent on the day should notify me at school to ensure their name is put forward for consideration. Good luck to all candidates.

### School Sports Captains

To share leadership roles at Thornleigh West Public School, students who have been elected as a school captain, vice-captain or prefect will not run for election as a sports house captain.

#### Role Description:

- Provide a positive role model and leadership to the student body, especially in sport.
- Actively participate in sports programs.
- Encourage all students to take pride in their school.
- Assist any student in need when necessary.
- Willingly help teachers and the community when requested.
- Organise and support events for carnivals as necessary.
- Assist organising relay teams for swimming and athletics carnivals.
- Present sports awards as required.
- Relate house news as required, e.g. sports points at assemblies.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Willingness to speak at assemblies and other functions as requested.
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of work and behaviour in class and school activities.
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the principal.
- Ability to fulfill sports contracts.
- Demonstrate(d) school spirit and pride by:
  1. Wearing correct formal school uniform or sports uniform at all times.
  2. Following the school rules.
  3. Participating in school sports activities.
  4. Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness.
  5. Having exemplary sportsmanship.
  6. Encouraging teamwork and team spirit.

## Band elections reminder

Elections for Senior Concert Band 2018 will be held Thursday 30 November 8.30am in the library.

Kind Regards,

Julie Granville

### Library

Book fair will be on next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Students will be able to purchase items from 8.30- 9am and 2<sup>nd</sup> half lunchtime.

### Stocktake

This week is the last week for borrowing and students are asked to return books as stocktake is occurring in week 9 and 10.

### Happy Reading

Mrs Batson and Ms Hoffman

Teacher Librarians

## Green Thumbs - School Garden News

### Working Bee - Saturday 25th November 9.00am - 1.00pm

Please join us this Saturday, 25th November from 9.00am - 1.00pm, for our final working bee of the year. We will be mulching the garden beds, cutting and digging in the Lucerne and weeding the garden. Please bring your own garden gloves, digging tools and your own keep cup for a cup of coffee/tea. We will provide morning tea.

### Crop Swap to be run at 11.00am

For the first time, we will also be having a Crop Swap on the day. Please bring along any excess veggies/fruit, baked goods, eggs, jams, pickles, preserves, chutney etc to swap with others. We can swap with each other or the school garden. If you don't have any produce to swap please consider bringing a small bag of sugar cane mulch.

Please join our Facebook Group for more up to date information on the garden, or email us on [twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com](mailto:twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com) to be put on our mailing list.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TWPSGreenThumbs/>

or search Facebook for TWPS Green Thumbs

Best regards,  
The Green Thumbs Team  
Patty, Emma and Ingrid

## BAND NEWS

### Band Committee Elections

Our P & C Band Committee Elections were held last night. The following TWPS parents were elected. Thank you very much for volunteering your time for our band program and the children in the program.

Convenor – Robin Beard  
 Assistant Convenor – Nicole Ng  
 Treasurer – Niluka Chinniah, Claudine Kimber (assisting)  
 Secretary – Erin Parris, Tina Faber  
 Instrument Coordinator – Michelle Patmore, Michelle Kim (assisting)  
 Tutor Coordinator – Debbie Virdi  
 Fundraising Coordinator – Lesley Ziegler  
 Web Contact – Lesley Ziegler  
 Band Camp Coordinator – Yvonne Curren  
 Training Band Coordinator – Aimi Forsyth, Claudine Kimber, open position  
 Junior Band Coordinator – Erin Bender, Fiona Davies  
 Senior Band Coordinator – Caroline Dalziel, Lesley Ziegler  
 Stage Band Coordinator - Erin Parris, Kirsty de Vallance  
 Band Director – Dave Bell  
 Junior Band Conductor – Andrew Hamlin

Positions still open (please consider volunteering)

- Training Band Co-coordinator (we have 2 but hoping for another volunteer)
- Band Camp helpers

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

### Junior Concert Band @ K-6 assembly yesterday



### Training Band 2018

All 48 families have now been emailed an offer of an instrument in the Training Band. Please ensure that you email the band your response this week. Confirmation of your child's position is required to ensure we have balanced band, hire instruments for all children who wish to hire, and music books / bags ordered for 2018. Instrument Allocation will take place on February 2nd, 2018, before school. Lastly, thank you to those new parents who came along to last night's meeting. We hope to see a few more next year! 😊

### Congratulations to our "Musos of the Month" – November

This award is given to students who demonstrate a passion for learning, attendance, being a good team member, following the bands code of behaviour and overall enjoying music.

Training Band	Alec M., Jemimah S.
Junior Concert Band	Alex M., Ruby C.
Senior Concert Band	Diane K. Rachel B.
Stage Band	Paulson M.

## Band Captain Elections

Two students per band are selected, one boy and one girl (on condition they meet criteria below).

### 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.

**Junior Band 2018** – Current Training Band 2017 voted yesterday morning for Band Captain elections

**Senior Band 2018** – Current Junior Band and Senior Band Yr 5 members will vote on the Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8:30am after JCB rehearsal.

**SCB Year 5, please ensure you arrive in the library at 8:30am for your vote to count.**

## TWPS P&C Band End of Year Concert – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 3pm



**BAND**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$150 gift voucher from Turramurra Music**  
**Other prizes: Two x \$50 Bunnings Vouchers, a Ukelele and Body products pack.**

**Raffle Tickets available to everyone!**  
**Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$15.**

Tickets can be purchased on the day or at school pickup Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.  
Please contact Nicole Ng to arrange purchase if at the school.  
twpsband2011@gmail.com

### Band dates for your diary

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Senior Band 2018 - Band Captain elections – 8:30am in library.

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Stage Band Rehearsal in classroom 3A

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - SCB rehearsal in classroom 3A

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Band end of year concert – from 2:30pm. Concert 3-4pm

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

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Stage Band playing at Thornleigh Bunnings 6-8pm

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.

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018– Training Band 2018 Instrument Allocation

5-9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 – Rehearsal and Tutors at the school commence.

24-25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Band Camp 2018 @ Baden-Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills.

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

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