



# 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>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 in the hall
<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 the year! K – 6 Variety show

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to the sixteen Year 5 candidates who presented amazing speeches for a leadership position in 2018. It was wonderful to see confident and articulate students. On presentation day we will congratulate eight of these students who were successful.



It is that time of the year where the executive team are working hard to plan for 2018. As we evaluate 2015 – 2017 school strategic plan there will be changes in 2018 as Albert Einstein quotes “Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

One change will be to the Release from Face to Face (RFF) program. All classrooms teachers get two hours RFF per week to plan for teaching and learning. Currently most students attend one hour of Art and one hour of Physical Education (PE). Next year this model will change. The focus will be on Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This does not mean there will be no Art or PE as these key learning areas are mandatory.

In the past the RFF position was allowed to be left vacant to provide schools with flexibility. New policy being enforced by the Teachers Federation and the Department of Education is that RFF positions need to be filled by permanent teachers. These jobs may not get to merit selection and we could have an appointment that is not willing to just teach just Art or PE. Strategically planning for these new staff is vital and better to transition within the new school plan.

**Facts:**

- Art and Physical Education are mandatory and all primary teachers are trained to teach these subject areas.
- PE and Art are 6- 10% of the teaching load.
- The current model: Art teacher teaches 600 students one hour per week. PE teacher teaches 600 students one hour per week. Due to timetable not all classes receive PE or Art some classes RFF is the library.
- PE is to be taught for 150 minutes per week.

Plans for 2018 to strengthen PE and Art.

PE 2018	Art 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Whole school fitness program will be introduced three times per week.</li> <li>✓ Extend PSSA inter – school competition to Years 3 and 4.</li> <li>✓ School sport will be structured.</li> <li>✓ Each stage team will have a sport coordinator. These teachers are passionate and skilled in teaching PE.</li> <li>✓ Increase the budget for equipment.</li> <li>✓ Formalise the Premiers Sporting Challenge.</li> <li>✓ Implement <i>Colour Run</i> in conjunction with the Commonwealth Games.</li> <li>✓ PSSA coordinator who is the President of Beecroft Zone will coordinate all PSSA Zone, Regional and State forms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Classroom teacher enjoy teaching art and integrate it with other key learning areas.</li> <li>✓ School art exhibition.</li> <li>✓ Resources purchased to compliment teachers programs.</li> <li>✓ Spring Fair class canvas competition for auction.</li> <li>✓ Teacher professional learning.</li> </ul>

**Release from Face to Face (RFF) Program 2018**

- RFF teacher for years 3 – 6 will teach STEM 300 students for 2 hours per week.
- RFF teacher for years K – 2 will teach STEM 300 students for 2 hours per week.

I will personally work with the four sport coordinators to ensure a quality PE program. I have a personal passion for an active lifestyle and sport.

At TWPS we have a clear compelling vision for 2018 – 2020 and we look forward to increased student engagement in these areas.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

## DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

### Band election reminder

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

### School Captains and Prefects Elections + Sports Captains Elections

Year 5 students have completed the nomination and election process. The students who have been elected as prefect will be notified by tomorrow morning. We will find out the 2 school Captains during our Presentation Day Assembly 11 December. Sports captains and vice captains elections will be held this 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.

### Cultural Exchange

On Wednesday 15th November, 5R visited Blaxcell Street Public School in Granville.

We had become pen pals with the 5T class and were really excited to finally meet them.

They had 23 students to our 30, a mix of boys and girls, just like our class. It took an hour on the bus to get there. We spent the day in the hall. There was an official welcome to Aboriginal lands and a traditional Arabic drum ceremony. We began getting to know our new friends with 'mixer games'. After that we ate a delicious home cooked array of Arabic food. By then we felt really comfortable to mix and really get to know each other. Afterwards we had a STEM challenge where we worked in groups together to build the tallest and most creative newspaper tower. Just before we left we ate ice cream and played outside.

5T will be coming to visit us next week. We want to take them for a bush walk and host them with a range of Australian multicultural delights! There will also be a boiled egg drop challenge too.

Meeting each other has been fantastic. We have had the opportunity to make friends with people we would have never have had the chance to meet. We can't wait to see each other again.

by 5R



## Ethics Classes Update 2017

We are very pleased that every Year at Thornleigh West has received Ethics tuition in 2017 as an alternative option to Religious Instruction and every child who wants to take part in Ethics is participating in Ethics classes.

Ethics classes provide an opportunity for children to discuss ethical issues with their peers. Classes are inquiry based and are impartially facilitated by our trained volunteers using Department of Education approved lesson materials. Children explore a range of stories and scenarios, discussing what we ought to do, how we ought to live, the kind of society we should have and what kind of person each of us should strive to be. Most topics are designed to address particular ethical issues but a number are skill-focused and explicitly teach core critical thinking skills and encourage collaborative inquiry.

In 2018, our 10 volunteer teachers will start teaching Ethics in Week 4.

Wednesdays at 9.30am

Kirsty de Vallance will teach Kindergarten next year (currently teaching Year 6).

Pam Jaworski will teach Year 1 next year (currently teaching Kindergarten).

Michelle Masefield will teach Year 1 next year (currently teaching Kindergarten).

Kim Richards will teach Year 2 next year (currently teaching Year 1 & 2 combined).

Leonie Garforth will teach Year 2 next year (currently teaching Year 1).

Thursdays at 9.30am

Steven Most will teach Year 3 next year (currently teaching Year 2).

Jacqueline McLeod will teach Year 4 next year (currently teaching Year 3).

Patty Correll will teach a combined Year 3 & 4 next year (currently teaching a combined Year 3 & 4)

Alison Sluis will teach Year 5 next year (currently teaching Year 4).

Emma Fenton will teach Year 6 next year (currently teaching Year 5).

We still need one new Ethics teachers who would be happy to teach Year 5 and someone else who would be happy to fill-in on classes when our other teachers are away or sick. Becoming an Ethics teacher involves attending two days of training, working-with-children and police checks, and the completion of online training modules. If you are free on a Wednesday or Thursday from 9.30am until 10.00am and would be interested in being an Ethics teacher, you can apply online at: <http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html>

If you would like your child to attend Ethics classes, please tick Ethics on the form or provide a written request to the school and your child will be placed in a class as soon as a spot becomes available.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jessica Mayr

TWPS Ethics Coordinator 0418 696 464

## Fun Day

Next wednesday our year 6 student will be leading the whole school fun day. They have been busy, creating exciting activities, detailing risk assessments and planning the organisational needs of the day.

For a gold coin donation, students may wear mufti clothes (not themed) for the day. All activities are 50c and are sure to be lots of fun!! Please ensure students are sun safe, no singlets, wear sensible shoes (no thongs), a hat and bring water for the day.

## Lost property

As we come to the end of the year, we would really like to return as much lost property to you as possible. Over the coming days we will be sorting and returning anything from lost property that is labelled. There is an abundance of hats, jumpers containers and other items. The photo below is of items kept in the front office including pairs of prescriptions glasses. If you have lost something it may be worth a quick look.

### Lost property items





## Library

This week on Wednesday Bookfair arrives sales will be before school 8.30-9am and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of lunch.

Stocktake happens in week 9 please try to return library books so we can see what books are in our collection and organise our new shelving with signage.

Happy Reading

Mrs Batson and Ms Hoffman

Teacher Librarians.

## GREEN THUMBS - SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



Photos: Emma Fenton

Thank you to Fiona Greenwood, Kimberley Barry, Putu Barnett, Carl Nicoll and Susan Liddle, for volunteering on Saturday morning to help us at our final working bee of the year. We had a wonderful morning working together in the garden and had a great range of produce for our first Crop Swap. It was a lovely social event and one which we hope to continue at our future working bees.

Unfortunately, in between completing our working bee on Saturday morning and school starting on Monday morning, most of the corn and sunflower plants were destroyed by vandals. It is very sad when this sort of thing happens, but we must rise above it, use it to help our kids learn that not everyone does the right thing, and that when it happens, we pick ourselves up, dust off, and try again. We managed to harvest some baby corn from the cut stalks, which will go to the kindy class who were creating a diary of their crop. We will replant sunflower and corn seeds on Friday in Garden Club to grow over the break. Hopefully this was a once off and won't happen again!

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

### Training Band 2018

Thank you to all the families who have emailed their response to the instrument offer. If you are yet to reply, please do so as soon as possible as they were due last Saturday. 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.

We will see all children who are hiring an instrument and at least 1 parent on Instrument Allocation day, February 2nd, 2018, before school. An email confirming time will be sent 1<sup>st</sup> week back.

### Band Captain Elections

Senior Band 2018 Captains will be elected tomorrow morning (Thursday) in the library. Could all JCB 2017 and Yr 5 SCB children meet at the library at 8:30am

**TWPS P&C Band End of Year Concert**  
**School Hall, this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 3pm-4pm**  
**ALL WELCOME – FREE**

Band Members: please check your emails for details on arrival time and what to bring for the after-concert party!

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



**Raffle Tickets available to everyone!**  
**Tickets are \$5 each or **3 for \$10.****

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](mailto: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 - **CANCELLED**

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 due to combined rehearsal on Tue.

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. Mentors requested.

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)

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

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



# VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA



*"Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so  
much" – Helen Keller.*

## **Please join us**

We warmly invite all volunteers to join us for a special thank you morning tea. Thank you for making TWPS a great place to learn.

**When:** 12 December

**Time:** 11am – 11.30am

**Where:** School Hall

## **Who:**

All volunteers (Scripture teacher, Ethics teachers, banking, class parents, reading support, mentors, Multilit coaches, excursion helpers, waka, sport coaches, band etc..)



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Morgan Ridley-Smith



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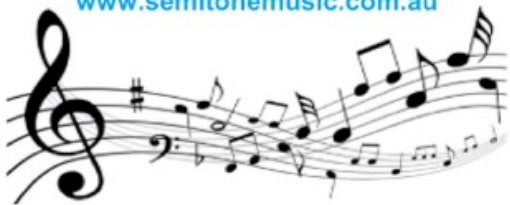
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