



Wednesday Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to wish all the TWPS mums a wonderful Mother's Day! As the school sign says "TWPS mum rock". We are looking forward to the high tea. As a mum of two children aged three and seven I can't remember the last time I had a couple of hours to myself. This event will be great to catch up with others, relax with some yummy treats to raise money for a great cause. Remember to wear a touch of pink. \$5 from all tickets sold will go to the McGrath Foundation.

Just a reminder for the students to add a touch of pink to their school uniform (ribbon, hat, sock etc..) for a gold coin donation. All money raised will also go to the McGrath Foundation.

I am sure many of you can make some connections to this poem.

Before I was a Mum

I slept as late as I wanted and never worried about how late I got into bed. I brushed my hair and my teeth every day.

Before I was a Mum

I cleaned my house each day. I never tripped over toys or forgot words to a lullaby. I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mum

I had never been puked on - Pooped on - Spit on - Chewed on, or Peed on. I had complete control of my mind and My thoughts. I slept all night.

Before I was a Mum

I never held down a screaming child so that doctors could do tests...or give shots. I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin. I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mum -

I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mum.

Before I was a Mum

I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body. I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important.

Before I was a Mum

I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay. I had never known The warmth, The joy, The love, The heartache, The wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mum. I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mum.

Unknown

NAPLAN

This week Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN assessments. In the National Assessment Program, the results across the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 literacy and numeracy assessments are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. The achievement scale represents increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in these assessments.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN measures only a subset of the expected outcomes from primary schooling. The tests are designed to measure growth rates. This summative assessment is useful and TWPS will make formative decisions about it.

Ongoing formative assessments and/or classroom observations are more productive in providing data to inform future school directions. These kinds of data are “high yield”, pointing to specific student outcomes or teaching practices that could be improved.

Playground

As we move into term 2 we would like the kindergarten parents to drop and go. At 8.30am there is a teacher on duty in the Kindergarten COLA area who closely supervises the children. This morning time is great for your child to independently socialise with peers and form friendship groups. Learning starts at 8.55am and it is important that this space is quiet enabling students and teachers to focus on learning and the day ahead.

Uniform

The winter chill has hit! It is time that all students wear their winter uniform.

Winter – Girls

- Navy tunic with long sleeved blue blouse *or*
- Navy pants with long sleeved blue blouse *or*
- Navy skirt with long sleeved blue blouse
- Navy socks or tights
- Black shoes
- Navy sloppy joe or polar fleece

Winter – Boys

- Long sleeved blue shirt
- Navy trousers
- Navy socks
- Black shoes
- TWPS hat
- Navy sloppy joe or polo fleece

Health Alert

Areas of NSW, in particular western Sydney, have recently experienced an outbreak of measles. Measles is a highly contagious viral disease which can have serious complications.

An infectious disease alert was issued by NSW Health, notifying the public of the outbreak and recent locations visited by those affected by the virus. NSW Health is urging people to take advantage of the free measles vaccine, available at GPs, and to look out for measles symptoms.

Now that students have returned for Term 2, schools should ensure that they are aware of the symptoms of measles and notify their local Public Health Unit if a student or staff member is diagnosed with the virus. Symptoms to watch for include:

- Fever
- Sore eyes
- Cough
- Following fever, sore eyes and cough - a red, blotchy rash typically spreading from the neck to the rest of the body that follows three to four days later.

Measles is mostly spread by coughing and sneezing. Students and staff who have been in close proximity to individuals with measles should be monitored, and consult with a doctor if they are showing signs of any of the symptoms mentioned above.

Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

We are really excited about TWPS after school STEM workshops. These sessions are full but will be offered again next term and in the future within the classroom.

Year 1 – 3 students making real washing machines – tested with water and a cotton bud!



It has been a great week of learning.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Toys at school

From time to time students have things they bring to school to play with a recess and lunch. Students enjoy playing with peers such things as fidget spinners, ooshies and marvel hero discs. Students bring these items to school and are responsible for them in the school day. There is some trading and swapping of these items, which, as long as this is mutually agreeable, is fine. If this becomes a concern we will need to look at a solution for these items.

Opportunity Class Placement

Online applications are open from Tuesday 26 April and close on Friday 12 May. **Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date.**

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2018 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 26 July**. Please see me if any assistance is required to access the internet for the application.

Kindy Information night and Tour

Our annual Kindergarten Information night is fast approaching in a couple of weeks on Tuesday 23 May at 6.30pm (please note slightly later time than in diary dates). This great chance to get a snapshot of our school, our vision and key information that helps prepare for a smooth transition into school. Ms Bourne will be sharing a day in the life of Kindergarten and we have a little movie to share also. The evening is followed by the school tour, 9.15am on Wednesday.

Events



Disco Years 3 -6

It is time to get our dancing shoes on again! In week 5, Tuesday May 23 our school leaders will host a **Year 3 – 6** disco at lunch time in the school hall. Students may add a 'sporty' item to their uniform for the day.

There is a \$2 entry to the disco with funds going towards new playground equipment.

A **K – 2 disco** is also organised for later in the term. More information to follow.

Debating

Mrs Robinson and her team of debaters are keenly anticipating the competition ahead. The students are currently preparing for their first round, a debate between Normanhurst next Tuesday. Sophie and Laura write: "we are excited for our first debate. The topic is 'we should improve our manners'. We are the against team. Our team is Laura, Sophie, Jorja, Paige, Liam, Harriet and the enthusiastic and driving coach Mrs Robinson.

We wish them well in their first venture.

AFL

The Paul Kelly cup is always an exciting day and memorable experience for our school AFL team. On Monday 15 May our four teams will keenly participate at ELS Hall Fields, Ryde. Each team will play at least 3 games in a round robin format, commencing at 9am, with the top teams on the day progressing to the Sydney finals. The games will be concluded by 2.15pm. Miss Dowd and Mrs Cother have been training the teams leading up to the day and are very much looking forward to the big day!

Mothers Day and High Tea

Thank you to our ever active P&C in planning and coordinating the upcoming Mother's day High Tea. Tickets to the fundraising and social event are selling steadily, with the organising committee having planned refreshments, entertainment, goodie bags and the chance to have a special time together as Mums. If you are unable to make it on the day but would like to both donate to the McGrath foundation and receive a goodie bag of items worth over \$40, you can purchase these from flexischools for only \$10. This money will go to the McGrath foundation.

Finally... Good luck to our students representing our school in the Beecroft Zone Cross Country Carnival next week. As well as an individual event, it is also a team event with schools gaining points for placed runners. Miss Rees and Mrs Batson will accompany the students on the day. We wish our runners all the best!

Kind regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal R

P&C REPORT

P&C AGM

Was held last night. Thank you to all who attended.

The 2017 committee is as follows

President:	Vanessa Erickson
Vice Presidents:	Patty Correll, Veryan McAllister
Treasurer:	Martina Miller
Assistant Treasurer:	Deb Flannagan
Secretary:	Susan Parry
Assistant Secretary:	Julia Kent
General Executive Members:	Yvonne Curran, Julie Tanger, Musette Healey, Emma Fenton, Janine Sherlock, Jane Massam.
Fundraising Convenor:	Veryan McAllister
Band Convenor:	Robin Beard
MDFDGG Convenor:	Belinda Wilson
Green Thumbs Convenor:	Patty Correll

We approved to convene a group of parents to develop, plan and create the playground equipment for the school. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please email twpspandc@gmail.com. Other items approved are laptops, 'Big Ass Fan', Interactive whiteboards, air conditioning for the new demountable and much more.

From Veryan:

Special thanks to Executive team in 2016: and all who have supported me over the last 3 years. The last 3 years have been extremely special. Our P&C is very lucky to have a great group of local businesses who support our

school, without them job of fundraising would be a lot harder. Partnerships in with local community are important; many of the businesses are parents in our school. I thank Ray White CTWPH, for their amazing contribution, Scooda, Westleigh Village, Semitone Music, Centech, Di Jones Real Estate, Signarama, and F45 Training Westleigh.

Our next meeting is on **6th June at 7.30pm**, in the school library.

Our meetings are open to all parents and care givers of the school and interested citizens in the area.

2017 P&C Meeting Dates:

6th June, 1st August, 5th September, 24th October, 28th November

Mother's Day High Tea

This year we are hosting a Mother's Day High Tea for the Mum's at TWPS. This will be a sit down ticketed event in the school hall on May 12th, 11am - 1pm, with food, tea/ coffee/ and light entertainment provided.

Tickets can **NOW** be purchased on Flexischools; numbers are strictly limited so we suggest you get in early. Tickets will be \$25 each, \$5 of which will be donated to the McGrath Foundation.

This event is Mum's only, not children, the aim is for mum's to get together, have some "me" time and connect with others. We have organised babysitting provided by TWOOSH on a user pays basis, for the High tea, bookings for this are also through Flexischools.

Everyone attending the event will receive a goodie bag of products and services offered by local businesses owned and operated by women.

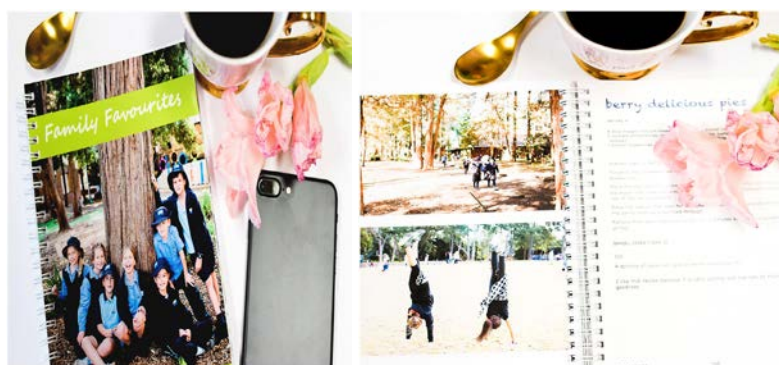
CEO of Di Jones Real Estate, Kylie Walsh, will speak at the event. She is a working Mum, and has recently battled breast Cancer, we will also have a representative from McGrath foundation speak. Pennant Hills High school will be providing musical entertainment.

Working Mum's - we understand that the high tea is on a work day, however we also know Saturday's will be busy for people too, we would love it if you are able to juggle things and come along!

Thank you to Di Jones for supporting this special event, it is appreciated to have local businesses support our endeavours.

Mother's Day gift with a personal touch...

Consider purchasing our very special TWPS Cookbook for your Mum's, Aunts, Grandmother's this Mother's Day. Order online @ Flexischools.



Class Parent Meeting for Spring Fair Organisation

We will have a meeting of all class parents **Monday 15th May at 7:30pm** in the school library, to kick off planning.

Ray White Cherrybrook, Thornleigh, West Pennant Hills have come on board as Platinum sponsors of Spring Fair. The team have been fantastic supporters of our school and we thank them for their continued support.

Family Portrait Fundraiser

ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT – Get in Quickly

We have a fantastic opportunity for families to get some lovely family portraits taken by quality photographers.

Held 28th May @ TWPS school grounds. Book by 22nd May. \$15 booking fee, in return you get a 20-minute portrait session, a 8 x 12" print. Any families or mothers from outside the school are welcome to book in as well!

Book online. Go to www.averandline.com.au/book and enter the guest area password: hooray2 + select the school. Families will then select their session time and pay online.

Any questions call Amelia 0478 684 250



The poster is for a family portrait fundraiser. It features a central image of a family (mother, father, and two children) smiling. To the left, there's a section titled 'FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER WITH AVER & LINE. children's photography specialists'. Below this, it says 'Thornleigh West Public School Family Portrait Fundraiser'. To the right, there's a section titled 'BOOK TO RECEIVE for \$15' which lists the benefits: a 20-minute portrait session, a 20-minute viewing / selection session, an 8"x12" print, a glass bottle frame + print of your choice, complimentary retouching (Remove unwanted drizzle or bumps!), and an opportunity to purchase the BEST value packages & lowest cost option! It also mentions they have the best value digital files available. At the bottom, there's contact information: www.averandline.com.au, contact@averandline.com.au, 1300 557 446, and (03) 9995 3586.

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER WITH AVER & LINE.
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Thornleigh West Public School Family Portrait Fundraiser

WHEN: Sunday 28th of May
WHERE: Outdoors at the school
TO BOOK: head to www.averandline.com.au/book
enter the password **hooray2** and select your fundraiser + session time
then pay your \$15 online
BOOK BY: Monday the 22nd of May
CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Amelia on 0478 684 250

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MDFDGG

Mother's Day Gift shop is on Thursday 11th May. Please see the attached catalogue for a listing of the items available for purchase.

Mother's day gift stall is in need of helpers to wrap from 11:30am onwards, especially in the afternoon, come for an hour or stay on for lunch. For details please email mfdg@gmail.com

Over the counter sales at the canteen will not happen on the day of the mother's day stall, to ensure that our shoppers shop for their Mum's ;)

Canteen:

Canteen is in need of helpers on Friday's – please email Karen if you are able to assist.
karenedmond512@gmail.com

facebook

Have you "liked" our Facebook page yet? We use the Facebook page for more regular updates on things happening at school that are of interest to parents and also P&C news. Search for TWPS P & C

Vanessa Erickson
P&C President
Email: twpspandc@gmail.com

BAND NEWS

Band Camp – We are still in need of a truck/large van that we could borrow to transport instruments. Please contact Tina Faber via the band email if you think you could help.

Camp forms and payment are due in 1 week and can be left in the band mail box located near the office.



Would you like to support the P&C and the Band program?

DO YOU LIKE BAKING?

or

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A CAKE?

Cake boxes can be picked up from the hall at 2.50pm on Thursday afternoon or at any band rehearsal. Instructions will be on the box. This time we need both cakes for our stall as well as plain cupcakes to decorate. Drop off at the hall on Friday afternoon or at the Bunnings cake stall on Saturday.

**Bunnings Warehouse
Sat 13th May**

Cake stall: Pop along to Bunnings Warehouse Saturday 13th May
You may see one of our talented kids playing their instrument!

Dates for your diary

Sat 13th May – Bunnings Cake stall (day before Mothers Day!)
Tue 16th May – JCB playing at assembly
Tue 6th June – Band Committee Meeting – all welcome
8-9th June – Band Camp @ Vision Valley
21st June – PHHS Music Festival for SCB (TBC)
Sun 6th Aug – UNSW Band Festival – all bands
Sun 29th Oct – Hornsby North Band Festival – all bands
Sun 3rd Dec – Band end of year concert – from 2:30pm.

For further information about the band program please email the band.

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

Email: twpsband2011@gmail.com

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

Bunnings Cake Stall this Saturday 13th May

The Band committee is arranging a cake stall at Bunnings Thornleigh on th Saturday before Mother's Day and would really appreciate your help.

We would love many families to bake for this stall – a cake/slice/muffins/biscuits/whatever. We also need people to cook **PLAIN cupcakes**. This is for an in-store activity for kids to mark Mother's day. For our help with this activity, Bunnings will donate a gift voucher for our school.

Cupcakes can be any flavour but must not be decorated or iced at all – that will be done in-store by the children.

Perhaps you could bake a large batch, decorate some for the normal cake stall sales, and leave some plain for the activity.

Cake trays are available from the hall any morning this week. Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Best regards

Lesley Ogbourne

REFUGEE FUNDRAISER

Not many people would think a ten-year-old girl would be interested in helping refugees, but this one is. My name is Evie Ferguson, I am going to start a refugee fundraiser on the 23rd of June.

Sarah Dracup, Sophie Cribb, Holly Belcastro, Audrey-Rose Patchett, Ella Smith and Eve Upton are going to help me organise this cake stall.

All prices will \$1.50 or under and all cakes will be nut free!. The cake stall will be held under the pencils at recess (11.00am). So please help a refugee in need and send your child with money on the the 23rd of June to buy a yummy homemade treat.

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TWPS Prayer Group

Meeting in term 2 on:

Week 3 May 9th

Week 6 May 30th

Week 10 June 27th

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Enquiries : Annie Mackie twpsprayerteam@gmail.com
0435 005 216

Please contact us directly if you'd like us to pray for something in particular.

