



Wednesday Weekly

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

Diary Dates Term 2

28 June	11.30am Dance Group Matinee
29 June	Kindergarten Athletics Principal's Morning Tea
30 June	Last day term 2

Diary Dates Term 3

17 July	Staff Development Day – children not at school
18 July	Children return to school School interview bookings close Life Education starts
23 July	Waka rehearsal
25 July	Mufti Day – chocolate bar collection Spring Fair K-2 interview evening 3 – 7pm
26 July	Yrs 3 – 6 interview evening 3-7pm
1 August	7.30pm P & C meeting
4 August	Education Week Open Day 9.15am – 11.30am

Dear Parent and Caregivers,

On Monday your child's report was sent home. Please take the time to read it closely and to speak with your child about their progress.

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 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 limited, basic, sound, high or outstanding grade from Years 1-6.

As always, we are offering parent teacher interview early next term to discuss your child's growth. Please book your interview online.

School reports are a great tool to help you understand how your child is going at school – and they can be used to start a conversation with your child about their learning. Here are some tips to help you analyse and discuss school reports with your child.

Stay positive

When reading your child's report card, try to emphasise the positive. Praise your child for their improvement and achievements – and try to be specific with your praise. For example, *"I'm really pleased with your progress in science. You have been working so hard and have improved so much since the beginning of the year"*.

Focus on effort, not grades

Try not to focus too much on the grades your child receives. When children are too focussed on their marks they can develop a 'grade orientation' rather than a 'learning orientation' – and can become less likely to enjoy learning and to challenge themselves. Recognise your child's hard work even if it is not reflected in their marks. The teacher's comments can often tell you more about the effort your child is making at school than the results. For example, "*Your teacher says you have really been concentrating in maths this term. I'm proud of you.*"

Every child is different

Try not to compare your child's report to that of an older sibling or friends. Your child is unique and shines in their own areas. Boost your child's self-esteem by concentrating on the things they have excelled in, where they have tried hardest and where they have shown the most improvement.

Talk about it

It is a good opportunity to use your child's report card to talk to your child about how they are feeling about school. Ask your child what they think about school, their subjects and their report card. If your child raises any concerns, offer your support to help make a plan to address them. For instance, if your child wants to improve their maths skills, you can help them to set realistic weekly goals, like setting aside 10 minutes a day to focus on maths revision.

Valuable learning tool

Your child's report card is a great indicator of academic areas your child is excelling at and where they can improve. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report or their progress at school, or if there are any areas where your child needs some support, contact their teacher – they can tell you what they can do at school to support your child's learning and how you can help at home.

Congratulations Dance Group

I had the pleasure to attend the Sydney North Dance festival on Monday evening. TWPS dance group were outstanding. Thank you to Ms Lundstrum for your brilliant creativity and organisation. The students were outstanding.

Refugee Week at TWPS

Congratulations to a group of proactive Year 5 students who organised a cake stall to raise awareness and funds for refugees. The girls raised \$560. We are proud of our students who have displayed empathy and leadership.

World's Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to the SRC, P & C and all the parents who support the World's Biggest morning tea. We had many homemade baked treats. \$918.90 was raised.



Term 2 has been very busy yet successful! Thank you to all the TWPS dedicated and hardworking teachers who make a difference each day! All the students have had a great term of learning. Thank you for entrusting your children with us. I hope everyone have a lovely break filled with family time. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 18 July.

Chantal Mamo
Principal
BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Reports / Parent Teacher Interviews



Semester 1 student reports were sent home on Monday. Comments in the Key Learning Area (KLA) sections outlined and described stage expectations for that area of learning and described the work undertaken by the students. Individual achievement against stage expectations is made for each KLA and an indication of the teacher's assessment of student effort in the learning area given. It should be noted that a 'Sound' grade indicates that students are achieving at the level expected for their stage of learning (see descriptors for each grade on the front page of the report).

Teachers will be offering parent teacher interviews early in Term 3 to discuss the report and / or your child's progress. Parent teacher interviews will be held in week one commencing on Wednesday 19 July (Week 1 of Term 3), with teachers making times available until 6:50pm on the 25 July for K-2 and / or 26 of July for Years 3 - 6 for parents who need a later timeslot.

Appointments can be made online (as in Term 1), with the interviews now open for booking. Parent / teacher interviews may, however, be made at other times using the green appointment slip in the office foyer. Please use this method of making an appointment or call the school office and leave a message for the teacher if you require time to meet.

. Please note:

- 1L and Kindy Red interviews times will be available to book week 1 next term.

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au.
- Enter the code
- Unique parent code is **x87q4** and click "Go"
- Bookings will close on Tuesday 18th July

Late evenings are until 7pm:

Years K – 2 – Tuesday July 25th

Years 3 – 6 – Wednesday July 26th

This week, Term 2 draws to a close and we can reflect on a semester filled with great learning, growth and think about our aspirations for the future. I would like to echo Mrs Mamo's comments and thank parents and the community for the continued support you have given to the school and students this term. It has been an fantastic term with our students enjoying a great variety and diverse opportunities and activities. A highlight of my day is seeing students in classrooms engaged in learning or when students come along to the Office, with smiles beaming ready to share their learning. With Education week coming up we are looking forward to sharing our learning with the community. Keep an eye out at Westleigh for a showcase of student work. Spring Fair is just around the corner, a busy time for our P&C and organising committee. This is always a huge event that brings the community together and provides lasting and fond memories for our students.

Athletics Carnival for K / Year 1– 2

A friendly reminder that there two separate events for our K- 2 students around athletics this year.

- Kindergarten students are engaging in a athletics session led by SportsPro specialists and our Kindy teachers on Thursday 29 June 11:20 – 1:20pm.

Parents are welcome.

I wish all families a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to seeing you refreshed for term 3.

Kind regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal R

P&C REPORT - Follow us on  www.facebook.com/TWPSPC

Dear School Community, please find following this weeks P&C Report:

CLASS 1G LOLLY DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who donated packs of lollies/gold coins for the Lolly Stall. We are looking forward to seeing all the mixed lolly bags available at Spring Fair!

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA: Monday 26th June: Thank you to all those who baked and came along to have Morning Tea with the students. Amount raised was \$918.80. Well done!

THE 5 cent CHALLENGE: The 5c Challenge notes have been distributed! Start collecting your 5c pieces to raise money to purchase new gazebos for Spring Fair (instead of hiring them). Get strategic and ask your friends, neighbours, grandparents, aunty, uncles for their spare change. The class that collects the most 5c pieces will win a Cupcake party!!! **we will accept any silver money (or Gold if you are feeling generous!) however the class winners will be based on how many 5c pieces are in the money boxes!!! With thanks to SAE HOME LOANS for sponsoring this fundraiser! www.saehomeloans.com.au

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Sponsorships: We still have LOTS of opportunities for Sponsors at Spring Fair – it's not late! Please email me for information on becoming a sponsor! twpspandc@gmail.com


Advertising: We have **NEW** opportunity for advertising at Spring Fair. This opportunity would be ideal for small local businesses. If you are interested, please contact me at twpspandc@gmail.com for details.

Toy & Book Stall: The school holidays is the perfect opportunity for doing that clean out of toys/books for our popular stalls at Spring Fair. The POD will be arriving Term 3 – opening hours will be advertised on the POD and will be on our Facebook page.

Competitions: This year we have: Lego Challenge / Art Competition / Baking Competition / Creative Writing Competition / Colouring-In Competition. All Competitions will cost \$2 per entry and yes you can enter as many times as you like! LOTS of amazing prizes for FIRST PLACE winners! More details on each competition will be sent week 1 of Term 3.

2017 P&C MEETING DATES:

1st August, 5th September, 24th October, 28th November. If you have any agenda items you would like to discuss, please send them via email asap.

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

Have a great week everyone and a fantastic School Holidays. Don't forget – collect your 5cent pieces, and have a good look through your toys & books – perfect Spring Clean time. As always, if you need anything feel free to email or come and see me at school!

Vanessa Erickson
P&C President
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BAND NEWS

Senior Concert Band played at the Pennant Hills High School Musical Festival last Wednesday. The principal of PHHS emailed to say he "really enjoyed their performance, especially the "Silent Movie" piece where I could totally visualise the story that they were telling as they played." Congratulations Senior Band!



Stage Band Reminder – Tickets for the 2017 State Music Festivals, Kakadu Concert at the Sydney Town Hall go on sale tomorrow at 9.00am on Thursday 29 June 2017.

Congratulations to our “Musos of the Month” – June.

At last week's 3-6 Assembly these children were awarded “Musos of the Month”. 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. *Congratulations!*

Training Band	William S Scarlett C
Junior Concert Band	Abigail L
Senior Concert Band	Trinity K Roan V
Stage Band	Ruby C Miles B

Band dates for your diary

29th June – Stage Band Kakadu tickets on sale.

30th June – Senior Band morning rehearsal at PHHS, arrival 7:25am.

18th July – Term 3 rehearsals commence

Sun 6th Aug – UNSW Band Festival – all bands

21st September – Stage Band perform at the Sydney Town Hall.

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. *Enjoy the holiday break!*

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

Email: twpsband2011@gmail.com

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

GREEN THUMBS - SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



Beautiful Broccoli harvested from our school garden.
(photos: Patty Correll)

Last week we harvested some beautiful broccoli from our school vegetable garden. Patty harvested six heads of broccoli and delivered them to the kindergarten classrooms, where the teachers were able to share the fresh grown produce with their students.

Next term we will hold a working bee on Saturday 12th August to clean up the garden in preparation for Spring Fair. We provide morning tea for all our helpers and it is a great way for the whole family to get involved in our beautiful school garden. We hope you will be able to join us. More details to come next term.

If you are interested in helping, or just to keep up to date on activities in the garden, please join our Facebook Group or email us on twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com to be put on our mailing list.

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



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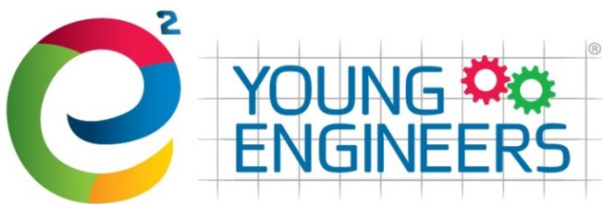
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