

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

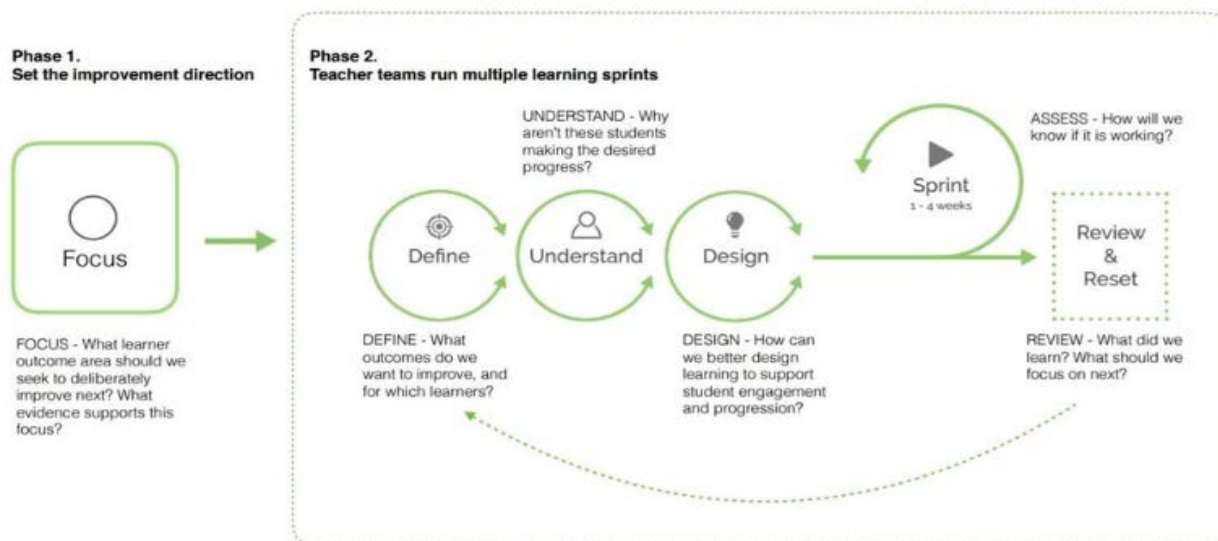
Yesterday the student leaders and the Student Representative Council (SRC) ran their first lunch disco. It was wonderful to have the support of the student body. The prefects are raising money to purchase some new equipment for the Kindergarten students to use at lunch in the playground. We wiggled to the Macarena, played four corners and did the YMCA. This was a great lunchtime activity. We are looking forward to the K – 2 lunch disco 6 June. Please bring a gold coin and add a touch of sport to your school uniform.

Recently the executive team have been sharing thoughts and ideas about teaching Mathematics. We believe that we must create mathematics classrooms in which problem solving occurs daily and is deeply embedded in our culture. A modern Mathematics classroom has:

- Conjecture: student engaging in inquiry, questions, and problem solving.
- Communication: Students read, write, speak, and listen as they formulate and support mathematical arguments.
- Collaboration: students work in pairs and groups to support, encourage, and help each other.
- Chaos: Class is understandably messy when students are truly allowed to struggle with mathematical concepts.
- Celebration: The focus is on effort over achievement and small wins are celebrated.

Over the coming weeks some stage teams will be implementing “Learning Sprints” with a focus on Mathematics. See the process below. These will improve not only student outcomes but teacher pedagogy.

## The Method



### Save the Date

The Year Six Farewell Committee have announced the Farewell will be held on Friday 1st December.



### **Congratulations Roman d V**

We are very proud of Roman from Year 6 who represented TWPS and Sydney North in the recent NSW All school AFL carnival. This is a fantastic achievement.

Thank you for another great week of learning.

Chantal Mamo  
BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts



## **DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

**Apologies last week a part of this article was missing**

### **Who is the Learning Support Team at TWPS?**

In NSW public schools we pride ourselves on offering inclusive education opportunities for all. Every year, our classroom teachers find themselves teaching a group of students with a huge spectrum of abilities. All students learn at a different pace and have different strengths and needs. Teachers become experts at differentiating their teaching activities and assessment, to cater to all the learners in the room. Some students require a little bit of extra support or extension... and that's when teachers are able to engage collegial support and collaborate with the Learning Support Team (LST).

The LST is a whole school collaborative planning and support body that meets weekly, headed by the Deputy Principal Julie Granville, with representatives from the Executive, specialist support staff and classroom teachers as core members. The team ensures that the needs of all students in the school are being met with either intensive, targeted or universal supports.

The LST confidentially discusses individual students' needs and brainstorms adjustments that will help the classroom teachers to bring out the best in each student. This won't always be time with Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs), but will involve a range of supports and strategies that are implemented, monitored and reviewed. They also identify and plan for school needs, prioritise resources, access best practice models and programs, and call for external specialist advice where necessary.

There are a few students at TWPS who have disabilities that make them eligible for special funding, often for one-to-one assistance from (SLSOs) in the classroom or playground; otherwise additional support for students is funded by the school. Two days per week of specialist literacy support is funded by our very own P&C, which is a fantastic use of funds raised!

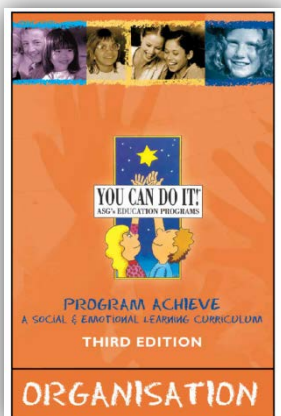
<b>Specialist support staff at TWPS</b>	
Rand Singh	School Counsellor (two days)
Louise Carroll	Learning Support Teacher: MultiLit and K-2 literacy support (four days)
Libby Crothers	Learning & Support Teacher (three days)
Kathy Dawson	English as an Additional Language/ Dialect Teacher (three days)
Nicole Reid	SLSO
Deborah Pollock	SLSO
Kerith Massey	SLSO
Alex Ryan	SLSO
Kerrie Johnson	SLSO

Finally, parents, carers and the students themselves are a very important part of the LST. You know your child better than anyone, and so we seek your insight to guide the approach we take with your child's learning. We value building positive and productive partnerships to support all students at TWPS!

If you have any concerns about your child, please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance.

## You Can Do It (YCDI) Education

As mentioned last week, teachers have been introducing students to **You Can Do It** education as part of the PDHPE program. *You Can Do It* is a social and emotional skills program that aims to teach students **positive habits of the mind**.



### Habits of Mind that Build Organisation

#### ★ Setting a Goal

When learning something new or trying to do something better than before, setting a goal can help me to be more successful.



Setting Goals

#### ★ Planning My Time

Thinking about how long each part of my work will take to get done and making sure I plan enough time to get it done.



Planning My Time

Kind regards,

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal R

**P&C REPORT** - Follow us on  [www.facebook.com/TWPSPC](https://www.facebook.com/TWPSPC)

Dear School Community,

Please find following this weeks P&C Report:

**Next P&C Meeting is NEXT WEEK Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the Library.** Agenda is listed at the bottom of this report. Meetings are open to all parents and care givers of the school and interested citizens in the area.

**PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT/DESIGN TEAM:** Calling expressions of interest by persons to be part of the Playground design team. Please email [twpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpspandc@gmail.com) with your interest. EOI closes Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Team will be announced at the next P&C Meeting.

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**Competitions:** This year we have some new competition categories for Spring Fair: Creative Writing & Lego Building. We will continue with our Art Competition, Colour In Competition & Cake Making. More details about our Competitions will be announced on our P&C Facebook page asap.

**Class Parents:** If you have any questions about your Stall please contact Vervan McAllister – Fundraising Co-Ordinator or myself. Between us we should be able to answer any questions you may have. Please note the **next Class Parents Spring Fair Meeting is: Monday 19th June** in the Library.

### **AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

The SRC are again organising the Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for Cancer. We ask each family to get your bake on and bring in something for the students to sell on the day. It can be biscuits, cupcakes, slices, muffins, cakes – please no nuts. Items will be sold at recess for .50c / \$1. Students can bring in a picnic rug to share their morning tea with friends in the Quadrangle AND we encourage parents/carers to come in also to share this experience with your child/children if you can. Time: 11am – 11.20am.

### **DISCO**


The student's initiative of raising money for Playground Equipment via a Disco at lunchtime has been a hit. The Disco time was moved to alleviate parents doing another afternoon activity, and teachers for extending their already busy day. The next Disco is for K-2 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1.15pm in the Hall. Wear a touch of Sport!

### **AGENDA:**

Opening & Apologies  
Minutes from AGM Meeting  
Minutes from General Meeting  
Business Arising from Previous Meeting  
Correspondence  
Principal's Report  
Sub Committee Reports  
- MDFDGG  
- Uniform Shop  
- Canteen  
- Band  
- Green Thumbs  
- Fundraising/Spring Fair  
General Business  
Other Business

### **2017 P&C MEETING DATES:**

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

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

Have a great week everyone. Look forward to seeing you at the P&C Meeting next week!

Vanessa Erickson  
P&C President  
[twpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpspandc@gmail.com)

## GREEN THUMBS



Left: Emma Fenton and Mrs Murrie helping the Kindy Blue Students plant seeds in the garden on Monday morning; Right: Kindy Blue student, Grace, planting seeds with her mother, Anna, and Grandmother, Ann-Kathrine. (photos: Ingrid Leese)

It's fantastic to see so many classes becoming involved in our school garden. On Monday morning we helped some enthusiastic junior Green Thumbs, from Kindy Blue, plant coriander and beetroot seeds in the garden. Thank you to Anna Hobson, Ann-Kathrine and Carla Brummell, for giving up your time to help us plant in the garden.

Now that our school garden is flourishing and nearly fully planted, we are starting to focus on preparing for the Spring Fair Garden Stall. We need your help! Do you have a business in the gardening or landscaping industry that might be able to sponsor the Garden Stall? Please contact Vanessa Erickson at [mrsvanessae@gmail.com](mailto:mrsvanessae@gmail.com) for Sponsorship details and inclusions. Or are you able to donate plants or products for the stall? Are you or other family members (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles...) keen gardeners who would be able to grow a few plants to sell at the Spring Fair? If we all help a little, we can make the Spring Fair Garden Stall even better than last year. Thanks to Martina Miller, our P&C Treasurer, we have lots of pots ready to be filled. Please contact Ingrid Leese on [ingrid.leese@gmail.com](mailto:ingrid.leese@gmail.com) if you would like any more information or if you are able to help.

This week we will start to harvest some of the vegetables from the garden. On Thursday and Friday afternoon we will put any spare produce on a table outside the school office. Keep an eye out and please help yourselves to any of the vegetables which may be of use to you at home.

If you are interested in helping in the school garden please join our Facebook Group or email Ingrid on [ingrid.leese@gmail.com](mailto:ingrid.leese@gmail.com) to be put on our mailing list.

Green Thumbs Facebook Page:  
please 'join' our Facebook group to stay up to date with TWPS garden news and events.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TWPSGreenThumbs/>

or search Facebook for TWPS Green Thumbs

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

TWPS Prayer Group  
Meeting in term 2 on:  
Week 10          June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Everyone is welcome to join us.

Enquiries :          Annie Mackie [twpsprayerteam@gmail.com](mailto:twpsprayerteam@gmail.com)  
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Please contact us directly if you'd like us to pray  
for something in particular.



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