



Wednesday Weekly

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

Diary Dates

16 June	Lolly drop off for Spring Fair
19 June	6.30pm TWOOSh meeting
21 June	Band playing at PHHS
23 June	Dance group rehearsal 7.30pm Dance Group Glen Street Theatre
26 June	Reports home NAIDOC week Dance Group at Glen St Theatre
27 June	Athletics Carnival
28 June	Dance group matinee
29 June	Senior Choir NSGHS Kindy Athletics Carnival
30 June	Band at PHHS Year 6 vs Teachers game
18 July	Students return
25 July	Mufti Day for chocolate donation – Spring Fair
26 July	5/6 Cricket
4 August	Open Day – Education Week 9.15am – 11am

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week over one hundred children attended band camp! Thank you to the band committee in particular Robin Beard, Tina Faber and Nicole Ng who organised and coordinated a wonderful two days. In addition thank you to the many parent volunteers who made band camp a great success.

The TWPS students were outstanding! The concert on Friday afternoon was impressive. In the last six months it is wonderful to see the students musical talents grow. Music can give children a way to express themselves, to unleash their creativity, to be inspired and uplifted, to relax, and to relieve stress and tension. Just think about listening to a beautiful piece of music, singing along to a favourite song with friends, or dancing to a great song on the radio – music can make your heart sing!

Music can benefit your child in many areas – language, maths, concentration and social skills, just to name a few! So whether or not your child learns a musical instrument, try to expose your child to music as much as possible and enjoy the many benefits!

Studies also show that young children who participate in music classes have improved speech development and learn to read more easily. Learning music helps to develop the left side of the brain (related to language and reasoning), assists with sound recognition, and teaches rhythm and rhyme. Songs can also help children remember information (just think of the Alphabet song!).

Music can help with the development of maths skills. By listening to musical beats your child can learn basic fractions, pattern-recognition and problem solving. Children who study music also have improved spatial intelligence and ability to form mental pictures of objects – skills that are important for more advanced mathematics.

Recent studies have shown that people who are musically trained have better working memory skills, helping them to remember things even while their minds are busy with other matters – important aspects of mental arithmetic and reading comprehension. Learning music also requires significant levels of concentration, training children to focus their attention for sustained periods.

Just like playing sports, playing and dancing to music helps children develop their motor skills. Making music involves more than the voice or fingers; you also use ears and eyes, as well as large and small muscles, all at the same time. This helps the body and the mind work together.

Making music with other people (like in a band or choir) improves children's social and emotional skills. They learn to work together as a team and develop their sense of empathy with others. Researchers have found that when children play music together – from simple rhythms to larger group performances – they are better able to tune into other people's emotions.

Athletics Carnival Change of Date

Due to the recent regional cross country carnival being cancelled and rescheduled we now have a clash with TWPS Athletics Carnival. We are sorry for the inconvenience TWPS Athletics Carnival will now be 27 June at Pennant Hills Park.

Have a great week!

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Well Done to the Following Premiers Reading Challenge Champions

Brodie Haesloop	Zac Dalziel	Alison Vaughan
Kaitlyn Lorente	Madeleine Haughey	Bellarose Spagnoli
Lachlan Fishwick	Kai Chespy	Catherine Luszczyński
Jessica Grummet	Roman Tettoni	Tara Black
Daniel Zhu	Rhianna Matar	Liam Haughey
Daniel Cribb		

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Librarian

A REQUEST FROM 1E

If anyone has a lemon tree at home, we are in need of lemons.

Thanks in advance

Emily Lundstrom 1E

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

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

BAND CAMP: TWPS Band Camp was held last week and was a fantastic success. Students had a great time despite the early rain of Thursday morning. The weather cleared up in time for afternoon activities and there was lots of musical learning. The students returned to school on Friday and a wonderful concert was held in the hall. All bands played and they sounded amazing! Thank you to the Band Camp Committee for organising this event. Thank you to parent helpers who also attended to help.

VOLUNTEERS/PARENT HELPERS: It is imperative that ALL volunteers/helpers at school SIGN IN on the Sign in Register in the school office and wear a VISITOR badge while helping at school. There will be important information on Volunteering at school in the coming weeks.

CLASS 1G LOLLY DRIVE: To help reduce outgoing costs for the Lolly Stall – 1G are running a LOLLY DRIVE. They are asking families to donate a bag of lollies or a gold coin donation by next Friday 23rd June. The SRC will come and collect all donations. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT/DESIGN TEAM: Thank you for those who have expressed an interest in joining the Playground Team. A meeting will be called to get the ball rolling early Term 3.

SPRING FAIR: Follow us on  www.facebook.com/TWPSSpringFair

And our Website www.twpsspringfair.com

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Sponsorships: We still have LOTS of opportunities for Sponsors at Spring Fair! Please email me for information on becoming a sponsor! twpspandc@gmail.com

Competitions: More details about our Competitions will be announced on our P&C Facebook page asap.


Class Parents: Please note the next Class Parents Spring Fair Meeting is NEXT Monday 19th June in the Library. All class parents must attend this meeting. Please ensure you bring your equipment list with you to order your tables/gazebos/equipment requirements.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA: Monday 26th 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.

YEAR 6D SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT: We have some exciting initiatives driven by the Year 6 sustainability project that the P&C are very keen to adopt for Spring Fair and Canteen. Watch this space!

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.

Vanessa Erickson
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GREEN THUMBS - SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



Keep an eye out for our basket of fresh produce outside the school office in the coming months. (photo: Sue Tingey)

Last week we had a busy week in the garden. We ran three planting sessions with Kindy Blue, 4B and Kindy Yellow. Thank you to all the parents who came to help plant with Kindy Blue and Kindy Yellow, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

As the weather has started to get colder it is harder to get plants started from seed but by choosing the right types of vegetables to grow, it gives us more of a chance to get seedlings going. Last week we planted coriander, beetroot and shallots (spring onions) with the Kindy classes. These types of seeds are fairly reliable in all seasons and also the large size of these seeds is easier for young children to handle.

We planted lettuce in one of the garden beds, with 4B, and planted various green leafy crops in the Veggie Trug, which was generously donated by Nicky Honeysett last year. We are using the Veggie Trug as a salad table, to grow a variety of vegetables and harvest them as young shoots and baby leaves.

We also started harvesting some of our Cos Lettuces last week and set up a table outside the school office, to share the produce with you. We won't have enough growing to be able to harvest every week, but keep an eye out in the coming months for our basket when we have enough to share. The best way to be informed of when we will be harvesting is to join our Green Thumbs Facebook Group.

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 Ingrid on ingrid.leese@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 Camp last week - Well done everyone for a fantastic Band Camp. The children have enjoyed two days of intensive rehearsals with our conductors David Bell and Andrew Hamblin as well as a guest conductor, tutorials involving 8 tutors and a 1 hour band concert back at school.



Despite the heavy rain Thursday morning, the afternoon cleared enough for some outdoor activities such as archery, gliding possum, crate stack, vertical playpen and abseiling organised by the staff at Vision Valley. On Thursday night, the children entertained each other at their own Talent Quest.



Thank you to all the parents and teachers who volunteered their time to make the camp happen. Tina Faber, worked tirelessly in the weeks prior and throughout camp organising all logistics. At camp she was assisted by our teachers Kath Boon and Libby Crothers and parent helpers Paul Davies, Vicky Galanti, Mr Katapodi, Niluka Silva,

Lesley Ziegler, Mel Watts, Annette Mead, Julie Tanger, Susie Parry, Gail Law, Carolyn White, Matthew Wilson, Yvonne Currie, Caroline Dalziel, Warwick Edwards, Julie Morris, Nicole Ng and Robin Beard.



It was great to see so many parents able to join Years 2-4 at the concert to hear the wonderful culmination of the hard work put in by the children, tutors, conductors, parents and the whole Band Committee.





Other News: Stage Band – Congratulations!!

They have been successful in their 2017 State Music Festival audition and have been selected for the Kakadu Concert at the Sydney Town Hall on Thursday 21st September. We wish them all the best as they prepare for this performance.

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/>

TWPS Prayer Group

Meeting in term 2 on:

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.

Pennant Hills War Memorial Children's Centre is currently enrolling 4 year old children for 2018. If your child will turn 4 before 31st July 2018 and you are seeking a preschool position, please call Margo or Jill on 94841133 or email us at phwmcc@iinet.net.au. You can view our website at www.phwmccorg.au



KIDS GAMES HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS ON AGAIN!

WHO for: Kids years 1-6 *Yep, 3 whole days!*

WHEN: July School holidays,
Wednesday 12th --> Friday 14th July
From 8.30 to 4.30pm

WHERE: Thornleigh Community Baptist Church (TCBC)
15-17 Duffy Ave, Thornleigh

Registration is open NOW! rego.ststephens.church
Closes: Friday 30th June

This is a combined churches holiday program for kids including run by St Stephen's Anglican Normanhurst, Thornleigh Uniting Church and Thornleigh Community Baptist Church

SAVE THE DATE

For any questions, call the TCBC office on Ph: 9484-0093

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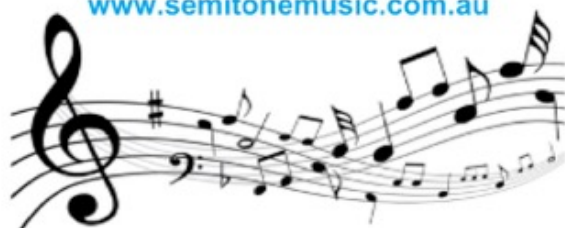
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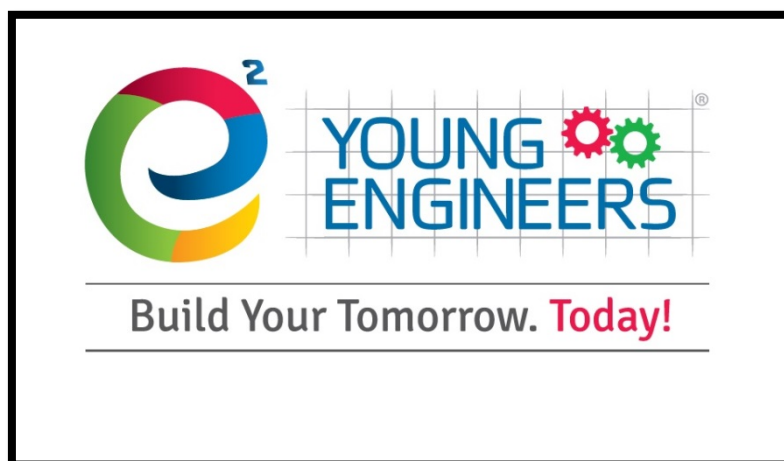
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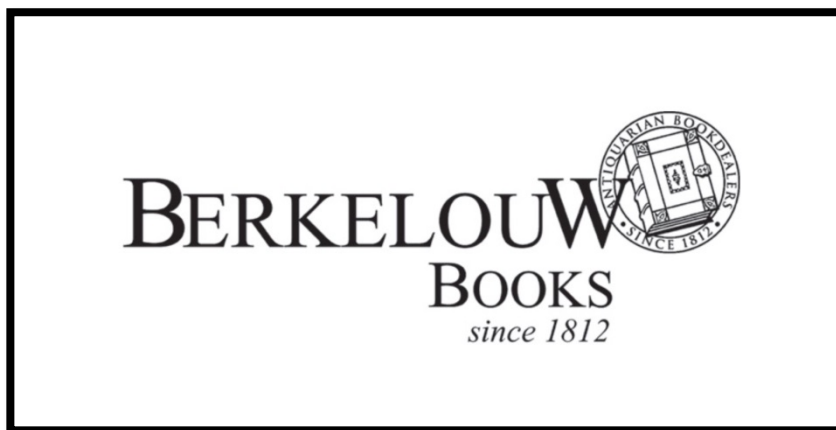
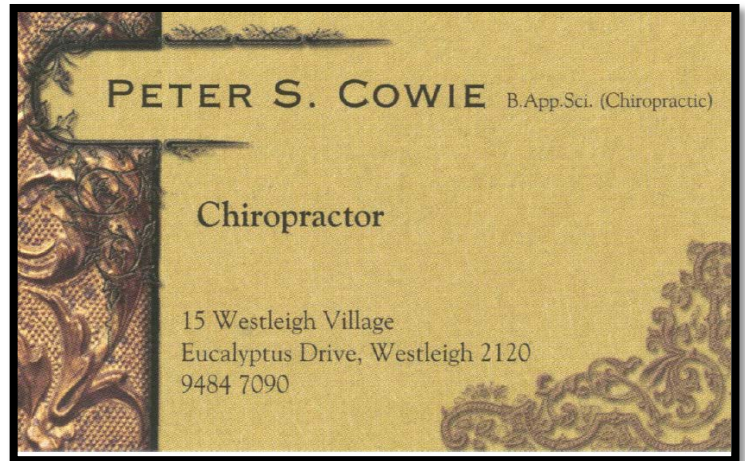




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YOUR INVITATION
T3 Australia is inviting you to its popular School Holiday Experience program during the winter July school holidays. Established in 2011, T3 has run school holiday programs with great feedback over the years from many parents and children. We'll also have challenges, small sided games, competitions, and prizes throughout the 3 days. Best of all the school holiday experience ends with our T3 ceremony and a sausage sizzle for all.

VENUE: RUDDOCK RESERVE, WESTLEIGH
TIME: 9AM-12MIDDAY WHEN: 10/07/17-12/07/17
REGISTER: WWW.T3-AUSTRALIA.COM



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