



Wednesday Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Preparing today's students for tomorrow's world

The five year olds who started kindergarten this year will be at university in 2030 and will spend most of their working lives in the second half of the 21st century.

Thornleigh West Public School needs to set the foundations for these young children to thrive in life and work in 2050 and perhaps through to 2090! Such is pace of change wrought by advancing technologies, which is highly conceivable that these young children will be living in a world radically altered from our own.

That means future thinking – and planning for the future – matters more now than ever before. Research undertaken for the Australian Council of Learned Academics on skills for Australians innovation highlights the critical importance of investing in human capital to drive higher levels of innovations. But innovation requires more than research, science, technology and entrepreneurship. It also needs the intellectual, creative and organisational capacity to translate new ideas and discoveries into innovation.

There is little doubt that for today's kindergarten student to success in tomorrow's complex world, they will need to be resilient to change, confident and adaptable learners. At TWPS it is more critical than ever to support engagement, encourage lifelong learning and create a culture of high expectations for all students.

The fundamental importance for – reading, writing and arithmetic – are recognised by educators all over the world. Without these foundations higher order learning and more complex skills cannot be developed. But basic literacy and numeracy skills are not enough for today's complex world.

As teachers it is our role to provide not the basic facts but the framework on which students can build deep understanding, to help students to learn how to apply their knowledge creatively and effectively, and to be strong and critical thinkers. We need to teach students to find and make meaning in their learning not simply master a list of skills.

Futurist Richard Watson urges us to teach students about the connected nature of knowledge:

"We should be giving them the confidence and skills to question conventional wisdom and solve fluid and connected problems – all of which comes back to teaching people how to think for themselves."

The future in the classroom is now. We are at the crossroads and we can't sit back and wait for the revolution to happen to us. We need to lead the change. We look forward to reflecting on 2015 – 2017 strategic plan and designing 2018 – 2020 plan to help our students flourish.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to Semester 2 Student Representative Council (SRC)! Being a SRC representative is a position of responsibility and is a wonderful leadership opportunity. This group of enthusiastic children will meet fortnightly during class time to develop leadership skills and discuss ideas to make school a better place.

Ms Bourne will lead the years K – 2 team and Mrs Young the years 3 – 6 team. Student voice enables an environment of discussion and reflection about our school with students and teachers playing a reciprocal role. This opens up the expectations of the students so that they can openly communicate with others about their thinking, their feelings and their development as learners.

K Green	Rose J Luke H
K Red	Alva D Ari C
K Yellow	Grace C Oliver Mc
K Orange	Alexander S Ada R
K Blue	Asher T Alice Mc
K Purple	Eva R Liam S
1/2B	Aaron C Mason R
1L	Marley Z Lauren S
1G	Gabriel M Eliza M
2G	Lucas H Summer C
2Y	Abigail E Will D
2S	Hamish M Darcie L
3A	Xavier W Grace W
3D	Ranush K Bridget S
3C	Porah H Alec M
4S	Sean R Maya R
4L	Christopher S Lucy M
4B	Zachary G Sylvie De V
5P	Isobel P Tom Mc
5R	Sophie C Justin A
5/6B	Connor R Megan C
6C	Hana C Hamish R
6D	Jorja H James H

Chantal Mamo
B Teach Bed MA Creative Arts

DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Basketball

It was an exciting day at the brickpit last Friday as Mrs Clay and Mr Gallie coached both our boys and girls basketball teams to success as they progress to the next round of the competition. We are now up to 4th in the competition, both teams had a bye in round 1. James H and Lachlan B were away. Well done on great games!!



Beecroft zone carnivals.

Today our students are competing in the Beecroft zone field events carnival with Miss Rees and Mrs Part. I'm not sure if the blustery conditions will be in their favour or not, but we wish them all the best for their events.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interview are continuing this week. It is an opportunity to discuss the Semester 1 report and/or your child's progress. Online bookings have closed but please contact your child's teacher if you haven't and would like to make an appointment.

ICAS Competitions

The English competition will be held on **Tuesday 1st August**. Unless notified otherwise, students who registered need to be at school at 7:50am for an 8am start. Students require an eraser, sharpener and two 2B pencils. The tests are held in classrooms supervised by teachers, the students will be reminded at morning assembly the day before which room they need to attend.

Year 2 – supervised by Miss Browne in 1/2B classroom

Years 3 and 4 – supervised by Ms Bourne in 4L classroom

Years 5 and 6 – supervised by Mrs Granville in 5/6B classroom

100 Days of Kindergarten

Congratulations Kindergarten students on reaching a great milestone in your 100th day of school – ever!!

This Friday will be filled with special activities and games that I'm sure will make the day one to remember. Have fun counting out your 100 collection of items and I'll look forward also to your special grade photo. You are an amazing group of students of whom your teachers are very proud!! Let's celebrate!



Finally... Next week we have an opportunity to see some of our creative arts and performance groups at the Open Day concert. Our bands, choirs and dance group will all be performing. It's an exciting time for the children, they always enjoy your presence in the school. Morning tea will be served to parents in the hall from 11.30am.

On Thursday we will be treated to a preview of Ms Johnson's 2017 Wakakirri performance. Always sharing our love of learning at TWPS!

Kind regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal R



P&C REPORT

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Dear School Community, WELCOME to Term 3! Please find following this weeks P&C Report:

SPRING FAIR: Follow us on  www.facebook.com/TWPSSpringFair
And our Website www.twpsspringfair.com

SPRING FAIR WILL BE HERE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE! SO MANY THINGS HAPPENING!!

Raffle: The **2017 RAFFLE TICKETS** have been distributed - Each family received 1 book.
IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL BOOKS the Class Parents till have a table set up EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY to hand out additional books. Once they have been sold PLEASE hand them back to the office INCLUDING unsold Books. We are audited on the books so MUCH have all tickets back even if unsold! Schedules for additional selling opportunities will be sent out next week (Westleigh Village, Thornleigh Marketplace, Westfield Hornsby & Thornleigh McDonalds). We also have AMAZING Prizes for students to win; **The STUDENT who sells the most tickets will WIN a Nintendo Switch. The CLASS that sells the most tickets will WIN a Class Party to Tree Tops - The Hills!!! See below for details of the Raffle Prizes!**

Spring Fair Rides Armbands: Rides Armbands IS NOW LIVE on Flexischools. Pre Purchase your Rides Armband and save \$5 per ticket! www.flexischool.com.au

Class Parent Help: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE HELP YOUR Class Parents! Spring Fair is a HUGE team effort including all parents! We appreciate your help with being available to help on the day and behind the scenes to make it all happen!

Sponsors: Thank you to all of our Sponsors of Spring Fair! **Ray White CTWPH - Platinum Sponsors.** Gold Sponsors: Westleigh Village, Soames Real Estate, Centech Online, Signarama, PODS Australia. Silver Sponsor: Normanhurst Vet, Mint Fresh IGA. Bronze Sponsors: Scooda, Semitone Music, North Connex, Thornleigh Medical Centre. Stall Sponsor: Di Jones Real Estate. Raffle Sponsors: Ray White CTWPH, Westleigh Village, F45 Training Westleigh, Ryan's Gourmet Kitchen & Tree Tops WPH. Competition Sponsors: Sydney Art School, Berkelouw Books Hornsby, Young Engineers, Australian Patisserie Academy & Aldi Westleigh. WOW What an incredible list of amazing businesses who support our school. THANK YOU. Please LIKE our Sponsor posts on FB as a way of saying THANK YOU and remember when you are in their stores personally thank them for sponsoring our school!

Advertising: Do you have/or know of a small local business and would like to support Spring Fair with an advertising opportunity? Email twpspandc@gmail.com for more information.

Toy & Book Stall: The **POD HAS ARRIVED** and the team are opening the doors **THIS FRIDAY 2.15 – 3.15pm** (located behind the the Year 1 classrooms - entry from Oakleigh Oval Carpark)

WEEKLY OPENING HOURS ARE: EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY 8.30am – 9am & 2.45pm – 3.15pm

The classes are asking for donations for good, clean, working second hand toys, puzzles, games, books, DVDs and recent Lifestyle Magazines.

Competitions: The competition details are ALMOST ready – thank you for your patience! There is a 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! In additional to being sent home, details will also be sent via Email.

THE 5 cent CHALLENGE: The 5c Challenge is well underway! We hope you have been collecting your 5c pieces these school holidays! 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 FINAL date of 5c pieces to the classroom moneybox is FRIDAY 4th AUGUST.

WAR ON WASTE – Year 6 Sustainability Project. In order to support Year 6 the P&C have ordered 500 x Coffee Keep Cups & 1000 Reusable Shopping bags. These can be pre ordered via the order form attached (order forms will also be sent home). We are selling these items at cost price to us. Please support the Year 6 class but pre ordering your items. Pick up with be at Spring Fair from the P&C Stall.


****ADDITIONAL P&C MEETING 29th AUGUST**** We have been able to confirm Mr Julian Leeson MP to come along for a special Q&A evening (7.30-8.30pm) to discuss the current school funding reforms. Please RSVP your attendance to twpspandc@gmail.com *RSVP for organising purposes.

CALL FOR P&C AGENDA ITEMS:

Our next P&C meeting is 1st August. If you have any agenda items you would like to discuss, please email twpspandc@gmail.com

2017 P&C MEETING DATES:

Additional meeting (see above) 29th 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! As always, if you need anything feel free to email or come and see me at school and thank you to all those who have signed up for Volunteering at Spring Fair!!

Vanessa Erickson
P&C President
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THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

Saturday 26th August 2017 - 10am to 4pm
Giblett Avenue, Thornleigh

- 1ST PRIZE** \$1000 Cash Donated by Ray White CTWPH
2ND PRIZE \$500 F45 Training Westleigh Membership
3RD PRIZE \$200 3 course dinner voucher for 4 - Ryan's Gourmet Kitchen
4TH PRIZE \$120 Deli Vouchers (2 x \$60) - Mint Fresh IGA Westleigh

Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Winners will be announced at 3.00pm at the Fair on the 26th August 2017.

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SCHOOL BANKING

Well done to all our bankers last Friday, we had over 100 that banked! Congratulations to 3D for the most improved, well done 3D!

Starting a new term brings new rewards for our bankers. You can now select either the Smiley Emoji Keyring or the Volt Handball for just 10 silver tokens this term!

Please see the link below to print off your rewards sheet:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking>



Please ensure that all deposit slips are fully completed including your student number also with the correct money included. If you are a new account a student number will be issued upon your child's first deposit.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact school banking co-ordinator
Lyndal Staff schoolbankingTWPS@ashlyn.com.au.

Help us win the WAR ON WASTE

In support of the Year 6 Sustainability Project this year & 'The War On Waste' the P&C are supporting the Year 6 initiative of reducing use of plastic bags and disposable coffee cups at Spring Fair.



We have 500 TWPS coffee Keep Cups & 1000 reusable shopping bags available for pre order. Please support the Year 6 project and pre order your Keep Cup and shopping bags. Just fill in the order form below and place along with payment into the P&C letterbox in the office.

Pick up of these items will be from the P&C Stall on Spring Fair day.

We are selling these items at cost price. Thank you for supporting this important initiative by our amazing students!



NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

please fill quantity

☐ X COFFEE KEEP CUPS @ \$5 EACH ☐ X SHOPPING BAGS @ \$1.50 EACH

TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED CASH / CHQ



Cricket

Registration Day - Sunday 6th August

At Oakleigh Oval, Thornleigh 10am-2pm

In conjunction with Thornleigh Thunder soccer

we will be running a

BBQ, 20/20 cricket matches, father/son/daughter soccer



So come and enjoy the day

At Thornleigh Cricket, we like to make sure we can offer cricket for all ages

5-7 years boys & girls

8-12 years boys & girls

8-16 years boys

10-18 years girls

Seniors

Milo In2Cricket (Fri evenings Nov, Dec & February)

Milo Blast 20/20 (Wed afternoons Feb & March)

Saturday morning comp (Sept-March)

Saturday afternoon

Saturday afternoon comp (Sept-March)

Please ring Carolyn on 0412 061 151 or email

Carolyn.b2@optusnet.com.au for

catering purposes & planning of numbers for games

WESTLEIGH WATERBOARD ALLIANCE PRESENTS

CRACKER NIGHT *fireworks extravaganza*

Gold coin donation

DELICIOUS FOOD & SNACKS

AMAZING ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 29th July

Ruddock Park

from 5pm

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