

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for sharing Education Week with us. It was a great week to celebrate learning with an evening expo, Wakakirri rehearsal and a formal assembly. It was great to see many parents and friends of Thornleigh West Public School.



## Tell Them From Me Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

### **Congratulations to the band!**

Congratulations to TWPS bands who competed in the NSW School Band Festival. The adjudicator for the Primary School event commented that he was impressed not just by the technical ability of the bands but also by their clear understanding of music. Some great results:

<b>Training Band</b>	Gold
<b>Junior Band</b>	Gold
<b>Senior Band</b>	Silver
<b>Stage Band</b>	Silver

### **Wakakirri**

Last week Waka had a full dress rehearsal. The performance was spectacular. Both *Dunbar* and *Kick It To Me* are great stories to be told. TWPS students were outstanding and will be ready for Riverside Theatre in a few weeks' time. Thank you to Ms Johnson for her creative ideas and dedication to make it work. Thank you to all the amazing parents who have sewn costumes, created props and supported the students to be stage ready.



### **Deputy's Message**

It was a proud week of celebrating learning at Thornleigh West last week. To all our performing groups who displayed their talents at our Education Week Open Day assembly, thank you. Sharing your love of music and dance was fabulous. There were many appreciative and complimentary comments from parents and visitors. Congratulations and thanks to the teachers who lead these groups, you create unique learning experiences for our students.

Congratulations also to Ms Johnson and the Wakakirri cast and crew. Unfortunately I was unable to see your performance live last week, although thanks to Ms Johnson, I was lucky enough to see the recorded footage and was as impressed as ever. I'm sure the work and effort that we see is just a fraction of the behind the scenes commitment and dedication of teachers, students and so many community volunteers. Thank you for making this opportunity possible for students. We wish you all the best in the heats to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

**Beecroft zone carnivals.** I hope the sun is shining tomorrow for our students as they compete in the Beecroft zone track events carnival. Good luck to all our athletes competing. And thank you to Miss Rees and Mrs Part for coordinating, supporting and managing our school on the day.



## Basketball

Our basketball teams are continuing to enjoy a successful season. Our boys team is through to round 6 playing against Wamberal Public School after an energetic game, winning with a final score 41 - 20. Our girls' team played West Pennant Hills and came away with another win. Their next game is against Lane Cove Public school this Friday.

## ICAS Maths Competition

The Mathematics competition will be held next **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**. All participating students need to be at school at **7:50am for an 8am start**. Students require an eraser, sharpener and two 2B pencils. The test will be held in classrooms supervised by teachers as follows:

**Year 2:** 1/2B room with Mrs Browne

**Year 3 and 4:** 4L classroom with Ms Bourne

**Year 5 and 6:** 5/6B classroom with Mrs Granville

The students will be reminded at morning assembly the day before which room they need to attend. Please note that catching up with students who do not attend as scheduled is generally not possible due to other school activities/commitments as well as classroom and staffing availability.

## Duty of care at pick up time

Student safety and wellbeing is paramount. Home time can be a bustling and busy time with families connecting and moving around the school. At times we understand arrangements change for pick up of children. To avoid confusion and to ensure Teachers are informed of necessary information, please either write a note to the Teacher in the morning or give us a call at school and we can pass the change of arrangements on to the child and Teacher. Thank you for helping us ensure confusion is minimised and hometime can be a smooth and stress free time.

## Musica Viva

Coming up on Monday week 5 (next week) our Musica Viva concert is always a highlight of the term. This year's performance group is **'Zeeko'**. **Zeeko** is a trio consisting of three talented and highly sought after musicians. They all perform regularly in a variety of ensembles and styles throughout Australia and internationally. Two of the group's members are also composers. **Zeeko** member David Hewitt has composed most of the group's repertoire. His compositions are highly original and feature many themes relevant to students, teachers and parents alike. **Zeeko's** use of largely original material allows them to explore the natural environment and the way various cultures form relationships with it, in a very personal way. Not only is the environment a theme of their show, but many of the instruments featured in it are created from items in our natural and man-made environments.

Introduction to Zeeko



It would be appreciated if all permission notes could be returned before the day. Payment is included in your term 3 invoice, thank you.

**Finally...** Wakakirri heats are drawing near – an exciting time for our performers. Every year I am inspired and in awe of how the story created and crafted is able to showcase the talent we have at TWPS. Learning through exploring our history through drama has been wonderful journey for our students and their obvious love of performing shines through. I hope our students also feel inspired by those on the national and world stage and challenge themselves to do their best.

Kind regards,

Julie Granville R  
Deputy Principal



### A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

We have had numerous students away from school this week due to an outbreak of influenza A and B. Please click on attachment if you require any more information.

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/influenza\\_factsheet.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/influenza_factsheet.aspx)

Life Education has now been completed and Musica Viva is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, if you have **NOT** paid for these incursions, could please arrange payment as soon as possible. A reminder invoice will be sent home at the end of next week.

### TWPS Environment Corner

As Term 3 becomes increasingly busy I would like to mention a few items regarding our school environment and general well-being.

#### Garden Working Bee this Saturday!

As we get ready for our Spring Fair so we need to get our garden in shape condition, ready to show off to the Thornleigh community. If you would like to attend our next Working Bee and assist our Green Thumb Committee in getting our garden beds ready please come along for an hour or however long you can spare this **Saturday 12 August 9-12 pm**. Light refreshments are provided and children are welcome to attend. Patty offers 50 c for every bag of rubbish picked up so come on, kids, earn yourself some pocket money and help clean up our garden!

Many thanks to Ingrid and Patty for their ongoing commitment to keeping our garden going. The children really enjoy time spent in the garden and we have had a good crop to nibble on over the autumn.

#### Fruit and Vegetable Month

Between **22 August and 21 September** we are celebrating the wonders of eating more fruit and vegetables through a campaign run by the Ministry of health, **Get Loud for Fruit and Veg Month!** Recent research has shown *that a mere 4% of Australian adults and children are eating their required daily portions of fruit and vegetables.* That's an alarming statistic! You can imagine the health implications for us as a nation if we allow this to continue.

So get behind this healthy campaign and see if you can make a difference. Why not start by adding more fruit and vegetables to your children's meals, especially their morning teas and school lunches? Processed and packaged foods are usually not the best choices for growing minds.

More information will be added each week in this corner of our newsletter so watch this space and let's all **Get loud for Fruit and Veg!**

Regards,  
Susan Liddle  
TWPS Environment Coordinator



## GREEN THUMBS - SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



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

### HELP WANTED

Please join us in our beautiful school garden this coming Saturday 12th August to tidy up for the Spring Fair and prepare the garden beds for Spring planting.

#### Details:

**Date:** Saturday 12th August

**Time:** 9am to 12pm

Please come along and help out. Bring rakes, shovels, brooms, trowels, garden gloves or any other items that might be useful. Please RSVP by emailing us at [twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com](mailto:twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com) if you will be able to make it.

To keep up to date on activities in the garden, please join our Facebook Group or email us on [twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com](mailto:twpsgreenthumbs@gmail.com) to be put on our mailing list.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TWPSGreenThumbs/>

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

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**Raffle:** The External Raffle ticket selling schedule has now been sent to ALL class parents. There are time slots at Thornleigh Market Place AND Westleigh Village (GOLD SPONSORS). Please consider to take up a time slot allocated to your class – use this selling advantage to go toward you CLASS PARTY tickets! Get selling! Please contact the Raffle team to get all the information!

**NEED MORE TICKETS?** You can pick up more EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY in front of the pencils 2.45pm – 3.15pm. **DON'T FORGET:** 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!!!

**Toy & Book Stall – Drop off Opening Hours at the POD:**

**REMINDER: EEKLY OPENING HOURS ARE: EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY 8.30am – 9am & 2.45pm – 3.15pm**

**Pre Order your Canteen order for Spring Fair:** THIS YEAR we have the option to PRE ORDER you lunch at SPRING FAIR! So not more missing out on the amazing DUCK PANCAKES (and more) from the Canteen! Just go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and preorder lunch! You just nee to PRINT your order and take it to the Canteen on the day of Spring Fair! THAT EASY!!!! Thank you Karen our amazing Canteen Manager for arranging this AND The CANTEEN class!!

**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](http://www.flexischool.com.au) Tickets are only \$25 each and will be \$30 each on the day. Friends and family can purchase online too! The more tickets we sell, the more money we make at Spring Fair! **PICK UP SCHEDULE will be announced on FB this week!**

**Competitions:** The competition Entry Forms were SENT HOME last week. Please note that the **FIRST competition 'Creative Writing' is due THIS THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – drop entries to the front office by no later than 3pm THURSDAY!** Plus: There is a Lego Challenge / Art Competition / Baking Competition / Colouring-In Competition. All Competitions ONLY cost \$2 per entry and yes you can enter as many times as you like! LOTS of amazing prizes for FIRST PLACE winners!

**Class Parent Help: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** HELP YOUR Class Parents! We have been alerted that many class rosters are STILL empty at certain time slots – I urge you to help on the day.

Spring Fair is a HUGE team effort including all parents! We appreciate your help to make it all happen in fact WE NEED YOUR HELP to make it 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!



**THE 5 cent CHALLENGE:** The 5c Challenge HAS FINISHED! THANK YOU THANK YOU to EVERYONE that has sent in their 5c pieces. We are SO pleased to announce that a total of \$1556.70 has been raised which has covered the cost of the P&C purchasing 6 Gazebos for Spring Fair! THANK YOU parents!

PLUS

**WINNING CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations 6C – you have won the CUPCAKE party! We thank SAE HOMELOANS for sponsoring this initiative for us this year!! [www.saehomeloans.com.au](http://www.saehomeloans.com.au)


**War on Waste** – ORDER FORMS have been sent home! We have 500 x Coffee Keep Cups & 1000 Reusable Shopping bags available for sale. 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. **THANKS** to those who have ordered already but DON'T FORGET to place your order ASAP!

**\*\*ADDITIONAL P&C MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:twpspandc@gmail.com)

\*Please RSVP for organising purposes.

**2017 P&C MEETING DATES:**

Additional meeting (see above) 29<sup>th</sup> 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, THANK YOU to everyone for supporting our important initiatives – everything we do is for the students. 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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