



Wednesday Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/twps2120>

NAPLAN

Thank you to Ms Aked who led the NAPLAN online readiness test. She did a fantastic job ensuring that TWPS was ready to go.

Last week Years 3 and 5 students received the NAPLAN reports. TWPS has produced some amazing results. This assessment tests literacy and numeracy skills that students have been learning through the curriculum. NAPLAN provides parents and schools with an understanding of how students are performing at the time of the assessment.

NAPLAN provides parents with information that shows how their child is progressing on a nationally consistent basis. It will tell you your child's academic performance for that specific test, and it will also tell you how your child's school performs against other schools.

As parents, reassure your child that while NAPLAN is important, it is only one part of the broader assessment process.

My NAPLAN report

Last week the report arrived home, spend some time understanding the results, areas of strength and areas for further development. When you talk to your child, genuinely praise them for what they have achieved.

Keep in touch with your child's teachers so you are aware of any areas of your child's learning where they may need extra support. Talk to the teacher about the results and any areas that need more support, both at school and at home.

More information is available from the NAPLAN website: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan>

Road Safety

Keeping our children safe is paramount! Just a friendly remind to slow down in school zones. Our children are very precious!

Safety tips for school zones:



Safety tips for students:



Demerit Points:

* The Demerit Points Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rma.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/

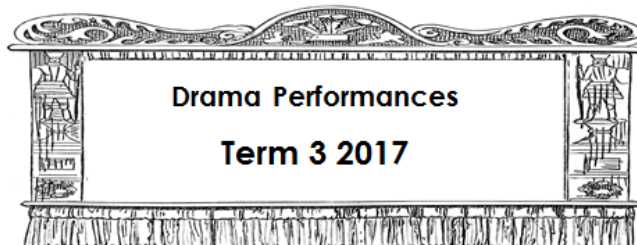
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DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Drama Performances



You're Invited



Week 10 – in our amphitheatre

Tuesday 19 th September					
10am	KB	2Y	4L	6C	
11.30am	KG	1/2B	2S	4S	6D
2 pm	KO	1E	4B	5R	

Wednesday 20 th September					
10am	KR	1G	3D	5P	
11.30am	KP	1/2B	2G	3A	5/6B
2 pm	KY	1L	3C	5/6B	

Dates coming up:

Spring Fair: 26 August

Week 7+8: Swim scheme for year 2

30 August 6C cupcake party (5c Challenge winners ☺)

1 Sept: Father's Day Breakfast

5 Sept: K – 6 Book Parade. Gold coin donation

11 Sept: Grandparents Day

19 +20 Sept: Drama performances

Grandparents Day Monday 11 September

We would like to recognise the vital role that grandparents play in our school. Your irreplaceable role has a positive impact on our school community. Please join us on **Monday 11 September at 9.15am** in the school hall. There will be a special assembly, classroom visits, and morning tea.

We look forward to celebrating you!



Alice M (KB)



Elizabeth B (KR)



Grandparents Day - Photos

This year for grandparent's day we will be collecting photos for a presentation to celebrate our wonderful grandparents. Please snap a photo showing a grandparent in your family who shares their wisdom and experience. Write a caption about your photo. We will try our best to include all photos. Email your photo along with your details and caption to:

thornleigw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Due by 1 September. No photos will be accepted after this date

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Group School Photos

Just a reminder group photos available to order. See information below, *Orders due within 21 days*

Dear Parents,

School co-curricular group photographs were taken recently. These groups may include sports teams / prefect groups, bands or other co-curricular groups and these groups images are now available for purchase at the *advancedlife* [THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL Community Portal](#).

Simply follow the link above or click order now to go directly to your community portal.

Important Information:

- Co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online DO NOT return payment to school
- If your child's group or team has *not yet been photographed* and is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered.
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are ordered
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's **advancedlife** & your **advancedyou** photo sites (follow the link above)

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Wakakirri



What does Wakakirri Mean?

The Aboriginal word Wakakirri means '**to dance a story**' according to Wangaaypuwan people from Cobar NSW. It was chosen to give the event a distinctly Australian feel.

What is a Story-Dance?

A Wakakirri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, acting and creative movement to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, creative movement, acting, music, props, costumes, sets, and in some cases; film, projections and singing. The possibilities are endless! Schools are also able to incorporate the annual signature item into their story for an extra challenge and every school's story is filmed for Wakakirri TV as part of the search for 'Story of the Year'.

A gigantic 'CHOOKAS' to everyone for our Wakakirri heat tonight. I'm sure you will shine and soak up the experience of performing live on stage.

Check out <http://www.wakakirri.com/what-is-wakakirri/> for more information.

Cricket News



Our Boys team played their 4th game against Kariong. It was an outstanding performance!

TWPS 4 for 168

Kariong 5 for 63

Our next match will be against Woodport.

Kind regards,

Julie Granville R
Deputy Principal

SPORT NEWS

School Athletics Carnival Results

As a tribute to the sporting prowess of the mighty Thornleigh West Public School, I attach some of the exceptional students' results from our school athletics carnival.

It was a close race for 1st place for house points on the day, with Sturt coming out in front to grab the title by only 30 points, closely followed by Ruse, flinders and Macquarie. These results were formed using all results on the day including participation points, so congratulations to all students who participated and fought for the top spot.

We had many records broken on the day. Big congratulations to the following students:

Alexandra B- Snr Long Jump

Sheridan B- 11yr 100m and 11yr 200m

Holly B- 11yr 800m

Lachlan C- 11yr 100m and 11yr 800m

Lucy C- 12yr 100m, Snr 200m and Snr 800m

Jessica G- 9yr 100m

Joshua M -12yr 100m, Snr 200m, Snr 800m, Snr High Jump and Snr Long Jump

Madison M-10yr 100m, Jnr 200m, Jnr 800m, Jnr High Jump and Jnr Long Jump

Kobe M- 10yr 100m and Jnr 800m

Cooper R- 9yr 100m and Jnr High Jump

Mason R- 8yr 100m

Hamish R- 11yr High Jump

Congratulations to those students who participated in all events, your hard work was noticed and appreciated by teachers and spectators alike.

Our age champions of the day are as follows:

Junior Girl- Madison M

Junior Boy- Cooper R

11yr Girl- Sheridan B

11yr Boy- Lachlan C

Senior Girl- Caitlyn B

Senior Boy- Joshua M

Congratulations to these students for their efforts on the day and their performance at the Zone Athletics Carnival, and to all students who had a go and tried their hardest on the day. I can't wait to see what we can do next year!

Miss Rees

Zone Athletics Carnival

A well deserved congratulations for our zone athletics team for their incredible performance over the track and field carnival days. Over the two days we encountered some heavy winds and beautiful sunshine, but no matter what our students pushed through and performed their best in their events. Each student should be very proud of their accomplishments, as they represented Thornleigh West with pride, which was shown through their determination and teamwork at the carnival.

Special congratulations to the Junior Boys Relay Team who have made it through to the next level after some fantastic team work and training. Well done boys, let's keep it up!

Congratulations to the following students who have succeeded in moving through to the next level for athletics:

William A-11yr Shot Put, 11yr Discus and 11yr Long Jump

Lachlan B - 8yr 100m and Junior Boys Relay Team (Reserve)

Lucy C- 800m and Snr Discus

Jessica G- Jnr Long Jump

Lilli J- 11yr Shot Put

Joshua M- Snr Long Jump

Madison M- 10yr 100m and Jnr 200m

Kobe M- Junior Boys Relay Team

Mason R- 8yr 100m and Junior Boys Relay Team

Cooper R- 9yr 100m, Jnr 200m, Jnr Long Jump and Junior Boys Relay Team

Hamish R- 11yr High Jump

Daniel S - Junior Boys Relay Team

Due to the exceptional performance of our students over both days, Thornleigh West was lucky enough to play host to three out of the six age champions of the day. Congratulations go out to:

Junior Girls Age Champion- Madison M

Junior Boys Age Champion- Cooper R and

11 Year Boys Age Champion- William A

We are very proud of all our athletes who competed and wish our students who have made it through to the Sydney North Area athletics carnival the best of luck.

The Sydney North Area Athletics Carnival is to be held on the 11th September at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.

Thank you to the parents who assisted with lifts on each day and for acting as our cheer squad, and special thanks to Tiffany Part for acting as Team Manager on both days.

Miss Rees



Zone Age Champions



Junior Relay Team



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SPRING FAIR

SAT 26TH AUGUST

GOLD COIN DONATION AT ENTRY	10AM TIL 4PM	GIBLETT AVE THORNLEIGH	FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
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Join in the fun at this
fantastic community event.
There is something for everyone!

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Library News

Premier's reading challenge

This Friday 25th August, last day for PRC records to be completed. All K-2 have completed theirs in library lessons with the teacher.

Well done to the PRC finishers.

Chloe H, Thomas K, Alec M, Scarlett C, Maya R, Sean K, Paulson M, Rose C, Sienna D, Nicholas C, Ashlea D, Annaliese H, Diane K, Thomas Mc, Jackson L, Liam C, Max G, Joshua M

Book character parade

Our book character parade will be on Tuesday 5th September. All students are asked to participate K-6 to join in the fun and dress up as their favourite character. A gold coin donation will be collected on the day in class to help purchase soft furnishings for the students in the library.

BAND NEWS



Spring Fair Performances – Greeting the community as they come through the gate, the amphitheatre will come alive from 10am with our own TWPS P&C bands and Pennant Hills High School. Come along and support your school as they play.

10am – Senior Concert Band

10:25 – Training Band

10:45 – Stage Band

11:15 – Pennant Hills High String Ensemble

11:55 – Junior Concert Band

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

At this 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	Aiden B Ruth H
Junior Concert Band	Paulson M
Senior Concert Band	Megan C Jason P
Stage Band	Kinshuk S



Are you interested in joining the band program in 2018?

Band is open to all Year 2 and interested students from Years 3-5. Please watch this space over the coming term if you are interested as we will start to post more information for you. In the meantime, jot down these Term 4 dates and have a look at the link below to find out how learning to read music and play an instrument is good for the brain...

Tue 10th October - Senior Band plays for Year 2 at the K-2 assembly and explains each instrument (parents welcome)

Fri 13th October (morning) – Instrument try out day – For ALL Year 2 children and any older children interested in joining. Students along with their class and teacher, will come down to the hall and get a chance to play around with the instruments. They will meet our band director and recommended tutors. If you are in Year 3 or above and interested in joining the band, please email the band so we can arrange with your teacher the best time to come down to the hall.

Mon 16th October 7:30pm – Band Program Information Night for Parents. Senior Band will perform.

How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins (5min video) – How do we get fireworks to go off in your brain! <http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins>

Band dates for your diary

Sat 26th Aug – Spring Fair – All bands performing from 10am.

Tue 29th Aug, 7:30pm – Band Committee Meeting, staffroom. ALL WELCOME

Mon 11th Sept – Grandparents Day – All bands

Sat 16th Sept – NWPS Moonlight Concert – Senior Concert Band. Arrive 5:45pm

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

Tue 10th Oct – SCB play at K-2 assembly for Yr 2 recruitment.

Fri 13th Oct (morning) – Instrument blow test – For all Year 2 children and any older children interested in joining.

Mon 16th Oct, 7:30pm – Band Program Information Night for Parents. SCB to perform.

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.

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

Email: twpsband2011@gmail.com

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

GREEN THUMBS - SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



A selection of the plants available for sale at the Spring Fair Plant Stall

Top: Tomatoes, Thyme, Greek Oregano; Middle: Sage, Succulents, Chillies; Bottom: Basil, Succulents, Parsley (photos: Ingrid Leese)

After months of planning and preparation the Spring Fair is only days away. Many Kindy Blue families and Green Thumbs volunteers have been busy growing plants to sell at the Plant Stall on Saturday. Kindy Blue parents have been growing a wide assortment of plants and working hard to get donations from nurseries. We hope you will make some room in your garden beds and come along and buy some of the beautiful plants on offer. We will have an assortment of various herbs, vegetable seedlings, tomato seedlings, succulents, frangapanis and other ornamentals.

We have set up a drop off point for the Plant Stall in the school vegetable patch. Please drop your donations of plants in the roped off area next to the shed. Thank you to everyone who has helped grow items to sell, we really appreciate your efforts.

In the next few weeks, after Spring Fair, we will help the teachers and students begin planting the school vegetable garden. If you are interested in helping with these activities please join our Facebook Group or email us on twpsgreenthumbs@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

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