

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you have all recovered from the Spring Fair. It was an amazing day we were blessed with beautiful warm weather. Thank you to Vanessa Erikson and Vervan McAllister for their leadership in organising such a wonderful community event. Also to Martina Miller and Deb Flanagan who worked in treasury all day. To the parents who set up, organised the class stall and worked tirelessly to make Spring Fair a great success – thank you! The sense of community is alive and well at TWPS. I am truly grateful for everyone's support to make TWPS a great place to learn.



State Basketball Team

Well done to Lucy C and Caitlyn B who represented TWPS in the State basketball team who played in Canberra last week.

The competition was very close; they came fifth out of fourteen teams. This was fantastic effort and a great experience for our students. We are very proud of you



Diary Dates

Dates	Event
29 August	2.15pm K – 6 assembly 7.30pm Julian Leeser MP - meeting with P & C
30 August	6C cupcake party
1 September	Father's Day Breakfast
4 September	Year 2 Swimming school continues all week
5 September	2.15pm K – 2 Assembly 7.30pm P & C meeting
7 September	Outdoor Classroom Day for volunteer classes
8 September	Girls Cricket Knock Out at TWPS
9 September	Voting in school Hall. Band BBQ and cake stall
10 September	Dance group Hills eisteddfod
11 September	Grandparents Day 9.15am – 11am Sydney North Area Athletics 6.30pm TWOOSH meeting
12 8 September	Public Speaking Competition 2.15pm 3 – 6 Assembly
19 September	Drama Performances
20 September	Drama Performances
21 September	Principals morning tea 7pm Choir performance Town Hall
22 September	2.20pm Year 6 vs Teachers

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>

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

Have a great week!

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our Aussie of the month recipients this term.

Aussie of the Month



The "Aussie of the Month" displays one or more of these core values:

Integrity: being honest and trustworthy

Excellence: striving for the highest personal achievements

Respect: having regard for yourself and others

Responsibility: making good choices in your actions

Cooperation: working together and supporting others

Participation: being a productive individual and group member

Care: having concern for yourself and others

Fairness: supporting honesty and justice without prejudice

Democracy: accepting and promoting rights, freedoms and responsibilities

Aussie of the Month

K Orange	Ellie M
K Red	Saffron W
K Blue	Grace H
K Purple	Elin S
K Green	Catherine F
K Yellow	Sylvia K
1E	Leo R
1G	Jeremy B
1G	Yuzhou W (term 2)
1L	Niamh B
1/2B	Aaron C
2G	Daren K
2S	Levi B
2Y	Ava A
3A	Ruby P
3D	Lachlan F
3C	Porah H
4L	Daniel S
4S	Byron R
4B	Ruby C
5P	Damien D
5R	Harry T
5/6B	Katerina W
6C	Bridie R
6D	Ruby H

Community Connectedness

Clarke Road School in Hornsby is a K-12 best practice special education school in Hornsby which encourages students to learn independence as they foster academic, social and emotional growth. They do amazing work, and we have a wonderful opportunity to connect and build on our relationship that began through Clarke Rd students' participation in Wakakirri in previous years.

There are two younger classes who would love to have some older buddies to come and play, model social skills and interact with them. We have asked 5P to be involved the first time we run the program, with a view to expanding further next year. Starting from next Tuesday, students will each make a couple of short visits in small groups, to cement friendships and build understanding. We believe Year 5 is an ideal age to participate, as it will foster maturity, empathy and leadership skills. It links to the Australian Curriculum's core capabilities of Ethical Understanding and Personal and Social Capability.

We are really excited by this opportunity for our students to reach out to our wider community and make a difference!

Grandparents Day

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

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Group School Photos

Just a reminder group photos available to order. See information below, *Last week for orders*

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
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are ordered

Kind regards,
Julie Granville
Deputy Principal

P&C REPORT

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Dear School Community, Please find the latest P&C Report Update!

SPRING FAIR!!!! I can't quite believe that Spring Fair is OVER! What an incredible day! We had perfect weather, record crowds and happy faces all round! We can not do this huge event without the amazing families at Spring Fair. Thank you to EVERYONE who stepped up and really rallied and pulled out all stops to create the best Spring Fair ever!

I wish I could list every single person here however there is one person that has to be thanked – Veryan McAllister. Veryan is a work horse! She is like the energiser bunny that never stops. She is the logistics queen and such a smooth event could not have been possible without her.

We want to release the magic number asap so please to those who have expenses PLEASE send them to twpspandc@gmail.com this week please so we can reimburse you.

Raffle: WOW TWPS! You have done a great job. The Sold ticket amount was well over \$17k (maybe even closer to \$18k!) Incredible by all students who did a great job in selling tickets! A very special mention to Kylie & Anthony Booth who were collecting money, counting and calculating returned tickets almost daily. Such a huge task!

WINNER of Nintendo Switch – Daniel Staff-Lean who sold 325 tickets!
WINNER of CLASS PARTY to Tree Tops – 4L

Special Mention:
Maeve McAllister with a fantastic effort with selling 175 tickets

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD. The P&C would like to acknowledge Kindy Green for their champion efforts with a Movie Afternoon with popcorn & icecream in the Hall – Notes will be sent home about this. Well done Kindy Green!!

Silent Auction: Our online Auction was amazing! At the closing time of 8pm on Saturday night we hit the \$10.5k mark!! Amazing and thank you to all companies that made donations toward our Silent Auction. Please ensure payments are promptly made and check your email regarding pick up details.

Spring Fair runs with huge costs and we couldn't raise the \$ we do without our amazing Sponsors! A HUGE thank you too:

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THE 5 cent CHALLENGE: The 6C cupcake party is THIS WEDNESDAY! Well done 6C! Enjoy!

****ADDITIONAL P&C MEETING 29th AUGUST** PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND WILL BE ORGANISED AGAIN ON A P&C NIGHT IN THE NEW YEAR.**

CALLING FOR AGENDA ITEMS: Next meeting 5th September. Please send any agenda items to twpspandc@gmail.com asap. Please note at the 5th Sept meeting we have 3 School Photography companies coming in to present for School Photos 2018.

2017 P&C MEETING DATES:

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.

Vanessa Erickson
P&C President
twpspandc@gmail.com

Library

Next Tuesday 5th of September we have our book character parade to celebrate book week. The parade will be first thing in the morning after assembly. All students are welcome to dress up.

Grandparents day Book fair

We will have a Book fair on Grandparents day. This year we are asking that copies of a selected book will be purchased as these are going towards reading room resources.

The last of the our PRC finishers

Rhys Jaffrey, Georgia Ryam, Ranush Katapodi, Evan Davies, Max Norton, Ava Windross, Kobe Moore, Viviane Fitzpatrick, Eve Upton, Sophie Cribb, Elyse Edwards Lily Fang, Cooper Paiaro, Daniel Lee, Lachlan Allchin Elsie Qu, Alice Grimes, Will Austin, Phoebe Pringle, Joshua Fishwick. Alanna Stanton, Taya Massey

Band News

Congratulations to all band members who performed at last Saturdays Spring Fair. What a way to greet the community as they walked through the gate! Thank you also to the newly formed PHHS String Ensemble. Their repertoire included such beautiful tunes that we all recognised. It was certainly nice to see the contrast between the Concert, Stage and String bands.



Oh the wonderful way you'll feel, you hear?
If you just go out and volunteer...

A bird... a worm... a guzzle-bivvit,
Could all use some help if you'll just give it;

You might say "No! Not I! No Way!"

"I've nothing to give - not today anyway!"

But you'll see if you look deep inside of you,
You've lots to give!

It's true! You do!



Election Day Sat 9th Sept: BBQ & Cake Stall

Are we all tired? **Yes!**

Do we want the best for our kids? **Yes!**

Would raising up to \$4000 help our school? **Definitely!**

Then yes, we will try! The band program are going to coordinate the Election Day BBQ and Cake stall, but we **NEED** everyone's help.

Two ways ALL PARENTS OF TWPS could help:

1. **Volunteering for a shift on the BBQ : cooking, serving foods** - <http://signup.com/go/JXUsmFs>. We need 42 people!
2. **Baking for the cake stall.** Cake boxes will be delivered to your child's classroom, or they can be found in the office the week prior. Delivery of cake is either Friday 8th Sept 2:45-3:15pm in the hall, or on the election day morning.

Enquires: twpsband2011@gmail.com

Band dates for your diary

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.

Tue 17th Oct – 7:30pm Staffroom, Band Committee Meeting. All welcome, especially Year 2 parents!

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/>

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>

Green Thumbs - School Garden News



The Spring Fair Plant Stall

(photo: Ingrid Leese)

The Spring Fair Plant Stall looked amazing on Saturday, with such a wide range of gorgeous plants on offer. Thank you to the nurseries and businesses which donated plants and produce to sell at the Plant Stall - Mint Fresh IGA, Hornsby Council Community Nursery, Plant Bug Garden Centre at Mt Colah, Eden Gardens and Martina Miller and Alpine Nurseries. We really appreciate your support and generosity.

Thank you to Meaghan Tchepak, Anna Hobson and Carolyn Delapierre, Kindy Blue's class parents, for organising such a fantastic array of plants and working so hard the last few months to pull it all together. Thank you to all the Kindy Blue parents for working on the Stall and your contributions of home grown plants to sell. Thank you to the Green Thumbs who helped grow plants for the Stall. Also, thank you to Everyone who purchased plants on Saturday, we hope they grow well for you.

In the next few weeks, 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

Celebrate Family Fun Day Parliament of NSW

Children from 4 to 12 years
Friday 6 October, 10am - 3 pm

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Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



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1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Tuesday, 17th October 2017

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

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HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



Hornsby Girls High School would like to invite Year 5 students and their Parents/Caregivers to our **Open Day on Thursday 12 October 9am – 11am.**

The morning activities include the Principal's address, tours of the school, performances by the school band and information regarding extra-curricular programs.

Hornsby Girls High School is a Selective High School. Enrolment enquiries should be directed to the Selective Schools Unit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>



Hornsby Girls High School

Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

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TWPS Environment Corner

Get Loud for Fruit and Veg Month

Healthy Kids Association with the support of the NSW Ministry of Health are promoting a month of eating more fruit and vegetables in NSW schools.

TWPS is a school that heartily (if you'll pardon the pun!) supports healthy eating habits. Not only is it way better for our children to munch on fresh veg rather than say biscuits, it is also a far better choice for our environment. Why not take a look at your children's lunch boxes and morning teas? How much of the contents are packaged and/or processed? How can you make a few changes or even one small change?



Parents


We are living in an environment where being unhealthy has become normal. Over half of adults and more than one in five children in NSW are overweight or obese, increasing their risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke and type 2 diabetes later in life.

It's never too late to make a change for yourself or your family. Small changes to your lifestyle can make a big difference. We need to make eating a healthy diet normal.

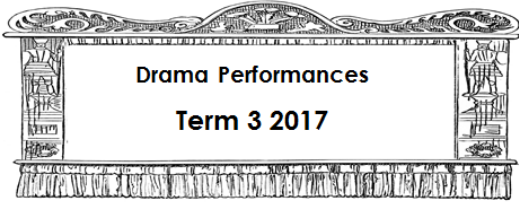
We will be sending home a family competition where you will be asked to write in 25 words or less how your family promotes a healthy diet of fruit and veg. Why not enter the competition and get your whole family involved in talking about ways to add more fruit and veg into your family menus?

Yours in snacking on fruit and veg

Mrs Liddle



You're Invited



Drama Performances
Term 3 2017

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	

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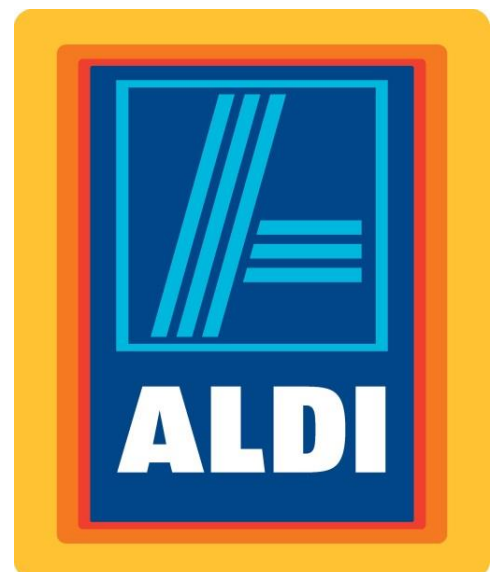
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