



Wednesday Weekly

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Date 20TH September, 2017

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

Diary Dates Term 4- can be subject to change

9 October	All students return Interrelate starts for Year 6
10 October	2.15pm K – 2 Assembly Senior Band performing
12 October	Dove Day Stage 3
13 October	Year 2 "Have a Go" Day for Band 2018
16 October	7pm Band information evening SRC Sundae Monday
17 October	Choir Performing at Chatswood Dance group performance 2.15pm 3 – 6 assembly Interrelate parents meeting
19 October	9am Parent focus group 2018 – 2020 focus areas
20 October	Kindergarten 2018 transition 9am – 10.30am
24 October	6.30pm Parent focus group 2018 – 2020 focus areas 7.30pm P & C meeting Stage 1 excursion
25 October	Stage 1 Excursion
26 October	3.15pm Parent focus group 2018 – 2020 focus areas
27 October	Kindergarten 2018 transition 9am – 10.30am World Teachers Day
30 October	Burn Bright Year 5 6.30pm TWOOSH meeting
31 October	2.15pm K – 6 assembly band to perform
3 November	Kindergarten 2018 transition 9am – 10.30am
7 November	2.15pm K – 2 assembly – band performing
9 November	Normanhurst Boys HS share picture books
10 November	2.15pm K – 2 assembly – band performing
14 November	2.15pm 3 – 6 assembly
21 November	Kindergarten excursion – Farm 2.15pm K – 6 assembly
27 November	School captain and sport captain elections this week
28 November	7.30pm P & C meeting
1 December	Year 6 Farewell
3 December	Band concert
4 December	TWOOSH meetings
5 December	Public schools high school orientation 2.15pm Final assembly K – 6
6 December	Year 6 Fun Day
7 December	Religious Instruction Xmas service 10.30am Principals morning tea
11 December	Presentation Day Reports home
12 December	Volunteers morning tea (including scripture/ethics teachers)
13 December	Year 6 tree Tops
15 December	Last day of year! K – 6 Variety show

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a term! Thank you for your support and intrusting your children with us. What a privilege it is to be part of student learning. We are really proud of our Term 3 achievements:

- Staff professional learning focused on Visible Thinking Routines
- Life Education K – 6
- We welcomed a new team of Student Representative Council
- Kindergarten sports day
- Parent teacher interviews
- Celebrated Education Week with an evening expo and special assembly.
- Senior choir performed at Town Hall
- Bands achieved outstanding results at various band festivals
- Wakakirri made the finals
- Drama performances
- Zone athletics team work hard for some excellent results. Some students making the state team
- Prefects visited Parliament to visit Mr M Kean MP and Minister Innovation and Better Regulation
- Musica Viva incursion
- Public speaking competition
- Year 6 visited C.A.R.E.S
- Successful Spring Fair
- Intensive Swim school for Years 2 and 3
- Father's Day breakfast
- Grandparents Day
- Band performing at Town Hall in Arts Alive concert
- Outdoor Education Day
- Various PSSA knockouts – cricket and basketball
- Dance group performed at various events

Wakakirri

Last Wednesday evening TWPS wowed the audience with their story – “Dunbar”. 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'.

Drama is ideal for cross curricula learning and is a valuable tool for use in many subject areas. In particular, drama develops literacy skills - supporting speaking and listening, extending vocabulary and encouraging pupils to understand and express different points of view. Dramatic activity motivates children to write for a range of purposes.

Drama encourages children to think and act creatively, thus developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills that can be applied in all areas of learning. Through drama, children are encouraged to take responsible roles and make choices – to participate in and guide their own learning. Teachers can take a more open-ended approach, concentrating on the process of learning at least as much as – if not more than – the product.

Thank you to Ms Karyn Johnson our very talented drama teacher. Her vision and creativity is to be admired. This week we are looking forward to each student K – 6 performing in drama performances.





Public Speakers – Congratulations

Last week eight selected TWPS participated in the Hills Network Public Speaking competition. All the students were outstanding!

Congratulations Noah U from Year 3 who won his category. Max G from Year 6 was award highly commended. Well done on preparing engaging speeches.

As the school holidays approach us. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and safe time with your family and friends. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 9 October.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts



DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

CHILD PROTECTION EDUCATION 2017

This is a reminder that the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) makes **Child Protection Education a mandatory component** of public schools and its students.

As in previous years, students will be involved in a series of Child Protection activities led by classroom teachers as part of the DEC's Personal Development curriculum. These activities will take place in **Semester 2**.

Please be aware of the **personal nature of topics** covered during these activities.

Kindergarten Topics:

- Protection
- Yes and No Feelings
- Body Parts
- Touch – Permission/Unwanted touch – NO
- Warning Signals
- Safe and Unsafe situations

Year 1 Topics:

- Relationships
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Feelings
- Body Parts
- Touch – Permission/Unwanted touch – NO
- Networks
- Saying NO
- Prepared to GO

Year 2 Topics:

- Kinds of Touch
- Caring for Others
- Protection
- Privacy
- Safe and Unsafe Situations
- Happy/unhappy Secrets
- Telling
- Persistence
- Assertiveness

Year 3 Topics:

- Recognising Abuse – Protection and body arts
- Physical / Sexual Abuse
- Relationships – Bribes and threats
- Protective Strategies – Networks and safety strategies

Year 4 Topics:

- Recognising Abuse - Identifying safe and unsafe situations
- Body Parts
- Feelings & Warning signals
- Relationships - Bullying
- Rights and responsibilities
- Protective Strategies – Secrets and seeking help
- Assertiveness

Year 5 topics:

- Types of relationships
- Personal rights
- Coercion
- Body parts
- Emotional abuse
- Risk situations
- No Go Tell
- Networking
- Community support.

Year 6 topics:

- Expectations of gender roles
- Rights and responsibilities
- Harassment
- Physical/sexual abuse and their effect
- Indicators of risk
- Responding to risk situations

- Talking about it
- Personal networks
- My strategies.

All the teachers believe these activities will be great learning opportunities and positive experiences for all students involved. Thank you for your consideration and support in this essential part of your child's education.

ICAS Mathematics Results

Year 2

Merit – Alexandra M, Jack W

Credit – Summer C, Charlotte F, Andrea L, Gemma P

Distinction – Noah B, Logan D, Zac F, Louis Z

Year 3

Merit – William S

Credit – Eli B, Ruth H, Daniel J, Joseph K, Rianna, M, Ruby P, Bridget S

Distinction – Eugene C, Kieran L, Sean P, Jessica R

Year 4

Merit – Taya M, Daniel L

Credit – Rosie C, Joseph J, Kevin S, Archie W

Distinction – Paulson M

Year 5

Merit – Nia M, Ashton P, Josh T

Credit – Jackson L, Sophie C, Aditya K, Aaron P, Leone W

Distinction – Joshua M, Megan C, Adam N

Year 6

Merit – Hugo M,

Credit – Roan V

End of Term and Spring Break

Reflecting on another eventful term on the many areas of learning students have the opportunity to engage in at TWPS, I am grateful to the ever supportive community for your continued partnership in connecting with our school to provide students with a learning environment in which they can thrive. I wish all our families and relaxing spring holiday break and look forward another great term.

Students return Monday 9 October.

Kind Regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal R

Leukaemia Foundation - fundraiser

Congratulations and thank you to Ella, Abi, Charlotte, Sienna, Sophie, Paige, Olivia and Indy for organising, promoting and running a super successful bake sale on Tuesday. You raised an impressive \$274 to go to the charity.

P&C REPORT

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

TERM 3: Where has the Term gone? Term 3 is always so busy! We have held a 5c Challenge, Held Spring Fair, Held Father's Day Breakfast & and Election BBQ! Well done to all the families at TWPS – Thank you for your continued support!

TWPS CUPS & BAGS: If you forgot to pick up your TWPS Coffee Keep Cups/TWPS Reuseable Shopping Bag at Spring Fair please contact the office. We have lots still available if you would like to order more. Please email twpsandc@gmail.com and we will email you an order form. Place order & money into the P&C Letterbox in the office.

4L TREE TOPS & KINDY GREEN PARTY: 4L is off to their Tree Tops Class party today! Well done 4L we are looking forward to seeing some photos! Kindy Green will also be having their Movie Party this week. Enjoy!

2017 P&C MEETING DATES: Next dates for the diary: 24th October, 28th November.

Please follow us on our  Facebook pages as above. We often post information during the week on these pages.

Wishing everyone a great School Holidays! I know I am looking forward to not making lunches! See you Term 4!

Vanessa Erickson
P&C President
twpsandc@gmail.com

BAND NEWS

Stage Band: Best wishes to our Stage band this Thursday as they play at the Sydney Townhall for the Primary Proms Arts Unit Kakadu Concert. We are very proud of you being accepted for the performance and hope the experience is exceptional. The Primary Proms features performances from soloists, school and regional ensembles and outstanding NSW Public Schools vocal ensembles.

Change of Date: Due to the Interrelate talks, the next committee meeting will be held Week 1, Term 4 on Tuesday 10th October, 7:30pm in the staffroom. Please come along, especially if you are thinking of joining the band and wish to see how the program is run.

Instrument Servicing: Emails have been sent to students whose Instruments we are servicing these holidays. These include Baritone Horns, Euphonium, French Horns, Trombones, Trumpets and Tuba. Please check your emails.

Music by Moonlight



Last Saturday night the Senior Concert band performed at Normanhurst West PS for the family and friends of 5 local schools.

After playing their set of 4 pieces, all schools combined (160 children) to play 2 pieces unrehearsed as a group. The sound was amazing! The kids loved it! Just amazing what these 10-12-year-old children can achieve. Congratulations Senior Band.



Thinking of joining the 2018 Training Band?

All Year 2 children should have received information last week regarding the band program. Please email the band if you did not receive or if you are in Year 3-5 and wish to join the band.

Why should my child learn a musical instrument?

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/why-your-child-should-study-music>

What instrument should my child consider?

<http://musicaustralia.org.au/discover/parental-engagement/choosing-an-instrument-for-your-child/>

Band is open to all Year 2 and interested students from Years 3-5. No experience necessary.

Rehearsals for Training Band 2018 are Tuesday mornings 7:45-8:45am.



Band dates for your diary

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

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

Tue 10th Oct – **Date Change** 7:30pm Staffroom, Band Committee Meeting. All welcome, especially Year 2 parents! Date changed due to the Interrelate talks.

Fri 13th Oct (9-11am)- Instrument blow test. All Year 2 children and any older children interested in joining.

Mon 16th Oct, **7pm**. (changed from 7:30pm) – Band Program Info Night for Parents. SCB performing.

Sun 29th Oct – Hornsby North Band Festival – all bands. Times available next week.
Sun 3rd Dec – Band end of year concert – from 2:30pm.

Enjoy the holidays.

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

Email: twpsband2011@gmail.com
<https://twpsbandc.wordpress.com/band/>

GREEN THUMBS - SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



Planting with Kindy Blue

Spring has been a busy time in the school garden. The last few weeks we have been busy planting seeds and seedlings with various classes. We have planted tomato and basil seedlings, cucumber, corn, lettuce and sunflower seeds. Unfortunately, we weren't able to plant with all the classes who wanted to join in, due to time constraints and lack of space in the garden beds. Once we harvest the crops currently growing, we will have more space to plant at the beginning of next term.

To keep the garden growing over the school holidays we would like to ask for volunteers to help us water the garden. It would require approximately 45 minutes of your time, at a time convenient to you. I have created a sign up page for volunteers, please follow the link if you are able to help.

<http://signup.com/go/pOMudPe>

Next term we will be planting sunflower seeds which the children will be able to take home and either plant in their gardens at home, or give as a gift for someone else to grow. We will be planting in re-purposed yoghurt containers. In order to have enough containers for all the children, would you please start saving any sturdy single serve yoghurt containers for us to use? We will put a box next to the shed in the school garden for drop off of the containers. Please make sure the containers are washed well and don't have any yoghurt residue on them before dropping off! Thank you.

We will continue the planting with various classes at the beginning of next term after the school holidays. 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

Second Life Stationery



Second Life Stationery collects, cleans, sorts and packs donated stationery and then works with various organisations to deliver the packs to kids who are in need. By giving a purpose to excess stationery that would have ended up in the bin, Second Life Stationery are also helping to reduce landfill.

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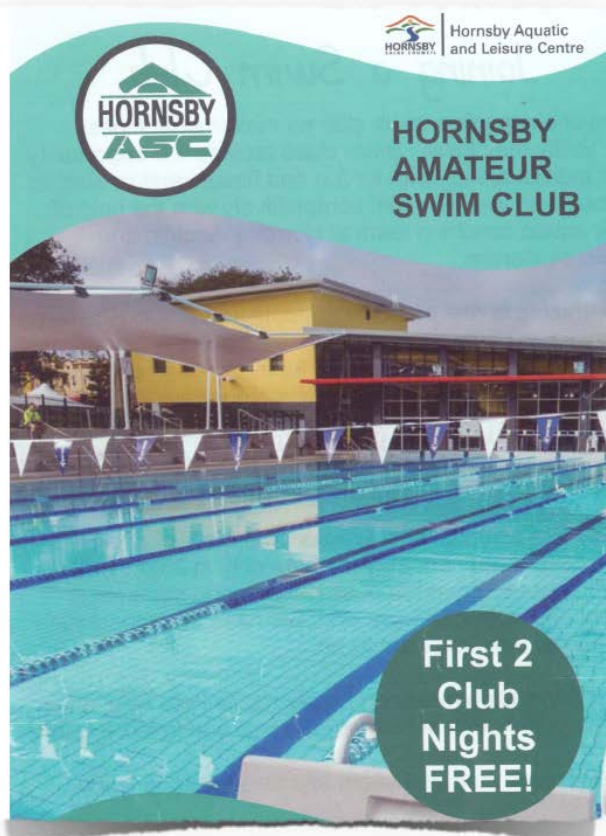
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A poster for the Hornsby Amateur Swim Club. The top left features the club's logo, which consists of a green circle containing a white house icon and the text 'HORNSBY ASC'. To the right of the logo, the text 'HORNSBY AMATEUR SWIM CLUB' is written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Below this, there is a photograph of a swimming pool with lane lines, surrounded by a yellow building and a white canopy. In the bottom right corner, there is a green circular badge with the text 'First 2 Club Nights FREE!' in white, bold, uppercase letters. In the top right corner of the poster, there is a small logo for 'HORNSBY' and the text 'Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre'.

Bring on Summer at Hornsby!

The new swim club season is just around the corner. Hornsby Amateur Swim Club meets every Friday night at Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre from 6.30 to 8.30pm leaving your weekends free!

We cater for all ages and abilities with 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and relay race events.

Come along on **Friday October 6** to register or 'test the waters' before joining (pool entry applies).

Contact the HSC Committee for more information
hornsbyswimteam@gmail.com
or visit our website
<http://hornsbyswimming.org.au>

and like Hornsby Swim Club on Facebook!

Thornleigh Cricket



- * Come and play in an **all-girls** team
10-13 years age group
- * 20/20 matches on Saturday
afternoons 2pm
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