



Wednesday Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

After some considerable discussion and negotiation between the Department of Education's state office, and our school, it has been proposed to establish a three class Support Unit commencing in 2018 at our school.

The placing of the unit is a positive one for our school and the strategic future directions of Public Education. At this stage and on current forecasts, there appears to be need for at least one or two demountable classrooms.

Attached to this support unit we will have an additional Assistant Principal (teaching), two classroom teachers and three fulltime School Learning Support Officers (SLSO). We will have the opportunity to recruit these positions.

We welcome these new classes and look forward to supporting students who have a disability. These classes will be small with 6 – 10 students. Disabilities may range from physical, autism or a mild intellectual disability. The Department of Education will assess the site and provide classrooms and resources necessary to ensure a quality learning environment. As a staff and community we are looking forward to this diversity. More details were shared at the P & C meeting last night. Please email the school office if you have any questions.

Father's Day Breakfast

I hope all our Dads had a lovely Father's Day. Thank you to Belinda Wilson and her team for organising a great Father's Day breakfast. It was lovely to see all our Dad's enjoying breakfast with their children and each other. Thank you to Ben from Pennant Hills High School who entertained us.

2018

Last week the executive team had a planning day. It was great to have some sustained conversations about where TWPS is at and where we need to go in 2018 – 2020. We are looking forward to involving parents and students in these planning conversations.

It is hard to believe we are already thinking about 2018. If you have any requests for your child in 2018 these need to be directed to your child's classroom teacher. I do not form the classes. Class teachers spend significant time forming well balanced classes. They consider the whole child's needs and ensure a balanced mixed in all classes.

Kindergarten 2018 enrolment forms are due by the end of term. If you have not yet enrolled your child please come and get a form from the front office. If you have family, friends or neighbours whose child will be starting Kindergarten in 2018 please let them know enrolment forms are required.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Please complete this survey it will help us to reflect and improve on delivering education.

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

Grandparents Day

We are looking forward to the biggest event of the year – Grandparents Day! We have a special morning organised. Please see approximate times and activities:

9.15am Assembly Starts

10.30am Classroom visits

11am Morning Tea

11.30am Students return to class

Have a great week!


Chantal Mamo

BEd BTeach MA Creative Arts


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)



DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung this week, and with spring we tend to have lots of discarded jackets and jumpers in lost property. You can assist by making sure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their first and last name. Unlabelled items are sent to the uniform shop for recycling or non-uniform items sent to charity clothing collection. Lunch boxes, drink bottles and food containers are also frequently discarded or left around the playground. Once again, labelled items are generally returned to owners, unlabelled items ultimately are disposed of. Each term we dispose of the equivalent of a wheelie bin full of plastic containers. Please label containers clearly so they can be returned to owners and reduce the environmental impact and pressure on landfill.

Father's day Breakfast





The hall was a wonderful hub of chatter, catching up with friends all accompanied by a delicious breakfast. Thank you to the MDFDGG fundraising committee of the P&C for your amazing coordination and efforts you put in to make the morning such a memorable event. Your care and support for our school is very much valued.



SASS Appreciation Week

We are so fortunate at Thornleigh West to have an incredible front Office team. Lead by Margaret Gordon, our Office Manager, our team of School Administration Officers Mrs Debra Logan, Melissa Pattinson and Robyn Swarts as well as Mr Paul Michael or General Assistant work tirelessly all help make our school such a friendly and supportive place.

We are so appreciative of the many things you do in each day to support students, teachers, families as well as our school programs like Wakakirri, sport and the Arts, excursions, staffing and a bit of first aid too!!

Thank you from the school and community!!

YOU ARE MAKING
A DIFFERENCE
EVERY
day.

Basketball Northwest Challenge

Today our girls and Boys senior basketball team are competing in the Norwest Basketball Challenge. Best wishes for another great game and thank you to Mr Gallie who supports the team, coaching and managing on the day.

Review Meetings

Today and over the next week we will be holding review meetings for students receiving funding for learning support. These meetings are a way of reflecting on student progress, identifying areas of need and setting goals for future focus. Review refers to the ongoing process of measuring the effectiveness of an educational program and the support provided to the student. The Learning Support Team works in consultation with parents to collaborative support students.

Fruit and Vege Month

Here's some information about this initiative:

How to choose a healthy snack

1. CONSIDER THE SIZE OF THE SNACK

Choose small serves so as to not disturb the child's main meals, but big enough that they don't feel hungry.

2. THINK ABOUT THE TIMING

Don't wait too long to give a snack or your child will be so hungry they will eat anything in sight, without you having time to prepare something healthy. At the same time, you need to allow a gap of at least 2 hours between the snack and their next meal so that it does not spoil their appetite for their main meal.

3. REMOVE ANY DISTRACTION

It is important to create mindful eaters who eat to hunger and enjoy the food they eat. If children are playing or watching TV while eating, they are less likely to experience the taste and texture and quantity of food they are eating, which can lead to excessive food intake. Try to stop, sit (without distractions such as TV) and eat.

4. MAKE HEALTHY SNACKS EASILY AVAILABLE

Keep a selection of healthy snacks in the fridge or pantry including reduced fat milk and yoghurt, fruit, veggie sticks, nuts and wholegrain bread. Have a fruit bowl that you frequently top up with seasonal fruits.

5. ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO PREPARE SNACKS ON THEIR OWN

Teach your children how to use simple kitchen equipment to prepare nutritious snacks including smoothies, toasted sandwiches, popcorn, wholemeal muffins or pita pizzas.



"We made strawberry people, butterflies, sea serpents and ants on a log (with hummus)."

Kindy Yellow

Finally... A big couple of weeks ahead!

We have so many opportunities to participate, perform and be proud at Thornleigh West. Next week we have Grandparents Day where all stage groups will be performing an item, Girls Basketball State competition, Hillsnet Public Speaking Competition, Girls cricket knockout, Dance at the Hills Eisteddford, Wakakirri finals, Drama performances, Stage band at town Hall and a Teacher's Vs Year 6 T-Ball game to cap it all off – FANTASTIC!!!!

Kind regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal R

P&C REPORT

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www.facebook.com/TWPSPC

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

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Thank you to MDFDFF who organised the Father's Day Breakfast. The new team did an amazing job pulling together 450 Breakfasts for hungry guests! Special thanks to all the amazing Volunteers – especially coming off the back of Spring Fair just one week earlier.

SPRING FAIR _ FINAL WRAP UP: All the TWPS Stalls had amazing and record takings on the day – thank you to all the families who volunteered their time – and to the Class Parents who worked tirelessly in organising rosters, stalls and everything in between leading up to the big day

We have a NUMBER/AMOUNT raised at Spring Fair 2017 – this is a PRE number – but it is pretty close to a final amount. Well done TWPS for raising an incredible \$58k - \$59k for 2017.


At the P&C Meeting last night we met with 3 School Photographers who presented their companies as possible new photographers for 2018. We thank them for their time for presenting to us. Final discussions will take place with Mrs Mamo & Mrs Granville and a decision will be made.

PLAYGROUND: We are now focussing on the Playground and the next focus will be planning stage. More details will come in due course.

ELECTION DAY BBQ: The Election Day BBQ will be run by Band. The Band is an important Sub Group of the P&C. If you have some spare time to help out please do put your name down on the Roster list. Cake Boxes have also been sent home per family – we would appreciate any baking that can be sold on the day – cakes, biscuits, slices, muffins, cupcakes, jam, toffees – thank you in advance!

A few weeks til Holidays and Spring is in the air

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.

Vanessa Erickson

P&C President

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BAND NEWS

THE HUNGRY VOTER Support your school

- Bake a cake
- Buy something from the BBQ or cake stall
- Volunteer your time



Enquires: twpsband2011@gmail.com

Thank you for your support,
especially those parents who have
volunteered for the Saturday roster.

Election Day Sat 9th Sept **THIS SATURDAY** BBQ & Cake Stall

BBQ and cake stalls on Election Day can raise up to \$4000. It is terrific way to raise much needed funds for the P&C Band Program.

The band program will be coordinating the Election Day BBQ and Cake stall, but we NEED everyone's help.

Three 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 another 99pp.
2. **Baking for the cake stall.** Cake boxes have been delivered to your child's classroom. Please consider baking. Cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, slices scones are all great. If you did not receive a cake box, you may find one at the office, or at the hall on Friday. Please drop off cakes this Friday 8th Sept 2:45-3:15pm in the hall, or on the election day morning.
3. **Vote at TWPS, and buy from the stall!**



What instruments are available in the 2018 Training Band?

Band is open to all Year 2 and interested students from Years 3-5. Choosing your instrument preference is a fun time. All children enjoy the Try-out morning and learning about the instruments. Whether your child is wanting to join the band or not, it is a great hands-on lesson.

If joining the band, each child will be able to nominate 3 instruments as their preferred choice.

What instruments are included in a concert band at TWPS and available to hire?

Woodwind instruments – Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone and Tenor Saxophone.

Brass Instruments – Trumpets, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Baritone Horn, Tuba.

Bass Instruments – Bass Guitar, Keyboard.

Percussion (Glock only provided for home use) – Mallets (Glockenspiel, Xylophone), Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Tuned Percussion (Timpani), Auxiliary Percussion (triangles, shakers, wood block etc)

*The above instruments can be hired from the school. Other instruments can join the band, however will need to be discussed with the Committee and Band Director Mr David Bell.

Further Information will be sent home to each child in Yr 2 at the end of this term. Please check dates below for Term 4 for important dates.

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 (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.

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

Sun 29th Oct – Hornsby North Band Festival – all bands. Times available next week.

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



Tomato and Basil Seedlings in the School Garden

(photo: Ingrid Leese)

Last Friday morning, we had our first planting session for Spring in the School Garden. We planted tomato and basil seedlings into two of the garden beds with 1G. We hope the tomatoes will start fruiting in early November for the children to be able to harvest before the beginning of the Christmas school holidays. This year we are growing the tomatoes on metal garden arches, to support the tomatoes as they grow and hopefully keep the plants healthy for as long as possible.

In the next few weeks, we will continue the Spring planting groups with various classes. 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

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This years Father's Day breakfast was a huge success. It was an early start for the volunteers and committee where we fed 450 people over 2 busy sessions. I wanted to say a big "Thank You" to all of our wonderful volunteers on the day. The day would not have been possible without our volunteers Craig Hobson, Vervan McAllister, Virginia Fox, Berenice Ferguson, Christine Cunningham, Vanessa Oliveri, Jack Oliveri, Craig Wilson, Michelle Koo, Kim Curby, Alex Ryan, Ann-Katherine Mantere, Meaghan Tchepack, Julie Tanger, Ainslie Jennings and Murray Dicks and Lachland Wilson. I'd also like to thank our year 6 helpers Trinity K, Elysa O, Chelsea W, Bridie R, Maeve Mc, Abi L and Lilli J. (Sorry if I have missed anyone!)

The Mothers Day Fathers Day Gift Group has been made up with 4 new members this year who have done an amazing job throughout the year and dedicated many hours to the Mother's Day stall and Fathers's Day breakfast. I want to say a huge thank you to th new members Deb Flanagan, Shannon Curran, Anna Hobson and Therese Neville. We have had a successful year and I look forward to working with you all again next year!

Belinda Cooper

MDFDGG Convenor



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The book club catalogue issue 6 distributed and order are due back by Friday 8th September.

Any question or inquiry regarding book club or an order, Please directly contact us via twpsbookclub@gmail.com

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Dianna C, Lisa M and Michelle L.

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