

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we celebrated Grandparents Day. Grand parenting is a wonderful opportunity to be playful and share memories, hobbies and activities with young and inquisitive grandchildren and to teach a positive attitude towards life.

There is no denying that the role of being a grandparent is one of great importance and meaning to both grandparents and grandchildren.

A grandparent can play different roles, such as that of the family historian, mentor, surrogate parent, role model, nurturer – all while providing love, support, comfort, guidance and encouragement.

It was wonderful to see a full house at this special event. The children loved performing and sharing their learning in the classrooms. Thank you to Bronwyn Cooper and the catering committee for the delicious morning tea. Below are some highlights of this wonderful celebration.



Miss Lundstrom's Dance Group



Mrs Binet – Junior Choir



Ms Johnson's – "Kick It to Me"



2017 – Kindergarten students

Basketball

Congratulations to the Thornleigh West Public School girls basketball team who came third in the state! What an amazing effort. The last game was tied to the very end. Thank you to Mrs Clay and Mr Gallie who have coached and supported the team. Thank you to the parents who transported students to Bathurst and were the team's biggest fans.

Outdoor Classroom

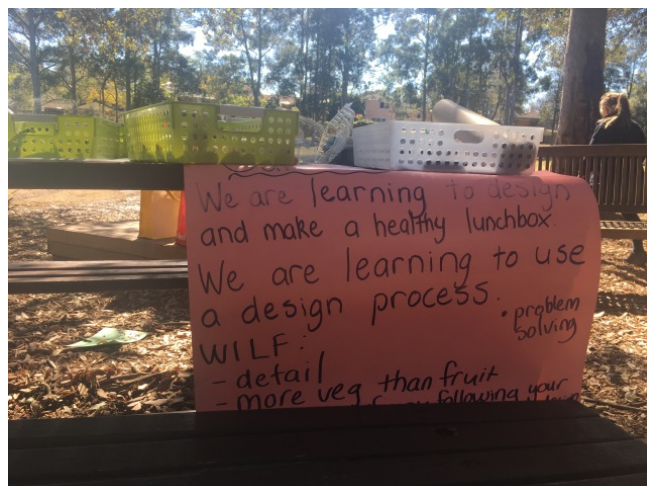
Last week many TWPS classes got involved in "Outdoor Classroom Day". **Outdoor Classroom Day is a day to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Thousands of schools around the world took lessons outside and prioritise playtime.**

Why? Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood.

5R enjoying the local bush environment.



1L designing in the outdoors.



Parking

Recently we have had a few complaints about parents parking over driveways in Quarter Sessions Road. Please check carefully your location of parking to ensure our neighbours are able to enter and exit their homes.

Kindergarten 2018

If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2018 enrolment forms are due. I am currently working on staffing and need to finalise numbers. Please complete your forms and return to the school office this week.

Interrelate

The P & C have kindly booked Interrelate on 17 October for an evening program.

Please be aware this evening is also the performance evening for junior choir and dance group. We are in the process of booking another date towards the end of the year for people attending these performances.

The Family Evening Program comprises of two Sessions:

Session 1:

Where did I come from?

This program is for Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and their parents.

Key focus

- Develop students' understanding of male and female reproductive systems, conception, foetal development and birth
- Discuss different ways children can join families, e.g. adoption, fostering, blended families
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

Session 2:

Preparing for puberty

This program is for Years 5 and 6 and their Parents (Years 3 and 4 are welcome at Parent's Discretion)

Key focus

- Develop students' understanding in relation to the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys & girls
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

Tell Them From Me Survey

Just a reminder to complete this survey – help us reflect and improve in the future.


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

Have a great week!

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

... Can you tell I  books!?!?

Thank you for a fun
book parade ☺



SLSO Thank you

You may have seen or heard about SASS Appreciation week. I would just like to add a huge thank you to our Team of SLSOs who support students in their learning. Thank you to Nicole Reid, Deb Pollock, Kerith Massey and Kerrie Johnson our SLSOs and also Libby Crothers our Learning and Support Teacher. You are such a valuable part of our school!

ICAS Results - English

Congratulations on some great results. Certificates will go home this week.

Year 2

Merit – Daren K,

Credit – Noah B, Abigail E, Anastasia K, Martha M, Amelia M, Alexandra M, Gemma P, Jack W and Louis Z

Distinction – Summer C, Zac F,

Year 3

Merit – Eli B, Ruth H, Kieran L, Rachael P

Credit – Lilah B, Ranush K, Joseph K, Rianna M, Ruby P, Jessica R

Year 4

Merit – Benjamin M, Matilda S, Noah T

Credit – Joseph J, Paulson M

Distinction – Rosie C

Year 5

Credit – Megan C, Nicholas C, Ashlea D, Max G, Aaron P

Distinction – Adam N, Aditya K, Nia M, Brayden T, Joshua T

Year 6

Merit – Abigail C, Hugo M

Credit – Laura F, Roan V

WAKAKIRRI FINALS

Big 'Chookas' to our Dunbar Wakakirri item tonight as they perform at the state sports centre tonight. All our your preparations and practice have got you there. We are so proud of you. I'll be watching on the edge of my seat as you tell your amazing story!!

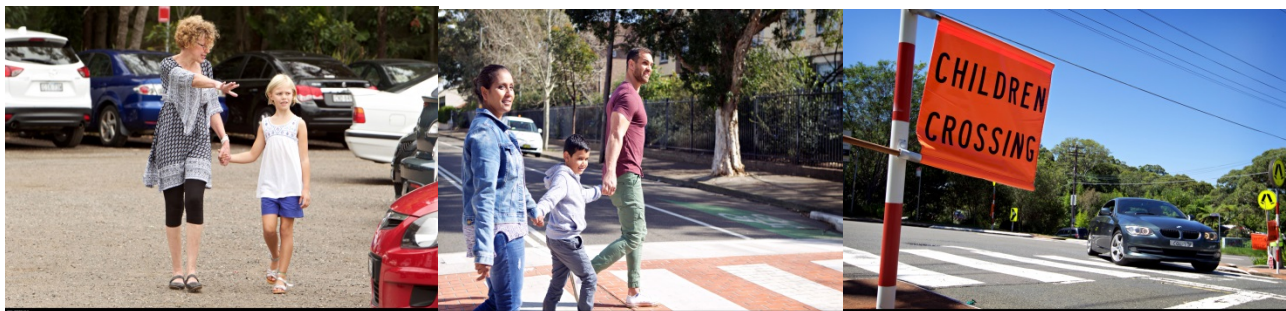


Pedestrian Safety

At TWPS we have a busy bus zone and pick up location and we need to remember that primary aged children are still developing an understanding of danger and safety. While they are often keen to do things for themselves, **an adult must always be responsible for children in the traffic environment**. Please be mindful of how you are demonstrating ways of being a SAFE pedestrian.

Talk with your child and reinforce Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road together. Stay on the foot path or use a pedestrian crossing when available.

- STOP! One step back from the kerb
- LOOK! Continuously look both ways
- LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic
- THINK! Whether it is safe to cross



CRICKET NEWS

"For round three the girls had a tough game against Newport. Newport is a good team with a few rep players. We ended up losing by about 50 runs which is pretty good because they were such a strong team."

by Tara Black



Kind Regards,

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal R

SYDNEY NORTH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Conratulations go out to our 11 competitors in the Sydney North Athletics Championship which was held on Monday. Our students performed at their absolute best with some amazing results, through both placing and personal bests. Personal bests were accomplished by: Lachlan B, Madison M, Mason R and Hamish R.

William A- 2nd place in all 3 events: Long Jump 4.56m, Shot Put 11.56m and Discus 29m

Lachlan B- 3rd place 8 Yr 100m final

Jessica G- Long Jump best jump 3.51m

Lilly J- Shot Put best distance 6.74m

Madison M- 1st place 100 & 200 heat- 100m & 200m finals 4th place

Joshua M- Long jump best jump 4.33m

Cooper R- 2nd place 9 Yr 100m final & 4th place in 200m heat

Mason R- 4th place 8 Yr 100m finals

Hamish R- High Jump best Jump 1.33m

Junior Boys Relay Team- 4th place in Relay Finals by 0.12 seconds!

Mason R, Daniel SL, Kobe M, Cooper R & reserve Lachlan B

Absent: Lucy C due to Basketball State Finals

Big thank you to Steve Lean for helping with the boys relay training last week, they certainly appreciated it. First thing they said when they saw me was "we didn't drop the baton!!"

All of our competitors should be very proud of their accomplishments yesterday and special congratulations to William A, Lachlan B and Cooper R for securing a place in the State Championships, and to Madison M, Mason R, Daniel SL, Kobe M and Cooper R for coming in as reserves in their events.

From a very proud sport teacher
Miss Rees

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Just a quick reminder , Kindy enrolments are now due.

Those students who have brought plastic boxes in with medical supplies (ventolin etc), please collect from the office before the end of Term , as all containers have now been replaced..

P&C REPORT

Follow us on 

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


ELECTION DAY BBQ: Thank you to all those who baked and helped on the Election Day BBQ on 9th Sept. The Band raised an amazing \$3426! A big thank you to Michelle Lee for coordinating the BBQ this year.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Thank you to the Catering Committee run by Bronwyn Cooper. We appreciate your lovely food on the day.

TWPS CUPS & BAGS: If you forgot to pick up your TWPS Coffee Keep Cup or TWPS Reuseable Shopping Bag at Spring Fair – don't worry! We have lots still available. Please email twpspandc@gmail.com and we will email you an order form.

CANTEEN HELP: Karen our wonderful Canteen Manager is in urgent need of volunteers on the 4th Friday of each month 9.30am – 11.30am. Coffee & Tea provided and the kids love it when parents help out in Canteen! Email twpspandc@gmail.com or pop in to see Karen in the mornings (WED-FRI) to find out more!

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
twpspandc@gmail.com

BAND NEWS

Grandparents Day – Congratulations to all band members who performed on Monday at the special assembly. The feedback was very positive for all bands. Grandparents thoroughly enjoyed the student's enthusiasm, music choice and quality of the school bands. One grandparent said they would even pay to see the Stage Band they enjoyed Uptown Funk so much!

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped at the Election Day BBQ and Cake stall. Whether you baked a cake, volunteered to assist at the BBQ or cake stall, we truly appreciate it. Especially after Spring Fair and Father's Day Breakfast. What a great school community we have. The P & C band committee put the call out for help, and we certainly received it.

A special thank you to Michelle Lee who coordinated the day. Without Michelle taking charge, the fundraiser may not have occurred and we wouldn't have **raised \$3426.**

Thank you to our volunteers who gave up a part of their Saturday once again: D. Kim, N. Michelson, R. Blair, A. Healey, David Kim, Fiona Davies, Anke Vaughan, Gail Law, Niluka Chinniah, Paul Davies, Michael Patmore, Caroline Dalziel, Kirsty de Vallance, Larissa Kotlaroff, Tim Kitching, Dana Logiudice, Vicky Galanti, Libby Crothers, Lisa Michelson, Carolyn White, Patty Correll, Anna Kim, Kris Treatt, Eva Austin, Lydia Wong, Susie Parry, Rob Luszcynski, Kim Blair, Musette Healey, Belinda Muir, Lucy Mead, Mike McGeachie, Liz Jenkins, Lisa Currie, Robin Beard, Nicole Ng, Erin Bolger, Katherine Wilson, Trish Stephen, Michelle Christopher, Ron Fox, Ran Viridi, Lesley Ziegler, Veryan McAllister, Vanessa Erickson and a special thank you to Tim Earnshaw (from Rotary).



Congratulations to our "Musos of the Month" – September

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.

Training Band
Junior Concert Band
Senior Concert Band
Stage Band

C. Kim and N. Law
P. Karimi
N. Michelson and S.Hall
S.Reid



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.

Thinking of joining the 2018 Training Band?

Written information will be sent home to all Year 2 children in the following week. If you are in Year 3-5 and wish to join the band, please contact us via the below email address to receive this information.

Why should my child learn a musical instrument?

- Kids who study music from an early age can do better at a range of subjects.
- Children who play music learn there are rewards from hard work, practice and discipline.
- Playing a musical instrument helps develop kids' creative thinking and motor skills.
- Music helps kids become more active listeners.
- It can also enhance their health and wellbeing and increase their stamina.

<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? Choosing your instrument preference is a fun time. Along with the Try-out day and information sheets, here is a weblink which will help students choose the right instrument and factors to consider.

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

Band dates for your diary

Sat 16th Sept – NWPS Moonlight Concert – Senior Concert Band only. **Arrive 4:45pm (typo last week)**

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/>

TWPS PRAYER GROUP

Meeting in term 3 on

Week 10: Tuesday September 19th

Everyone is welcome to join us at 9am at the canteen steps.

Enquiries: Annie Mackie twpsprayerteam@gmail.com
0435 005 216

Please contact us directly if you'd like us to pray for something in particular.

RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS



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Website: www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au

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NOW**

SEPTEMBER 2017 PROGRAM

Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the September school holidays for all children aged 5 – 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, participate in games, circuits, group activities, mini competitions and much, more!!
Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches. Bookings are essential via our website.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

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| Time: | 9am – 3pm each day | |
| Dates: | Monday 25th September | Theme: CRAZY COLOURS |
| | Wednesday 27th September | Theme: TREASURE ISLAND |
| | Friday 29th September | Theme: OUTBACK ADVENTURES |
| Please note: No holiday programs running in the 2nd week of the school holidays due to NEW equipment being installed. | | |
| Cost: | Members Price* = \$40 per day Non Members Price* = \$45 per day * A member is a person who has paid the annual fee for that year (1 st January–31 st December) | |
| What to bring: | Morning tea, lunch and a drink. No nuts permitted. | |
| What to wear: | Dress to suit the theme for the day!! Please ensure clothing is suitable for gymnastics or the dress up items can be removed for the activities!! **Children must have bare feet prior to entering the floor area | |
| Cancellations: | Please note that refunds or credits are not permitted. | |
| Bookings: | More information and to book visit our website www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au | |

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT HOLIDAY GYM OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✓ Tumble, Tricks and Flips sessions (8 years plus)
- ✓ Advanced Gym sessions
- ✓ Senior Gym sessions (high school students)

BOOK ONLINE NOW:

www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au

Thornleigh Cricket



* Come and play in an **all-girls** team
10-13 years age group

* 20/20 matches on Saturday
afternoons 2pm

* Starting on 14th October

* Please ring Carolyn Ball on
0412 061 151 or

Email Carolyn.b2@optusnet.com.au

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