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Thornleigh West Public School

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## Important Dates: Term 4, 2018

Date	Events
16, 23 November	Kindergarten 2019 Transition
16 November	Stage Band Auditions
20 November	3-6 Assembly
27 November	Mufti Day K-6 Assembly
29 November	Kindergarten Excursion—the farm
4 December	K-2 Assembly P&C Meeting 7:30pm
11 December	3-6 Assembly
13 December	Presentation Day
14 December	PHHS 'Oliver' Production Year 6 Farewell
19 December	Last day of 2018 for students

## This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a week! Thornleigh West Public School leaders featured in this month's Monthly Chronicle. They had the opportunity to visit state Parliament and first hand. As well as hearing from the Premier and MR Kean the students also heard from Many Sea Eagles hooker Apisai Koroisau, Sydney Swifts Paige Hadley and Emily van Egmond from the Matildas. The students were inspired by these various leaders. It was also lovely to see Mr Gibbons attending this function.

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## Year 3 – 6 Sport

Each Friday at 11.30am there is a buzz in the air! It is the Year 3 – 6 students excitement because of the new Term 4 sport program. Students have the opportunity to participate in: squash, gymnastics, swimming, basketball, golf, dance, gymnastics, tennis and AFL. The students are enjoying having professional coaches and some catching a bus off site!



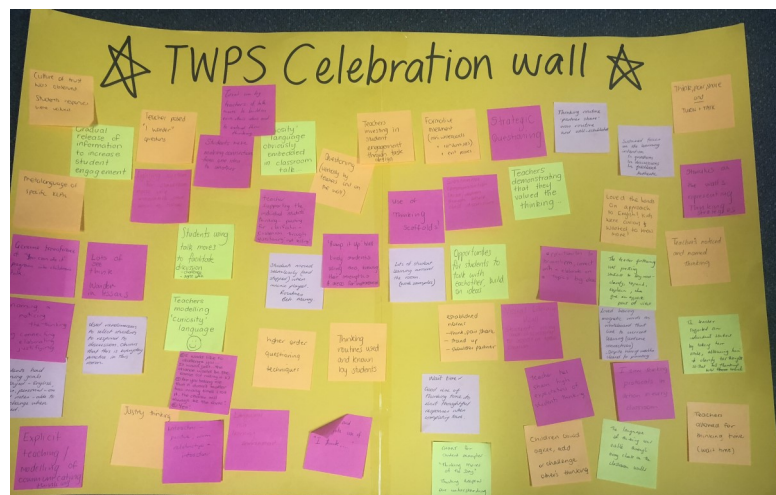
## Instructional Rounds

Last week we had three schools visiting Thornleigh West Public School. The problem of practice we are working on is:

How is a focus on thinking impacting on learning: Is there evidence of thinking in the talk of teachers and students?  
Are there opportunities for students to be curious and ask questions?  
Do the qualities of the task deepen thinking and learning?

Below is our celebration wall! TWPS teachers are amazing. They are focused on their own professional learning, willing to make changes in their teaching and are reflective to ensure the best possible outcomes for students. The data provided to us will help us design the next level of learning for teachers.

Have a great week,  
Chantal Mamo



# Deputy's Message

## Support Unit Driveway

If entering Thornleigh West from the Giblett Ave gate, you may have noticed our support unit transport location has moved to the lower end of the block, further from the front gate. Can I just draw your attention to this activity in this driveway particularly from 8:30am – 9:00am and from 2:50pm – 3.15pm approximately.

There are student transport vehicles entering and exiting this driveway and we would like to remind everyone to use caution and check for traffic when crossing.



## Boys Knockout Competition

Unfortunately it was not our day against Niagara PS. I would like to congratulate the boys on making it to round 6 of a round 9 competition. I am very proud of the way the boys represented themselves and their school. It was a pleasure to be a part of their fantastic journey. I would like to thank Nathan Reid and Lyndal Staff for scoring.

Ms Part



## Damien Thomlinson Visit 9/11/18



## Hornsby RSL Service

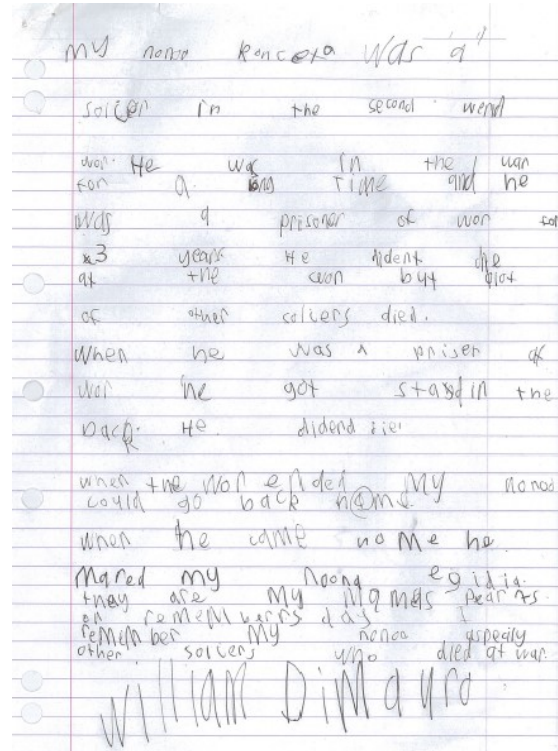
It was a privilege to be invited to represent the school at the Remembrance day Service this year. Laying the wreath along side war veterans and relatives of people who were in the war was a humbling experience. We were proud to stand alongside people who have experienced war just like those we are remembering.

Max Galanti and Jackson Long



## Remembrance Day

The students and community of Thornleigh West were touched by the Story of Damien Thomlinson last week and this heartfelt connection with remembrance day was felt again today as our kindergarten student William D wrote this tribute to his Nonno.



## Captain elections 2019

Once in our senior grades, we do consider students to be leaders across the school. It is however, time to hold our nominations for 2019 captains and prefects. This will take place Monday 26 November, with the election following on Monday 3 December. I will be discussing the role, expectations and answering any questions with all year 5 classes today. The role and expectations are detailed below.

### School Captains and Prefects

#### **Role description:**

- Provide a positive role model and leadership to the student body
- Represent the student body at school and community functions
- Actively participate in school assembly programs
- Chair student council meetings with the assistance of the teaching staff as requested
- Encourage students to take pride in their school
- Assist any student in need when necessary
- Willingly help teachers and the community when requested

### **Essential Criteria:**

- Ability to speak confidently in public
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of work and behaviour in class and school activities
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the principal
- Demonstrate(d) school spirit and pride by:
  - ⇒ Wearing correct school uniform
  - ⇒ Following the school rules
  - ⇒ Participating in a number of school activities
  - ⇒ Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness

### **Ethics Classes at TWPS in 2019**

Ethics classes provide an opportunity for children to discuss ethical issues with their peers. Classes are inquiry based and are impartially facilitated by our trained volunteers using Department of Education approved lesson materials. Children explore a range of stories and scenarios, discuss what we ought to do, how we ought to live, the kind of society we should have and what kind of person each of us should strive to be.

You can find out more at: <https://primaryethics.com.au/about-ethics-classes/>

We are very pleased to confirm that every Year at Thornleigh West has the option to participate in Ethics classes as an alternative option to Religious Instruction.

We currently have 10 volunteer Ethics teachers and one volunteer Ethics Coordinator.

#### **Wednesdays at 9:30am:**

- Kindergarten will be taught by Steve Most & Leonie Garforth
- Year 1 will be taught by Kirsty De Vallance. We still need another Year 1 teacher.
- Year 2 will be taught by Michelle Masefield & Gavin Paul

#### **Thursdays at 9:30am**

- Year 3 will be taught by Emma Fenton
- Year 3 and 4 will be taught by Kim Richards. We still need another Year 4 teacher.
- Year 5 will be taught by Jacqueline McLeod
- Year 5 and 6 will be taught by Patty Correll
- Year 6 will be taught by Alison Sluis

As mentioned above, we need new Ethics teachers who would be happy to teach Year 1 and Year 4, as well as someone who could fill in when a teacher is sick or away.

Becoming an Ethics teacher involves attending two days of training, working-with-children and police checks, and the completion of online training modules.

If you are free on a Wednesday or Thursday from 9.30am until 10.00am and would be interested in being an Ethics teacher, you can apply online at: <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

If you would like your child to attend Ethics classes, please provide a written request to the school and your child will be placed in a class as soon as a spot becomes available.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Hope you have a great week,

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal R

# Band News

## 2019 Training Band

Thank you to all those families who submitted the 'How do I join' form by last Friday. You all should have received an email confirming your submitted form. If you did not receive an email but believe you have submitted a form, please contact the band asap to assure that your instrument preferences have been received.

The forms over the next couple of weeks will be looked at by both the band director David Bell, Training Band Conductor Mr Andrew Hamblin and Convener Robin Beard to determine the best instrument for your child as well as the overall balance of the concert band. They will try and accommodate all student's preferences.

Late forms can always still be received, even next year!



**STAGE BAND** are looking for a **KEYBOARD** player. If you have at least 2-3 years' experience (Ideally 3rd Grade AMEB equivalent) and would like to audition for the stage band, please email the band at [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto:twpsband2011@gmail.com)

Note: This is open to all TWPS students, not just band program members



## TWPS P&C END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT

### ALL WELCOME

(Not just band families)

**WHEN:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm

**WHERE:** TWPS School Hall

Afternoon tea provided.

Bring some \$\$ for the Raffle.

## Dates for your Diary

- Fri 16 November, 7:45am – **ALL BANDS** rehearsal (TB, JCB, SCB) for End of Year concert
- Fri 16 November 9.15am auditions for Stage Band 2019
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> November – School Hall - End of year Concert (3pm start) – ALL WELCOME
- Mon 26 November – Yr 6 combined band rehearsal at PHHS (practice for Orientation Day which is on 4/12)
- 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2:15pm – Training Band Assembly
- Tue 27<sup>th</sup> November, staffroom – Last committee meeting of the year / AGM. All welcome.
- Week 8 – 3-7<sup>th</sup> December – Last week of rehearsals. Hired instruments to be returned if leaving the program or school.



# Band News Continued

- 6 Dec Stage Band – 2018 Stage Band together with 2019 Stage Band (2019 Stage Band until 4pm only)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Stage Band playing at Bunning Thornleigh (6-8pm)
- 11 Dec - Combined rehearsal JCB & Yr. 5 SCB (JCB until 4pm only), SCB will continue after 4pm with normal rehearsal.
- Thur 13<sup>th</sup> December – SCB playing at Presentation Day. Hired instruments will be collected after this performance for students leaving TWPS

## 2019

Band Camp 2019 – 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Further information can also be found at <https://twpsbandc.wordpress.com/band/> or email us at [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto:twpsband2011@gmail.com)

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

## P&C News

For up to date messages from the P&C, including meeting agendas, fundraising & general information follow us on Facebook.

[www.facebook.com/TWPSPC](http://www.facebook.com/TWPSPC)

Any enquiries email: [twpsbandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpsbandc@gmail.com)

*Vanessa Erickson* - P&C President



## TWPS Prayer Group News

Please join us as we pray for TWPS and our community. All are welcome, especially new friends. We meet on Tuesdays at 9am, at the canteen steps in week 6 and 10.

Dates for Term 4 are:

- November 20th
- December 18th

[twpsprayerteam@gmail.com](mailto:twpsprayerteam@gmail.com)

# Library News

The library has been busy purchasing lots of lovely books for students. Shelves still look a little bare because they books are quickly borrowed which is wonderful. Bookfair has been booked in for week 8 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will finish on the Friday.

Happy Reading!

Ms Hoffman and Mrs Batson.

# From the Community



**Service of Remembrance**  
*for families whose children have died or are missing*

This service, open to families (and friends) who've lost a child (of any age), seeks to ease that pain a little by offering a means of acknowledging and remembering a deeply loved and missed family member.

**Tuesday 4 December 7:30pm**  
**St Matthews Anglican Church**  
cnr New Line and Castle Hill Roads West Pennant Hills

With a brief message from Rev Geoff Deutscher.

During the service those present are invited to place a flower at the front of the church, in memory of the child who has died, or is missing. If you'd like to bring your own flower, please do. Flowers will also be available.

Several denominations will be represented. Everyone is welcome to stay for supper following the service.

  
Enquiries 9479 3700



**STREETWORK'S  
COMMUNITY  
FUN DAY 2018**

An International Men's Day celebration.  
Promoting the importance of male role models in our community

- Challenge your mates on our push kart course
- Fundraise for our KickStart Mentoring program
- Listen to our 2HHH live broadcast
- Be captivated by our performances
- Visit our health + wellness stalls
- Enjoy a BBQ

**Sunday 18 Nov**  
10am - 3pm  
Hornsby Mall

[www.hornsbycommunityfunday.com.au](http://www.hornsbycommunityfunday.com.au)  
Thanks to our sponsors:



**Come and play netball!**  
**FOR PENNANT HILLS NETBALL CLUB**



**NETSETGO SKILLS FOR 6-9 YEAR OLDS COMMENCES WEDNESDAY NOV 7TH**

If you would like to enjoy playing netball, get your friends together and register for PHNC before Friday 2nd November to guarantee a place.

**PHNC NETSETGO SKILLS CLINIC**  
4-5pm Wednesdays in November

A free and fun clinic at Pennant Hills Park for 6-9 year olds. Come along if you've never played netball and want to give it a go!

Register online at [pennanthillsc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://pennanthillsc.nsw.netball.com.au)  
Go to PHNC Netball Clinics - NetSetGO Clinic

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