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Important Dates: Term 4, 2019

TERM 4	
17 October	Junior Choir combined rehearsal
19/20 October	Family Photo Day P&C Fundraiser
21 October	Debate (home) WPHPS
22 October	K-2 Assembly and band 2:15pm KO Cricket
23 October	Interrelate 1—Year 6
25 October	TWPS World Teachers Day
28 October	Grandparents Day
29 October	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm K-6 Assembly 2:20pm Junior Choir Final rehearsal and performance Stage 3 to Gibberagong 7:30pm P&C Meeting
30 October	Interrelate 2—Year 6
31 October	Band Instrument Have a Go Day. Year 2 students and interested Yr3-5 at recess - School hall
1 November	Kindy Transition #1 Girls Basketball KO Interstate final - Penrith
4 November	Stage 3 to Gibberagong Band Information Night - School Hall 7pm-8pm
5 November	2:20pm 3-6 Assembly P&C Lolly drive
6 November	Interrelate 3—Year 6
7 November	Music Count Us In
8 November	Kindy Transition #2 PSSA Finishes
11 November	Normanhurst Boys High School Clown Tour 11:30am-1pm Remembrance Day Service 10:30am
12 November	Mufti Day—Chocolate Block Donation
23 November	TWPS Movie Night—3pm-9:30pm
28 November	Band Meeting and AGM - Staffroom 7:30pm
3 December	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm
11 December	Year 6 Fun Day
13 December	Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell - Hornsby RSL
15 December	Gingerbread House Family Event 2-4pm
16 December	Kindy Graduation Day Treetops - Year 6
17 December	Class Parties and Helpers Morning Tea
18 December	Variety Show Last day of Term 4 for students

This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is wonderful to be back at Thornleigh West Public School. I have really missed the students, staff and the community. Thank you for all your continued support. Thank you to the outstanding TWPS leadership team who did an amazing job while I was away.

Term 4 is upon us! It will be a busy term ahead and I look forward to many successes.

Selective High School 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

How do I apply?

Parents must apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-andopportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>.

Please read the instructions carefully. Applications are open from 8 October to 11 November 2019. You must apply online by 11 November 2019. The application site will close at 10pm on 11 November 2019. This closing date will be strictly observed, except where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where extenuating circumstances are serious and well documented.

Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent overnight on:
4 July 2020

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at:

education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7



Major Works

We will be replacing five roofs over the next 5 – 8 weeks. Various buildings will be fenced off during the staging of this work. There will be no disruption to learning. Students will move to the library, TWOOSH and the hall for learning spaces. Sorry for any inconvenience during the next 5 – 6 weeks.

Have a wonderful week.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Whooping Cough

A person who attends Thornleigh West Public School has been diagnosed with Pertussis (also known as whooping cough).

What are the symptoms?

In vaccinated cases pertussis may present as a very mild illness with very few symptoms, for example a mild cough at night.

Some cases may have a more typical presentation including a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Pertussis can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?

Pertussis is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Pertussis can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?

Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of pertussis at the school. Parents should consider keeping at home their children with a cough. Children who are diagnosed with pertussis cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.

For further information please refer to the NSW Health pertussis factsheet (available from <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Pertussis.aspx>) or contact your Public Health Unit on 9477 9187"

Drama Performances

As beautiful sunshine fell across our magical amphitheatre, our students took to the stage with stories of 'from zero to hero' telling the stories of our four sorts house pioneers, expertly directed by Ms Johnson. Drama has a way of giving students the opportunity to explore their creative and expressive skills as they bring a story to life. It was wonderful to see class groups come together and present their work from across the two terms of drama learning. Thank you for assisting with costumes, lines practice and rehearsal of scenes leading up to our 3 big days and thank you to the many family and friends who were able to come up and share our special events.

Debating

Interschool Debating - Round 1

On Monday in Term 3, Week 8, four members of our debating team consisting of Joe J., Noah U., Sienna D. and Catherine L. competed against Cherrybrook Public School for Round 1 of the Interschool Debating Competition. The topic of the debate was *"That Primary Schools Should Have Shorter School Days"*. We were the negative team and presented arguments against this statement. The Cherrybrook debating team were a very strong group to go up against but luckily we had very effective rebuttals. We successfully beat Cherrybrook Public School in the debate.

By Catherine L



Interschool Debating - Round 3

On the last day of Term 3, the 27th of September, four members of the debating team - Zach G. , Kinshuk S., Hamish M. and Abby C. went to Normanhurst West Public School to debate the topic *"That Young Australians Would Rather Watch Than Get Involved"*. We were arguing against this topic being on the negative side, believing that young Australians would rather get involved. Both teams tried very hard to prove their point but Thornleigh West came out on top thanks to the assistance from our coach, Mrs Davis. After the debate, the adjudicator gave us feedback and told our team we won the debate based on our strong arguments arguments rebuttals! We then had a celebratory morning tea at Normanhurst West Public School. It was an awesome last day of the term for us!

By Zachary G and Hamish M

Life Education

Our PDHPE key learning area is complemented by sessions supported through the Life Education Program. You should have received an email note on the last day of term two with the information below:

Harold's friendship - Early Stage 1 (K)

Building friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations and people to turn to for help.

Growing good friends - Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

Exploring health messages, identify safety signs, explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing.

All systems go (Stage 2, Year 3)

Children learn that maintaining a healthy body and brain is the key to leading an active and productive life.

BCyberwise (Stage 2 Year 4)

Focuses on the importance of being safe and respectful online. Being a responsible digital citizen is vital for children's safety as well as their friends and family.

Relate respect connect (Stage 3, Year 5)

A unique, contemporary module that explores building positive, safe and respectful relationships.

Think twice (Stage 3 Year 6)

Myths, facts, pressures and consequences of drinking alcohol, all dealt with in age appropriate contexts.

The cost is \$10:00 per child.

[A parent session will be held in the Life Education Van on Friday](#)

[25 October from 2:15 - 3pm. All parents welcome!!](#)

Principal's Morning Tea



Kindy Enrolment and transition

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2019. Enrolling at this time assists the school to plan Kindergarten numbers for next year as well as to inform our transition program. If you have a child and are planning to enrol, could we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Please bring completed enrolment forms along with two proofs of address, birth certificate and Immunisation certificates to the office to complete the enrolment.

Please note if both parents are born overseas, proof of one parent's Australian Citizenship (e.g. passport or citizenship certificate) needs to be provided.

Time	Parent Focus
Friday 1 November 2019	Getting to know us and us getting to know you
Friday 8 November 2019	Best Start. Curriculum in Kindergarten
Friday 15 November 2019	Meet staff. School programs. OT
Friday 22 November 2019	Q & A. Student performance. Treasure Hunt

If you require child minding for these morning sessions, care is available (free of charge) through our OOSH service. This is available for children over 2 years of age. Please contact the school office if you would like this service on 9484 4242.



The Annual *Tell Them From Me* parent survey (Term 3/4, 2019)

Parent FAQ document for the parent survey:

https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T3_2019.pdf

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 26 August and 25 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:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/vp2vb>.

The survey is available in 23 languages. Student non-consent forms were sent home last term (on yellow paper) for year 4-6 students. Thank you for your assistance.

Finally, thank you to our ever-supportive P&C for liaising with North Bears NRL to have such a fantastic end of term with our Teachers Vs Yr6 Oz tag game.

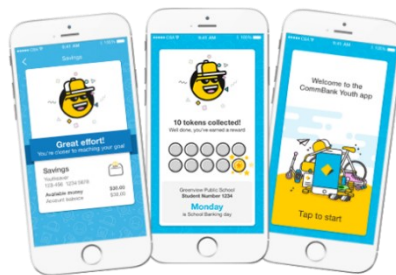


Kind regards,
Julie Granville
Deputy Principal

School Banking News



Welcome back to term 4 of school banking! Every term school banking offers new rewards, this term you can redeem the “Polar Pencil & Pencil Toppers” and the “Water Skimming Bounce Ball”.



We also have several other rewards from previous terms available they are:

- Arctic Owl Keyring
- Fluffy Yeti Notebook
- Glow Light
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Scratch Art Cards
- Snowy Origami Set
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Twister Power Handball
- Zoom Flying Disc

Calling for volunteers with school banking! This is my last term at school banking and I would really like for this program to continue next year. It is a great way to help and raise funds for the school.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact school banking co-ordinator Lyndal Staff schoolbankingTWPS@ashlyn.com.au or phone (0419)768247.

Band News

Is your child is thinking of joining the band?

Year 2 students will come home this week with information about joining the training band. If your child is in Years 3-5, please go to the office for this handout, or email band for a copy at twpsband2011@gmail.com.

Application forms will be handed out on Thursday 31st October at the Instrument Have a Go day. These forms will be due Fri 8th November.

Band is open to all Year 2 and interested students from Years 3-5.

If joining the band, each child will be able to nominate 3 instruments as their preferred choice. The band director and conveners will then decide on instrument allocation according to preference, physical ability and the balance of the band.

Further information will be provided at the information evening.



Dates for your Diary

- Tue 22nd Oct – TB playing at the K-2 Assembly. Mentors will demonstrate instruments on offer for TB 2020.
- Mon 28th Oct – Grandparents Day – all bands
- Thur 31st October – Instrument Have a Go day – for all new potential 2020 band members Year 2 and above. (Kids only)
- Sun 3rd November – Hornsby North Band Festival, Hornsby North P.S. – ALL BANDS.
- Mon 4th November – Band Information Night for all new Band families in 2020 – SCB playing.
- Fri 8th November – TB 2020 forms due.
- Fri 19th Nov - Stage Band Auditions
- Sun 23rd Nov – Movie Night – SCB playing
- **Thurs 28th November – Last committee Mtg for 2019 – Annual General Meeting – Election (note: this is a Thursday).**
- Sun 8th Dec – Band and Jnr Choir End of year concert – Kids to arrive 1:30pm for a 2-3:30pm concert, followed by party food.
- Final Rehearsals - TB finish on 10th Dec, JCB finish on 9th Dec, SCB 10th Dec, Stage 12th Dec
- Combined JCB/SCB Rehearsal on Tuesday arvo 10th December until 4pm
- Combined Stage Band 2019/2020 Rehearsal on Thursday afternoon 12th December until 4:15pm
- Sunday 15th December – Thornleigh Carols at Headen Park, Stage Band

Band Committee Meetings - Week 9 (Tue 17/9), Week 4 (Tue 5th Nov), Week 7 / AGM (Thurs 28th Nov).

Email is Band's primary form of communication so please contact us at twpsband2011@gmail.com if you are not receiving emails. *When emailing the band, please assist the committee by using the subject to address who it is for. E.g. TB Coordinator / Instrument hire / Treasurer.*

Further information can also be found at <https://twpsbandc.wordpress.com/band/>
Robin Beard (Band Convenor) and Nicole Ng (Assistant Convenor)

Community News



an Afternoon of Family Fun Saturday 26th October 2019 2:30pm - 5:00pm

**BBQ....Cakes....Coffee....
Live Music....Parent's & Under 5's Areas....**

**FREE Jumping Castle, Games,
Activities, Face Painting, Hairspray**

**All Children attending must be accompanied
by an adult**

No parking available onsite. Follow the EXCITE signs.



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**www.northridge.org.au/excite
6 Chilvers Rd, Thornleigh**



BEARS BLUES TAG



VENUE: Pennant Hills High School Oval
DAY: Monday
START DATE: 4th November 2019
FINISH DATE: 9th March 2020
No Play from 16 Dec 2019 till 27 Jan 2020 (included)
TIMES: 4:30pm - 6:30pm (30min time slots)

Mixed competitions Under 8s, 10s, 12s & 14s
Or try our League Stars program for 4 - 7y.o
More information: www.leaguestars.com

REGISTRATION COST
\$80 includes playing shorts and shirt
League Stars program \$49 includes footy pack (4 weeks)
NSW Active Kids Voucher accepted

nswrl.com.au

REGISTER a Team or Individual now:
northsydneyjuniorleague.com

NORMANHURST WEST, THORNLEIGH WEST, PENNANT HILLS,
WARRAWEE & TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRESENT...

Music by Moonlight

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

CONCERT STARTS 5.15PM

NORMANHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

DARTFORD ROAD, THORNLEIGH 2120

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us at NWPS for a magical night, as we celebrate and showcase our talented local primary school bands.

- Bands are to arrive by 4.45pm. Concert starts 5.15pm.
- Sausage sandwiches & drinks will be available to purchase.
- Seating is outside, so please bring warm clothes.
- Please allow time for parking - street parking is limited.
- Entry with a gold coin donation.

