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TERM 4

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	Band Information Night - School Hall 7pm-8pm
5 November	2:20pm 3-6 Assembly
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 2:15pm K-2 Assembly
15 November	Kindy Transition #3 PSSA Finals
18 November	Kindy Robotics starts
19 November	2:20pm K-6 Assembly - "Wellbeing"
20 November	Canvas judging
22 November	Kindy Transition #4
23 November	TWPS Movie Night—3pm-9:30pm
26 November	2:20pm 3-6 Assembly
28 November	Band Meeting and AGM - Staffroom 7:30pm
29 November	PSSA Finishes
3 December	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm 2:20pm K-2 Assembly
8 December	Band Concert 2-4pm and Junior Choir
10 December	2:20pm K-6 Assembly
11 December	Year 6 Fun Day
12 December	Principal's morning tea
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 Reports go home
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

Last Friday Thornleigh West Public School staff celebrated World Teachers' Day. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation. This year, we are focused on the #brightfuture of the profession including beginning teachers starting their career.

We also celebrated the role experienced teachers play in both the classroom and supporting beginning teachers on their teaching journey. We have an amazing team of educators at TWPS who ensure the best possible outcomes for all students. Thank you to the P & C for the lovely gift we all really appreciate your support and encouragement.

I teach, what's your superpower?



Grandparents Day

Being a parent of two beautiful young children and having a career that I love grandparents have saved my life!

A healthy connection between a grandchild and his or her grandparent is beneficial to both sides of the relationship.

Grandparents truly impact their grandchildren's lives. Studies show that adult grandchildren feel that their grandparents influenced their beliefs and values. A child's perspective of what constitutes a healthy, normal relationship is shaped by the relationship that he or she holds with a grandparent. Through regular contact, a sense of emotional intimacy, and unwavering support, children can experience what a true, positive relationship should look like.

Grandparents can greatly reduce household stress.

A recent study found that "an emotionally close relationship between grandparent and grandchild is associated with fewer symptoms of depression for both generations." For kids, having grandparents around means having the perfect companions to play with and have fun. Grandparents are some of the best partners when it comes to using creativity and imagination to discover the wonders of life. And in turn, most grandparents truly love their role. I know my mum truly believes that being a grandparent is the single most important and satisfying thing in their life.

Grandparents have a great amount of experience.

Grandparents are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Often children will listen to grandparents even when they are not listening to their parents. Grandparents also offer a link to a child's cultural heritage and family history. I truly believe that children understand more of who they are and where they come from through their connection with their grandparents.

Grandparents provide a sense of security.

Having this extra layer of support can make a big difference in a child's life. Grandparents offer an extra ear when kids need someone to talk to, because sometimes children just find it easier to open up and share their difficulties and problems with their grandparents.

Grandparents offer childcare

With both parents in many families working outside of the home, often the grandparents play a vital role in raising today's youth. I rely on my mum to help me with the juggle. She does the occasion lunch run when I have forgotten to make lunch, picks the children up when they are sick and attends the school assemblies.



Cricket News

On Tuesday 22 October the girls PSSA cricket team played Newport Public School in the fourth knockout round. Unfortunately we came out unsuccessful but the girls should all be proud of their effort. There was some great batting with three 4's hit.

A big thank you to Mark Bolger for his amazing coaching every Wednesday morning, we really appreciate your support. Thank you to Ms Dowd for her inspiration and promoting girls cricket. We are really proud of the team who displayed outstanding persistence and dedication to the team.



Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Prefects visit Parliament House

It was a tremendous pleasure to take our school captains and prefects to Parliament House last Thursday along with a guest for each student. We had the privilege to enter the lower house where we heard debate on 'all plastic bags should be banned'. A current and important topic that resonated with students. Speakers in the house acknowledged the students and then set about giving their arguments in either direction which kept us all eagerly interested to hear what would be commented upon next!

We enjoyed a morning tea together before the students met Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean MP and were also lucky enough to meet and talk with the Premier of New South Wales Gladys Berejiklian. She gave insight into her leadership journey from high school days and through to exploring students' questions on her current role. The students also heard of the leadership journey of Alexander Tobin, a past Socceroo, Jessica Nash from the Matildas, Keira Austin from the Giants Netball and Alex Newsome from the Waratahs. Our students will share their insights in next week's newsletter.

Group photo day

As a way of capturing a momento of our school groups and activities, we have arranged to hold a school group photo day. Early each year we take our class groups and band photos. Quite often some sporting groups and semester two SRC are decided later in the year.

The following group photos will be taken:

- Wakakirri
- Dance group
- PSSA summer and winter
- Debating
- Junior choir
- Senior choir
- Knock out sports
- Gumnut theatre
- SRC semester one
- SRC semester two

Students are required to all wear full summer uniform for the photo. A code to order prints will be published after the event for families who wish to purchase a photo.

Citizenship

Each K-6 assembly gives us the opportunity to recognise the fine achievements, efforts and qualities of our students. The citizenship award itself takes years to complete, with students building up blues, oranges and greens from teachers across the school, across years, in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to our recipients for this assembly. We are so proud of you!

Citizenship Award Recipients

Ruven W	2CT	Bronze
Harriet B	4LM	Silver
Emma C	4K	Silver
Ada R	2CT	Bronze
Saffron W	2CT	Bronze
Eliza M	3DZ	Bronze
Levi K	6C	Silver
Olivia R	3E	Bronze
Jemma G	1YC	Bronze
Jackson T	2CT	Bronze
Kinshuk S	6S	Silver
Arnetta A	6S	Bronze
Lilah B	5D	Silver
Jack W	4LM	Silver
Andrea L	4LM	Gold
Jesse D	6S	Silver
Zachary G	6S	Bronze
Eugene C	5C	Bronze
Niah T	2A	Bronze
Zara B	2A	Bronze
Isobel K	5W	Silver
Daniel C	5W	Silver
Daniel M	5W	Silver
Elyssa B	2W	Bronze
Jasmine D	2L	Bronze
Hayley A	2CT	Bronze
Cooper J	2L	Bronze
Charlotte K	2L	Bronze
Alexander S	2L	Bronze
Aiden S	2CT	Bronze
Kane W	2CT	Bronze
Caitlyn K	5D	Bronze
Aiden S	2CT	Bronze
Daniel S	5C	Bronze
Olivia C	2CT	Bronze

Bronze Awards



Silver Awards



Gold Award Recipient



Year 5 SRC leaders

Thank you for leading our K-6 assembly yesterday, you did a wonderful job and are assets to our school. I am very proud of the way you stepped up in to this role and took on the responsibility.



Choir Rehearsal



NBHS Circus Tour

**The 10th Annual
Picture Book and
Circus Tour**

The Circus will be at our school on:

Heading your way in Week 5 of Term 4

~ A Normanhurst Boys High School Drama Initiative ~

World Teachers Day

Teaching is a most rewarding profession as we serve the community and see students grow each day. Each year we acknowledge the commitment and dedication of teachers at Thornleigh West through World Teachers Day. It was a lovely surprise to have the staffroom a colourful setting with the kind and thoughtful gesture of a special drink bottle from the P&C. We love the wonderful water bottles complete with caption...



Thank you!

Finally. ...

Farewell to Mrs Holliday who has commenced her maternity leave this week. Mrs Holliday has been in many roles at Thornleigh West over the past year, working on Comets class in our support unit, a K-2 sport teacher and recently on class working part-time with Mrs Liddle. We wish Mrs Holliday all the very best and look forward to hearing your special news soon.

Kind regards,
Julie Granville
Deputy Principal



Band News



Instrument Have a Go day – tomorrow!

Year 2 – in class time

Year 3-5 – at recess, for students interested in joining Training Band in 2020

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.

HORNSBY NORTH BAND FESTIVAL – This coming Sunday 3rd November at Hornsby North PS.

We wish all bands and conductors the best of luck! Please meet your coordinators outside Room 2. Arrival times are:

- Training Band – 7:30am, for a 7:40am warm-up time.
- Junior Concert Band – 10:15am
- Senior Concert Band – 3pm
- Stage Band – 5:20pm

Dates for your Diary

Term 4

- Thursday 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 , meet outside library 7pm
- Mon 25th Nov – PHHS Year 6 Orientation Band rehearsal
- **Thursday 28th November – Last committee Mtg for 2019 – Annual General Meeting – Election (note: this is a Thursday).**
- Tue 3rd Dec – PHHS Orientation Day for Yr 6 – Band performance
- 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)

Loud Shirt Day



Friday, November 1

Gold coin donation,
all proceeds with go to
The Shepard Foundation

Please wear you school uniform with your loudest ever shirt.



TWPS Movie Night



23 NOVEMBER @ 3PM

Gates open 3pm

Gold coin donation per person at gate

8pm MOVIE on the big screen! Bring your picnic rug and your friends

Rides, stalls, dunk tank, 9D cinema, food trucks, hall entertainment, gamers, raffle, silent auction, fairy floss, cake, lolly and chocolate-toss stall, LEGO displays, Little Builders, sports stands & giveaways!

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Community News



Asquith Girls High School

YEAR 5 HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY



Thursday
21 November
8.30am
to
2.30pm

- Participate in inspiring and innovative activities
- Experience the diverse and positive opportunities offered at Asquith Girls High School

BOOK DIRECT

<https://forms.gle/XNYh6pUr7aKt9ft78>

Or see our website for further details and a link direct to our booking page
www.asquithg-h.schools@nsw.edu.au

Registrations close at 9.00am on Wednesday 13 November 2019

If you would like further information please contact Ms Cheryl Key either via email asquithg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone 9477 6411

Sunday 10th
November 2019

Normanhurst West Public School
FAMILY FUN DAY

Normanhurst West Public School
4-10 Dartford Road, Thornleigh

10am - 3pm

15 Exciting Rides

30 Market Stalls

Fantastic Food Stalls

**Purchase Unlimited Ride Tickets Online Now \$30.
Great value for 15 rides & 5 hours of fun!**

Anyone, even if you don't attend NWPS, can get this great early bird deal on rides tickets, just go to www.flexischools.com.au and search for Normanhurst West Public School

Food Stalls: BBQ • Turkish • Korean • Sushi • Thai • Hot Dogs
Chip on a Stick • Hot Sweet Corn • Homemade Cakes • Lollies • Toffee Apples.

Huge Plant Stall • Book Shop • Plaster Art • Balloon Animals
Side Show Alley • Face Painting • Showbags • Chocolate Toss
Lucky Ball • Henna Tattoos • Art Show • Lego Exhibition
Massive Thrift Shop with Toys & Homewares

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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

BE YOUR OWN HERO

WHEN:
18/11/2019 - 9/12/2019

TIME:
Mondays
4:30pm - 5:30pm

LENGTH:
4 sessions

AGE: 5-8 Years

COST: \$49

WHERE:
Pennant Hills High School
Laurence Street
Pennant Hills
NSW 2120



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