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TERM 4

7 November	Music Count Us In
8 November	Kindy Transition #2 PSSA Soft Ball and League Tag - Pennant Hills Ovals 2 against John Purchase Public School
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	Wellbeing Week starts Kindy Robotics starts
19 November	2:20pm K-6 Assembly
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 weekend Ms Dowd and I rode from Sydney to Wollongong for a great cause. It was a great experience! For the last few months we have trained hard this ensured we made it to the finish line. We have modelled persistence. At TWPS persistence is explicitly taught using the You Can Do It program. Research shows that many children give up if they can't do something well. At times those Bobbin Head hills were hard and not fun. Persistence = success!



Persistence

Young children who are persistent keep on trying when things seem hard or not fun. They try hard to complete tasks and activities at school and home and do their chores without always having to be reminded. They seem to know that, to be successful, they sometimes have to work hard and not give up. As well, children who are persistent believe that the harder they try, the better they get.

Examples of persistent behaviour in your child

- Cleans up after playing with an activity even though he/she doesn't want to.
- Finishes a new puzzle even if he/she needs to ask for help.
- Keeps trying when learning to write neatly even though it takes them longer.
- Tries to draw something that is hard and doesn't give up.
- Does not get distracted when completing learning and look for excuses not to finish.
- Does what he/she says he/she will do.

Ways to praise your child for persistent behaviour

- 'You really put a lot of work into that.'
- 'You really tried hard. Doesn't that feel good.'
- 'Good for you. You didn't give up.'
- 'You found that hard, but you kept trying.'
- 'Well done, you did that even though it was not easy or fun.'
- 'The more you practise the better you become.'

Talk to your child about persistent thinking

- I can do it (when work is hard, I can do it).
- Giving effort (The harder I try, the better I will get.) It won't happen immediately but it will happen.
- Working tough (to do the best I can, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun.)

Practical things you can do to develop persistence in your child

- Provide your child with accurate feedback concerning the amount of effort he/she is expending and how much effort and time is really needed to complete a task such as project or task.
- Discuss with your child repeatedly how his/her big efforts result in learning or success.
- Provide strong, immediate reinforcement for effort your child puts toward work that he/she finds hard or boring (especially jobs around the home and homework).
- Praise your child when he/she willingly does a task that is not fun without complaining.
- Catch your child doing something that requires effort, and praise him/her for trying hard.
- Praise your child for ongoing hard work.

Dance Auditions 2020

Dance auditions for the 2020 dance group are being held over the next two weeks. The dance group is led by Miss Lundstrom and all students have the opportunity to audition. Students with no dance experience, or students who want to try something new are encouraged to audition and give it a go.

Each grade has a day to learn the dance, then practice for 1 week before performing the dance in front of a panel consisting of Miss Lundstrom, Mrs Mamo and another teacher.

Week 5- Learn the Dance

(2019 School grades)

Monday- Year 5

Tuesday- Year 4

Thursday- Year 3

Friday- Year 2

Week 6- Audition

(2019 School grades)

Monday- Year 5

Tuesday- Year 4

Thursday- Year 3

Friday- Year 2

The audition process is critical whereby each student is individually marked against a criteria which is discussed beforehand.

Criteria

- 4- Adds own style to enhance choreography
 - Performs strong, precise movements with ease
 - Uses expression
 - Clear understanding of timing cues
- 3- clear understanding of choreography
 - performs with some strong movements
 - Uses some expression
 - Clear understanding of timing cues
- 2- looking around to follow choreography
 - performs with limited strong movements and not precise
 - limited expression
 - Following timing cues
- 1- doesn't know choreography
 - performs sloppy and messy movements
 - no expression
 - no understanding of timing cues

Students have the opportunity to practice the dance and Miss Lundstrom provides feedback and advice throughout. Once the students have performed, the panel of three members (including me) will give them a score. After the auditions the scores are tallied and comments are discussed by the panel to decide the final dance group. This process ensures fairness and equality to all students.

The process is explicit and systematic ensuring fairness. If your child is not successful they have not met the success criteria. Please refer to this rather than calling the school for feedback.



Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Year 2 Band have a go day

Thank you to our band committee and volunteer parents for helping make the year 2 have a go day such a success. As students reach the milestone of moving from infants classes into the senior years, the opportunity for many extra-curricular activities present themselves. Our highly regarded band program is one of those opportunities that offers students to learn an instrument and practice through weekly tutorials, while also providing opportunities to perform as part of the band ensemble. Each time the training band plays throughout the school year I am always impressed at the way the students learn, grow and share an enjoyment of music.

If you would like to know more please don't hesitate to contact me or our band committee through our P&C.

Canvas Art

As the P&C Movie night fast approaches, so too does the completion of the class art works that all classes have been working on. I must say the office foyer is looking particularly colourful and a wonderful reflection of our students and teachers enthusiasm for the arts.. I'm sure you'll be suitable impressed by the students' creations for the big day, although I may have to get bidding .. they all seem to look wonderful on display in my office!

Loud Shirt Day

Thank you for participating in our 'Loud Shirt Day' SRC mufti day last Friday .. it certainly was a colourful way to welcome our first visit from Kindy 2020 at our transition program, with a playground full of vibrant and LOUD shirts. The SRC will provide a recount of their event in a coming newsletter.

Remembrance Day

Each year Thornleigh West students recognise and remember the service and sacrifice of all who gave their lives in wars, conflicts and peace operations. We also acknowledge the service personnel that are currently serving our country at home and overseas. This year we will hear from the Davies family in a special speech about their Dad, Mr Davies is currently serving in the Royal Australian Navy on HMAS Adelaide. Our service will be held in the school hall at 10.30am, all parents and friends welcome.



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 out 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 will be published after the event for families who wish to purchase a photo.

Sport Achievement

Bryce spent the last the few days of term 3 in Coffs Harbour at the annual 3 on 3 Ice Hockey competition. Bryce was invited to play for The Emperors Hockey Club at this tournament in his position as the goal tender. Bryce played 17 games, within 3 teams, of very fast paced ice hockey across the 5 days. He played against teams from the East Coast including Victoria, Canberra, NSW and QLD. Bryce's primary team were victorious in the U11's winning Gold. Well done Bryce! Thank you for sharing your achievement and success with us.



Kind regards,
Julie Granville
Deputy Principal

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

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 ~

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

LENGTH:
4 sessions

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

AGE: 5-8 Years
COST: \$49



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