

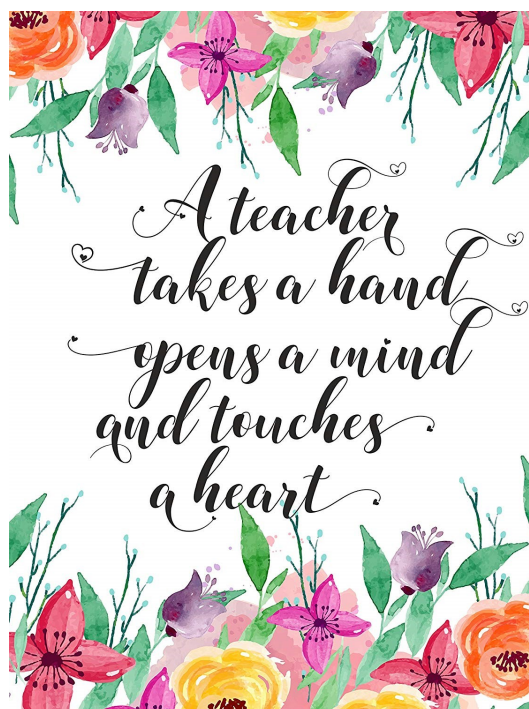


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## Important Dates: Term 4, 2019

| TERM 4      |  |
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| 5 December  | Senior band captain elections  |
| 8 December  | Band Concert 2-4pm and Junior Choir                                      |
| 9 December  | Sports captains nomination and election<br>Junior band captain elections |
| 10 December | 2:20pm Final K-6 Assembly  |
| 11 December | Year 6 Fun Day<br>Final Scripture / ethics K-2                           |
| 12 December | Principal's morning tea<br>Christmas Concert, Ethics Yr 3-6              |
| 13 December | Presentation Day<br>Year 6 Farewell - Hornsby RSL                        |
| 15 December | Gingerbread House Family Event 2-4pm                                     |
| 16 December | Kindy Graduation Day<br>Treetops - Year 6<br>Reports go home             |
| 17 December | Class Parties and Helpers Morning Tea                                    |
| 18 December | Variety Show<br>Last day of Term 4 for students<br>2.40 Farewell arch    |



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## This Week's Update

Dear Parent and Caregivers,

'Student voice' refers to the views of students on their experiences of school and learning. Listening to student voice is a powerful way for teachers, school leaders and education researchers to systematically look inside the 'black box' of learning from the perspective of the learner (Black & William 1998). Student voice enables schools (and the broader education community) to learn from students how they see school, and to build a better understanding of factors that affect student learning. Student voice refers to the perspective of students on their experience of education. In its simplest form, this can mean asking students' opinions about playground procedures or school uniform. The concept of student voice, nonetheless implies more than simple consultation with students. It is also about recognising that students have distinctive views on their schooling; and affording students the opportunity to influence their own school experience by listening and responding to student feedback (Cook-Sather 2006).

The concept of student voice, when thought about in this way, places value on the diverse thoughts, beliefs and perspectives of students and incorporates these into school decision-making and the cyclical processes of planning, self-assessment and ongoing improvements. At TWPS we are interested in how to improve classroom practices, therefore we hold student focus groups to gain an understanding of their experiences. This data is considered alongside other evidence the school holds about effective classroom practice and then used to inform change. Student voice thus becomes not only an understanding of the values, beliefs and opinions of students, but a tool that can be used to improve student outcomes and facilitate school change. The teachers are currently taking a deep dive into thinking. Below are some of the questions we are asking students in our classrooms across K – 6. We look forward to reflecting on this baseline data.

- Draw a person thinking. Label your diagram and explain how what you drew, shows thinking.
- What is thinking?
- When are you asked to think at school?
- Think of time when it was difficult to think or hard for you to think. What helped you?
- How does thinking help you to learn?
- Can you help someone to think?
- Who thinks the most in the class? What makes you say that?
- What stops you thinking?

Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo

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## Deputy's Message

### Band Captains

To share leadership roles at Thornleigh West Public School, selection/ election of band captains will be mindful of the policy of sharing leadership roles between as many students as possible. Due to the select number of students in a band, band captains may also hold another position within the school leadership area, but first consideration should go to students that hold no or only minor leadership positions, e.g. SRC rep, sports vice-captain. It is recognised that the first priority is for the band director to be able to appoint band captains that fulfill the role description and essential criteria below. Two students per band are selected, one boy and one girl (on condition they meet criteria below).

Band elections will be held on:

Thursday 5 December – Senior band elections

Monday 9 December – Junior band elections

### Role Description:

- Provide a positive role model and leadership in the band.
- Represent the band at school and community functions as required/ requested.
- Actively participate in band programs.
- Encourage students to take pride in band activities.
- Assist any student in need when necessary.
- Willingly and actively help when required and / or requested.

### Essential Criteria:

- Satisfactory attendance and punctuality at band practices and rehearsals.
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of behaviour in band and school activities.
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the band director and principal.
- Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness.

### Selection Procedure: Training Band

- Band captains' positions are appointed by the band director based on the criteria listed above.
- Band director sends a list of preferred candidates (in confidence) based on the criteria to the deputy principal and principal for consideration.
- Final selection is negotiated between the band director, principal and deputy principal.

### **Selection Procedure: Junior and Senior Band**

- Notify band community of election week, role description and essential criteria for the position sought.
- Role description, essential criteria, agreement and election process will be made explicit to candidates during the year and prior to the election. Candidates must be made aware that the holding of a band captain position is subject to the fulfillment of their roles and responsibilities.
- Voting will elect two band captains, one boy and one girl, from the incoming band members. Senior band elections will be conducted after the school captains and prefects and sports house captain elections.
- Voting will be conducted at the end of the year prior to the year of taking office.

Voting procedure is as follows:

1. Band members meet to nominate candidates. Each nomination must be seconded. Students may nominate or second only once (for each gender).
2. List of nominated candidates may be discussed by band director and school executive member prior to the election (to determine suitability). If necessary, the school executive member will inform nominated students if they do not meet the essential criteria and explain why.
3. Nominated candidates who meet the criteria are introduced to a second meeting of band students (same day) if required. Candidates may give an informal election speech or self-introduction if they wish.
4. Voting is done in private by writing 2 boys and 2 girls on separate slips of paper and placing in the ballot box.
5. The appointed returning officer counts the votes and records the results of every candidate.

#### **N.B. Results are not announced at this stage.**

6. The results are scrutinised by the band director and school executive staff member. The results will be taken as a recommendation from the student body to the school executive. The principal and executive staff discuss the result and make the final decision in consultation with the band director.
  - Winners are announced after final agreement of suitability of candidates and badges are presented at the annual presentation day assembly.
  - Role description, essential criteria and agreement will be signed by the appointed/elected students and parents/caregivers following their election.

#### **Agreement:**

Selected captains agree to relinquish their position and badge if in breach of the selection criteria or failure to carry out roles and duties.

**N.B.** The principal in consultation with the band director reserves the right to make the final decision in regards to appointment of band captains and the relinquishing of duties.

## School Group Photos

Recently our many sport and extra curricular groups had group photos taken for 2019. These photos are now available for viewing at the school office.

If you wish to purchase a photo please log on to [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) and use access code: **19S1121PRE39T** to order online.

Finally,

Today I had the absolute pleasure of joining 1H for their P&C prize excursion for most raffle tickets sold ahead of our recent Movie Night fundraiser. The students had a most wonderful time as they explore the 18 hole course of putt putt golf on a glorious sunny day. It was wonderful to see the students have such a fun time together and celebrate their tremendous effort!

Thank you for Miss Hellyer and parent helper Ms K Lean and Mrs M Barter for assisting on the day. I'm sure we'll all sleep well tonight!



Kind regards,  
Julie Granville  
Deputy Principal



## Helpers “Thank You” Morning Tea.

The staff of Thornleigh West Public School  
would like to invite you to our

**Thank You Morning Tea** on

**Tuesday, 17 December** from **10.30 a.m.** in the  
school hall.

This is our opportunity to thank the many par-  
ents and community members who help our  
school and our students in so many ways. The  
students and teachers at our school are very  
grateful for your efforts over the past

12 months.

Yours sincerely,

Chantal Mamo and Julie Granville





## Dance group Certificates



## 5W Trashion Fashion

This semester 5W has been exploring bush fires as part of our geography unit. We have also been hearing the devastating impacts these have had on communities in NSW. We are going to do a Trashion Fashion Show, to raise money for the Salvation Armies Bush fire appeal. The Salvation Army Bush fire Appeal raises money to provide various support to families and communities impacted by the recent November bush fires. We will be doing it over 2 days. K-2 is Monday 09/12/2019, and 3-6 is Tuesday 10/12/2019. It will be in the hall at lunch times and we are asking for a gold coin donation upon entry.

## Girls Knockout Basketball News

On the 01/11/2019, the girls Knockout Basketball team represented TWPS at the NSW state finals. The girls had dedicated many lunch times all year to training and had worked hard to make finals. They had survived three rounds of Knockout competition, defeating Normanhurst PS, West Pennant Hills PS and Gosford Ps.

The girls began with a cracking game against Dubbo South Public School. It was a hard fought game, with buckets being traded all game. The girls displayed great maturity, not caving to the pressure of a close game. TWPS ended up with a small lead in the fourth quarter and closed the game strong. The girls prevailed 39-31.

The team moved onto the second round, playing for a spot in the final. The game was against Regentville Public School. The favourites of the competition. A few early game nerves occurred and the game began with a flurry of shots from both teams. Unfortunately the hoop was not our friend on the day and although we had great shots, nothing would go in. Regentville got out to a strong lead in the second quarter, and although the girls tried their hardest and continued to play until the very last siren, we could not catch up. Regentville ended up winning 40-25.

The girls did themselves and the school proud, coming third overall in the entire state. They displayed an excellent attitude, never giving up no matter the circumstances and always displayed a high level of sportswomanship both when winning and in defeat. Well done and congratulations on all you have achieved this year!

## Band News



**Band Concert** – Please invite the family, grandparents and friends to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. Fabulous Raffle prizes so don't forget your money. Turrumurra Music have once again donated a big voucher! Band members, please bring a plate/drink to share: Training Band - Savory; Junior Band – Drinks; Senior Band – Sweet. Students to arrive 1:30pm.

**Band Elections** - please check your emails for further information. Elections are on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec (for all SCB 2020) and Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec (JCB 2020), 2:30pm in the school hall. Mrs Granville will be facilitating.

**Instrument Collection** – Students returning hired instruments due to leaving TWPS, buying their own, resigning from band or having received an email regarding servicing, please return your instruments at the following times to Meaghan Tchepak at the hall. Your prompt return is appreciated.

- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – after Presentation Day
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8:30am or 3pm.
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**BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT** - Please support and join **TWPS STAGE BAND** at Thornleigh Bunnings this **THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DEC 6-8pm** for a fantastic night of Christmas Festivities! They'll have a Petting Zoo, Snow Machines, Live Band, Christmas Craft, Face Painting and a Visit from Santa.

**Training Band 2020** – We are very close to sending emails. Phone calls are currently being made to finalise a balanced band. It hasn't been easy for the Band Director and new Convenor, so please be patient a little longer.



## Band Committee AGM and Committee Elections

Our P&C Band Committee AGM and Elections were held last Thursday. The following TWPS parents were elected. **Thank you** very much for volunteering your time to our band program and the children in the program.

**THANK YOU** to the following committee members for their hard work and committee over the years, but are now stepping down: Robin Beard, Nicole Ng, Kirsty De Vallance, Katie Hokin, Lesley Ziegler and Michelle Lee.

| Convenor                         | Aimi Forsyth  |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Assistant Convenor               | <b>Position Open – please volunteer – this role can be divided.</b> |
| Treasurer                        | Claudine Kimber   |
| Assistant Treasurer              | <b>Position Open – please volunteer</b>                             |
| Secretary                        | Caroline Dalziel  |
| Training Band Coordinator        | Erin Bolger & Melanie Croft   |
| Junior Band Coordinator          | Caroline Dalziel & Liz Harnwell                                     |
| Senior Band Coordinator          | Gail Law and Liz Harwell  |
| Stage Band Coordinator           | Erin Parris & Rob Luszczynski                                       |
| Tutor Co-ordinator               | Yvonne Curren   |
| Band Camp Coordinator            | Yvonne Curren   |
| Instrument Coordinator           | Megan Tchepak   |
| Assistant Instrument Coordinator | <b>Position Open – please volunteer</b>                             |
| Fundraising Coordinator / Team   | <b>Position Open – please volunteer</b>                             |
| Librarian                        | <b>Position Open – please volunteer</b>                             |
| Web Contact (updater)            | <b>Position Open – please volunteer</b>                             |

**Positions are still open. Please consider coming along to the meetings next year.**

## Dates for your Diary

### Term 4

- **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – All Bands and Jnr Choir End of year concert – Kids to arrive 1:30pm for a 2-3:30pm concert, followed by party food. Invite the Grandparents. Bring \$\$ for the raffle.
- Final Rehearsals - TB finish on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, JCB finish on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, SCB 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, Stage 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Combined JCB/SCB** Rehearsal on Tuesday arvo 10<sup>th</sup> December until 4pm
- **Combined Stage Band** 2019/2020 Rehearsal on Thursday afternoon 12<sup>th</sup> December until 4:15pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – SCB and Stage Band playing at Presentation Day. Instrument collection for Year 6
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Thornleigh Carols at Headen Park, Stage Band
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8:30 & 3pm Instrument Collection

### 2020

- Band Meetings – Each term, Week 2 & 7, Thursdays 7:30pm, in the school staffroom.
- Workshop dates for Junior Band & Senior Band 2020 – 14/3/20 (TBC)
- Workshop dates for Stage Band 2020 – 28/3/20 (TBC)
- Band Camp – May 28-29<sup>th</sup> May – Baden Powell Scout Centre.

Email is Band's primary form of communication so please contact us at [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto: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



FREE EVENT

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS PARTY

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER | 4:30PM  
CAROLS START AT 6PM

FREE GOURMET BBQ • JUMPING CASTLES  
PETTING ZOO • FUN GAMES

ALSO JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM (1 HOUR SERVICE)  
THE "BUSH SCHOOL" 71 BURNS RD. WAHROONGA  
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- Food And Drinks • Squash Demonstration

Sunday 8th December 9am – 4pm  
Thornleigh Squash Centre – 6 Duffy Avenue, Thornleigh  
\$6 per person • \$20 per family (4) • Children under 3 years FREE!



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### Thornleigh Community Christmas Carols & night Markets 2019



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

6PM to 9PM

Headen Park

Sinclair Ave, Thornleigh



Family friendly. Bring your own  
picnic blanket & chairs. Food  
stalls available.

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