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Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

4 February	First day for Kindergarten 2019 Tea and Tissues in Library 9am
5 February	P & C meeting 7.30pm
12 February	2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly
13 February	Kindy Rugby clinic
14 February	Year 1 Rugby clinic
15 February	Year 2 Rugby clinic Stage 2 PSSA Starts
19 February	Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival. Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and swim 50m confidently 2.20pm Years K – 2 Assembly 6pm Years K—2 Information Evening
20 February	6pm Years 3 - 6 Information Evening 7.30pm P & C Meeting
26 February	School Photos
1 March	Clean Up Australia Day
5 March	2.20pm K – 6 Assembly
8 March	Zone Swimming Homebush
12 March	2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly
15 March	Selective High School test
19 March	P&C AGM 7.30pm 2.20pm Years K – 2 Assembly
21 March	Harmony Day
26 March	2.20pm K—6 Assembly
27-29 March	Stage 3 camp
2 April	World Autism Day 2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly K – 2 Interviews 3-7pm
9 April	2.20pm Years K – 2 Assembly Years 3 – 6 Interviews 3—7pm
11 April	ANZAC Service 11:30am Principals morning tea Year 6 vs Teachers game
12 April	2.30pm Easter Hat Parade Stage 2 PSSA finishes

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to our 2019 school year. It has been a busy summer – with work on our new classrooms, new playground equipment for years 3-6, significant staff movements and a new intake of students.

Below is an overview of class structures and teaching staff. We are waiting for the Department of Education to appoint some new staff and will keep you informed of these changes.

Teaching Teams

Class	Teacher
K Blue	Nicola Binet
K Green	Maddy Stewart
K Purple	Lisa Fearnside
K Red	Mandy Baweja
K Yellow	Chanelle Beauchamp
Rockets	Natalie Bourne (AP)
Stars	Wendy Williams
Comets	Margaret Cother / Alice Holliday
1GM	Helen Gilleran / Tess Muscat
1H	Rachel Hellyer
1YC	Robyn Young / Kerri Cooley
2A	Saranjit Mudhar
2CT	Libby Crothers / Jo Turnbull
2L	Serena Loke
2W	Lily Waldron
3B	Leanne Browne
3DZ	Donna De Marigny/ Sally Zinsli
3E	Emily Lundstrom
4B	Helen Bulger
4K	Sarah Kennedy
4LM	Susan Liddle / Augusta Monro
5C	Janelle Citer
5DS	Ria Davies / Amy Starreveld
5W	Jack Watkins
6B	Kath Boon (AP)
6C	Maryanne Clay
6S	Jaspreeta Singh

School Counsellor: Rand Singh

Library: Danielle Hoffman Mon-Wed Kerrie Cooley Wed – Fri

Instructional Leader Nicole Dowd K-2 Literacy: Louise Carroll

Eald Kathy Dawson (Mon-Thurs) 3-6 Literacy: Robyn Batson

Last Kirralie Foggerty

K-2 Rff Sport Nathan Griffith

3-6 Rff Sport Tiffany Part

School Administration:

Margaret Gordon (Admin Manager), Deb Logan(Tues/Wed/Thu) Robyn Swarts (Mon/Thur/Fri),

Melissa Pattinson (Mon-Fri) Deb Pollock (Wed)

Also: Nicole Reid, Kerith Massey, Bryony Williams, Kristen Pollock, Gail Law, Vidyha Radhakrishan

Numbers are due to the Department of Education 7 February so we hope that class structure will remain.

Communication of your child's progress will be via your child's classroom teacher. Each team has an executive who will also be a point of contact. Please see the executive below:

Support Unit	Natalie Bourne
Kindergarten	Donna Edwards
Stage 1	Robyn Batson
Stage 2	Nicole Dowd
Stage 3	Kath Boon

Swimming Carnival

The Year 3 – 6 swimming carnival will be at KNOX on 19 February. Swimming surveys have been completed. Permission notes and event forms will be coming home via email today. If you were expecting a note and don't receive it please contact the office. Please complete as soon as possible, thank you.

Volunteers Needed - If you are able to help with the swimming carnival please call the office on 9484 4242. We need all hands on deck to ensure this event runs smoothly.



Whooping Cough

A child who attends Thornleigh West Public School has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough (pertussis). Firstly, my apologies for the multiple message that went out on our new email system, there was a glitch in the system.

What are the symptoms?

Whooping cough usually starts with a runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Whooping cough can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?

Whooping cough 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. Whooping cough 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 Whooping cough in the school. Children who are diagnosed with Whooping 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 factsheet on whooping cough attached or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on **9477 9187**.
https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20181121_00.aspx

CHANGE OF DATE:

Could I draw your attention to the new dates for our meet and greet evenings:

19 February—K-2. 6pm in the school hall, followed by classrooms.

20 February—Years 3—6. 6pm in the school hall, followed by classrooms.

Apologies for the change of date and any inconvenience caused.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead. Thank you for entrusting your children with us.

Kind regards,

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal

