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## Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

<b>12 February</b>	2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly 7.30 P&C Meeting
<b>13 February</b>	Kindy Rugby clinic
<b>14 February</b>	Year 1 Rugby clinic
<b>15 February</b>	Year 2 Rugby clinic Stage 2 PSSA Starts
<b>19 February</b>	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
<b>20 February</b>	6pm Years 3 - 6 Information Evening
<b>26 February</b>	School Photos
<b>1 March</b>	Clean Up Australia Day
<b>5 March</b>	2.20pm K – 6 Assembly
<b>8 March</b>	Zone Swimming Homebush
<b>12 March</b>	2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly
<b>15 March</b>	Selective High School test
<b>19 March</b>	P&C AGM 7.30pm 2.20pm Years K – 2 Assembly
<b>21 March</b>	Harmony Day
<b>26 March</b>	2.20pm K—6 Assembly
<b>27-29 March</b>	Stage 3 camp
	World Autism Day
<b>2 April</b>	2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly K – 2 Interviews 3-7pm
<b>9 April</b>	2.20pm Years K – 2 Assembly Years 3 – 6 Interviews 3—7pm
	ANZAC Service 11:30am
<b>11 April</b>	Principals morning tea Year 6 vs Teachers game
<b>12 April</b>	2.30pm Easter Hat Parade Stage 2 PSSA finishes

## This Week's Update

### Kindergarten's First Day Ever!

A wonderful mixture of excitement, anticipation and curiosity flooded the playground this morning as more than 100 students and many family and friends awaited the sound of the school bell on their very first day of school ever! I really do still get goosebumps!

Thank you to the outgoing Kindy parents for providing a chance to catch up in the morning at Tea & Tissues. Your generosity and kindness was really valued by our incoming families. The boys a girls settled in beautifully and the Teachers are very proud of our newest students. We are looking forward very much to sharing your learning journey with you.



### Road Safety

At the commencement of a new school year is a great time to remember the importance of safety in our local area and particularly on the roads around our schools. The following flyers give useful information about parking, signage and road conditions. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### School stream

As well as our weekly newsletter we often communicate through our school app '**school stream**'. You can go to the app store and find it, request our school and then customise it to suits your needs; grade alerts, choir, sport etc..

Each year it may help to clear out the content and check you're signed up to all of the relevant categories.

[Update categories here](#)

[Tips for parents](#)

## Scripture and Ethics

This year we will be continuing to offer Protestant, Catholic, Non Scripture and Ethics for students weekly for 30 minutes. K – 2 students have lesson on Wednesdays 9:30am to 10:00am. Years 3 – 6 students have lessons on Thursdays 9:30am to 10:00am. Students will be placed in groups from last year. Any changes can be made in writing to the office, and places will be filled based on availability. Students continuing in the group will have priority as programs build on each other from year to year and students will benefit from this continuity.

Thank you to the many volunteers that make these programs possible. Religious Education and Ethics are due to commence in week 6 of term.

## Parent Information Evening

Please note parents will meet together with the combined stage teams first then head to your child's classroom to meet the teacher.

Date	Classes	Time	Location
19 February	Years K - 2	6pm – 7pm	Kindergarten – year 2 start in the Hall • Then move to your child's classroom
15 February	Years 3 - 6	6pm – 7pm	Years 3 -6 start in the Hall • Then move to your child's classroom

At the information evening we will request you complete some forms:

- Parent Helpers
- Class Parents

## Volunteers Needed!

The primary swimming carnival will be held 19 February at PLC Pymble. We need parents to help time. We would love you to help. If you are able to help please let the front office know.

Kind regards,  
Julie Granville  
Deputy Principal

# School Zone Road Safety

Remember! Road safety starts with you!

2019



### School is back!

Here are some safety tips for driving and parking within school zones, as well as road rule information to help keep you and your children safe.



### Driving Safety

- Check all passengers are buckled up.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit.
- Always look out for pedestrians, especially at crossings and intersections.
- Avoid U-turns and three-point-turns within the school zone.
- Look for buses pulling out and always pass a bus with flashing orange lights at 40km/h

### Drop-off and Pick-up Time

If you are able to drop your children off quickly, consider using a No Parking or Kiss & Drop zone or drop them further down the road a bit and let them walk to the gate.

### How to use a No Parking zone

A No Parking zone is a drop-off, pick-up location. Remember:

- You can stop for a maximum of two minutes in the zone.
- The driver must remain within three metres of their vehicle.
- The driver must not leave their vehicle unattended.

### No Stopping and Bus Zones

Never stop in a No Stopping zone as you will obstruct sight lines for other drivers and pedestrians, which puts others at risk. Bus Zones are purely for the use of commercial buses and no other vehicles. See over the page for parking offences and fines around schools.



### Parking Tips

- Always follow the road rules. Remember, road rules around schools are there to keep you and your children safe.
- If possible, make sure children exit your vehicle on the footpath-side or verge side when getting in and out of the car.
- Never stop on a pedestrian crossing or double park as you will obstruct sight lines for other drivers and pedestrians, which puts others at risk.
- Park safely, even if it means walking further to the school gate to drop-off or pick-up your child. It's a great way to connect with your child before and after school (away from screens).
- Pick your children up five to ten minutes after the bell in the afternoon, to avoid the most congested period. Ask them to wait inside the school gate for safety.
- If you park across the road, walk over to meet your child. Never call them across the road to you.

### Child Car Seats

It is important your child is restrained in the correct child car seat for their age and size:

- It is recommended to keep older children in a booster seat until they are at least 145cm in height.
- A child that is correctly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.



### Walking to School

Plan your trip to school and use safe crossing locations if possible. Always hold your child's hand as they need help to spot dangers such as vehicles exiting driveways.




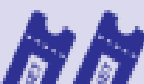









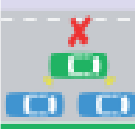







Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they learn from you!

# Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMENT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS <b>\$337</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stop within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS <b>\$187</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS <b>\$337</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$448</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$337</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$337</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 July 2018. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.

## Band News

Welcome back to Term 1. All rehearsals and most tutors have commenced this week. We welcome 45 new Training Band students to the program. All students should have now received their hired instrument, music book, bag and folder.

A big thank you to Meaghan Tchepak and Julie Tanger for all their hard work during the holidays getting instruments serviced, allocated to new students and then handed out to each student already in Week 1.

If you are new to TWPS, and interested in joining any of our bands with or without experience, please contact us directly via the email below. Training Band is for anyone new to an instrument in Year 3 or above. There are some instruments still available.

### Rehearsal times in 2019

Training Band – with Mr Andrew Hamlin  
Tuesday 7:45 – 8:45am

Junior Concert Band– with Mr Andrew Hamlin  
Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm and  
Thursday 7:45 – 8:45am

Senior Concert Band– with Mr David Bell  
Tuesday 3:15 – 4:30pm and  
Friday 7:45 – 8:45am

Stage Band– with Mr David Bell  
Thursday 3:15 – 5:15 pm

### Band Committee - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Training Band Assistant Coordinators – Assist the TB Coordinator with Parent volunteer rosters, performances.

Assistant Treasurer – Can be done from home. E.g. following up payments. No accounting experience required.

Tutor Coordinator – can be done from home. Liaising between the tutors and school regarding classroom allocation, responding to emails, assisting conveners when organising tutors for workshop and band camp.

Assistant Instrument Coordinator – we have 2 volunteers already, but a 3<sup>rd</sup> can be useful for collecting instruments at school or dropping off to be serviced.

*Each role is fully supported by the committee. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer or would like further information on a specific role, please contact email [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto:twpsband2011@gmail.com).*

Robin Beard (Band Convenor) and Nicole Ng (Assistant Convenor)

## Dates for your Diary

- Week 2 – all rehearsals commence
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – JCB & SCB Band Workshop (afternoon)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Stage Band Workshop (afternoon)
- Band Camp 2019 – 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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://twpsband.wordpress.com/band/>

"Training Band and their Mentors and conductor Andrew Hamblin at their first rehearsal"



## Library News

This week some students may receive an overdue notice for outstanding loans from 2018. Please help by returning them as soon as possible. If the notice is incorrect and the books have been returned just let me know on the notice. We have purchased some more soft furnishings for student's to enjoy in library with lots of great new books. Happy reading!



Ms Hoffman and Mrs Cooley

## Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at your local school



For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

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Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

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Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

**“In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world.”**

— Dr Simon Longstaff  
The Ethics Centre

Do something life-changing today.  
Apply at [PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer)



## Mothers Day Fathers Day Gift Group

The Mother's Day Father's Day Gift Group will be meeting this Friday, February 8th in the school hall kitchen at 9:10am. In 2018 the group organised a Mother's Day stall where students were able to purchase gifts throughout the day and we shall be discussing our plans and ideas for a similar event in 2019. We would love to see some new faces, children welcome. If you're unable to attend but have ideas or suggestions please email us at [mdfdgg@gmail.com.au](mailto:mdfdgg@gmail.com.au).

## Book Club News

The book club catalogue issue 1 distributed and orders are due back by **Friday 15th February**.

Any question or inquiry regarding book club and order, **Please directly contact us** via [twpsbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:twpsbookclub@gmail.com)  
Thank you for helping our school.

Dianna C, Lisa M and Michelle L.



## P&C News

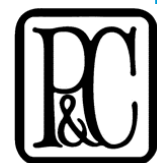
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*Vanessa Erickson* -

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### Enrolment Open for New Term

- Public Speaking
- Debating
- Creative Writing

**Location**  
CS Education–Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh  
All Weekdays-After School  
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Sunday-Morning-9.00am to 10.00am  
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English Classes at St Marks Anglican Church, Pennant Hills

**Location:** Corner of Rosemount Ave and Warne Street, Pennant Hills

**Hours:** Mondays, 9.30am to 12pm (during school terms) Term4 begins Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Final lesson Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

**Cost:** \$2 per week

**Contact:** Patricia- English Classes Coordinator

**Phone:** 9880 8012

**Email:** [English@stmarks.com.au](mailto:English@stmarks.com.au)

**Web:** [www.stmarks.com.au](http://www.stmarks.com.au)

**Description:** Come and learn English in a friendly and relaxed group. We have classes to cater for all abilities, from beginners to advanced levels. Morning tea is provided. Creche is available for preschool aged children. Classes use a variety of resources, including texts from the bible. We look forward to meeting you.

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