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Important Dates: Term 2, 2019

8 May	Adopt a Farmer Mufti Day
9 May	Mother's Day Gift Stall
10 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
10 May	PSSA Starts Stage 2: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3: Thomas Thompson and Pennant Hills netball courts
14 May	K-6 Assembly
15-17 May	NAPLAN - Year 3
17 May	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Pennant Hills park and courts
21-22 May	NAPLAN - Year 5
23-24 May	Band Camp
24 May	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Thomas Thompson and Pennant Hills netball courts
28 May	K-2 Assembly
31 May	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Thomas Thompson and Pennant Hills netball courts
4 June	Kindergarten 2020 Information night 6pm
5 June	Kindergarten 2020 School tour - 9am
7 June	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Ron Payne Oval and courts
14 June	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Greenway oval and courts

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This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This weekend we celebrate our Thornleigh West Public School mums! As the school sign says "TWPS mums rock". Thank you for all that you do to make the school community a great place to learn. Your children are awesome because of you.

Being a mum of a nine year old daughter and a five year old son at times I question my ability to be a mum! I feed them breakfast in the car, my daughter has a low pony every day and I have forgotten to take them to a party every now and then! I can control a class of 30 children but while doing the grocery shopping can't control my own two. But they still love me. I love Mother's Day a time to be with my children, spoil my own Mum and celebrate the privilege of being a mum!

Congratulations Mr Griffith

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mr Griffith. He has been the PE teacher for K – 2 and the support unit. Mr Griffith has been an absolute asset to the teaching team. His team work, sense of humour and dedication to the students of TWPS is outstanding. Mr Griffith has been targeted by the Department of Education and will start at his new school today! Best wishes in your career.



Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN online in the coming weeks. Please see the timetable below:

Monday 13th May	Tuesday 14th May		Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May	Friday 17th May
	5DS & 5C writing	Year 3 Writing Paper Test	3E, 3DZ Reading	3E, 3DZ Language	3E, 3DZ Numeracy
	5W writing		3B Reading	3B Language	3B Numeracy
			* Year 5 Writing Online Catch up ONLY day to complete		
*Catch up tests permitted and will be completed daily for those who miss a test					
Monday 20th May	Tuesday 21st May		Wednesday 22nd May	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May
5DS & 5C Reading	5DS & 5C Language		5DS & 5C Numeracy		Catch Up
5W Reading	5W Language		5W Numeracy		

Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo
BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Cross Country Carnival

It was a great day yesterday with all our students enthusiastically participating in our school cross country. Thank you to Mrs Part for all the organisation, and thank you to the many parents who assisted as officials on the day. I am always in awe of the generosity of time and support so many families are able to give to our school. These events run smoothly and successfully with assistance from you.

Congratulations to Sturt House, winners of the carnival for the fifth consecutive year. **Flinders** finished in second place with a close finish between **Macquarie** coming third and **Ruse** in fourth.

The top 5 runners in each event qualify for Beecroft zone cross country on Wednesday 29 May, with 6th place as a reserve. Back-Up Date 5th June 2019 (Wednesday week 6). Mrs Part is our school official, who along with a team manager will be taking students to Fagan Park for the event. Zone permission notes will be issued soon. We wish our competitors all the best for a challenging run. Further results will be published next week.

Mothers' Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall is on again this year, **Thursday, 9 May**. Each class will have an allocated timeslot to visit the stall for the students to purchase gifts. As well as being a fun and convenient shopping opportunity for the children, the MDFDGG (Mother's Day Father's Day Gift Group) have raised significant funds and provided some notable additions to school facilities over the last few years. Your support of these stalls is greatly appreciated and directly provides these improvements to school and student facilities.

Ethics Classes

Ethics classes provide an opportunity for children to discuss ethical issues with their peers. Classes are inquiry based and are impartially facilitated by our trained volunteers using Department of Education approved lesson materials, which have been developed by an academic in the field of philosophical education for children and reviewed by an expert panel for both philosophical rigour and best practice in instructional design.

Children explore a range of stories and scenarios, discussing what we ought to do, how we ought to live, the kind of society we should have and what kind of person each of us should strive to be.

Three new teachers have recently been trained, therefore we now have a total of ten volunteer Ethics teachers at our school.

Do something life-changing this year and become a volunteer Ethics teacher.

You'll be rewarded with a unique learning and development opportunity while supporting children to think logically, disagree respectfully and use evidence and reasoning to make decisions rather than act out of habit or peer pressure. Teach ethics and you'll be helping children develop important skills for life.

Please contact Jess Mayr if you have any questions.

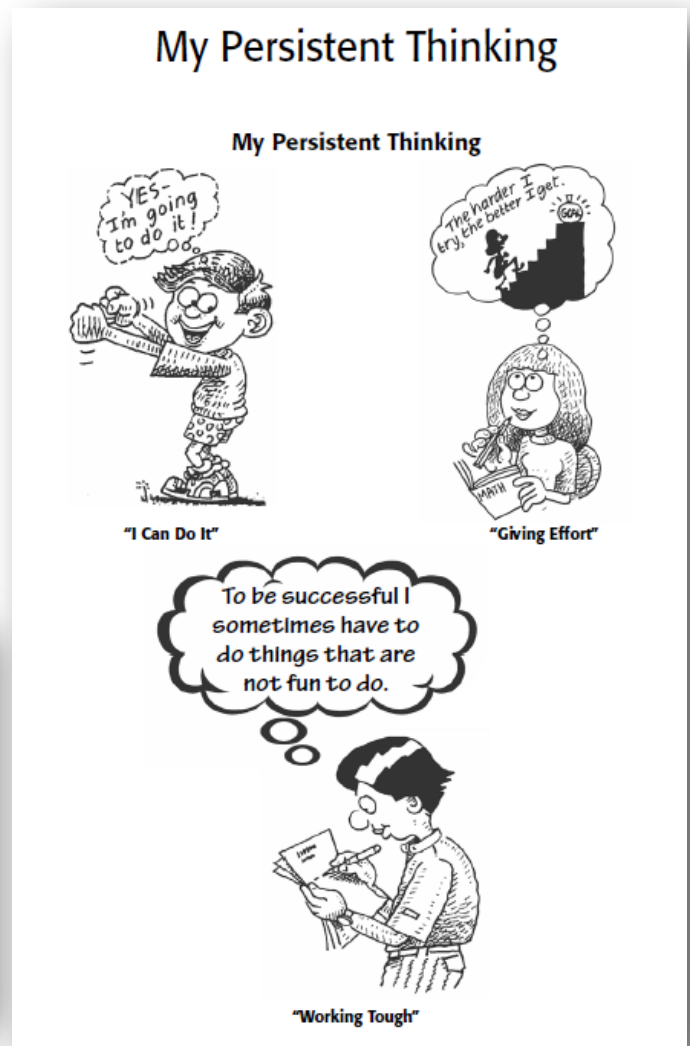
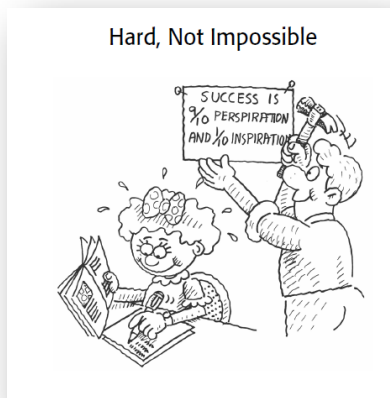
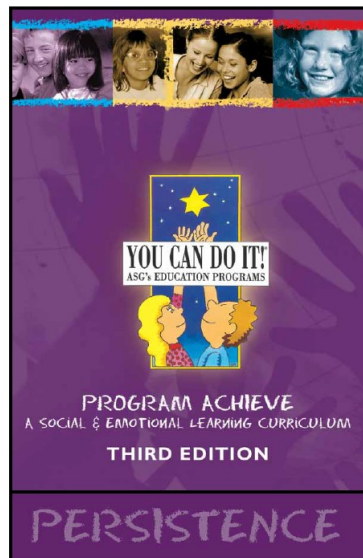
Ethics Coordinator Jess_adrian@bigpond.com

You Can Do It!

Persistence

Each Term we focus on a core 'key to success' through our You Can Do It! Program. In term 1 we started the term off with Confidence and this term we are exploring the persistence module. Key learning centers around persistent thinking: working tough, giving effort and having an 'I can do it' mind-set.

Our younger students engage in role plays and scenarios while also having a character to support learning too. Penny Persistence has a key part in many lessons.



Kind regards,
Julie Granville
Deputy Principal



Mothers Day Gift Stall

Mother's Day Stall Thursday May 9th

The Mother's Day Father's Day gift group will be holding their annual gift stall in the school hall from 9 AM to 3 PM. Each class accompanied by their teacher will visit the stall at a designated time and they will have 15 minutes to select and pay for their gift which will then be gift wrapped by our volunteers.

The Mother's Day stall website is now live and can be viewed at <https://www.twpsmdfd.com/>

The website features photographs, prices and information of the gifts available at the stall. We have also incorporated a gift wish list function. Please remember we have limited quantities of each gift so be sure to have a back up in mind particularly for the younger students.

Don't forget to bring the following on the day:

- **Money**
- **Carry bag or plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name on it**
- **Wish list or shopping list**

**** Please note over the counter sales at the Canteen will not happen on the day of the Mother's Day stall to ensure that our shoppers shop for their Mum!**

Call out for volunteers

These events cannot run successfully without the ongoing support of our wonderful TWPS families. We are still in need of additional help throughout the day particularly between 11.15 to 12.15 , 12:15 to 1.15 and 2.15 to 3pm. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day (keep cups welcome) come for an hour or stay for the day. If your preferred time slot is full please feel free to drop by anyway. If you are able to help on the day please sign up online at

<http://signup.com/go/jeosfiy>

Thank you from the TWPS MDFDGG.



Mother's Day Stall

Mothers Day Breakfast

Mother's Day Breakfast

FRIDAY 10th MAY 2019 - 7AM & 8AM

—THE SCHOOL HALL—

This event will be an opportunity for the children of TWPS to share a special breakfast with their mothers, grandmothers and other special women in their lives.

Ticket price: Adult \$14 ~ Child (Under 12) \$6

Two 45 minute sessions

A variety of hot and cold foods will be available.

Please indicate when purchasing a ticket if you require Gluten Free.

Choose one of two sessions. Ticket numbers are limited and can be purchased online only at Flexischools.

To make this special event possible we require volunteers to assist. Please register at <https://signup.com/go/xzasvCN>.

Band News

BIG NEWS!
TWPS P&C BAND
IS A CREATIVE KIDS
REGISTERED PROVIDER



Band Families, please see your emails for further information. Claim your \$100 Creative Kids voucher. As a registered provider for the Creative Kids program, you can redeem your voucher with us and let your child continue to develop their skills.

Band Camp Forms – Band camp is 2 weeks away! Thank you for completing your forms. Yvonne Curren is very busy organising a jammed pack program. If you would like to volunteer your time over the two days, please keep an eye out for an email next week.

Band Committee meetings – We are still looking for parents to join our team. **Please consider** coming along to the committee meeting on Tuesday 21st May. Some of our committee roles are looking for assistance - namely Treasurer, TB coordinators and Tutor Coordinator.

Dates for your Diary

- Fri 10th May – Stage Band playing at the Mother's Day Breakfast.
- Fri 10th May - no SCB morning rehearsal
- Tue 21st May – Band Meeting – Staffroom 7:30pm. All welcome.
- Band Camp 2019 – 23rd/24th May 2019. Baden Powell Scout Camp
- Wed 19th June – SCB playing at the PHHS Music Festival – time TBC
- Sunday 11th August - NSW School Band Festival – NEW VENUE – CHATSWOOD – SAVE THE DATE
- Sunday 3rd November – Hornsby North Band Festival – SAVE THE DATE
- Ongoing Band Committee Meetings - Wk 4 and Wk 9.

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)