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Important Dates: Term 2, 2019

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
29 May	SRC Disco
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

This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big thank you to all the parents who organised and volunteered for the election BBQ. It was a great success due to your hard work and dedication. This was a big event and a massive effort by everyone involved. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to TWPS.

ICAS Assessments – 2019

Our school, like many others in our area, have supported the University of New South Wales ICAS assessment program for many years. Up until last year, the assessments – including reading, writing, mathematics and spelling - have been pen and paper tests.

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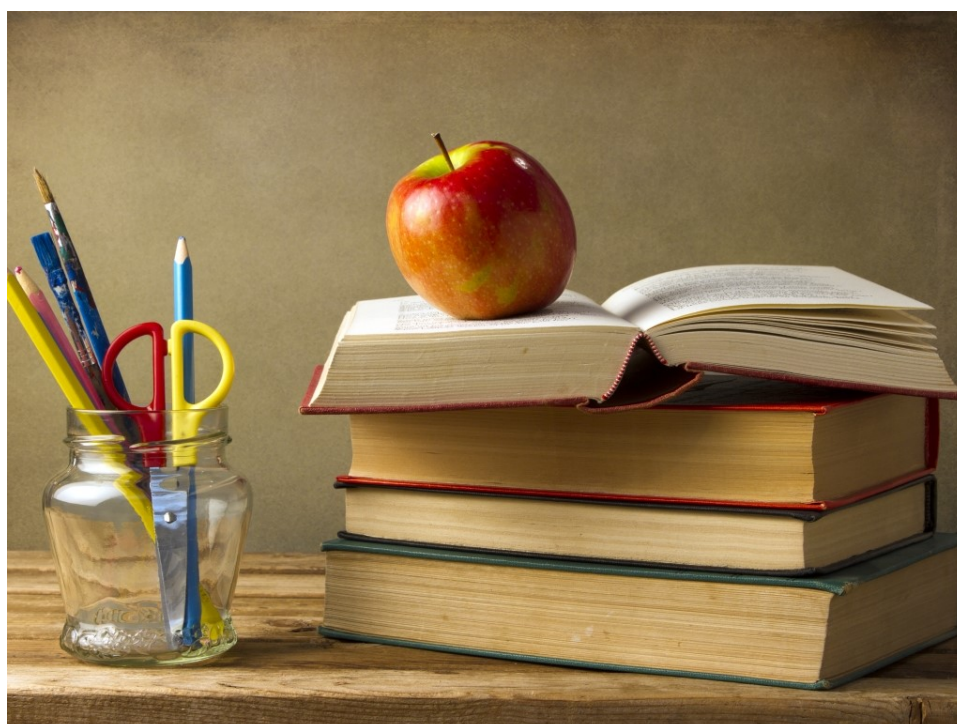
Like most schools, our school conducted the assessments before school, supervised by teachers outside of teaching hours. Whilst the results of the assessments provided interesting information, we did not use the analytics of the results to inform teaching practice; the data provided by ICAS is not directly linked to school-based teaching and learning programs. Parents and students appeared to enjoy receiving the certificates and other associated awards, however, it should be noted that the results/awards have never been used as part of OC/selective high school application processes.

Late last year, schools were informed by ICAS that the new testing program would be administered via an on-line tool, which can only be facilitated within schools. Whilst we accept that on-line testing is a feature of the way we operate in schools, the logistics associated with ICAS going on-line is highly problematic, particularly for schools which have traditionally had high levels of participation. This information has been relayed to ICAS, however, there have been no decisions to provide a pen/paper option for 2019.

Our school will not participate in 2019 ICAS. Whilst this is disappointing, I want to assure all parents that students will not be disadvantaged.

The ICAS results, as mentioned above, have never been used to determine academic progress nor have the results been used as part of OC/Selective High School applications.

It should be noted, that many of the larger primary schools in our area that have supported ICAS in the past have also opted not to participate this year, including Wahroonga Cherrybrook, Beecroft, Murray Farm, Oakhill Drive, West Pennant Hills, Epping West and Epping Heights Public Schools.



SRC Disco



We are pleased to announce that the SRC will be holding a disco. Get our dancing shoes on!

When: Wednesday 29 May

Where: School Hall

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm (K – 2 students)

5.45pm – 7pm (3 – 6 students)

Cost: \$8 this will be placed on FlexiSchools soon please keep an eye out

Bring: Bottle of water labelled

Students will receive an ice block and a packet of chips

TWOOSH: If your child is at TWOOSH that afternoon please ensure you have given them permission for the TWOOSH team to bring your child.

Have a great week.

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Deputy's Message

Kindy Information night and Tour

Our annual Kindergarten Information night is fast approaching in a couple of weeks on Tuesday 4 June at 6.00pm. This great chance to get a snapshot of our school, our vision and key information that helps prepare for a smooth transition into school. I will be sharing a day in the life of Kindergarten and we have a little movie to share also. The evening is followed by the school tour, 9.15am on Wednesday. All welcome.

Band Camp

A music filled week is ahead for almost 100 students as they embark on band camp 2019. Thank you in advance to our amazing team of parent volunteers and organisers who help make this event such a success for our students. Coordinating tutors, timetables, rehearsals, evening arrangements as well as providing such a valuable, intensive time to both practise and perform, student are certainly in for a wonderful experience.



Health Care

Health, safety and wellbeing is paramount for our students. As a part of our annual review of health care plans we are required to update all information for allergic reactions and anaphylaxis. Identified students require an individual health care plan to support **ascia** plans for anaphylaxis and allergies, asthma plans, medical and other health needs. These health care plans provide detail and information necessary and required by the department to support student health and wellbeing.

I have reviewed current plans and found many to be close to or already out of date. If necessary for your child, a health care plan will be sent home over the coming week.

If necessary, could you please make a time to meet with your class teacher to update individual health care plans as soon as possible and also the action plan included if required, with your medical practitioner with all relevant information (**in colour**) for your child. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring safety and the wellbeing of students. Please call the school on 9484 4242, email or communicate with your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Please ensure contact names and phone numbers are included and accurate.

Finally... Good luck to our students representing our school in the Beecroft Zone Cross Country Carnival next week. As well as an individual event, it is also a team event with schools gaining points for placed runners. Mrs Part and Mrs Batson will accompany the students on the day. We wish our runners all the best!

Kind regards,

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal

Band News

	<p>BAND CAMP IS TOMORROW</p> <p>Thursday 23rd -Friday 24th May Baden Powell Scout Centre Students to arrive 8am. Please remember to label everything, complete medication forms (if required), Activity Waiver Form and bring your music stand.</p> <p>CONCERT – ALL welcome. Starts 1pm at the Scout Centre on Fri 24th May</p>
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Dates for your Diary

- Band Camp 2019 – 23rd/24th May 2019. Baden Powell Scout Camp
- Wed 19th June – SCB playing at the PHS Music Festival
- Sunday 11th August - NSW School Band Festival
- Sunday 3rd November – Hornsby North Band Festival
- Ongoing Band Committee Meetings - Week 4 and Week 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/>

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