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Important Dates: Term 2, 2019

TERM 2	
3 July	Kindergarten 100 days of School
4 July	NAIDOC Assembly 10:30am-12pm
5 July	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Normanhurst Oval and Courts Year 6 v Teachers game SRC - Pyjama Mufti Day Last day of Term 2
TERM 3	
23 July	Stage one excursion—Rouse Hill House and Farm : 1GM, 1YC, 2A, 2L
24 July	Stage one excursion—Rouse Hill House and Farm : 1H, 2CT, 2W, rockets, comets, stars
25 July	Yr 2-6 Athletics Carnival Pennant Hills Park
26 July	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Ron Payne Oval and Courts
30 July	Yr 3 Excursion Gibberagong —rescheduled
1 August	Yr K-2 Athletics Carnival
5 August	Education Week – special assembly, open classrooms and morning tea 9:15am-11:30am
12 August	Zone Discus only at Pennant Hills Park from 1:30pm-3:30pm
14 August	Zone Field and 800m heats, 1500m finals
15 August	Open Night, all welcome
21 August	Zone Track events including 800m finals
29 August	Wakakirri Heat
TERM 4	
28 October	Grandparents Day

This Week's Update

Thank you!

Stewart house, Earn and learn, Return and earn



We have been overwhelmed with generosity this term as donations flooded in for Stewart House. The collection was picked up late last week by very appreciative volunteers.

About Stewart House: Every year 1,700 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing. This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

The children at Thornleigh West have been working hard to make sure all bottles are collected and recycled through our Return and Earn Program. Last week our recycling was collected and the school earned \$59.20 bringing our total to \$204.50 and saving 2046 bottles from landfill.



Thank you for the hundreds and more likely thousands of earn and learn stickers that you have returned to either the school or store collection boxes.

These go a long way to providing valuable resources for the classroom and playground.

Staffing update

I have the pleasure of introducing Robyn Barwell who is a permanent appointment to Thornleigh West Public School. Robyn will commence teaching next term and will take 3B for the remainder of the year. She met with the stage team as they worked on planning for the term ahead and was thrilled to get to meet the students of 3B. Thank you to Kerri Cooley for your support and teaching 3B during the transition to a new teacher. I know you are a much valued member of the stage 2 team and we are thankful for the wonderful way you engage students in learning.

It is with mixed emotions that I need to inform you that Susanna Osborne has been appointed to a permanent position with the Department of Education in the Parramatta office. Starting in term 3 she will be in the role of policy and research support officer, a role she is very excited to be taking up although she has expressed how much she will miss teaching 2A. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours and thank her for the role she has played in the learning for students this year. You will be missed.

I would also like to introduce Melanie Donohoe who is another permanent appointment to our school. Melanie is coming from Blaxcell St Public School and has a love for teaching English as an Additional Dialect. She is thrilled to be teaching 2A for the remainder of the year and I know was looking forward to meeting the students on a visit on Tuesday. The stage 1 team are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Thornleigh West.

Term 3 update

Mrs Mamo will be continuing in her role at Berowra Public School into term 3. Thank you to Mrs Boon for your role as senior executive this term. Your leadership, commitment to teaching and learning and support in this role have been wonderful and much appreciated. We warmly welcome back Sarah Allen, who will be relieving as DP next term. Thank you also to Emilie Kerr for teaching 6B through the term, we wish you well on your upcoming travels and hope to see you back at Thornleigh West in the future.

Lost Property

As we draw closer to the end of term, students have been reminded and encouraged to have look for any lost property. As a school we endeavour to return any lost or misplaced items and it is timely that students too check in to see if their hat, jumper, lunch box or drink bottle are just waiting to be found!

School reports

Semester one reports went home on Monday. Teachers use a range of assessment practices and strategies along with professional dialogue with colleagues and team approaches to ensure consistency of teacher judgement not just across grades but also across stages.

Parent / Teacher interviews will be scheduled again towards the end of term 3, for a formal interview. This dedicated time is very much valued by teachers as a check point and a time to discuss progress and support for individual students. I encourage all families to make these interviews a priority as this really does support the positive and productive way we work together to support student learning.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to students receiving the Aussie of the Term. This award recognises and acknowledges students that display the values of public education. Your teachers are very proud of you. Thank you for being such wonderful role models and outstanding students.

Aussie of the Month Term 2 2019		
Class	Student	Reason
Rockets	Oscar S	Participation
Stars	Alexander K	Great learning
Comets	Eli Z	Respect and Responsibility
K Red	Levi S	Respect and Responsibility
K Purple	Minji K	Respect, cooperation and care
K Yellow	Lucy O	Integrity, excellence and respect
K Green	Chloe S	Participation, Care and Respect
K Blue	Ruby C	Cooperation, respect and participation
1GM	Joshua B	Participation, care and effort
1H	Amber M	Responsibility and Integrity
1YC	Ryan O	Respect and Responsibility
2L	Benjamin C	respect, responsibility and excellence
2A	Ella-Rose B	Fairness and Participation
2W	Jeremy L	Care and Cooperation
2CT	Savannah E	Respect, responsibility and care
3B	Tyler D	Excellence and Responsibility
3DZ	Ella M	Integrity and Respect
3E	Ritika P	Integrity, Excellence and Participation
4LM	Ava H	Integrity
4K	Ava N	Responsibility and Respect
4B	Sienna L	Cooperation, Respect and responsibility
5C	Xavier W	Excellence and Participation
5W	Daniel C	Integrity, Respect and Participation
5DS	Lilah B	Responsibility, cooperation and participation
6B	Daniel L	Integrity and Responsibility
6C	Madeleine T	Integrity, excellence and cooperation
6S	Vivaan M	Excellence

Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to students across the school for completing their bronze or silver citizenship award. This recognition is for many years achievement, overcoming challenges and showing respect and responsibility in the many settings and learning spaces across the school.

Students receiving their medals throughout the term are invited to attend Principals morning on this Friday at 10.30am

Kobe M	6S	Silver
Lyla H	6S	Silver
Kyle L	4LM	Silver
Summer C	4K	Silver
Zac D	6C	Silver
Joshua L	2CT	Bronze
Felix S	3DZ	Bronze
Claire M	4LM	Silver
Jerry Y	3DZ	Bronze
Alex M	4K	Silver
Oliver M	2A	Bronze
Noah B	4LM	Bronze
Kieran L	5C	Silver
Will D	4K	Silver
Zac F	4K	Silver
Dia C	2L	Bronze
Benjamin C	2L	Bronze
Hannah S	2L	Bronze
Isabella R	3B	Bronze
Ellie M	2L	Bronze
Chloe K	4LM	Silver

Aussie of the Month



Citizenship Awards



Knockout Basketball

A jaw-dropping performance by all 10 girls on the Knockout Basketball team has placed them into Round 4 of the PSSA competition. Their cohesiveness as a team and their commitment to the game led them to a 97-10 victory against Normanhurst Public School. The girls displayed great sportsmanship and respect for the game, their opponents and the umpire. Congratulations on your efforts and all the best for Round 4 against West Pennant Hills Public School!

Miss Loke



It has been a wonderful term of learning, challenges, resilience and fun! Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday break. Students return Tuesday 23 July.

Kind regards

Julie Granville

R/Principal

Drama News

NAIDOC Celebrations

Tomorrow we will be celebrating NAIDOC. Students are invited to bring a BANDANA or COLORFUL SCARF to wear. Please wear sports uniforms to allow easy movement in our performance. Choirs and drama group are asked to wear their special t-shirts.

There will be an assembly in the hall at 10:15, with performances by the school choirs and drama group. After recess we will meet Uncle Neil. A direct descendant of the Garigal clan of Guringai language people. Uncle Neil will welcome us to country with a smoking ceremony. Then the whole school will dance. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 dance Narkula. Year 3 - Year 6 will dance Marryuna. These songs have been on the bell music all week.

Narkula

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwXUyl04wOM>

Marryuna

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxjFNvwZUhA>

NAIDOC Week is an Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE

We are all feeling a bit tired at the end of term. But it is very exciting seeing the props arriving in the hall and costume fittings happening. We now have a new Wakakirri banner, that I will put out each day to remind students they have a rehearsal. There is an official Waky Window on the school administration block. Check it out.

Our DRESS REHEARSAL IS SUNDAY 28TH JULY, 1pm-5pm. Please check that this is in your diary. It is essential ALL students attend to receive their cast T-shirt, dinner orders, ticket allocations and their amazing costume bags. Extra details will be emailed shortly.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. Looking forward to more exciting drama activities in Term 3.

Mz. Karyn Johnson

TWPS Drama Teacher & Wakakirri Director.

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Pyjama Day

@ TWPS

5th July

Come to school warm and snuggly
in your favourite PJs or onesie!!!

For this privilege
bring a gold coin donation please.