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Term 3 WEEK 2

Throughout the week—
Stage 2 and 3 Hills Net-
work Public speaking IN
CLASS completion

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Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

TERM 3	
26 July	Stage 2 PSSA: Pennant Hills Park Stage 3 PSSA: Ron Payne Oval and Courts
30 July	CARES Year 5
31 July	CARES Year 5 Stage Band, Opera House
1 August	K-2 Athletics Carnival at TWPS
5 August	Education Week – special assembly, open class- rooms 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
21 August	Zone Track events including 800m finals
29 August	Wakakirri Heat
TERM 4	
28 October	Grandparents Day

This Week's Update

I do hope this finds our Thornleigh West families refreshed after a relaxing holiday break. In returning this term, I can't help think of the wonderful event filled end we had to Term 2. We are certainly lucky to have such a rich learning environment and student leadership team.

Special thank you to Ms Johnson for teaching, coordination and creating our NAIDOC week celebrations. There were many highlights, our welcome to country from Taylor L and Callum U, the whole school performance pieces linked to their learning in drama classes, our special guest speaker Uncle Neil from the Manly Warringah Pittwater Aboriginal Support Group who lead a smoking ceremony that each student could participate in as well as gifting the school an amazing series of books on dreaming stories, Guringai language and the natural world (pictured below). We are grateful for the connection made with Uncle Neil and hope to work and learn with him again in the future.

NAIDOC Photos



Congratulations to our Kindergarten students and teachers who celebrated their 100th day of BIG school – well done to all of you!! The students enjoyed a day full of 100 themed activities around literacy, numeracy and creative arts. Students even had an ageing photo... my photo certainly brought out some aged characteristics!!



Mrs. Granville's 100 year old photo—helping celebrate kindergarten's 100 days of school!

Holiday Updates

The holiday period has certainly been one of projects around our grounds that have given a few areas a much needed improvement. The old 'silver seat' space in front of the library has been re surfaced with artificial turf as has the surrounds of the sand pit. This has created a great space to meet with large groups or to be utilised as an eating area. The support unit area has also had a section of soft fall added which will provide a much more useable space for the students outdoor learning or playground space.

Thanks to our hard working P&C for providing the funding for these projects.



Child protection lessons

This is a reminder that the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) makes **Child Protection Education a mandatory component** of public schools and its students.

As in previous years, students will be involved in a series of Child Protection activities led by classroom teachers as part of the DEC's Personal Development curriculum. These activities will take place in **Semester 2**.

Please be aware of the **personal nature of topics** covered during these activities.

Child Protection activities cover the following areas:

Kindergarten	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
Protection Yes and No Feelings Body Parts Touch – Permission/ Unwanted touch – NO Warning Signals Safe and Unsafe situa- tions	Year 1 Topics: Relationships Rights & Responsibili- ties Feelings Body Parts Touch – Permission/ Unwanted touch – NO Networks Saying NO Prepared to GO Year 2 Topics: Kinds of Touch Caring for Others Protection Privacy Safe and Unsafe Situa- tions Happy/unhappy Se- crets Telling Persistence Assertiveness	Year 3 Topics: Recognising Abuse – Protection and body arts Physical / Sexual Abuse Relationships – Bribes and threats Protective Strategies – Networks and safety strategies Year 4 Topics: Recognising Abuse - Identifying safe and unsafe situa- tions Body Parts Feelings & Warning signals Relationships - Bullying Rights and responsibili- ties Protective Strategies – Secrets and seek- ing help Assertiveness	Year 5 topics: Types of relationships Personal rights Coercion Body parts Emotional abuse Risk situations No Go Tell Networking Community support. Year 6 topics: Expectations of gender roles Rights and responsibil- ities Harassment Physical/sexual abuse and their effect Indicators of risk Responding to risk situations Talking about it Personal networks My strategies.

All the teachers believe these activities will be great learning opportunities and positive experiences for all students involved. Thank you for your consideration and support in this essential part of your child's education.

Kind regards
 Julie Granville
 R/Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to be back at the fabulous TWPS. Thank you for your warm and friendly welcome.

I am looking forward to being part of the Years 2-6 athletics carnival tomorrow, Thursday 25th July. In the morning, the children are travelling to Pennant Hills Oval via bus. This means there are going to be 10 buses in our carpark and drop off area first thing in the morning. Our suggestion would be to stay clear of this area if you are in a car as you may get parked in. Also please be careful if you are a pedestrian with this amount of traffic around. The buses should be gone by 9:30am.

We welcome your efforts to dress the children in their house colours for the day. Below is a reminder of the colours for each house.

Sturt – green

Flinders – red

Macquarie – yellow

Ruse – blue

All parents are invited to join in the fun on the day by being a cheering squad of enthusiastic spectators! As a bonus on the day there will be a coffee cart and a sausage sizzle.

A reminder that the K-2 athletics day is in Week 2.

Enjoy all the small moments with your children this week.

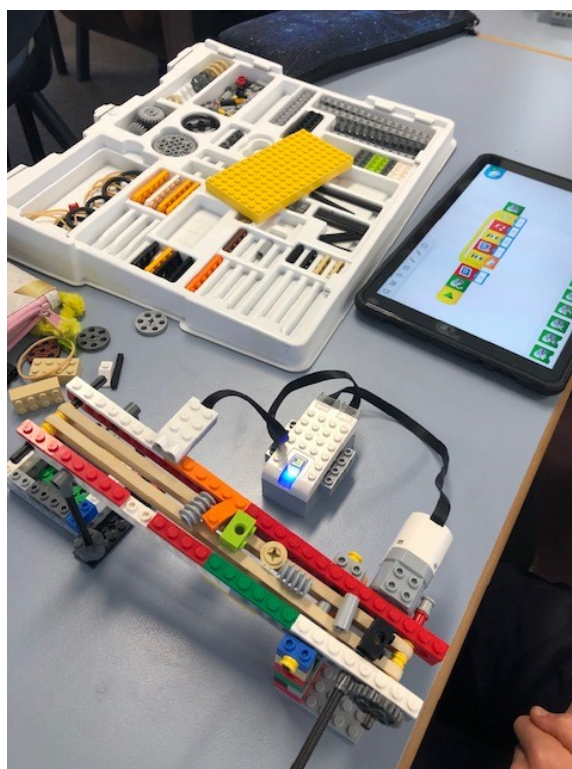
Kind Regards

Sarah Allen - R/Deputy Principal

Stage 3 Robotics

Years 5 and 6 have taken part in an amazing Robotics Program in Term 2 and are continuing into Term 3. This week the students in Year 5 followed the instructions to create a 'Candy Factory'. Once they made and created the factory, they had to use their ever growing knowledge of coding and programming to make their conveyor belt move.

Stage 2 will get the opportunity to participate in the program mid way through Term 3.



Drama News

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE

Just 5 sleeps until our DRESS REHEARSAL, SUNDAY 28TH JULY. Arrival times are ...

1pm - witches, top hat dancers, leads

1:15 - rich girls

1:30 - kings guard

1:45 - soldiers

Check your emails for make-up and costume requirements from home. It is essential ALL students attend to receive their cast T-shirt, dinner orders, ticket allocations and their amazing costume bags.

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.

Everyone at TWPS will have a chance to see our item on Thursday 8th August.

TERM 3 DRAMA - FROM ZERO 2 HERO

Here we go, getting ready for our drama performances. In the last week of term every class will perform stories of their favorite sports team hero. That is, the names of our sports teams - Ruse, Flinders, Sturt, Macquarie. These great men also had a low point in their life when their community forgot them. We will discover how they went from Zero to Hero, with the help of their wives and their Aboriginal friends.

Mz. Karyn Johnson

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Dance group

The Dance Group had an enormous last two weeks of Term 2.

5 performances in 2 weeks to kick the start our performance season.

Our spectacular dance is titled "A Day at the Sport Track". This dance tells a story and each performer plays an important role. To begin our story all the contestants arrive at the sports track and get ready to start the day (lets hope they stretch!). Suddenly the referee appears, the whistle blows and they are off. During the performance you see first hand the competitors competing in events such as an egg and spoon race, a tug of war, a sack race and a running race. But who will win, this is the big question?

With great excitement and some nerves we started our very first performance of the year at Sydney Opera House, competing in the prestigious Sydney Eisteddfod. This eisteddfod is one of the largest and most successful competitive performing arts competitions in Australia. With a forecast of rain and hail warnings, we were grateful that the sun shone for us. Backstage we had a private room with harbour views to wait in. Myself and Mrs Browne were amazed by the performance and behavior of all students, we could not have been prouder. All day our students were the talk of backstage crew members and teachers from other schools who positively praised the behaviour and outstanding manners shown by the dance group. As a result of the students spectacular performance we were awarded a highly commended award. This amazing result was out of 48 schools and we scored 90/100, this was a huge honour.

The adjudicator comments included;

- Fun and effective way to begin
- Excellent use of the steps to suit the routine
- Very nice expression from you all, telling the story
- Refine the pattern and storytelling
- Excellent use of your props throughout
- Some nice sharp arm movements used- well done
- Fabulous work, very entertaining



Earlier in the year, the dance group auditioned for Sydney North Dance Festival to which we were successful. This included a rehearsal and photograph session, 2 evening performances and a matinee performance. In each show, we were one of the last two dances to perform and close, which is a huge privilege. Once again, we were complemented about the behaviour and respect shown by our students. At one of our performances, a committee member representative approached me and said she would like to nominate us for the NSW State Dance Festival, what an amazing achievement. We then auditioned for this event and are eagerly awaiting the outcome from the committee. On the day of our matinee, we went and watched a whole dance show. The students enjoyed being in the audience and watching dances from other schools. We then had lunch at our favourite restaurant as a special treat to celebrate the commitment and effort by every student.

We are so proud of all the students, they have showed total commitment and made wonderful achievements. A massive thankyou to Mrs Browne and Miss Waldron for their continued support at all performances. Another massive thankyou to the parents and family members for their support and assistance. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

E. Lundstrom – Dance Coordinator



Community News

Bryce (year 6) is an ice hockey goalie for the Sydney Bears Ice Hockey Club. During the school holidays, Bryce played for the Sydney Bears in Newcastle in a tournament against teams from across the country, playing 11 pool games and 2 finals. He came home with GOLD!! Congratulations Bryce!



**Thornleigh Baseball
Try Baseball Day**

**Sunday July 28th 10am-12pm
Ruddock Park**

Bring the kids for a chance to try throwing,
pitching, hitting and catching.
We will also have a free sausage sizzle!

Thornleigh Baseball was voted
Club of the Year for the last two years and
we are an Active Kids provider.

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