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Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

TERM 3	
26 September	Drama Performance K-6
27 September	NRL Icy pole Giveaway at Year 6 vs Teachers Oz Tag game
TERM 4	
14 October	Students Return
15 October	Yr3-6 Assembly 2:15pm
17 October	Junior Choir combined rehearsal KO Cricket
18 October	TWPS World Teachers' Day
19/20 October	Family Photo Day P&C Fundraiser
21 October	Debate (home) WPHPS
22 October	K-2 Assembly and band 2:15pm
23 October	Interrelate 1—Year 6
28 October	Grandparents' Day Stage 3 to Gibberagong
29 October	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm K-6 Assembly 2:20pm
30 October	Interrelate 2—Year 6
31 October	Band Instrument Have a Go Day. Year 2 students and interested Yr3-5 at recess - School hall
1 November	Kindy Transition #1 Girls Basketball KO Interstate final - Penrith
4 November	Band Information Night - School Hall 7pm
12 November	Mufti Day—Chocolate Block Donation
23 November	TWPS Movie Night—3pm-9:30pm
28 November	Band Meeting and AGM - Staffroom 7:30pm
3 December	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm
11 December	Year 6 Fun Day
13 December	Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell - Hornsby RSL
15 December	Gingerbread House Family Event 2-4pm
16 December	Kindy Graduation Day Treetops - Year 6
17 December	Class Parties and Helpers Morning Tea
18 December	Variety Show Last day of Term 4 for students

This Week's Update

P&C Fundraising

Thank you to the P&C for another amazing fund raising effort. The Coon Toastie truck was a great success with the majority of children ordering 1 or 2 toasted cheese sandwiches.

Bushfire procedures

Please read the information on the following pages about our bush fire procedures. Our status as an area of serious bushfire threat has been upgraded and as a result there have been some very important changes to our procedures.

Tell Them From Me Survey

The Tell Them From Me Survey is ready for you to respond to. We would really value your feedback and greatly appreciate the time you take to fill out the survey. The instructions on how to log in are on the following page.

It has been a truly wonderful term, full of rich classroom and outdoor learning, as well as many extra curricular opportunities for our students. It is a privilege to lead in a school of outstanding educational practice. Thank you to the students for inspiring us everyday, to the teachers for rising to the challenge of keeping their teaching on the cutting edge and to our amazingly supportive community for your partnership in learning.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Kind regards
Julie Granville
R/ Principal



The Annual *Tell Them From Me* parent survey (Term 3, 2019)

Parent FAQ document for the parent survey:

https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T3_2019.pdf

Tell The From Me – Parent Survey!

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/vp2vb>.

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Student non-consent forms were sent home last week (on yellow paper) for years 4-6. This is an opt out form.

Thank you for your assistance.

Deputy's Message

Life Education

The school is lucky to have secured the Life Education Van for Term 4. A note will go home this week detailing the courses the children will participate in. These programs are all taught by an experienced Life Education educator and relate directly to the Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education syllabus that is mandatory for all children. Lessons are highly engaging and spark interesting conversations. Please remember to electronically return your permission note as soon as you receive it.



Term 4 sport

We have divided the children into groups for their term 4 sport. All children received their first choice. The groups are listed on the notice board outside the office. Sports that require payment will be invoiced. Please ensure the sporting payment is made before your child attends their sport.

Robotics

The children are thoroughly enjoying their robotics lessons in Stage 2. These lessons will continue into Term 4 until week 4. Stage 1 will participate in robotic lessons from weeks 1-9 and Early Stage 1 will enjoy ending their year with robotic lessons in weeks 5-9.

Remember to book your Grandparents and Grandfriends for our fabulous Grandparents' Day on October 28th.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday,

Kind regards

Sarah Allen

R Dep/Principal

BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The Westleigh Area is renowned for its high bushfire threat. The staff at Thornleigh West Public School, in consultation with our local Emergency Services, are compiling a comprehensive Bushfire Plan for our school in the event of a bushfire emergency. Procedures are in place to deal, safely and confidently, with a fire burning in the local district or impacting on our school site. This statement is an outline of our school plan. If you wish to view our full School Plan, please see the front office. There are some clear instructions for families in this document.

Please read it carefully. In many situations it is better that you **DO NOT** collect your child from school as driving on roads may be dangerous to you and to Emergency Services.

Our school has been flagged as “high risk” of a bushfire directly impacting on our school; along with a high risk of embers and smoke impacting us in certain weather conditions.

RELEASE OF CHILDREN

On days of Extreme Bush Fire Danger, parents/guardians or authorised adults may collect children from school at any time during the day by signing them out at the front office.

We will not release children at the end of school day if we know a fire is burning in or threatening the district unless parents or authorised adults come for the children. If you arrive at school and find the situation has worsened, you will be better to stay safe in our designated “Shelter in Place”, the school Hall.

Children **will NOT** be dismissed to other parents on a telephone call request. We will only release children to parents/guardians or those adults authorised as Emergency Contacts. It is imperative that you keep your Emergency Contacts up to date. This must be done in writing – no telephone message will be taken as authority.

PROCEDURES

Children will remain in their classrooms whilst it is safe to do so.

- In the case of a fire actually threatening, the school children will move to our designated “Shelter in Place”, the school Hall and remain in there until the fire has completely passed or unless otherwise advised.
- The Emergency Response Team, consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principals, Chief Fire Wardens and First Aid Officer are in control at all times.



BUSHFIRE PROCEDURES. (Teachers will keep a copy in their Duty Bags)

We have broken down our Bushfire Procedures into four stages:-

- **Total Fire Ban Days.**
- **Fire Reported in Local District.**
- **Fire in the immediate vicinity or impacting on the site; and**
- **Recovery.**

Teachers will discuss these four stages with their children early in Terms 1 and 4 each year.

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY

School Action:

- ◆ Teachers will mark and check their Rolls carefully and make a note of any child signed in/out of school early/late, taking particular care to know where all class members are during the day.
- ◆ Discuss the Bushfire Drill with the students.
- ◆ Reconsider any excursions.



Family Action:

- ◆ Listen to local media reports and await advice from the School on School Stream app and/or messages.

FIRE REPORTED IN OUR LOCAL DISTRICT

School Action:

- ◆ The Emergency Kit is to be placed in the Hall by Administration staff.
- ◆ Children in spaces other than their classroom will return to their classroom for supervision by the classroom teacher.
- ◆ Class Teachers will check the roll.
- ◆ Class Teachers will discuss with their children the Level of Alert and route to the Hall if it is necessary.
- ◆ Teachers will have Class Rolls ready.
- ◆ No child is to be released unless to a parent or a person nominated as an Emergency Contact.

Family Action:

- ◆ Listen to local radio and media for bushfire updates that may start to designate local areas and streets and await advice from the School on School Stream app and/or messages.
- ◆ Decide to collect children if safe (children will only be signed out to nominated Emergency Contacts)
- ◆ If smoke and embers have caused the closure of some roads **DO NOT** leave home – the children will be safe at school.

FIRE IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OR IMPACTING ON SITE

School Action:

- All students, staff and visitors will move to the Hall on hearing the siren or being informed personally by the Principal or in the event of his/her absence, the Deputy Principal.
- The Principal will ensure all persons are accounted for and in the Hall.
- Classroom teachers will do a roll call of students in their care.
- Front Office staff will monitor phones and parents arriving at school.
- All persons sheltering in the Hall will prepare for arrival and passage of the fire front.

The Emergency Response Team will:-

- Ensure all persons are located away from windows and unnecessary movement is limited;
- Provide regular updates at an appropriate level to students and adults;
- Safely observe the situation outside the building and relay this information back to all persons in the Hall;
- Assist all students and adults to remain calm; and
- Outline possible plans of action with the staff and students, after the front has passed .

Any other adults on the property are to report to the Principal for instructions.

Hall will be sealed off as best as possible to prevent smoke inhalation.

All persons will be given face shields and bottled water to prevent smoke inhalation.

Ensure that windows are closed tightly.

Stay in Hall until fire front passes even if roof and window frames are alight.

The Emergency Response Team will signal when it is safe to leave the Hall.

Family Action:

Listen to local radio and media for bushfire updates that may start to designate local areas and streets and await advice from the school.



RECOVERY STAGE

School Action:

- Staff will remain with the students at all times and will account for their safety.
- Class teachers will mark students off the roll as they are collected.
- Small spot fires will be extinguished by an able staff member.
- The Emergency Response Team will determine when people should leave the Hall.
- Principal to give decision on how to evacuate staff and students determining safety always.

Family Action:

- Listen to local radio and media updates to determine when it is safe to come to school to collect your children. Instructions will be given to parents via our school's official Facebook page.
- **DO NOT** travel on roads unless they are safe – the children are safe at school.
- When you come to collect your children, please bear in mind that parents will all be arriving at once to collect their children as quickly as possible and emotions will be high. Please be respectful of others.

Band News



My child is thinking of joining the band. When do they rehearse? Training Band rehearses once per week on Tuesday mornings 7:45-8:45am. Each student will also require a 30 min tutor session per week. Tutors can be recommended via the website.

Band is open to all Year 2 and interested students from Years 3-5. Choosing your instrument preference is a fun time. All Year 2 students enjoy the try-out morning and learning about the instruments. Whether your child is wanting to join the band or not, it is a great hands-on lesson. If joining the band, each child will be able to nominate 3 instruments as their preferred choice. The band director and conveners will then decide on instrument allocation according to preference, physical ability and the balance of the band.

Further information will be provided next term and at the information evening.

How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins (5min video) – How do we get fireworks to go off in your brain!

What instruments are included in a concert band at TWPS and are available to hire?

Woodwind instruments – Flute, Clarinet, Alto / Tenor Saxophone.

Brass Instruments – Trumpets, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Baritone Horn, Tuba.

Bass Instruments – Bass Guitar, Keyboard.

Percussion (Glock only provided for home use) – Mallets (Glockenspiel, Xylophone), Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Tuned Percussion (Timpani), Auxiliary Percussion (triangles, shakers, whistles, wood block etc)

*The above instruments can be hired from the school. Other instruments can join the band, however will need to be discussed with the Committee and Band Director Mr David Bell.

Further Information will be sent home to each child in Year 2 at the start of next term. If your child is in an older year, please email the band for this information.

Relevant dates for further information are below in Italics.



Dates for your Diary

Term 4

- Stage Band Auditions - TBC
- Mon 7th Oct – Manly Jazz Festival – Stage Band
- Tue 22nd Oct – TB playing at the K-2 Assembly. Mentors will demonstrate instruments on offer for TB 2020.
- Mon 28th Oct – Grandparents Day – all bands
- Thurs 31st October – Instrument Have a Go day – for all new potential 2020 band members Year 2 and above. (Kids only)
- Mon 4th November – Band Information Night for all new Band families in 2020 – SCB playing.
- Fri 8th November – TB 2020 forms due.
- Sun 3rd November – Hornsby North Band Festival, Hornsby North P.S. – ALL BANDS.
- Sun 23rd Nov – Movie Night – SCB playing
- **Thur 28th November – Last committee Mtg for 2019 – Annual General Meeting – Election (note: this is a Thursday).**
- Sun 8th Dec – Band and Jnr Choir End of year concert – Kids to arrive 1:30pm for a 2-3:30pm concert, followed by party food.
- Final Rehearsals - TB finish on 10th Dec, JCB finish on 9th Dec, SCB 10th Dec, Stage 12th Dec
- Combined JCB/SCB Rehearsal on Tuesday arvo 10th December until 4pm
- Combined Stage Band 2019/2020 Rehearsal on Thursday afternoon 12th December until 4:15pm
- Sunday 15th December – Thornleigh Carols at Headen Park, Stage Band

Band Committee Meetings - Week 9 (Tue 17/9), Week 4 (Tue 5th Nov), Week 7 / AGM (Thurs 28th Nov).

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)

Community News



VENUE: Pennant Hills High School Oval

DAY: Monday

START DATE: 4th November 2019

FINISH DATE: 9th March 2020

No Play from 16 Dec 2019 till 27 Jan 2020 (included)

TIMES: 4:30pm - 6:30pm (30min time slots)

Mixed competitions Under 8s, 10s, 12s & 14s

Or try our League Stars program for 4 - 7y.o

More information: www.leaguestars.com

REGISTRATION COST

\$80 includes playing shorts and shirts

League Stars program \$49 includes footy pack (4 weeks)

* NSW Active Kids Voucher accepted *

nswrl.com.au

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northsydneyjuniorleague.com

NORMANHURST WEST, THORNLEIGH WEST, PENNANT HILLS,
WARRAWEE & TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Music by
Moonlight

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

CONCERT STARTS 5.15PM

NORMANHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

DARTFORD ROAD, THORNLEIGH 2120

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us at NWPS for a magical night, as we celebrate and showcase our talented local primary school bands.

- Bands are to arrive by 4.45pm. Concert starts 5.15pm.
- Sausage sandwiches & drinks will be available to purchase.
- Seating is outside, so please bring warm clothes.
- Please allow time for parking - street parking is limited.
- Entry with a gold coin donation.

