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NEWSLETTER

Hello and Welcome Family and Friends  
Thornleigh West Public School

TERM 3, WEEK 7  
4 SEPTEMBER 2019

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## Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

TERM 3	
7 August-13th September	Canteen Fresh Fruit and Vege Promotion
10 September	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm
24 September	Mufti Day—Coon Toastie Truck Lunch Drama Performance - Support Unit
25 September	Drama Performance K-6
26 September	Drama Performance K-6
27 September	NRL Icy pole Giveaway at Year 6 vs Teachers Oz Tag game
TERM 4	
19/20 October	Family Photo Shoot Fundraiser
28 October	Grandparents' Day
29 October	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm
12 November	Mufti Day—Chocolate Block Donation
23 November	TWPS Movie Night—3pm-9:30pm
3 December	P&C Meeting—School Library 7:30pm
15 December	Gingerbread House Family Event

## This Week's Update

### Swim Scheme

Thanks to our year 2 students for starting out on their two-week intensive swim scheme program. The students have done very well already having had their initial assessment, first lessons and water safety. The program gives the opportunity for students to develop skills and builds awareness of water safety, so crucial for a summer of active involvement in water environments. Thanks to Mrs Batson and the year 2 team for helping make the program run so smoothly. It's like an excursion everyday!



### WAKAKIRRI

The lunch time practice, preparation, rehearsals, costume work, weekend rehearsals and school show go a long way to building the anticipation of Wakakirri, but nothing quite gets me prepared to see just how wonderful it is to see our students perform. Last Thursday evening 100 of our students from years 3 – 6 were hosted by the Riverside Theatre as we performed in the Wakakirri heats for 2019.

Our students shone! They were absolutely fabulous and had the audience captivated. Ms Johnson, every year seeing how the parts and practice combines to make a 7minute feature story dance come to life on the big stage, is truly remarkable. I'd like to thank Ms Johnson, Mrs Clay, Miss Singh, Miss Lundstrom and Mrs Crothers for helping make Wakakirri 2019 possible and providing such a rich creative arts opportunity for so many students. To the countless parents who work behind the scenes on costumes, dance practice, lunch time rehearsal and more - THANK YOU!

Front row seats were a marvellous vantage point as Mrs Mamo and I enjoyed the evening of performances, where this year we were lucky enough to be opening act. At the closing of the evening, we were awarded most creative reuse of materials for sets and props award, best teamwork award and participation award. Congratulations to absolutely everyone involved!

WAKAKIRRI PHOTOS





## Enrolment

Please be aware that any new enrolments are to be considered under the Department's Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy and the General Enrolment Procedures (2019), available on the Department's internet site at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>

While parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice, acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend and the school being able to accommodate the child. In some circumstances, where schools are over their designated enrolment cap and local enrolment buffer, non-local enrolment applications, including those of siblings, are not able to be accepted by the school. **Please be aware that Thornleigh West School has now exceeded our enrolment cap and are unable to accept non-local enrolments.** As a result of policy being delivered late in the school year, and to be procedurally fair, we will be honouring any understandings reached with individual parents prior to the commencement of this term related to siblings for a 2020 start only. Please be aware that this is a state-wide policy and we do not have discretion to not follow the policy.

For further information please refer to the school Student Enrolment Procedure and Protocols, available on the school's website. If you are considering moving you may wish to refer to the School Finder tool <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder> to see if any siblings will be eligible to enrol at Thornleigh West Public School in the future.

## Tell Them From Me Survey 2019

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.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available [here](#).

Frequently asked questions are explored [here](#):

## Father's Day

Our MDFDGG, Mother's Day and Father's Day Gift Group, a sub committee of the P&C have had another wonderful year!

To see the hall full to overflowing with families sharing a morning together as well as a scrumptious breakfast, brought home to me the overwhelming sense of community we have at Thornleigh West. We are truly lucky to have such a caring, supportive and involved community. It is also wonderful to see how we give back to each other to say thank you. The Father's Day stall led by another team of friendly volunteers, provided students with the opportunity to purchase a small gift for Dad, Grandad, Pop or a friend. Thank you to the whole committee and for continuing to support our school. We very much appreciate all the ways you help make Thornleigh West such a fabulous place to be.

*To all the amazing men  
in the Thornleigh West  
community,*

*We would like to thank  
you for attending the  
Father's Day Breakfast  
this year! We hope you  
enjoyed your Father's  
Day and when you get a  
chance, some comic  
relief whilst reading the  
jokes attached.*

*Happy Father's Day!*

*- The TWPS Breakfast  
Club*

### **TWPS DAD JOKES 2019**

**Q: What is red and awful for your teeth?**

**A: A brick**

*Joke by Craig (Archie W 6C)*

**Q: What's ET short for?**

**A: Because he has small legs.**

*Joke by Michael (Charli H 4B) AND by Pete (Charlie B 4LM, Evie B 1H)*

**Q: How many months have 28 days?**

**A: All of them (they have 28, 29, 30, 31)**

*Joke by Florencio (Diego V 2W)*

**Q: Why did the tomato blush?**

**A: Because he saw the salad dressing.**

*Joke by Nick (Xavier F 3E, Elliot F 1H)*

**Q: What's a crocodile's favourite game?**

**A: Snap**

*Joke by Kiara S 1H*



## Parent Teacher Interviews - Bookings Open



Parent teacher interviews will be held over weeks 9 and 10 of term. These interviews are an opportunity to discuss the Semester 1 report and/or your child's progress.

Online bookings are now open. Parent / teacher interviews may, however, be made at other times using the green appointment slip in the office foyer. Please use this method of making an appointment or call the school office and leave a message for the teacher if you require a time to meet.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au).

- Enter the code
- Unique parent code is **dc6sq** and click "Go"

A screenshot of the online booking form. It shows a white text input field with the placeholder text 'Enter code...' and a green button with the text 'Go' in white. The entire form is set against a light blue background.

### Bookings will close on Thursday 12 September

**Late evenings are until 7pm:**

**Years K – 2 – Tuesday 17 September**

**Years 3 – 6 – Tuesday 24 September**

**6C interview bookings are now closed. Interviews are being held 4, 9 and 11 September.**

Finally... Good luck to our amazing Dance Group!!

Next Tuesday, the group performs at the State Dance Festival, after being approached to be included in the prestigious event. The students will also be able to learn through a workshop of specialised dance instructors during the event. Looking forward to hearing all about it!

Kind regards  
Julie Granville  
R/Principal

## Deputy's Message

### Interschool debating

Last week saw our Interschool debating team apply their developing skills to great affect in a debate with an incredibly difficult topic - *Talking is more powerful than listening*. Arguing the affirmative, their points were very clever, in particular highlighting the importance and power of words through people such as Dr Martin Luther King. Although they were not the winning team, their arguments were well thought through, clearly structured and their public speaking skills were excellent. A great job team - good luck in your next debate.

### Classroom access

A reminder that if parents or students need to collect anything from the classroom before or after school, could they please enter the room when the classroom teacher is present.

Kind regards

Sarah Allen

R/Deputy Principal

### Debating Report

*On Friday, the debating team had their first debate. The topic was "Talking is more powerful than listening". We were the affirmative team, which means that we agreed with the topic. The team from Normanhurst Public School argued that listening was more powerful. Caitlin K was the first speaker, Abby C was the second speaker, Zach G was the third speaker and Kinshuk S was the team advisor. Noah U was the chairperson for the debate and Catherine L was the time keeper. Even though we lost, we learnt a lot and had a good time. The team from Normanhurst were very good, especially at rebuttals. We had such a supportive audience, with students, teachers and a few parents from Thornleigh West coming out to watch the debate. We can't wait till the next debate!*

*Debating Team*



## Band News

### HELP NEEDED!

Message from the Band committee: Our hard working treasurer Claudine is swamped and needs assistance. The role requires no financial background. You will be assisting her in tasks such as maintaining Creative Kids vouchers online, redeeming vouchers online and recording instrument assets on a register. This role does not require you to attend meeting or be present in school hours. If you are willing to assist Claudine, please email the band. Thank you for considering.

**Instrument Servicing in October school holidays** - Horns, Trumpets, Trombones and Tubas will be serviced. Students affected will be emailed.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Term 3

- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Sept - JCB playing at K-6 Assembly
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September – NWPS Music by Moonlight – SCB playing – Community welcome
- **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September – Band Bunning Cake Stall Fundraiser - ALL**
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – SCB Open Rehearsal for parents / OOSH / New band members (all welcome to watch)

#### Term 4

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

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

Email is the Band's primary form of communication so please contact us at [twpsband2011@gmail.com](mailto: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)



## Drama News

### FROM ZERO 2 HERO - TUES 24TH, WED 25TH & THURS 26TH SEPTEMBER

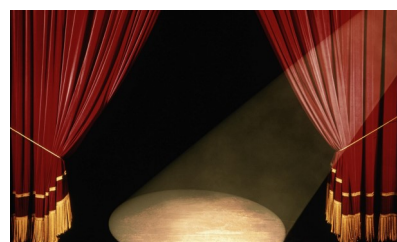
Everyone should now have a script and know their character in their class play.

Discover the lives of the men and women behind our sport team names. James & Elizabeth Ruse; Matthew & Anne Flinders; Charles & Charlotte Sturt; Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie. And also hear from their Aboriginal contemporaries. Bennelong & Barangaroo; Bungaree; Pemulwuy & Windradyne; Nadbuck & Cambili.

Students should provide their own simple costumes. These can be of period style or a modern interpretation. No masks or sheets covering faces.

<u>Tuesday 2:30pm</u>	Comets, Stars and Rockets - Ruse
<u>Wednesday 10am</u>	1YC - Ruse 1H - Flinders 4L - Sturt 6C - Macquarie
<u>Wednesday 11:30am</u>	KB - Ruse 1GM - Flinders 3DZ- Sturt 5DS - Macquarie
<u>Wednesday 2pm</u>	KG - Ruse 2SA - Flinders 4K - Sturt 6B - Macquarie
<u>Thursday 10am</u>	KP - Ruse 2ML - Flinders 3B - Sturt 5W – Macquarie
<u>Thursday 11:30am</u>	KR - Ruse 2W - Flinders 4B - Sturt 5C – Macquarie
<u>Thursday 2pm</u>	KY - Ruse 2CT - Flinders 3E - Sturt 6S - Macquarie

Mz. Karyn Johnson  
TWPS Drama Teacher & Wakakirri Director.  
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[wakakirri@drawbridgedrama.com.au](mailto:wakakirri@drawbridgedrama.com.au)



## AusKick Clinic is starting in Week 6

Before school 8am – 9am



**Auskick is coming to your school!**

NAB AFL Auskick is the best fun you can have being active! In weekly sessions, Auskickers explore the world of AFL, build football skills and play in a safe and super fun setting!

**Register at [play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)**

**Kicking off Wednesday 28th Aug**

Sessions running 8am - 9am (4 week program)

**PROGRAM LEADER**

Tyler Rogers

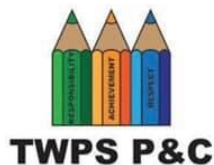
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## Community News

### P&C News:

Order your COON TOASTIES for the Mufti Day event ASAP! Go to Flexischools to order NOW



**THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**P&C Meeting Agenda**  
**Date: Tuesday 10th September 2019**  
**Place: School Library**  
**Time: 7.30pm**

#### 1. Opening and Apologies

#### 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting - 6th August 2019

#### 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 4. Correspondence

4.1 Email regarding Fathers Day Stall

#### 5. Principal's Report

#### 6. Reports – P&C Subcommittees

- 6.1 President - Vanessa Erickson
- 6.2 Treasurer – Shirely Lou
- 6.3 Uniform shop – Janine Sherlock
- 6.4 Canteen – Jane Barnwell
- 6.5 MDFDGG – Janine Sherlock
- 6.6 Band – Robin Beard
- 6.7 Green Thumbs - Emma Fenton
- 6.8 Fundraising - Joanne McAdam

#### 8. Agenda Items

8.1 Dungeon - Julie Tanger

#### 9. General Business

#### 10. Closing

11. Next Meeting - 29th October 2019



## BEARS BLUES TAG



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](http://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](http://nswrl.com.au)

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[northsydneyjuniorleague.com](http://northsydneyjuniorleague.com)

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

PRESENT...

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.

