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Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

TERM 3	
24 September	Mufti Day—Coon Toastie Truck Lunch Kindy farm incursion - kindy farmer mufti day 1-6 'Footy Fever Mufti-day' 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

Thank you – Working Bee

Our garden which is a flourishing sanctuary and place of much learning had quite a gardening makeover last weekend. With many thanks to our amazing team of parent volunteers from the **Greenwood, Fenton, Nicoll, Tanger** and **Hannely** families along with our ever enthusiastic Mrs Susan Liddle. The garden now has two beds that are being watered using the 'wicking' method. This sustainable, water saving method improves efficiency in water practice. More information can be found [here](#).

Our garden is a place to explore, a place to learn, a place to find our friends and grow produce all year round. Thank you to all families for making this transformation such a great success. Now to the planting, I think the next crop is tomatoes.. YUM!

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Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN results will come home on Friday of this week.

In the National Assessment Program, the results across the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 literacy and numeracy assessments are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. The achievement scale represents increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in these assessments.

Ongoing formative assessments and/or classroom observations are also used to track student learning. Teachers use this data to change their teaching and move learning forward. If you would like to discuss your child's results please make an appointment with the classroom teacher.

Drama Performance Times—24th, 25th and 26th September

<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

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 participate 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, parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour and the written reports about children's learning that is sent home twice a year. 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. 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.

Today we will also send home a paper copy of the non-consent form for all students. This will be on our yellow 'return to school' paper, as it is an opt out non-consent form.

Thank you for your assistance.

Basketball News

The Knockout Girls Basketball team is now the reigning champion of Sydney North. After soaring through their last few matches into the grand finals, they were faced with a team with incredible spirit and determination.

For the first half of the game, the opposing team produced a strong and flexible defence, capable of reacting to our offensive strategy. However in the second half, through innovative plays and coordination, the girls were able to out manoeuvre and outplay the opposition, finishing with a 29 to 20 close win.

This has given us the wonderful opportunity to continue working hard as a team and refining our skills for the interstate finals in November. Congratulations to all the girls; you have done Thornleigh West Public School proud!

- Serena Loke



Next Tuesday we are looking forward to our P&C Mufti day (footy fever) and toastie van visit for lunch. Thank you to the P&C for planning and organizing fun events to wrap up the term and celebrate a great term of learning. Our kindergarten students will be coming dressed in farmer mufti for their incursion on the same day.

Finally, let's hope the weather holds out for next week's drama performances. I have been hearing lines rehearsed and parts practiced as I have been visiting classrooms this week. Dates and times of performances included here.

Kind regards,
Julie Granville
R/ Principal

Deputy's Message

Social Media



A challenge for parents in today's world is monitoring the use of social media. Most platforms, including snapchat, instagram, and the new TikTok, have rules where under 13 year olds are not allowed to have access to them. These rules are there for a reason. All too often children are hurt because friends have made inappropriate posts, and arguments from the day can continue into the night and into the homespace. I understand the pressure children place on their parents to allow them to be involved in social media; they don't want to look like the odd one out and the platforms are specifically designed to be highly desirable and addictive. If all parents stand together and help their children to understand why they are not to have accounts for these sites, it would make it easier for families to make their experiences with social media safe and enjoyable. It takes a community to raise a child, and the Westleigh/Thornleigh community is a great one, supportive and caring. Show your care for your children by limiting their private access to social media sites and help them to navigate this new world wisely.

Below are two great sites that can answer tricky questions you may have and give you some ideas about how to work with your family in this area.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice>

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/online_safety

Ethics

TWPS offers a course in Ethics, Catholic and Protestant scripture and non/scripture. We always have a large number of people interested in sending their children to Ethics classes. Unfortunately we still have waiting lists for these classes and in some year levels we don't have teachers. Classes can only run if parents step up and become the teachers. There is no secret Departmental store of Ethics teachers!! Please look at your commitments and see if you can spare half an hour either on Wednesday for K-2 or Thursday for 3-6. Parents who teach Ethics are able to have their children in the Ethics course.

If you are interested, there is a set curriculum that people who teach ethics follow. It can be accessed on the website <https://primaryethics.com.au/>. Please consider taking a class this year or next. If you are simply interested in knowing what the curriculum looks like you can access it on the website <https://primaryethics.com.au/>

Please contact the school if you are considering teaching Ethics and we will connect you to the Ethics Coordinator.

Enjoy this beautiful rain

Kind regards

Sarah Allen




Summer Uniform

SUMMER FORMAL UNIFORM (Worn Terms 1 and 4)		WINTER FORMAL UNIFORM (Worn Terms 2 and 3)	
GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
Summer Dress with White Anklet Socks.	Short-sleeved Shirt and Dark Navy Shorts, with Dark Navy Anklet Socks.	Long-sleeved or Short-sleeved Blouse (with yellow trim) and Tunic, with Dark Navy Tights or Dark Navy Socks (anklet or knee-high)	Long-sleeved or Short-sleeved Shirt and Dark Navy Trousers, with Dark Navy Socks (anklet or knee-high).
or: Short-sleeved Blouse (with yellow trim) and Dark Navy Shorts, with Dark Navy Anklet Socks		or: Long-sleeved or Short-sleeved Blouse (with yellow trim) and Dark Navy Trousers, with Dark Navy Socks (anklet or knee-high).	
TWPS Dark Navy Fleece Jacket	TWPS Dark Navy Fleece Jacket	TWPS Dark Navy Fleece Jacket	TWPS Dark Navy Fleece Jacket
School Hat	School Hat	School Hat	School Hat
Black School Shoes	Black School Shoes	Black School Shoes	Black School Shoes
TWPS Backpack	TWPS Backpack	TWPS Backpack	TWPS Backpack
SUMMER SPORT UNIFORM (Worn Terms 1 and 4)		WINTER SPORT UNIFORM (Worn Terms 2 and 3)	
GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
Unisex Sport Polo Top and Dark Navy TWPS Sports Shorts or Navy TWPS Sports Skort, with White Sport Socks.	Unisex Sport Polo Top and Dark Navy TWPS Sport Shorts, with White Sport Socks.	Unisex Sport Polo Top and Dark Navy TWPS Sport Shorts, Navy TWPS Sports Skort or Trackpants, with White Sport Socks.	Unisex Sport Polo Top and Dark Navy TWPS Sport Shorts or Trackpants, with White Sport Socks.
Sport Trainers (any colour permitted)	Sport Trainers (any colour permitted)	Sport Trainers (any colour permitted)	Sport Trainers (any colour permitted)
		TWPS Dark Navy Fleece Jacket	TWPS Dark Navy Fleece Jacket

Band News

Stage Band 2020 – Auditions – Anyone interested in auditioning for Stage Band in 2020, please email the band your interest and let Mr Bell know at rehearsal. Audition pieces will be given out shortly.



Let's get fundraising!

**TWPS P&C BAND
CAKE STALL**

**SATURDAY 21st
September
@ BUNNINGS
THORNLEIGH**

We would really appreciate if **ALL TWPS community** could help the P & C raise money for the Band Program.

Information and cake boxes can be collected from the Hall or Office from this week.
Collection of cakes can be either
Friday 20th Sept 2:45-3:15pm in the school hall
or at Thornleigh Bunnings on the Saturday.



My child is thinking of joining the band. What instruments are available in the 2020 Training Band?

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 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! <http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins>

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 Yr 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 3

- Sat 21st September – NWPS Music by Moonlight – SCB playing – **School uniform to be worn.** Community welcome
- Sat 21st September – Band Bunning Cake Stall Fundraiser - ALL
- Tue 24th Sept – SCB Open Rehearsal for parents / OOSH / New band members (all welcome to watch)

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
- *Thur 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 9th 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 (Thursday 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

HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



Hornsby Girls High School would like to invite Year 5 students and their Parents/Caregivers to our

Open Day on Wednesday 16 October 9am – 11am

The morning activities include the Principal's address, tours of the school, performances by the school band and information regarding extra-curricular programs.


Hornsby Girls High School is a Selective High School.
Enrolment enquiries should be directed to the Selective Schools Unit:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Hornsby Girls High School Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby 02 9476 5711



NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Fostering excellence in young men through holistic education



Open Day for Prospective Students, Year 7 2021

Thursday 26 September, 2019, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.
For further information, please visit our website from September 1.

Address: 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076
(Pedestrian entrance from Denman Parade/Fraser Road)
Phone: +61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722
Web: www.normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

Community News

P&C News:

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



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

REGISTER a Team or Individual now:
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.

