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Important Dates: Term 1, 2020

TERM 1	
29 January	Kindergarten Best Start
30 January	Kindergarten Best Start
31 January	Kindergarten Best Start
3 February	First day for Kindergarten Tea & Tissues for Kindergarten Parents
4 February	5.45pm K-2 Meet and Greet
5 February	5.45pm 3-6 Meet and Greet
7 February	Choir Workshop
10 February	School Photo's
11 February	2.15pm K-6 Assembly
13 February	Swimming Carnival
17 February	TWOOSH Meeting
18 February	2.15pm Kindergarten Assembly
25 February	2.15pm Stage 1 Assembly
2 March	Scripture Commences
3 March	2.15pm Stage 2 Assembly
10 March	2.15 pm Stage 3 Assembly Matilda Performance PHHS
17 March	Mufti Day - \$5 for a Farmer 2.15pm K-6 Assembly 7.30pm P & C Meeting
21 March	Drought Angels Bush Dance
10 April	Good Friday / Last Day Term 1

This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 2020 school year. I hope you had a wonderful break. We are excited about the year of learning ahead. Term 1 is always busy. Please find some key dates for your diary. I look forward to seeing you at these up and coming events.

Some kids can't wait to get back to school, while others are shocked when they discover the holidays are about to end! Wherever your child is, these tips will help them transition back into the school routine.

Talk it up

Your child will find the end of the holidays easier if they're feeling positive about going back to school. Help them remember the things they enjoyed last year, and find some things that will excite them about this year. Some will be looking forward to being a 'big kid' (whatever their year). For others it will be the chance to make new friends, or to start a special program, or to learn a new skill.

Catch up with friends

If your child hasn't seen their friends much over the holidays, or is feeling a little nervous about being with other kids again, see if you can organise a playdate or two. This will remind them of the fun they have with their friends at school, and help them to feel more confident.

Get the gear

Do a stocktake with your child to check if they have everything they will need for school. Do their uniform, hat and shoes still fit? Do they need any stationery or equipment? Is it time to refresh their school bag, pencil case, lunchbox or water bottle? Do your stocktake early, so there's plenty of time to shop – if you leave it too late, you may not have as much choice. Remember to label everything, especially hats, jumpers, lunch boxes and water bottles, or they're likely to end up in lost property.

Get back to healthy eating

During the holidays we often indulge in a few more treats than normal. If your child is out of the habit of eating healthy meals and snacks, start reintroducing them so that they get back into eating foods that will give them the physical and mental energy they need through a school day.

Ease back in to the school routine

School holidays are a great time to take a break from the routine and just relax – stay up later, sleep in and do nothing for a while! But it can take a bit of time for kids to get back into the school routine. During the week school starts, help your child adjust by getting them to bed a little earlier each night, and up a little earlier each morning.

Set some goals

Encourage your child to set some goals for the year. For example, they might want to read their first chapter book, become confident with subtraction, or make two new friends.

I think we will all be very tired by Friday!

It is with great pleasure to introduce the TWPS executive team and teaching staff for 2020.

Executive Team

Mrs Julie Granville	Deputy Principal
Mrs Natalie Bourne	Assistant Principal Support Unit
Mrs Kath Boon	Assistant Principal Stage 3
Ms Nicole Dowd	Assistant Principal Stage 2
Mrs Robyn Batson and Mrs Edwards	Assistant Principal Stage 1
Mrs Sarah Allen	Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

Teaching Teams

Kindergarten Red	Mrs Murrie (MT) Mrs Baweja (W-F)
Kindergarten Purple	Ms Allen
Kindergarten Green ‘	Miss Stewart
Kindergarten Blue	Mrs Binet
1B	Mrs Barwell
1C	Mrs Citer
1H	Miss Hellyer
1CM	Mrs Carroll (M- Th) Mrs McHutchinson (F)
2D	Mrs Donohoe
2BE	Mrs Batson (M- W) Mrs Edwards (Th-F)
2GM	Mrs Gilleran (M-W) Mrs Muscat (Th –F)
3YT	Mrs Young (M- Th) Mrs Turnbull (F)
3F	Mrs Fernside
3DZ	Mrs De Marigny (M-Th) Mrs Zinsli (F)
3/4C	Mrs Clay
4B	Mrs Bulger
4C	Miss Chant
5E	Miss Lundstrom
5W	Miss Waldron
5DC	Mrs Crothers (M-W) Mrs Davies (Th-F)
6B	Mrs Boon
6S	Miss Singh
6L	Mrs Browne
Instructional Leader	Ms Dowd
1/2N	Mrs Bourne
2/3/4W	Mrs Williams

4/6CK	Mrs Cother (M–Th) Mrs Kolarik (F)
School Counsellor	Mr Sing
EALD	Mrs Dawson
LaST	Mrs Fogarty
RFF	Mr Watkins
RFF	Ms Part
RFF	Mrs Kolarik (W–Th)
K – 2 Literacy	Mrs Liddle (M–T)
Library	Mrs Hoffman (M–W) Mrs Robinson (W– F)

We look forward to supporting your child's learning.

Kind Regards

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Kindergarten's First Day Ever!

We are looking forward to Monday morning as we welcome almost 100 students and many family and friends to Thornleigh West for their very first day of BIG school! I honestly do still get goose bumps!

Thank you to our P&C for providing a chance to catch up in the morning at Tea & Tissues. Your generosity and kindness is always valued by our incoming families. We are looking forward very much to sharing your learning journey with you.

School Photo day

School photos will be taken on **Monday 10 February**. Order envelopes will be sent home next week and need to be **returned on photo day only please**. The photographer's instructions also indicate that an **envelope** needs to be **returned separately for each child, but only if not ordering online** (in that case an envelope does not need to be returned at all, please see envelope for instructions). **Family photos** will also be taken and **order envelopes for those are available from the office** on request.



CLASS PICTURE DAY IS
COMING SOON!

Group photos will include school captains and prefects, sports captains and vice-captains, a complimentary Year 6 group photo and photos of each of our school bands. Could band students please bring their instrument on the day. The group photos will be available for viewing online after the photo day and orders can then be made directly online (no envelope required). The complementary Year 6 group photo will be given to Year 6 students at the end of the year as part of their graduation package.

Please ensure your child is wearing their **formal summer school uniform** on the day.

Photos will be taken of all the children whether they have returned an envelope or not. This allows for late orders if applicable. Please note that the purchase of photos is not obligatory and is optional.

School stream

As well as our weekly newsletter we often communicate through our school app '**school stream**'. You can go to the app store and find it, request our school and then customise it to suits your needs; grade alerts, choir, sport etc..

Each year it may help to clear out the content and check you're signed up to all of the relevant categories.

[Update categories here](#)

[Tips for parents](#)

Scripture and Ethics

This year we will be continuing to offer Protestant, Catholic, Non Scripture and Ethics for students weekly for 30 minutes. K – 2 students have lessons on Wednesdays 9:30am to 10:00am. Years 3 – 6 students have lessons on Thursdays 9:30am to 10:00am. Students will be placed in groups from last year. Any changes can be made in writing to the office, and places will be filled based on availability. Students continuing in the group will have priority as programs build on each other from year to year and students will benefit from this continuity.

Thank you to the many volunteers that make these programs possible. Religious Education and Ethics are due to commence in week 6 of term.

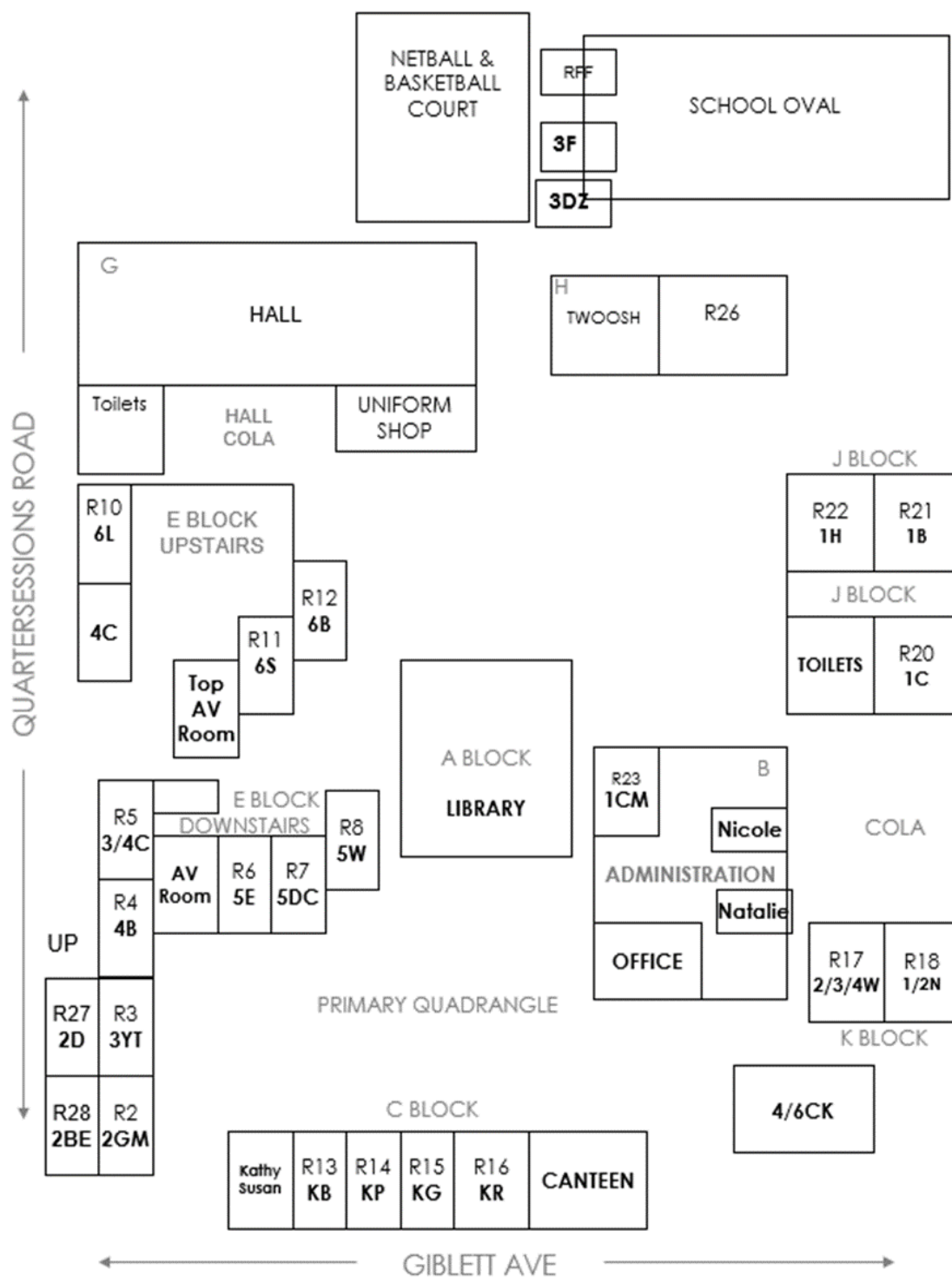
Parent Information Evenings

Date	Classes	Time	Location
4 February	Years K - 2	5.45pm until 6.45pm	• Meet in your child's classroom
5 February	Years 3 - 6	5.45pm until 6.45pm	• Meet in your child's classroom

At the information evening we will request you to complete some forms:

- Parent Helpers
- Class Parents

THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL MAP 2020



Swimming Carnival - Volunteers Needed!

The primary swimming carnival will be held 13 February at PLC Pymble. We need parents to help time. We would love you to help. If you are able to help please let the front office know.

Bus Travel

The start of the school year is also a perfect opportunity to remind students of the importance of carrying a valid Opal card and using it correctly and we need your help to achieve this.

We have found that the common reasons students don't tap on are:

- § They do not hold an Opal card and have never applied for it (largely because They are ineligible/live too close to the school),
- § They have lost or forgotten their Opal card but have not replaced it,
- § They might have a valid card, but don't see any reason to tap on and off,
- § The driver does not enforce it/ask them to TAP ON,
- § Or due to insufficient funds on their Child/Youth Opal card.

Every time a student TAPS ON and OFF, they are counted on the service – when they don't, they are invisible. Without accurate patronage data, Transport for NSW have the option to withdraw low patronised services.

We ask students to line up with their Opal cards ready. Those without are reminded to have a valid Opal card for their next journey. The drivers are also expected to ask students to TAP ON when they board.

To help you, Transdev have produced an information guide for Schools and one for distribution to Parents (available on their website). This brief flyer explains the importance of TAPPING ON and OFF and what part we can all play in helping to improve overall compliance.

<https://www.transdevnsw.com.au/opal-tickets/school-opal/>

Kind regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal

