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NEWSLETTER

Hello and Welcome Family and Friends  
Thornleigh West Public School

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## This week's update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wonderful news we will be having one parent/carer per award winner onsite for presentation day. To accommodate the 4m squared rule K – 2 Presentation Day will be 9.15am 9 December and Years 3- 6 will be 10.15am 9 December. Presentation Day will also be live streamed using a professional videographer. Invitations will be sent soon via email. We look forward to seeing you!

The last week has been busy! Filled with great learning and lots of fun. The Year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful day at Gibbergong Bobbin Head.



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Sohaaya  
 I chose this colour because it represents a kayak and a canoe since in my head I always think of canoeing as orange. It also represents happiness and cheerfulness, which were the emotions I had while going canoeing.

 This represents all the fun activities we did when we went on the excursion.

1. splash
2. exciting
3. creek
4. campsite
5. sand
6. wet
7. time limit 8:00mins
8. changed
9. towed
10. ~~the~~ fell on ground ~~stuck~~

my word

My favourite activity was canoeing because we stopped for a swim and saw so many sea animals while having lots of fun. A memorable moment was when Miss Lundstrom and I got stuck in the sandbank, then Miss Lundstrom pulled the canoe out.

### **Recount by Matthew**

At the start of the excursion Thornleigh West Public School year 5 arrived at Bobbin Head. We were split into four groups of twenty and throughout the day we did four fun activities: Team Building challenges, Canoeing or Paddle Boarding, Watercolour Art and a rainforest bushwalk.

I loved the team building challenges where we did a series of challenges to work on team building. My favourite challenge was a challenge where we needed to get from point A to point B without any of our team of five touching the ground. We got two planks of wood with string attached to it. I learnt from this game that a team is as strong as its weakest player is.

Paddle Boarding was my favourite activity, as I had never done Paddle Boarding before. In my group, 8 people did Paddle Boarding and 12 did two person Canoeing. Paddle boarding was very fun and Canoeing looked fun! Everyone had so much fun and I would recommend going there.

For the Watercolor Art we sat on rocks overlooking a beautiful twisting river, Mangroves and Rocks. We got to paint anything natural we could see. I painted the river, mangroves and trees but some of my friends painted the plants and bushes as well. There was a large range of nature to draw and I could stay there for hours.

Our final activity was bushwalking and we walked through Mangroves and rainforest and ended at a creek. My favourite part was at the mangroves where they let us pick up the tiny crabs. I picked up one and it looked awesome. At the creek we got to put our feet in the water and it was cold yet refreshing.

Overall the day was so much fun and I think everyone enjoyed it including the teachers. Everyone was tired and exhausted at the end of the day but it was so much fun. I liked Bobbin Head so much that I want to go again as we got to do Team Building challenges, Canoeing or Paddle Boarding, Watercolor Art and a rainforest bushwalk. Overall it was lots of fun for everyone and we had a great day!

### **Remembrance Day**

With thanks to our year 5 Student Representative Council (SRC) students Jasmine D, Ava A and Charlotte F who lead the service proudly. The last post was played by Logan D and The Rouse by Alex M. Both musicians' contributions were greatly appreciated as we heard the ode and whole school speaking 'lest we forget'. It was a moving ceremony.

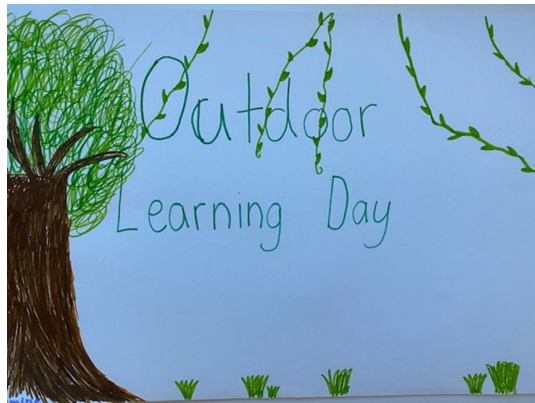


## Stage 1 Science Learning

Year 1 students had a great Science Incursion. They participated in guided investigations, posed and responded to questions and make predictions.



The SRC have organised an outdoor learning day on Thursday 26 November. The team have organised some fun activities for student to enjoy learning in our beautiful grounds.



Have a great week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Chantal Mamo".

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

## Deputy's Message

### Ethics teachers needed in 2021

Our Special Education in Ethics option is available for students in year K- 6 and runs along side the Special Religious Education program.

We have groups of interested students in all years. This program is run by volunteer teachers. Currently we do not have volunteers for year 1 and year 3. For year 1 the program will run on Wednesday afternoons from 2.15 – 2.45pm and for year 3 on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 – 3.00pm. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Ethics program coordinator Jess Mayr on ph: 0418 696 464

## Parent hub: Disability

The Department of Education is committed to Inclusive Learning and support for all children. It has recently launched a new **parent and carer hub: disability**. Here you will find information and links to support including topics 'starting school with additional needs', 'support and adjustments' and 'learning and development'.

The hub also offers further resources to download. These can be sourced through this link;

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/inclusive-learning-support>

### Inclusive learning and support for all children

NSW public schools are well prepared to support students with disability and additional learning and support needs and staff are ready to answer your questions. Find out more about how we support you and your child.



#### Starting school with additional needs

All children in NSW can enrol in their local public school. There's a place for every child. Find out where to start.



#### Support and adjustments

The support available for children at school, and requesting adjustments for child.



#### Learning and development

Early intervention options and planning for personalised learning for your child.



#### Contact us

Getting in touch with the department and your local education office.



#### Resources

Further resources to download and a glossary of words you might hear.



## Kindergarten Transition

Over the last 2 weeks we have welcomed our newest group of students, our Kindergarten 2021 enrolments. As students have met across the three class groups it has been wonderful to have the opportunity to meet the boys and girls ahead of next year. The teachers were delighted to start to get to know the students as they read stories, created some puppets and craft in response to the stories they had shared and got to spend some time, building, drawing, talking with each other as they became more familiar with the classroom and the teachers too.

**Our Kindergarten students will all be commencing school for first term on 1 February 2021.**

## School Captains and Prefects

### Role Description:

- Provide a positive role model and leadership to the student body.
- Represent the student body at school and community functions.
- Actively participate in school assembly programs.
- Chair student council meetings with the assistance of the teaching staff as requested.
- Encourage students to take pride in their school.
- Assist any student in need when necessary.
- Willingly help teachers and the community when requested.

### Essential Criteria:

- Ability to speak confidently in public.
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of work and behaviour in class and school activities.
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the principal.
- Demonstrate(d) school spirit and pride by:
  - Wearing correct school uniform.
  - Following the school rules.
  - Participating in a number of school activities.
  - Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness.

### Agreement:

Elected captains / prefects agree to relinquish their position and badge if in breach of school rules, selection criteria or failure to carry out roles and duties.

**N.B.** the principal reserves the right to make the final decision in regard to appointment of candidates and the relinquishing of duties.

### Election process 2020

Due to COVID guidelines we will be filming all 16 nominated students' speeches on Monday 30 November for viewing and then voting on Tuesday 1 December.



## Sports Captains

### Role Description:

- Provide a positive role model and leadership to the student body, especially in sport.
- Actively participate in sports programs.
- Encourage all students to take pride in their school.
- Assist any student in need when necessary.
- Willingly help teachers and the community when requested.
- Organise and support events for carnivals as necessary.
- Assist organising relay teams for swimming and athletics carnivals.
- Present sports awards as required.
- Relate house news as required, e.g. sports points at assemblies.

### Essential Criteria:

- Willingness to speak at assemblies and other functions as requested.
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of work and behaviour in class and school activities.
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the principal.
- Ability to fulfill sports contracts.
- Demonstrate school spirit and pride by:
  - Wearing correct formal or sports uniform at all times.
  - Following the school rules.
  - Participating in school sports activities.
  - Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness.
  - Having exemplary sportsmanship.
  - Encouraging teamwork and team spirit.

### Agreement:

Elected captains agree to relinquish their position and badge if in breach of school rules, essential criteria or fail to carry out their stipulated role. The principal reserves the right to make the final decision in regard to appointment of candidates and the relinquishing of duties.

### Election process 2020

The sport captain nomination process is all completed within a single day. This will be held on Thursday 3 December.



## **Band Captains**

To share leadership roles at Thornleigh West Public School, selection/election of band captains will be mindful of the policy of sharing leadership roles between as many students as possible. Due to the select number of students in a band, band captains may also hold another position within the school leadership area, but first consideration should go to students that hold no or only minor leadership positions, e.g. SRC rep, sports vice-captain. It is recognised that the first priority is for the band director to be able to appoint band captains that fulfill the role description and essential criteria below. Two students per band are selected, one boy and one girl (on condition they meet criteria below).

### **Role Description:**

- Provide a positive role model and leadership in the band.
- Represent the band at school and community functions as required/ requested.
- Actively participate in band programs.
- Encourage students to take pride in band activities.
- Assist any student in need when necessary.
- Willingly and actively help when required and / or requested.

### **Essential Criteria:**

- Satisfactory attendance and punctuality at band practices and rehearsals.
- Ability to maintain acceptable standards of behaviour in band and school activities.
- Maintain a standard of dress and grooming as deemed appropriate by the band director and principal.
- Showing trustworthiness, courtesy, reliability and helpfulness.

### **Agreement:**

Selected captains agree to relinquish their position and badge if in breach of the selection criteria or failure to carry out roles and duties.

**N.B.** The principal in consultation with the band director reserves the right to make the final decision in regard to appointment of band captains and the relinquishing of duties.

### **Election process 2020**

Both the junior and senior band captain nominations have been held this week.

**The incoming 2021 student leadership positions will be announced on Presentation Day 9 December 2020.**

## Library News

Week 8 will be the last week for borrowing books. This will give students enough time to try and find books as the library gets ready for stocktake. Overdue notices will be sent home if these are incorrect please let the library know.

Ms Hoffman - Teacher Librarian

## Variety Show 2020

It is that time of year that we start to think about the variety show. Auditions will be held week 7-8 and the big performance will be on the last two days of this term. It is not a competition, however, this year there is success criteria to ensure that effort is put into the performances. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed during both auditions and performances.

Success criteria:

- 1 performance only (group or individual)
- Prior practice must be evident (know positions, know when to begin, complete routine)
- Organisation must be evident (music and props organised prior to audition)
- K-2 students-minimum time 1 minute, maximum time 3 minutes
- 3-6 students-minimum time 1.30 minute, maximum time 3 minutes

K-2 students please tell your teacher you are interested. 3-6 students please sign up at the library window.

Mr Watkins - Variety Show Coordinator

## Prayer Group News

Please join us as we pray for TWPS and our community. Our final meeting for 2020 will be at 9am on Thursday 3 December near Oakleigh Oval.

## From the Community



ABHS

**60th**  
**Anniversary**  
**2020 → 21**

*Photo by Peter Svans  
Provided by 1979 School Captain  
Stephen Pickering*



### Asquith Boys High School

Our school has provided decades of public education for the upper north shore to the central coast. A weekend of events to celebrate this is now planned for 10-12 September 2021 (due to COVID).

A 60 Year Anniversary 'coffee table' book is also being prepared, and contains hundreds of photos, illustrations, anecdotes, clippings and reports on school life from students, teachers and the wider community.

For further information, please visit our website:  
[asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/old-boys-club](http://asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/old-boys-club)

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