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Important Dates: Term 1, 2020

TERM 1	
5 February	5.45pm 3-6 Meet and Greet
7 February	Choir Workshop
11 February	2.15pm K-6 Assembly 6.30pm Class Parent Induction meeting - Library 7.30pm P&C Meeting - Library
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 School Photo Day
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 AGM followed by P&C Meeting - Library
21 March	Drought Angels Bush Dance
10 April	Good Friday / Last Day Term 1

This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we welcomed Kindergarten 2020! Transition to school is an exciting time not just for the children but parents too! Thank you to the P&C for providing "Tea and Tissues" it was lovely to touch base with everyone and welcome you to TWPS.

Kindergarten 2020 will graduate in 2032! What skills will they need to navigate 2032:

Critical thinking to solve problems.

Creativity to think beyond the box.

Collaboration to work together to achieve a common goal.

Communication to clearly convey their ideas.

The TWPS educators look forward to nurturing your children over the coming years and instilling a love of learning.

A New Year comes with a few changes:

Communication

If you would like to make contact with your child's teacher there are three ways:

Email thornleigw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Call the front office on 9484 4242

Complete a request to see the teacher form located in the school foyer

Teachers will endeavor to make contact within 24 – 48 hours. Thank you for following this protocol.

Citizenship Medal

This will now be awarded at the gold certificate level. Please see the overview below:

Bronze	Bronze badge
Silver	Silver badge
Gold	Gold badge & Citizenship medal
Platinum	Trophy

Each term students are invited to a special activity with Mrs Mamo to celebrate their medal and "Aussie of the Month". This will no longer be a morning tea rather a fun activity once a term.

Student Birthdays

Due various allergies, logistics and healthy eating policies. We request that you do not bring food in to celebrate your child's birthday. Teachers will acknowledge your child's birthday and make it a special day for them.



2020 Routines

Getting your child ready for school in the morning can be stressful – school lunches, forgotten permission slips, packing schoolbags. At this time of the year I am finding the school routine a challenge! After 5 weeks break my children are still going to bed late and then finding it difficult to get up in the morning. This is the week for me to break some of these habits. Just some tips that might help us all.

Early to bed, ready to rise

When your child gets enough sleep, they are more likely to wake up cheerful, energetic and ready to learn at school. If you have to drag your child out of bed in the morning, they might not be getting enough sleep.

Helping hands

Encourage your child to get themselves ready as much as possible. Instead of doing everything yourself, teach your child to do tasks like brushing their teeth and hair, packing their bag and making their bed. They may not be as fast or as good as you at the beginning, but keep encouraging their independence and responsibility – it will free up time for you to do other things!

Be prepared

This one saves my life! Take the pressure out of the morning routine by getting prepared the night before. Anything that doesn't need to be done in the morning can be done the night before – for example, making lunches, packing bags and reading. Remember to encourage your kids to do some of these tasks independently too, such as packing their schoolbag and getting their clothes and shoes ready before they go to bed.

Keep it simple

Try to keep your morning routine as simple as possible on school days. Save non-essential tasks and chores for evenings and weekends when you have more time. Try to keep breakfast simple too – quick nutritious options like wholegrain cereals, fruit and yoghurt are great. Liquid breakfast in my family is a winner.

Make a plan

Some families find it helpful to develop a morning schedule that puts all these ideas together. It often works well if you involve your children in making the schedule –making a list of the morning tasks, who needs to do what, and what time things need to be done.

Turning your schedule into a chart can help keep your child focused on the things they need to do and encourage them to feel responsible for getting to school on time. You can make your own chart together, or download one from the internet. Once your child gets into the swing of things, you should find you'll need to remind less, and praise a lot more – a much more pleasant start to the school day!

Have a wonderful week.

Chantal Mamo
BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

School Photo day—Change of date

School photo day has changed and will now be held on **Monday 2 March**.

Order envelopes were sent home last 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. Replacement envelopes will be available from the office if needed for the day.

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 complimentary 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.



CLASS PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

Support Staff

Our school Office and Support Staff have an important role in supporting Thornleigh West students and staff. Our support staff for 2020 are:

School Administration: Margaret Gordon (Admin Manager), Deb Logan (Tues & Wed), Robyn Swarts (Mon/Thur/Fri), Deb Pollock (Mon - Thur), Monique Chilton (Fri)

SLSO: Nicole Reid, Kerith Massey, Kerrie Johnson, Gail Law, Vidhya R, Jenny Blundell, Kelly Powell, Jordan Shanks

General Assistant: Paul Michael

Notes

Parents and carers I would like to draw your attention to the permission notes which have been sent to all classes through Ed Smart.

The notes you should have received include:

- - Swimming Carnival (Yr 2-6)
- - Permission to publish
- - Oakleigh Oval and Bush walking
- - Classroom helpers (please note 100 point check required)
- - Class parent
- - Seesaw

If you have not received these notes, relevant to your child's year group please contact the school office.

Please also note the change in permission given for Oakleigh Oval is from 2020 valid for the entire time your child is in attendance at Thornleigh West. This may be updated at any time.

K-6 Sport Uniform days

Students participate in 2 PDPHE lessons weekly with either Ms Part or Mr Watkins. This includes health curriculum, as well as physical activity, fundamental movement skills and sport programs. The days below indicate which days students are required to wear sport uniform.

Monday	3YT, 3F, 5E, 6S, 1H, 1B, 2GM, 2BE
Tuesday	6L, 6B, KB, KG, KP
Wednesday	3DZ, 3/4C, 5DC, 1C, 2D, 1CM
Thursday	5W
Friday	KR, 4C, 4B, as well as all Yr 3-6 classes



Ethics Teachers needed

It is fantastic to have great interest in the Ethics program in kindergarten this year, however, we are in need of teachers to enable these classes to be formed. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Jess Mayr for more information. K-2 classes run Wednesdays 9.30-10.00am. Ph: 0418696464

Kind regards,

Julie Granville
Deputy Principal

TWPS Prayer Group News

Please join us as we pray for TWPS and our community. All are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 9am, at the canteen steps, in weeks 2, 6 and 10.

Dates for Term 1 are: 6 February, 5 March and 2 April.



School Banking

School banking is moving to **Thursdays** this year at Thornleigh West. Banking will commence this **Thursday 6th February 2020**.

The banking team is new this year and your co-ordinators are Dhanashri Joshi, Liz Maggio and Therese Neville.

We would like to welcome all our new families. There will be parent information packs coming home with your child explaining how to do school banking. Please ensure that your student's deposit slip is fully completed with their student number, along with the correct money and no foreign coins please!

Commonwealth Bank have announced the theme for this year is Treetops Saver. More information with regards to the rewards in the coming weeks.



2020 Treetop Savers rewards items

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at twpsbanking@gmail.com.

POCKET PROFILE : AYDEN

Nickname: Chook

Favourite breakfast before footy: Nutri-Gran

Greatest effort seen on the footy field: Stevie J being involved in the play inside the defensive 50 then tracking the ball up the field and finally receiving the ball inside the attacking 50 to score. I think he kicked 5 goals that game!

Favourite footy player: Tony Greene

Favourite AFL team: GWS Giants

Favourite food at the Penno canteen: Sausage, bacon and onion roll

Favourite youtube video star: Lazar Beam

Favourite app: Djay or Clash Royale

Favourite animal: Cheetah

Best gift you have received: Cricket stuff!

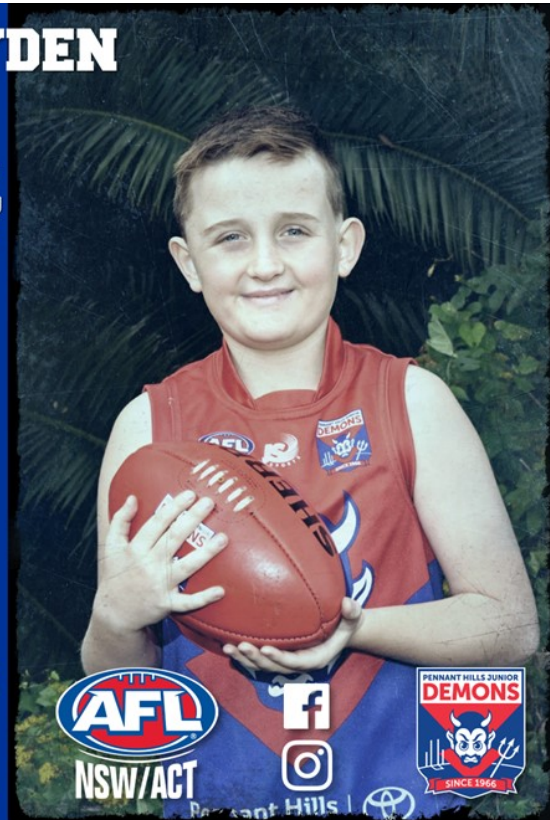
Your dream job: Professional cricketer

Your favourite holiday destination: Italy

The most famous person you have met: Mark Taylor or Nathan Lyon

What scares you: Homework!!

What is the one talent you wish you had: To speak a different language



YOU TOO CAN PLAY AFL WITH PENNO JUNIOR DEMONS IN 2020!

Boys and Girls | Ages 5-18 | Games played Sundays
Register at pennodemons.com



PLAY RUGBY UNION WITH WAHROONGA TIGERS

COME AND TRY RUGBY WITH THE TIGERS!
6pm on Friday February 7th and Friday February 21st
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE ♦ TIGER TAVERN OPEN ♦ EVERYONE WELCOME

Since 1962, Wahroonga Rugby Club has encouraged boys and girls to learn and play Rugby Union from the ages of Under 6 to Under 18.

Minis teams (U6-U9) play 'tag' rugby in U6 and U7, progressing to tackle rugby in U8 as they develop skills. There is no competition ladder in Minis rugby, teams are not graded – it's all about developing skills and having fun. Minis teams train on Friday afternoons and games are played on Saturday mornings.

Juniors teams (U10-U18) are graded and compete against similarly graded teams in the Sydney Juniors Rugby Union (SJRU) competition. U10-U12 play games on Friday nights or Sundays and U13-U18 play on a Sunday – good to know when a large number of kids in our area already play sport on a Saturday for school.

Our Clubhouse provides a wonderful facility for club meetings and events and is a terrific place to socialise with your fellow Tigers. On Friday nights during the season, the Tiger Tavern serves bottled beer and wine and the canteen is open for food, snacks and soft drinks. Many of our parents catch up on a Friday night at the Tavern while cheering on the Tigers from our clubhouse balcony.

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For more details visit wahroongarugby.com.au or contact Club Registrar Helen Tunks on 0423 692 654 or registrar@wahroongarugby.com.au

Cliff Avenue, North Wahroonga ♦ wahroongarugby.com.au

TURRAMURRA HIGH SCHOOL

Maxwell Street, South Turramurra

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 25 February 2020



4:00pm to 6:45pm

Let our students show you the rich variety of opportunities available at our high achieving school.

www.turramurrahighschool.com.au

 **PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**
RESPONSIBILITY INTEGRITY ACHIEVEMENT

OPEN NIGHT 2020

March 3rd 4pm - 6pm

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