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## Important Dates: Term 1, 2020

TERM 1	
28 February	PSSA Stage 3 (Years 5&6) Softball & League Tag TWPS V's Dural PS - Greenway Oval
2 March	Scripture and Ethics Commences this week 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
21 March	Drought Angels Bush Dance
31 March	7.30pm P&C AGM followed by P&C Meeting - Library
10 April	Good Friday / Last Day Term 1

## This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Currently Thornleigh West Public School are reflecting on how we teach reading.

The demands of reading increase as children progress through the grades. Years 5 and 6 students are expected to:

- independently read and view an extensive range of complex texts and visual images using a comprehensive range of skills and strategies.
- respond to themes and issues within texts, recognise point of view and justify interpretations by referring to their own knowledge, values and experiences.
- identify, critically analyse and respond to techniques, literary devices and language features used by writers to influence readers.
- compare and accurately summarise information on a particular topic from different texts and make well-supported generalisations about the topic.
- identify text structure of a range of complex texts and explore how grammatical features work to influence an audience's understanding of written, visual, media and multimodal texts.

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Reading at home is paramount and at TWPS we expect that children read every night. As parents and caregivers it is our role to embed a love of reading.

Here are some top tips for picking the right reading books for your child:

Visit your local library together and let your child choose books

Your local library has lots of books for children of all ages. Let your child browse the bookshelves and choose the books that interest them. If you let your child choose the books they want to read, you are helping them develop a sense of independence and responsibility that will boost their confidence. They are also more likely to want to read a book they choose for themselves, than one that is chosen for them.

Too many tricky words?

Try this quick test to see whether a book is too difficult for your child. Flick through the book and pick a random page. If you see five or more words on the page that you think your child might struggle with, they are probably not ready for that book yet. Help them to pick another one.

Stay with them while they read

Encourage your child to read out loud with you nearby, to help them work out tricky words.

Talk about it

Talk with your child about the books they read. Ask your child what they thought about what happened in the story, which parts they liked best, what was exciting, funny or sad. Talk about the meaning of the story and different words. Ask them if they found the book easy to read or difficult, so you can help them to choose books that are at the right level for them next time.

Have a great week.

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## Deputy's Message

### Citizenship

Congratulations to our first citizenship award recipients for 2020.

<b>Asher T</b>	<b>3Y</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
<b>Asher C</b>	<b>5W</b>	<b>Silver</b>
<b>Gabriel M</b>	<b>3F</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
<b>Elin S</b>	<b>3F</b>	<b>Bronz</b>

### Good hygiene practices - What you can do

Practicing good hygiene and engaging in healthy practices is essential all the time, not just in periods of increased risk.

Adopting good hygiene practices will help to reduce your risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections, including viral infections such as influenza.

Frequent and effective personal hygiene among staff, students and visitors is an effective way to minimise the spread of infection. Hand hygiene and cough etiquette are two ways to limit the spread of respiratory infections.

Cough etiquette is as simple as two steps:

- Cover your cough - When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth making sure you dispose of the tissue afterwards. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Wash your hands - After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

If you are sick stay at home, see your GP and avoid close contact with other people to prevent them from also becoming sick.

Where can I find out more information?

Health and hygiene support information such as NSW Health fact sheets and posters are available on our website to promote personal hygiene practices within our schools and workplaces.

Infectious diseases fact sheets are available from NSW Health. The NSW Health Influenza Fact Sheet provides some helpful information on how to prevent the flu.

For specific and current information on the 2020 Novel Coronavirus, please visit the Department's website, NSW Health's frequently asked questions or Find the Facts

## Reminder School Photo day - Monday 2 March

Order envelopes, which have been sent home 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**.

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.

Kind Regards

Julie Granville - Deputy Principal

## Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop has new opening hours for 2020. We will be open during the following times (excluding school holidays)

Tuesday: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Wednesday: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Flexischool Deliveries are available on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you have any questions regarding the school uniform requirements, please feel free to drop in and ask or email us at [twpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:twpsuniformshop@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TWPSUniformShop/>

## Mother's Day, Father's Day Gift Group (MDFDGG)

The Mother's Day, Father's Day Gift Group will be meeting this coming Friday at 9:10am in the staff room. If you are interested in joining our group you are welcome to come along. Coffee and Tea are available and younger children are welcome. If you have any questions regarding the group please feel free to email us at [mdfdgg@gmail.com](mailto:mdfdgg@gmail.com).

## Wakakirri & Drama News

By now all Year 3-6 families should have received their Audition notes for Wakakirri Story-Dance and Gumnut Drama. Auditions will commence next Wednesday 4th March, Wakakirri at 1:25pm and Gumnut at 2:15pm. Please make sure you have submitted your forms online this week so they are sorted and prepared before Wednesday.

**WAKAKIRRI** - is a nationwide Story-telling Dance/Drama competition. I invite all students in Years 3-6 to audition. A character list, plus some music and costume ideas will be emailed to interested students. Here is the webpage for Wakakirri Australia. <https://www.wakakirri.com/mainsite/>



**GUMNUT THEATRE** - a focused drama group that meets during CAPA time after lunch each Wednesday. Open to students in Years 3-6. Workshops involve drama games and we perform at special school events. Audition scripts will be emailed to all students who reply. There are also hard copies on the RED Letter Box in the Library.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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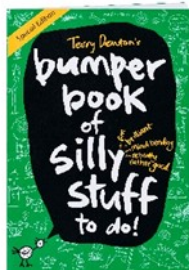


## Banking News

**A reminder that school banking has moved to **Thursdays** this year at Thornleigh West.**

Congratulations to all bankers last week. Apologies if we missed some bankers. We are new to coordinating this year and will work to ensure we find everyone this week.

Exciting new Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



Terry Denton's Activity Book



Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items, in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program. Parent information packs should have gone home recently. If you need any further information regarding banking please contact us at [twpsbanking@gmail.com](mailto:twpsbanking@gmail.com).

A reminder to 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!



## From the Community

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



# OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 10 March 2020**

*The staff and students of ABHS invite families and their sons to attend the Annual Open Night to hear about innovative programs designed specifically for boys.*



5:15pm - Hall displays open

5:40pm - Official start of the evening with Principal's address, followed by tours of the school

7.50pm - Concluding with the rocket launch

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## OPEN NIGHT 2020

**March 3rd 4pm - 6pm**

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INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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