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This week's update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Where did Term 3 go!

It has been great to have a full term of stability and focus on teaching and learning. The students have made great progress in their literacy and numeracy.

Some school achievements this term have been:

- ◆ Each fortnight we have virtual assembly where we celebrate student success.
- ◆ Executive team have had two planning days getting ready for the 2021 – 2024 school plan.
- ◆ External Validation: Thank you Mrs Granville for her hard work in gathering evidence to present where TWPS is at using the School Excellence Framework. We look forward to the external validation team zooming us 24 September for these results.
- ◆ Professional learning for all staff has continued via zoom with a focus on explicitly and systematically teaching reading K – 6.
- ◆ Student reports went home and parent teacher interviews via zoom were a great success. Some teacher's trialled three way-learning conversations with parents, teacher and student. We look forward to extending this strategy.
- ◆ Learning overviews for all grades were developed and shared with parents. This snapshot of the big ideas in learning ensure parents are informed of the learning trajectory.
- ◆ Instructional Rounds has continued with Berowra PS, Oakhill Drive PS, Normanhurst PS and John Purchase PS due to COVID this has moved online ad lessons pre-recorded and zoom is used to link the network.
- ◆ PJ Day: thank to the SRC who raised over \$600.
- ◆ Environmental Captains have created some new garden beds at the front of the school and a vertical garden outside the library. They have also worked on strategically planning some future sustainable projects.
- ◆ Virtual Education Week: a pre-recorded assembly formed part of this special week.
- ◆ Leadership Institute: I have been involved in working with aspiring principals to build capacity within the public school sector.
- ◆ The executive team have been working with Dr Simon

Breakspears on agile leadership.

- ◆ Congratulations to Miss Singh who was the successful candidate in gaining permanency at TWPS and receiving her teacher accreditation.
- ◆ Year 6 round robin competition is going well three lunches each week. We look forward to seeing who will make the finals!

Next week there is no newsletter. I am yet to hear of what Term 4 will present in regards to COVID-19. If there are any changes, I will inform you via email. Thank you for your encouragement and continued support this term. I hope everyone has a lovely spring break. Stay safe.



Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

Deputy's Message

Citizenship

At our virtual assembly yesterday, we recognised the fine achievements of our students receiving their citizenship awards.

Congratulations to these students. We look forward to you sharing the Principals' Reward next week.

Jesper G	2GM	Bronze
Joel S	5W	Silver
Connor H	5W	Silver
Ximena S	5W	Silver
Ranush K	6B	Silver
Lawson E	5E	Silver
Ayden B	6S	Silver
Keanu M	6L	Bronze
Darius S	6L	Bronze
Jack C	6S	Silver

Kindy Transition

We are currently planning a virtual kindergarten transition program, while of course being as interactive and connected as possible for students and families. Our 2020 / 21 program will run for weeks 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will include activities for students, information and opportunities for Q&A sessions. Mrs Mamo will be sending out more detailed information to families next week. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our newest students to BIG school!



Keeping our children safe

Safety is always a priority at Thornleigh West Public School. Our local Council has shared some new resources, fact sheets that give us all a reminder about good habits when on and around roads.

These fact sheets are also available in 12 other languages here

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/backtoschoolsafety.html>.

Today's reminder is around road safety. I do think it's always worth a quick read to see if our habits have shifted and could be safer.



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



Aussie of the Term

Congratulations to our recipients of this award for term 3. You will join Mrs Mamo in the Principals' Reward next week. We are all exceptionally proud of you!

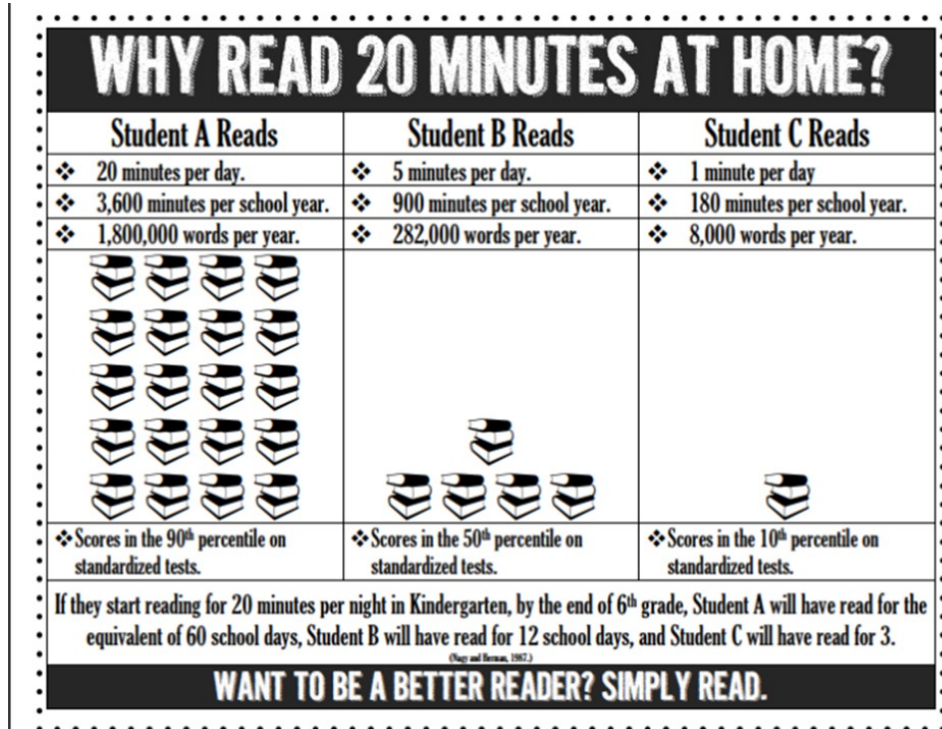
Term 3 2020		
	AoM	
Class	Student	Reason
1/2N	Jianing C	Cooperation, and participation
K Red	Amy Z	Respect, care, integrity and Responsibility
K Purple	Ayla S	Care, cooperation, responsibility
K Green	Neal F	Integrity and excellence
K Blue	Jackson K	Excellence, respect and responsibility
1B	Joshua K	Care, cooperation and respect
1C	Jude M	Respect and responsibility
1H	Charlotte M	Responsibility and Respect
1CM	James B	Excellence and responsibility
2D	Sophie K	Excellence
2BE	Cleo C	Respect, cooperation and participation
2GM	Larisa K	Integrity respect and care
3DZ	Daniel F	Respect and kindness
3F	Zara B	Integrity, respect and care
3YT	Alice C	Respect and responsibility
3/4C	Oliver M	Participation and Responsibility
4B	Ryan S	Respect, responsibility and participation
4C	Zach B	Care and participation
5DC	Charlotte R	Being thoughtful and caring
5E	Lucy P	Integrity, excellence and responsibility
5W	Harry M	Integrity, excellence and cooperation
6B	Ranush K	integrity, responsibility and respect
6L	Emily T	Responsibility, cooperation and care
6S	Hayden W	Integrity, participation and care

Holiday reading

As we enter school holidays after a full term of learning, it's a good time to think about the importance and value in maintaining good reading practice and habits – even over the holiday break. Perhaps there could be time to have a story read to your child, enjoying this time is something I particularly enjoy over the holiday break.

Every minute of reading counts. The information below shows how as little as 20 minutes a day builds over time to be a significant investment in developing reading skills. Confidence, experience, vocabulary, topic knowledge are all strengthened the more we read.

Does it matter what we read? No, all reading will be building knowledge and skills in an area. A picture book, factual text, poetry, comics and graphic novels all to strengthen out repertoire of reading.



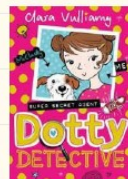
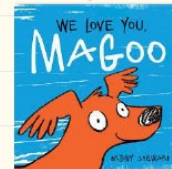
HOT HOLIDAY READS



Gamers and Manga



Story books



3-6 Fiction



Kind Regards

Julie Granville - Deputy Principal

Band News

Congratulations to all the bands on their performances in the recent virtual Education Week assembly. A very impressive performance given the limited amount of time they have been able to rehearse together this year.

Term 3 Fees have been emailed out to all families for the weeks of face to face rehearsals already attended. A separate invoice has been sent to those families who are continuing with Zoom rehearsals.

TWPS Band can accept Creative Kids Vouchers, please load your details here, [uDRVdBbroK12W1WB6](https://www.creativekids.com.au/DRVdBbroK12W1WB6).

For any queries, please email twpsband2011@gmail.com

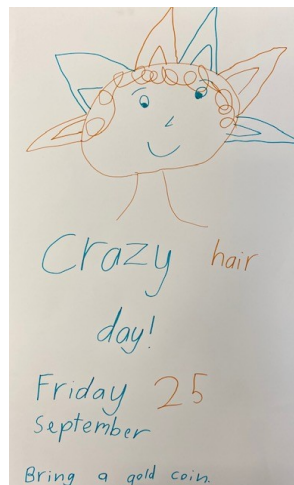
SRC News

Crazy Hair Day

Friday 25 September 2020

Gold Coin Donation, raising funds for a new school mural

Prizes for the craziest hair in each grade



Library News

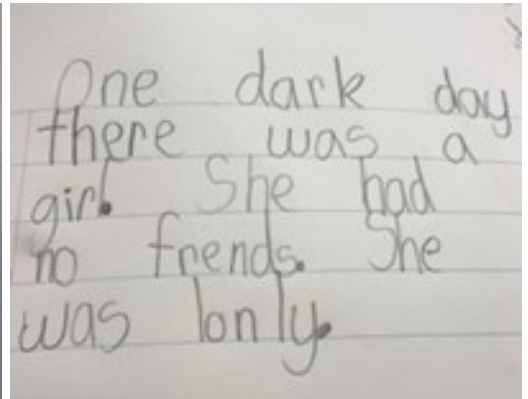
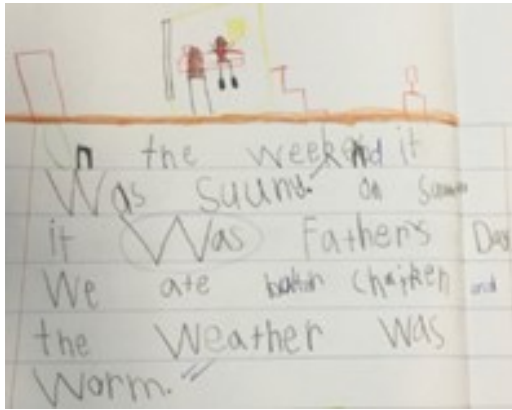
Thank you to the P & C committee for the library support. The student's suggestions for extra books have been delivered and ready to be borrowed. Lots of great new series and high interest books have been purchased.



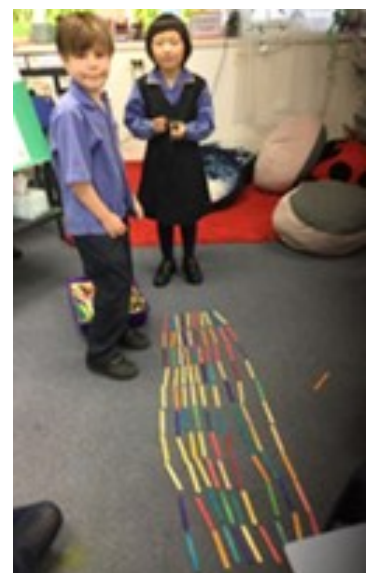
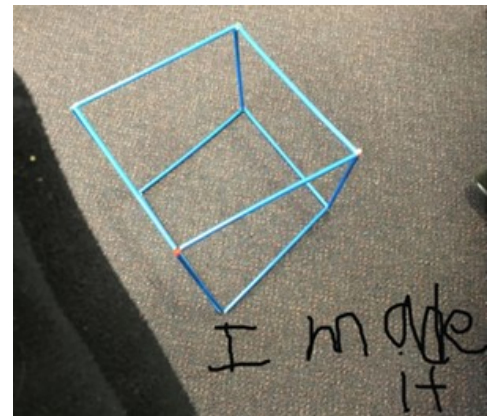
Term 3 has been such a great term of learning for Kindergarten.

We are enjoying stories that are read to us as well as now we are clever enough to read ourselves!

Our stories are fabulous, we can spell lots of words and for those tricky words, we streettccch out our sounds.






Numbers, weighing objects, working out halves, making 3D objects, adding and subtracting, measuring the capacity of objects - we've done it all this term in maths.



We have been watching the weather - it has been sunny for most of the term.

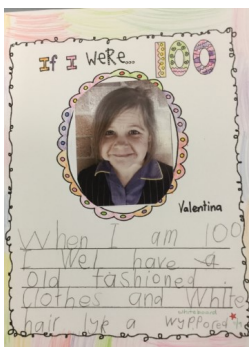


on the Weather		
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
raining cool 17°C	partly cloudy warm 17°C	Warm and mostly sunny 21°C



We have been learning to name the parts of our bodies.

And we have celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten. We had no idea how hard it was to stack 100 cups, or to do 100 exercises. We now feel very sorry for our old teachers because we saw what we will look like when we are 100 years old just like they are.



From the Community



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Virtual Open Day
For Prospective Year 7 2022 Families

Thursday
24 September 2020



Registration by Monday 21 September 2020 is essential!

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