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## This week's update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As a mum of two primary aged children, asking about school can be frustrating as the answer is often a single word – good! Does this sound familiar? My focus is to hear more about their day of learning. In reflection I need to ask some more interesting questions to get the conversation going. I tend to ask the same question everyday thus I get the same response.

Below are some interesting questions you might like to ask your children:

- *What was the funniest thing that happened to you today?*
- *What did you do today that made you proud?*
- *Who did you play with today?*
- *What games did you play with your friends?*
- *What did you learn about that you found interesting?*
- *What was the best part about today?*
- *What happened today that you wish you could have changed?*
- *What did you learn today that you did not know before?*
- *What was the most boring thing that happened today?*
- *Why are you looking forward to going to school tomorrow?*

My other tip is to avoid interrogation. When you were a child, did talking with an adult about school sometimes feel like an interrogation? That can happen when the adult asks all the questions and the child does all the answering. Make it a two-way conversation by first sharing something yourself, and then asking your child a related question, for example:

- *tell your child something funny that you saw, then ask if anything funny happened to them today*
- *share something that you learned, then ask your child if they learned anything interesting they could teach you*
- *mention a new slang word or abbreviation that you've come across and ask your child what it means (most kids enjoy the chance to tease their parents about being out-of-date!).*

It might take a little time, but this approach will help you to have much richer conversations with your child and develop a better understanding of each other's lives!



## Talk about the rest of life

Once our children start school, we can fall into the trap of focusing most of our conversations on school. We don't know what our children have been doing all day (and how we can help), so naturally that's what we want to ask about. Taking an interest in school is important, but we also need to remember that our kids still spend more time outside of school than in it.

So make sure you're still having conversations that have nothing to do with school – eg about their interests, your plans, what's happening in the family, what's happening in the wider world. Conversations like these are important to your relationship, your child's feeling of value, and their sense of place in the world. Sharing family stories and histories also builds your child's sense of connection, culture and belonging.

## Proposed raised pedestrian crossing – Quarter Sessions Road

Council is proposing to install a raised pedestrian crossing at the existing crossing on Quarter Sessions Road. The installation of the threshold will improve the safety of pedestrians at the crossing by reducing the speed of vehicles near the crossing.

Please submit your comments by 16 March

[hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) Reference number F2005/00947

The safety of TWPS students is vital and we welcome this proposal.

Have a great week



Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

## Save the Dates

<b>5 March</b>	Clean Up Australia Day
<b>8 March</b>	Easter Raffle donations this week School Photos
<b>15 March</b>	State Swimming Carnival
<b>19 March</b>	Harmony Day
<b>23 March</b>	Class Parent Meeting P&C AGM
<b>24 March</b>	Wakakirri & Gumnut Theatre Auditions
<b>31 March</b>	Principal's Morning Tea Wakakirri & Gumnut Theatre Auditions
<b>1 April</b>	Year 6 v's Teachers 2.30pm Easter Hat parade
<b>2 April</b>	Good Friday <b>School returns 20 April</b>

## Deputy's Message

### School Photo day - Reminder

School photo day will be held on **Monday 8 March**.

Order envelopes were sent home in week 4 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.



### Scripture and Ethics volunteers needed

At Thornleigh West Public School we thank our volunteers for our K-2 and 3-6 Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) classes.

Unfortunately we currently do not have volunteers for all groups. If this is the case for your child/ren you will have received a broadcast message last Friday.

Your child will attend Non-Scripture for the weekly session until a teacher becomes available.

If you are interested in finding out more about how to volunteer please do get in contact with me through the school office.

We are seeking volunteers for Ethics in years 1 and 3 and Protestant in year 1.

## Swimming

Our school swimming carnival is always a highlight on the calendar! By all accounts on students' return, a great day was had by all. The sense of team spirit, participation and a keen love of sport are attributes and qualities we are proud of at Thornleigh West.

A big thank you to Mrs Part and her team of teachers and parents who made the day such a success. With students competing at our Zone carnival today I wish you all the best.

The State swimming carnival is planned for Monday 15 March.

Kind Regards

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal

## From the Environment Club

Clean Up Australia Day is on Friday 5 March. Don't forget to bring your gardening gloves as we don't want to supply the plastic ones because they are bad for the environment. Every class is going to different areas to clean up our school so it is all clean and tidy as we have such a great school - we want to keep it clean.

Thanks for being a part of clean up Australia Day and don't forget your gardening gloves!

*Rohan Singh, 6D Environment Captain*



## From the P & C

### Easter Raffle

The P&C are pleased to be running the **FIRST FUNDRAISER** of the year! The Easter Raffle. We ask families to please donate an egg or 2 or any Easter related prize so we can make up lots of Hamper Prizes!

10 x Tickets will be sent home via the eldest child in the family and are just \$1 each. If you would like to support by selling (or buying more) you can get additional tickets at the drop off zone. **Ticket Return Information** - Students must drop tickets back to the office before or after school/During lunchtime (teachers are unable to collect money) OR you can drop the tickets when you drop your donations.

### Key Dates and Information

Week commencing 8 March - Easter Egg Donations begin to be collected outside Giblett Street gates. More information on days/times to be advised later this week - please see FACEBOOK for details: [www.facebook.com/TWPSPC](http://www.facebook.com/TWPSPC)

15 March - Raffle tickets to be sent home

29 March - Last day for raffle tickets to be returned

30 March - SRC will draw winners & winners' list announced on FB that evening

1 April - Easter Hat Parade K-4 & Pick up of prizes - details of pick up will be advised on FACEBOOK closer to the date.

***Please support our first fundraiser of the year***

## TWPS Swimming Carnival

Thank you to the wonderful parents who volunteered on the day, your help was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all of our amazing swimmers on an outstanding day in the pool. I would also like to further congratulate you all on your respectful behaviour and a supportive sense of team spirit.

### House Results

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Sturt	Flinders	Macquarie	Ruse

### Age Champions

2021	Boys	Girls
10 years and under	Tom D	Anna S
11 years old	Noah B	Rochelle L
12 years and over	Mason R	Kayleigh E



### New Record

Event	Age	Name
9 years girls 50 m Freestyle	40.44	Anna Sansom



### Zone Swimming Team

Congratulations to the following students who represented TWPS at the Beecroft Zone Carnival today.

Callum U, Lani L, Nicholas B, Anna S, Olivia G, Ava H, Oliver M, Holly M, Tyler W, Liam S, Alicia S, Rochelle L, Oliver Mc, Tom D, Matthew H, Mason R, Connor H, Logan D, Noah B, Lachlan B, Zac F, Kayleigh E, Madison H, Lachlan W, Will D and Ximena S.

Tiffany Part

Sports Teacher

## 2021 Swimming Ribbons

Event	1	2	3
<b>Jnr Medley</b> Girls Boys	Olivia G Tom D	Nil Matthew H	Nil Nil
<b>Snr Medley</b> Girls Boys	Kayleigh E Mason R	Nil Curtis O	Nil Lachlan W
<b>8 Yrs 50M Freestyle</b> Girls Boys	Lani L Callum U	Cleo C Noah L	Sienna L Levi S
<b>9 Yrs 50M Freestyle</b> Girls Boys	Anna S Nicholas B	Chloe O Tyler W	Alice C Iwan C
<b>10 Yrs 50M Freestyle</b> Girls Boys	Ava H Oliver McP	Olivia G Tom D	Holly M Liam S
<b>11 Yrs 50M Freestyle</b> Girls Boys	Alicia S Noah B	Rochelle L Connor H	Ella M Zaki P
<b>12 Yrs 50M Freestyle</b> Girls Boys	Kayleigh E Lachlan B	Madison H Mason R	Nola G Lachlan W
<b>Breastroke Jnr</b> Girls Boys	Ava H Matthew H	Anna S Tom D	Olivia G Oliver McC
<b>Breastroke 11Yrs</b> Girls Boys	Rochelle L Noah B	Eliza M Zaki P	Ximena S Tyler A
<b>Breastroke Snr</b> Girls Boys	Kayleigh E Logan D	Jalyssa V Joel S	Martha McF Lachlan B
<b>Backstroke Jnr</b> Girls Boys	Anna S Liam S	Ava H Tom D	Elyssa B Josiah G
<b>Backstroke 11Yrs</b> Girls Boys	Ximena S Connor H	Rochelle L Tyler A	Eliza M Gabriel M
<b>Backstroke Snr</b> Girls Boys	Kayleigh E Lachlan B	Charlotte F Zac F	Florence P Mason R
<b>Butterfly Jnr</b> Girls Boys	Anna S Tom D	Alice C Matthew H	Siena D Iwan C
<b>Butterfly 11Yrs</b> Girls Boys	Alicia S Asher C	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
<b>Butterfly Snr</b> Girls Boys	Kayleigh E Will D	Nil Mason R	Nil Lachlan W
<b>100 Freestyle Open</b> Girls Boys	Kayleigh E Lachlan B	Alicia S Mason R	Cleo C Noah B

Due to Covid guidelines we will be handing out Age Championship medals and swimming ribbons when the students gather in their stage.

## From TWOOSH 2021

As the current committee we would like to welcome you to TWOOSH for 2021. We hope your children have all settled back into the routine of school.

As TWOOSH is a non for profit organisation it must have a parent committee to work alongside the team of Jena, Courtney, Bec, Tom and their whole team. This parent committee meets no more than twice a term for approximately one hour each time. At the upcoming AGM all positions will be declared vacant. Many wonderful parents have been on the TWOOSH committee for their 3 year term and some have moved on from TWPS as their children have left in Year 6.

TWOOSH essentially is not able to run without a parent committee and so this is where we need all of you! We need volunteers for parents to take on one of the roles and keep this amazing service running. 100% of families at TWOOSH are working parents and so we all need to play our part. No role is very time consuming and essentially Jena and her team are an easy team to work alongside.

**We are asking that at least one parent from each family is represented at the upcoming AGM meeting next week on Monday night the 29th of March at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held in the school library. Child care will be provided at the meeting so you are welcome to bring your children if needed.**

We have included a list of each position available and a small sentence about what is involved for each one. Please consider taking on a role. Even if you do not want to take on an executive role please come along to the meeting next week just to listen and see what goes on.

We are so lucky here at TWPS to have such an amazing TWOOSH service but they need our support.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

The Current TWOOSH Parent Committee

(Nic, Adam, Meera, Michelle, Simone, Ingrid, Maragaret and Louise)

### **Positions Available -**

**President** - To oversee the operation of the service and ensure that all members of the service have a chance to play an active part in the committee and that everyone feels informed and included.

**Vice President** - To shadow the President of the Management Committee and be available as a back-up person to the President in order to oversee the operation of the service and ensure that all members of the service have a chance to play an active part in the committee and that everyone feels informed and included.

**Treasurer** - The treasurer oversees the financial administration of the centre and ensures that the centre's financial affairs are conducted correctly and efficiently. They converse directly with the paid bookkeeper to do this.

**Secretary** - The secretary is the key administration officer of the service. The smooth running of the service depends on the efficiency with which the secretary handles the records, correspondence and other communications.

**General Members** - Committee members are required to attend regular meetings (monthly) to ensure the successful operation of the service. Ideally sub committees would meet between meetings to address certain tasks and report back to the next main meeting. Prior to each meeting there will be tasks to be completed in preparation for the meeting and tasks to be acted upon and followed upon.

## Stage 2 News

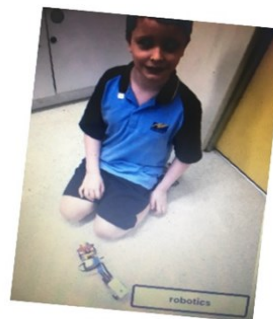
What a busy start to the year we have had so far. We have put together some photographs that capture some of the learning we have been involved in. The teachers and classes have spent time getting to know each other and their learning needs.

We have included examples of the following:

- Wonderful artworks created both indoors and out.
- The robotics classes that the Year Three children are part of this term, led by our visiting Young Engineers team, mixing technical Lego creations with programming skills.
- The use of whiteboards to allow teachers to respond to learning in the moment, a valuable tool for classrooms rich with Formative Assessment approaches.
- Students working collaboratively to share ideas and solve problems.
- Celebrating swimming excellence, with ribbons for all our fastest swimmers and a medal for our school record breaker.

We look forward to helping students grow in their learning this year and will be sure to share this with you in the future.

Until next time, The Stage Two Team.





## Community News



### RENEWING OUR STORY

#### Hornsby Library is getting a face lift!

With more space, a modern look and new areas for reading, creating, relaxing and discovering.

During the refurbishment there will be limited computer use and study space will not be available. Check the website for details or follow our Facebook page for latest updates.

#### Our opening hours will be:

Monday – Thursday: 11am – 9pm

Friday: 11am – 7pm

Saturday: 11am – 5pm

Sunday: 2pm – 5pm

Please ask staff for further details or visit our Website:  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)



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- Hear from the Principal - hourly addresses
- Tour our \$25m campus upgrade
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# OPEN NIGHT

Monday 8 March 2021

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.



REGISTER  
TO  
ATTEND

The Open Night will commence at 4pm and will run until 6pm. Parents and sons will participate in school tours (in groups), allowing them to:

- Meet our dedicated and caring staff.
- Ask questions of our Principal, School Executive, Staff and Student Leaders.
- Experience a taste of all that Asquith Boys High School can offer their sons.
- Learn about the wide range of extra-curricular and additional programs available to our students.

To assist us to make this event COVID-safe, we ask that all visitors register using the following online registration link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPEEZ>

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