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This week's update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

World Clubfoot Day

June 3 is World Club Foot Day.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Grace in Year 2 for her amazing poster below in sharing her journey and experiences.

I was able to catch up with Grace who as it happened certainly got to wear yellow to support Clubfoot Day last Thursday, particularly as she is in Macquarie sport house!!

Grace said .. “



Athletics Carnival + phase two arrangements

It seems after a drizzly Cross Country, we also matched that with a rainy Athletic Carnival last Thursday! Despite the weather looking promising early in the morning at Ern Holmes Oval and despite the keen enthusiasm from students and teachers alike the weather was not on our side on the day.

Students completed the 100m races and got started on the 200m and field events. With buses shuttling students back to warm classrooms just in time for lunch we really were able to hold half of our carnival.

With our back up date of 24 June already secure, we will hold the remainder of event back at Ern Holmes Oval again. The Oval provides the specific facilities for long jump and track particularly that we do not have on our school site.

The catch up Carnival will commence from school with an 11.00am departure for all Year 2- 6 students. A permission note will be sent through EdSmart this week. It is hoped the dance group who have a commitment in the morning will be able to return directly to the oval to participate in the full days events. Students will return to school from 2.00pm

Let's the cheers for Ruse, Sturt, Flinders and Macquarie continue!!

Inclusive School Project

At Thornleigh West Public School we pride ourselves on our inclusive school culture. This term we have been selected as one of nine schools in the State to participate in the Inclusive Schools Project.

The research project is looking at the design and physical environment of schools and how they can better support learning and wellbeing outcomes for students with disability. This is a pilot research project as part of the Department's Disability Strategy.

These include surveys, focus groups, and interviews with teachers and parents, plus an observational tool to record specific features of the school.

A focus group of parents and carers of students with disability have been communicated with already however more participants are welcome to contribute. If you're interested in being a part of this research and contribute through a focus group please click on the following link:

https://utsau.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_02KE1Aar5mAJUCq

Parent /Teacher bookings

Each year we value to opportunity to share students learning, progress and next steps with parents and carers through our Parent/ Teacher interviews. In 2019 we trialled a class conducting three way interviews, inclusive of the students, actually led by the student. In 2020 interviews were held via Zoom, a new experience for all at the time. This year we are extending the Three Way Interviews, using the model across a group of students from each stage group. We look forward to sharing this process with you as we refine our reporting model and strive to include greater student voice and develop students as drivers of their learning at Thornleigh West.

The process is established through reflection, conferencing and documenting. We have purposefully aligned the semester two reporting period to coincide with interviews to provide a time to discuss both the growth and also next steps in learning.

I encourage you to make a time with your child/rens class teacher. If you haven't been able to make a suitable time, please contact the office and will be happy to arrange this for you.

Kind regards,

Julie Granville

R/ Principal

Deputy's Message



It was a very exciting time as we gathered as a whole school for the first time in over a year. The feeling in the hall was full of joy as our students celebrated each other achievements.

Congratulations to our amazing Aussie of the Month winners, thank you for all that you do for our school.



Congratulations to our Citizenship award winners, it is wonderful to see such drive and passion across the whole school, even reading to Year 6 as they strive to achieve their badges.





The sun shined for our **K/1 Fun Run**. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed running laps of our school oval with some fitness activities in between each lap, squats, push ups, star jumps and even some burpees.

The students were exceptional as they demonstrated their love and enjoyment for whole grade events.

Everyone is really looking forward to the K/1 Athletics Carnival this Thursday 10 June from 9-11am.



AoM Semester One 2021

Class	Student	Reason
Banksia	Oliver T (3/4/5R)	Participation and cooperation
KW	Mete O	Integrity, respect and responsibility
KS	Seth W	Integrity, respect and responsibility
KH	Kenji P	Respect and cooperation
1B	Liam A	Responsibility and participation
1C	Phoebe S	Care, care for herself and for others
1D	Lachlan H	Excellence - striving for the highest personal achievement
1N	Jayden H	Integrity, respect and participation
2A	Maria G	Responsibility, participation and respect
2BG	Nathan S	Respect, care and excellence
2D	Olivia L	Cooperation and participation
2W	Evan A	Excellence, participation and cooperation
3C	Sophie K	Participation and care
3F	Joshua B	Care and responsibility
3/4C	Lily B	Respect, responsibility and cooperation
4B	Evelyn L	Excellence, integrity and fairness
4C	Gabriel Mc	Cooperation and care
4Y	Ari C	Respect and cooperation
5C	Ella C	Respect and Care
5E	Ruby T	Excellence, cooperation and participation
5DZ	Caleb G	Integrity, care and fairness
6A	So Young K	Respect and integrity
6D	Kayleigh E	Respect, responsibility and achievement
6S	Amelie M	Respect, care and responsibility

Girls KO Cricket

The girls set on a great run total of 60, however were chased down by Oyster Bay Public School. Congratulations girls on getting to the 3rd round, a huge achievement. Thank you to Miss Chant for coaching the girls. A HUGE shout out the amazingly talented Mark Bolger for coaching the girls each week and attending the games, we couldn't have done this without you. We are already all looking forward to the 2022 season



Basket ball

Last Tuesday Thornleigh West, took on Normanhurst Public School in Game 1 of the basketball knock out competition. Both teams played very well but it was the respect and sportsmanship they showed that was even more impressive. The girls won 47 points to 4. Chelsea B demonstrated great resilience by continuing the game, even with a sore finger. The boys won 39 points to 19. The boys played great as a team! An outstanding effort by the boys and girls KO basketball team. Thank you Mr Watkins for coaching.

Debating

The debating team is made up of Year 5 and Year 6 students, and is coached by Mr Marc Atterton.

Year 6: Charlotte, Logan, Zac, Jamie

Year 5: Aaron, Kiana, Victoria

This week the Year 6 team debated against Normanhurst Public School on the topic of Should Social Media be allowed from year 5 onwards? We debated against and has a resounding victory. Congratulations on a fantastic team effort. Next week the Year 5 team is versing Mt Colah on the topic 'Being famous is overrated', Good luck to our Year 5 team.

School photos have arrived and it was lovely to see the students so pleased and excited to collect them. Please see below if you would like to order the sports/special photographs:

Thornleigh West Public School
REORDER PHOTOS

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
using the Online Order Code below:

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The photo prices are:
\$18.00 each, 2 for **\$34.00**, 3 for **\$46.00**, 4 for **\$58.00** or 5 for **\$70.00**

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase ONLINE ONLY

Name of Group	Name of Group
Captains and Prefects	Sports Captains
Band Captains	Junior Band
Senior Band	Stage Band
Training Band	Year 6 Fun

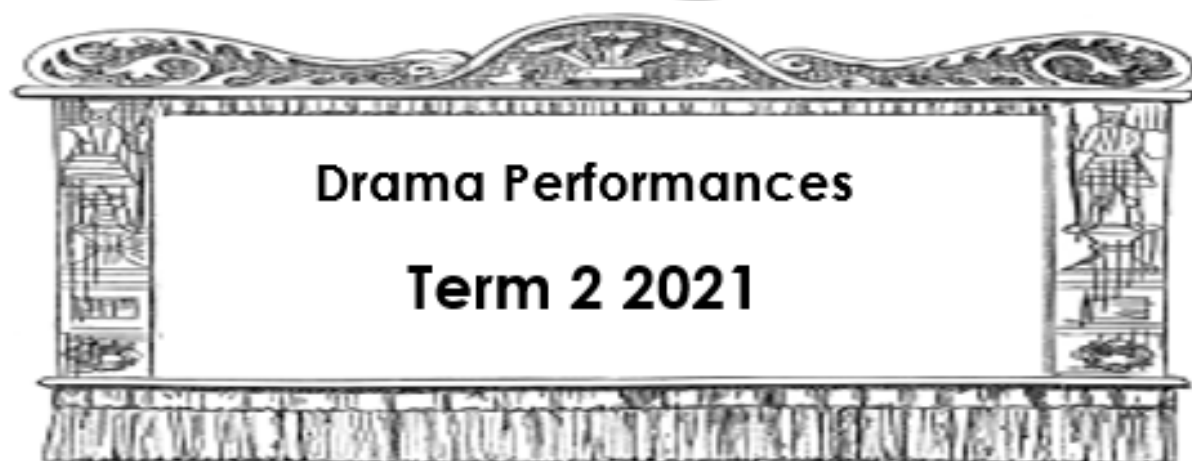
Kind Regards,

Nicole Dowd

Deputy Principal (R)



You're Invited



Dear Parents,

Week 10 – bush paths roaming performance *(one class per performance timeslot due to COVID restrictions)*

Tuesday 22nd June					
9:00am	3W	10:30am	3C	12:25pm	4B
9:30am	3/4/5R	11:25am	4Y	12:55pm	4C
10:00am	3F	11:55am	3/4C		

Wednesday 23rd June			
9:00am	5C	10:30am	6A
9:30am	5E	11:25am	6S
10:00am	5DZ	11:55am	6D

Karyn Johnson

TWPS Drama Teacher & Wakakiri Director.

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director@drawbridgedrama.com.au

Term 2 Dates

10 June	K - 1 Athletics Carnival Onsite
14 June	Public Holiday
15 June	K-2 Parent / Teacher Interviews (late evening) Semester One Reports Home
16 June	Yr 3-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews (late evening)
18 June	Colour Run fundraiser sponsorship opens
21 June	Crazy Sock and Hair Day
22 June	Drama Performances
23 June	Drama Performances
24 June	NAIDOC Celebration Phase Two Athletics Carnival
25 June	Yr 6 Vs Teachers Last day Term 2 Pick up Krispy Kremes AEDC closes - Kindergarten

Please note dates are subject to change.

Uniform Shop News



Did you know the uniform shop has a rack dedicated to preloved uniforms for families to purchase?

Do you have any uniform items that you no longer need?

Have you considered donating your no longer needed uniform items to the uniform shop?

Our preloved rack is available for parents to browse during every shop opening time and proceeds from sales are utilised within our school community to provide families in financial need assistance in purchasing their uniform items.

If you have any uniforms that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the uniform shop so that we can continue to provide this service.

If you are facing financial hardship at the moment, please contact the school directly to discuss your circumstances if you feel you need assistance, any queries are handled with discretion and complete confidentiality.

Sport News

2021 Zone Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the following students who represented TWPS at the Zone Cross Country on Wednesday 26 May 2021. All our runners showed a commendable commitment to their early morning training sessions and always displayed a terrific sense of team spirit.

8/9 Years	Girls	Boys
1	Ada R	Tyler W
2	Anna S	Charlie X
3	Lucy F	James B
4	Grace C	Leo G
5	Thea T	Will D
10 Years	Girls	Boys
1	Holly M	Oscar R
2	Juliett J	Liam S
3	Lillian C	Michael R
4	Olivia G	Callum H
5	Michiko P	Gabriel M
11 Years	Girls	Boys
1	Indigo H	Leo R
2	Ella C	Asher C
3	Alicia S	Zach B
4	Elizabeth F	Ollie B
5	Eliza M	Gabe M
12/13 Years	Girls	Boys
1	Summer C	Lachlan B
2	Sohaaya H	Joel S
3	Gemma P	Lawson E
4	Ivy K	Zac F
5	Jalyssa V	Will H

Congratulations to the following students who did extremely well in their age group and represented Beecroft Zone in the Area Cross Country which was held on 4th June in Gosford. Ada R (5th), Tyler W (5th), Oscar R (4th), Leo R (5th). Results of this event will be available shortly.

Further congratulations go to our 8/9 years boys and 10 years boys who won the team event which is a fantastic group effort. The 8/9 years boys – Tyler W, Charlie X, James B, Leo G and Will D. The 10 years boys – Oscar R, Liam S, Michael R, Callum H and Gabriel M.

Within the Beecroft Zone there are 21 schools competing. I am very excited to announce that TWPS had an outstanding result by being the overall winning school at the Carnival ! Well done to all of our Cross Country runners you have done yourselves and our school very proud.

Special thanks to Mrs Carey for acting as Team Manager.

Ms Part

Sport Teacher



Environment News

Composting Workshop

Last week, every class went to a composting workshop.

We learnt all about worms. Did you know there are different types of worms? Composting worms which are smaller and earthworms. Worms are good for composting because they eat the food and scraps. The worms help make perfect fertiliser.

These are some of the things that can go into a compost bin;

- Banana peels
- Apple cores
- The inside of tea bags

This is a list of what is not recommended to put in the compost bins;

- Citrus peels (mandarin, orange, lemon)
- Cheese
- Dairy
- Cake
- Meat (can attract flies and rats)
- Hot chips (the chips can burn the worms' skin, the oil can stop the worms from breathing and the salt is bad for them too)

We played a composting game where we got into teams and had to sort the food, depending on whether it is suitable to go in the composting bin or not.



"I was surprised that you cannot put mandarin peel in the composting bin." - Aabha

"I didn't know you couldn't put onions in the composting bin unless you blend it up with something else so the worms are tricked into eating the onions."- Ellie

"I liked learning about how worms eat and how composting works. I didn't know that worms can travel a long way." Hamish

It is better to compost our food scraps so they do not go to landfill.

If you are interested in starting composting at home, there are different types of composting bins to choose from.





A big thank you to Sara from EnviroMentors for teaching us about composting and worm farms.

By Hamish, Aabha and Ellie (Year 4 Environment Captains)

A big thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Green Thumbs Team and to the many parents and children that came on Sunday 23 May. The garden beds and grounds look so much better.

Thankyou for cleaning up the garden beds and mulching many parts around the school.

We love walking past the succulent vertical garden.

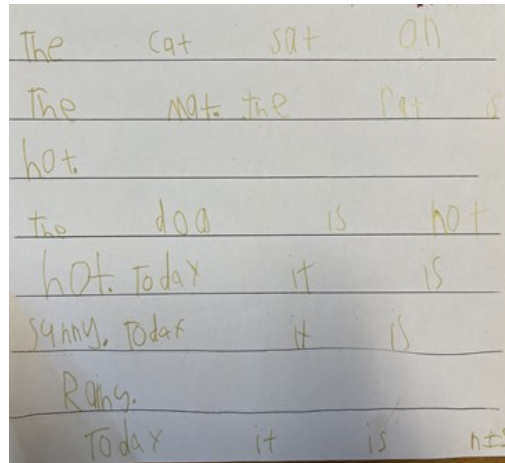
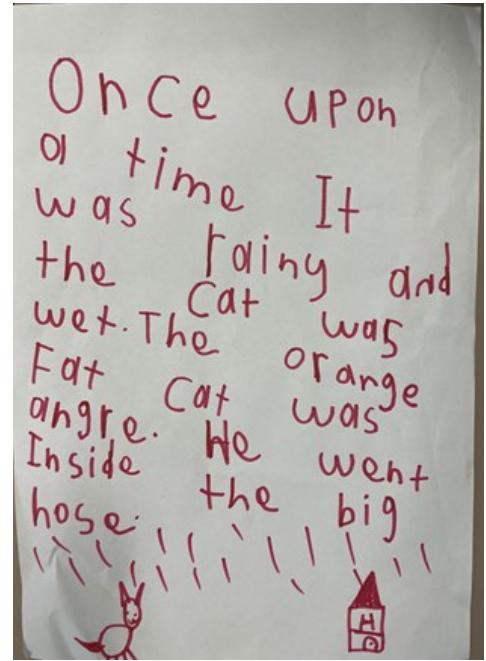
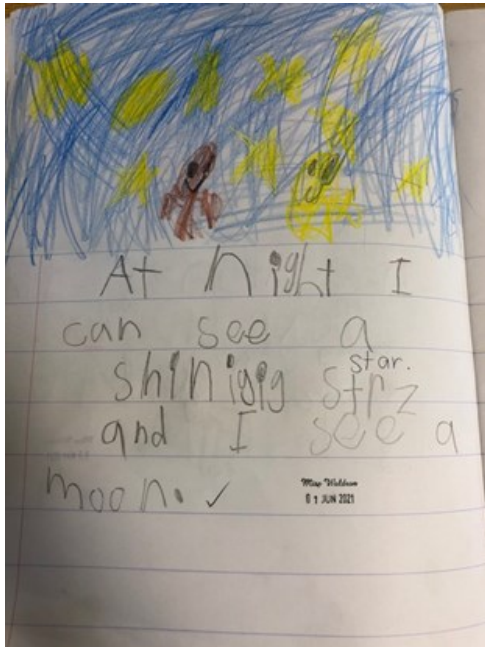


Early Stage 1 News

Wow, we can't believe we are up to 81 days of Kindergarten! We have learned so much this term and are really excited to be coming closer to 100 Days of Kindy next term.

READING: We have continued to consolidate all single sounds of the alphabet. We love reading groups where we get to read with our teacher and peers from our class.

WRITING: Our Kindergarten classes have loved our writing theme this term, Kindy Become Authors. We have been linking our writing to each of our class author studies, as well as to Science and History.

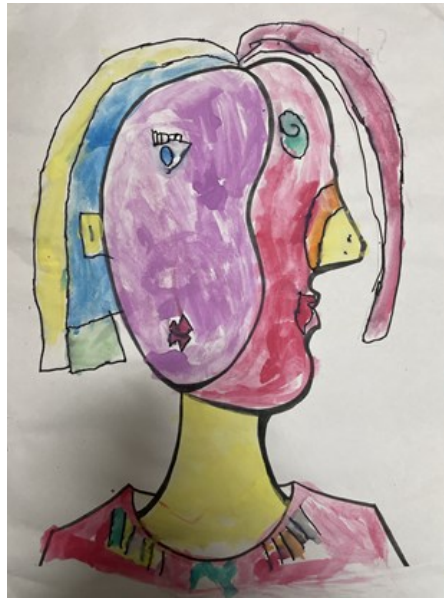


HISTORY: We are now learning about celebrations and how we celebrate with our families. Some of our favourite celebrations are our birthdays!

SCIENCE: Kindergarten students have been discussing changes in the weather and how we can protect ourselves in different weather conditions. We have been reporting to our class about the weather each day and predicting if the weather will change throughout the school day. We were lucky enough to take part in the EnviroMentors Incursion during Week 7 where we learnt all about composting and worm farms - we now know what we should and shouldn't feed the worms!

MATHS: We have been reading and writing numbers to 20 and learning how to add and subtract using our fingers, blocks and counters.

ART: Picasso has been an inspiration for some of our art this term.



INVESTIGATIONS: Kindergarten is continuing their investigation journey and are very excited to start to visit the other classes during investigations and to work with new friends. Some of our current investigations include exploring space, ice cream shops, a vet, babies, a post office and we even have a JB Hi Fi Store!



Band Camp News

Band Camp 2021 took place 27-28 May, and was a fantastic success!

There was no sleepover involved this year, but this did not stop the students from having a great time! The students learned with Instrument Tutors -Tutors who are both teachers and performers - and the benefits were outstanding!

Our conductors, David Bell and Andrew Hamblin took the Bands through rehearsals over the 2-day programme, and the student experience levels grew from strength to strength!

At the end of Day 1, our students enjoyed a fabulous and energetic time on a Climbing Wall and an inflatable Obstacle Course. Great fun was had by all!

On day 2, the Bands rehearsed under our wonderful Guest Conductor, Camilla Bellstedt, who was very complimentary of the Bands' dedication and performances!

Family members and Mrs Granville were invited to the finale - an alfresco concert performance on the lawn in the glorious Winter sunshine! Well done to all of our Band students for a wonderful Band Camp!

Well done and thank you to the Band Committee, Conductors, Parent Volunteers, Music Tutors and Teachers for making Band Camp 2021 a great success for our children.

A special thank you to Yvonne Curren, our band camp co-ordinator—without her the band camp would not have been possible. We are currently looking for a new band camp co-ordinator so please reach out to us via twpsband2011@gmail.com if you want to learn more about this role.



Winter Honey Fundraiser

The TWPS band is teaming up with the local Highland Urban Farm (<https://highlandurbanfarm.com/>) for an exciting new fundraiser!

As part of this fundraiser, when you purchase some of the delicious honey from the Highland Urban Farm and enter the discount code **TWPSBAND**, you will get a **10% discount** on your purchase and **20% of your purchase price will be donated to the band**. (Minimum spend is \$20 for the discount).

Stock up on this delicious honey for winter and help our school band out!

Join the Band Committee!

The band committee is looking for some new members. We have a number of roles that will be opening up as families graduate from the school.

We are a fun bunch, and committee meetings are only twice per term. No musical knowledge/experience required!

Please drop us a line via twpsband2011@gmail.com to learn more about joining our team.