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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### Thank you in return

I have been so pleased to receive overwhelming positive feedback about our recent 'Wellbeing week'. Students were able to engage and follow high interest tasks while continuing literacy and numeracy learning.

Thank you from the staff onsite last Friday, to our P&C for providing a delicious and healthy lunch. This was a very kind gesture and was certainly very appreciated.

As we continue to engage in learning from home we will continue to monitor wellbeing for students through phone calls home, support staff contact, support classes from Mrs Carroll are continuing as well as our Lesson of a LAC group (described in next item) and adjusting home learning content for students.

### Community Q&A

Thank you to our Kindergarten families for completing the questionnaire and to parents who have sent in questions for our Q&A. This really does give us effective feedback and help us improve how we are delivering learning from home.

Next week we will post the responses to the Q&A for you through a video upload to Seesaw.

From this feedback and our communications with families, we understand many families are seeking further support to then provide continued support to your children.

At school Miss Dowd and Mrs Fogarty run Lesson of a LAC (Little Anxious Child) student focus groups and we have been able to secure a parent workshop for our community **next week** with the creators.

If you would like to attend via zoom, please add the best email address to send the link to, in this google form.

<https://forms.gle/gdm9fMmKuhytMuK79>

This invitation is open to all families.

Address: Giblett Avenue,  
THORNLEIGH, NSW,  
2120

Email: [thornleigw-  
p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thornleigw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Phone: (02) 9484 4242

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# LESSONS OF A LAC

Join author/clinical psychologist Lynn Jenkins and illustrator/ art therapist Korrili Lonergan, for a parent information session. The session will introduce us, our passion for managing anxiety and emotional well-being, as well as how to use our books and products effectively with your little ones.

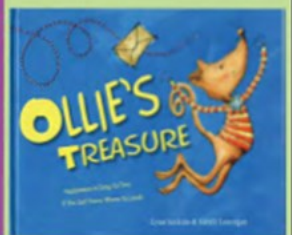
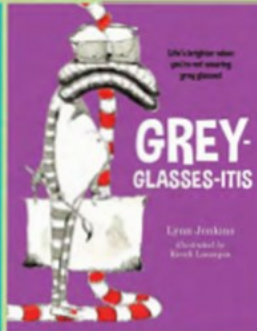
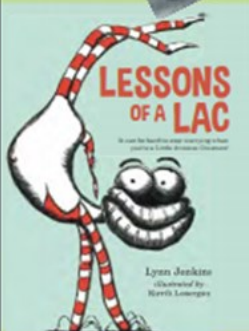
The Lessons of a LAC series helps parents to manage their child's anxiety. The appealing characters Lippy LAC (Little Anxious Creature) and Curly Calmster feature throughout the series. Whether children are little worriers or prominent anxiety sufferers, these early intervention picture books help children from preschool to Year 6 to manage their worries.

It gives kids a simplified way to think about anxious chatter and provides them with fun and easy ways to manage childhood anxiety.

When: Tuesday the 24th of August at 6pm via zoom

'Tree' final release  
in the series.

Including our  
upcoming release  
'What if...?'





## Kindergarten Enrolment 2022

Please get in touch with the school office if you require assistance with the enrolment process. Transition arrangements will be advised when available.

Enrol online at <https://thornleigw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



**ENROLLING  
NOW FOR  
KINDERGARTEN  
2021**

- Enrol online at <https://thornleigw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> or contact office on: 9484 4242
- Transition dates: TBC due to COVID restrictions transition programs are on hold

### **Farewell Mrs Hosseini**

Our dedicated SLSO Mrs Hosseini has been successful in securing a role in her field and will complete her time at TWPS this Friday. We thank Mrs Hosseini for her commitment and care she has shown supporting students learning and Thornleigh West, and while also missing her, wish her all the best in her new endeavours.



### **Attendance**

As we continue through learning from home, just a reminder that a student may be counted as attending school if there is reasonable evidence of participation in learning from home. This is shown through engagement in learning activities provided by the school while students are learning from home by posting learning tasks daily. Teachers do need to see reasonable evidence of this each day. Our stage teams have set their tasks to be 'submitted'. Other tasks are simply assigned to complete i.e. not all tasks need to be submitted each day.

We take account of students whose work is delivered and collected in hard copy and your teachers will be in direct communication with you. With students learning through paper packs this work will be collected weekly and marked as attendance.

### **Term 3 School fees**

We acknowledge and have considered the many factors impacting on families currently. Due to current circumstances the school will not be sending Term 3 invoices for payment.

### **OC Placement Test**

The Opportunity Class placement test has been rescheduled to occur on Wednesday 6 October 2021.

Due to the increased health and safety risks which prevent large groups of external students mixing and mingling with local school students, the Opportunity Class Placement Test will be conducted within the government students' primary schools. The test will be conducted during school hours.

Please click on the link below for further information about Opportunity Classes:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Granville".

Julie Granville

R/ Principal

## Wakakirri News

### Greetings Waky Families

Yesterday should have been the day. Butterflies in tummies, hair spray propelling, last minute practice, hanging with friends, lost shoes, broken props, on-stage, bright lights ... too much fun!!! And breath.

It has been great keeping in touch with Waka families via Seesaw. We have some more videos in production to share with you shortly. I love hearing from you, seeing your work and answering any questions.

Who still remembers their Waky characters and their groovy moves? Seems a life time ago now since we were all together. And all your costumes are just sleeping in boxes, waiting to meet you.

You should have your TWPS Wakakirri Team T-shirt by now. WooHoo!!! I have loved seeing students wearing their shirts in photos they have sent me. If you don't have your shirt yet, please let us know. They were sent by post at the end of July.

The word from Wakakirri HQ is that Sydney shows will still go ahead in October and be live streamed. Fingers & toes crossed.

Keep warm. Stay safe. And always be a little bit Waky.

Mz. Karyn Johnson



## P & C News

**Next P&C Meeting - Tuesday 31 August, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom.**

It certainly hasn't been the start to Term 3 that we all expected, however, as we continue through another phase of lockdown we want our whole community to prioritise taking care of their own health and well-being and that of their families.

Last week the TWPS P&C was privileged to collaborate with our wonderful school on the Well-Being Week initiative. Each day the P&C Facebook Page contained posts that highlighted various aspects of maintaining health and wellness throughout the seemingly endless 2021 lockdown including Exercise, Self-Care, Sleep, Nutrition and Hydration, and Gardening.

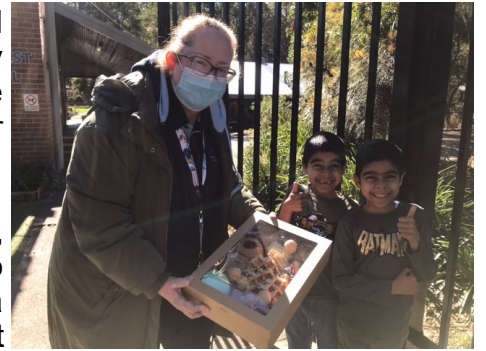
We extend an extra special thanks to Ian Hawkins, Tanya Kumar, Mel Hogan, Andrew Park, Jo Pearson, and Mel Winthorpe (and the Green Thumbs Team) for their contributions to this fantastic initiative.

As an extra special thank you to our amazing teachers who continue to go above and beyond to support our children each and everyday, the P&C was also delighted to provide an extra special, home-made lunch to all staff working on site at TWPS last Friday!





The P&C also celebrated Mrs Granville and all the wonderful educational leaders we are so lucky to have at TWPS on Primary School Principals Day on Friday 6 August, 2021! Whilst these celebrations couldn't be in person, we hope Mrs Granville and her team enjoyed the box of extra special sweet treats!



The P&C would love to continue the focus on health, well-being, and staying connected to community during the lockdown so watch this space for future fun activities. Also, if you have an idea for an activity or initiative that promotes connectedness don't hesitate to share it with the P&C!

The P&C are always looking for more parents to get involved in the P&C, particularly with all our events, Covid-19 restrictions pending of course, we have planned throughout the year, so if you have five minutes or five days to spare throughout the year, your help would be appreciated.

Any member of the TWPS Community can become a member of the P&C by paying their \$1.00 Membership Fee via Flexischools at anytime. If you are not sure how to become involved, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the TWPS P&C Executive Committee.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you, albeit virtually, at our next P&C Meeting to be held on Tuesday 31 August, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom!

Stay safe and look after each other.

Meera Seemampillai  
P & C President

## Fathers Day

The Mother's Day Father's Day Gift Group are excited to announce special edible Father's Day gift options for 2021!

Partnering with three local small businesses -



**Mezze Café - Dessert Delights Box**  
**Westleigh Quality Meats - BBQ Pack**  
**Devoured - Grazing Box**

Available for purchase through  
Flexischools from  
21 August - 31 August



**Cost \$30 per Box / Pack**

Collection of boxes and packs - 4 September directly from retailers when you are doing your COVID safe essential shopping

**\$5 from each box sold will be donated to TWPS P & C**

More details to come via email and the P & C Facebook Page

*We'd love as many people as possible to support this Father's Day initiative as a way of spoiling all the super dad's, step-dad's, and carers out there who deserve a well-earned, delicious treat, at the same time supporting the TWPS P&C. It also allows us to give back to the amazing local retailers who frequently step up and support fundraising efforts!*