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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Presentation Day Ceremony

#### *Acknowledgement of Country*

I acknowledge the Guringai People who are the traditional custodians of this land and water and extend my respect to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people joining us today, Elders, past and present, whether at school or joining from our community. At Thornleigh West Public School, we learn and play together on land that we care for and respect. We continue to show respect for the educational, spiritual and cultural customs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

#### **2021**

Resilience. Getting Along. Persistence.

Throughout this year these skills and attributes that we develop through YCDI and our learning here at TWPS have been called upon like never before. I am so incredibly proud of each and every student, teacher and staff member and so grateful for the strong and positive relationship we have with our community.

As the fridge magnet message for all families said, community isn't just an important thing - its everything!

I truly mean that. Your support through home learning, even more than throughout the school year has meant that together we were able to sustain student learning throughout this time.

To our community I'd like to extend my thanks and recognition for the way we continue to collaborate to ensure the best possible learning occurs for your child.

Despite being physically separated, the connection we had through online learning, phone calls, emails, zoom sessions, sharing through seesaw and google classroom, as well as the couple of times we could cross paths, at the drive through pick ups these times, however fleeting, helped us connect with you. We certainly missed you- here at school it obviously just wasn't the same. To hear the bubble of chatter in the playground and the buzz of an engaged classroom is now music to my ears!

When we learn about resilience, we know it's:

"the capacity of a person to maintain their core purpose and integrity in the face of dramatically changed circumstances. The ability to not only overcome setbacks but to also move forward"

Upon our return, seeing some of our friends again, getting back in to the classroom and in to face-to-face learning, this resilience has shone through. Well done TWPS – such a credit to you!

### ***60th Birthday***

2021 for Thornleigh West marks 60 years since the opening of the school in 1951. At the opening the school sat on farmland that ran across our site, Oakleigh Oval and the surrounding bushland. The first class was housed in our current 'Wattle' / Kindergarten building which also housed the administration office, first aid and store.

Today Boys and girls we are celebrating this special milestone and hoped to share this with you. You have all received our special commemorative 60<sup>th</sup> birthday badge – specially made for this year. And, tomorrow, our school leaders will unveil a specially commissioned mosaic mural depicting our beautiful local flora and fauna. This installation reflects the sanctuary that we have as our amazing learning environment – aren't we so fortunate!

Our amazing school wouldn't be so without the outstanding support of many groups of people. I'd like to acknowledge them today.

### ***Office Staff***

Each and every day our outstanding team of Office staff are the here to help everyone. From tending to first aid needs, welcoming new enrolments, ensuring the school has supplies and resources needed every day, being our primary liaison with the community and wider public point of contact, our Office staff are an amazing team and I am so thankful for their amazing support this year.

To Mrs Gordon, Mrs Logan, Mrs Swarts, Mrs Pollock and Mrs Chilton, Thank you. Nothing is ever too much trouble, and your friendly, caring manner is such a tremendous support for everyone.

### ***Executive***

It has been a privilege for me to lead our great school though part of this year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that I could only have done this with the outstanding support and collaboration from Miss Dowd. Whether our time during LFH or upon our return, your hard work has been focussed on making this year not just successful, but to help us thrive! Thank you for all of those days where you go above and beyond to support students, teachers, fellow leaders and the infectious positive way you go about this. The seemingly unnoticed acts of kindness and consideration for others make you the very valued and respected leader you are.

### ***Thankyou***

To our senior leadership team: Ms Bourne, Miss Waldron, Ms Allen, Mr Cottrell, Mrs Davis, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Browne. Your commitment to continuing quality teaching and leading through your instructional leadership is outstanding. Your skills have been called upon this year to be adaptable, and resilient as we were required to pivot to change after change, so often – and usually at short notice. You have kept student and staff wellbeing as a paramount responsibility and worked to support your stage teams along the journey while also supporting each other.

### ***Teachers***

With this common thread of adaptability and resilience, our school teaching staff have maintained their commitment to providing teaching and learning that takes students from their point of need to make growth in their learning path. The strong sense of team collaboration has shone through this year, with teacher

expertise guiding the shift in our teaching delivery and how we were able to support LFH for 76 days.

In reflecting on 2021, many teachers have talked about how proud they are of you boys and girls, for continuing your learning journey together, whatever form it needed to take.

Teachers, I am truly grateful to be a part of this amazing team.

### ***Support Staff***

With Mr Paul being on leave through this year, I'd like to thank the team of GA's who have looked after our grounds and school so well through the year. Your assistance has been very much appreciated, Mr Brad, Mr A Murrie and M Murrie and Mr Gordon, thank you so much.

To Our SLSO's Mrs R, Mrs Law, Mrs Blundell, Miss, Powell, Miss Ellis and Miss Ishikawa – I know on behalf of families and students, we would like to thank you for the care and support of learning you have each day.

### ***Student Leadership teams***

To our 2021 band captains, sports captains and prefect and Captain leadership teams, you are all remarkable young people who bring such tremendous positivity to your roles. You too have adapted, been flexible, ever thoughtful of how to keep connected to the student group. You have been such an asset to our school. As role models you have been visible, active and creative in ways you can contribute to school life. The video stories in book week, the connections through the prefect google classroom – well done you.

### ***Mrs Gilleran 2021***

I'd like to acknowledge, recognise and celebrate the wonderful career of Mrs Gilleran as she is now looking forward to retirement.

Mrs Gilleran is a hard working, committed and caring teacher who's classroom is always one where the focus is on students learning on their next steps while being supported by Mrs Gilleran along the way.

With a thorough understanding of our core curriculum and then expert skill in how to implement that in the classroom setting, all while meeting the needs of individual students Mrs Gilleran has brought such a love of learning to her classes and to the teams she has been a part of here at TWPS and across her career.

I am thinking back to when I first got to meet and work with you, the Kindy team of Mrs White, Mrs B and Mrs Boon and Browne . . . the blue lemonade that would magically appear on fairy-tale day. The countless National Anthem accompaniments at our assemblies. I'm sure you along with your colleagues have many more happy memories and times that make teaching that extra bit special.

Your commitment to Teaching and Learning is always evident, being a part of our TWPS rounds team and mini rounds team with Mrs Robinson, you are always reflecting on teaching and looking to continually improve. And you do this with such care and always a smile.

Always a humble teacher, you go about your day but just to know, your passion for quality Teaching and Learning hasn't gone unnoticed.

We wish you all the very best as you move into retirement and are thankful for the difference you have made to hundreds of students' lives and broader than that across our school.

### ***Mrs Mamo 2021***

I also would like to acknowledge, thank and celebrate you on an outstanding 7 years as Principal of our great school, after your wonderful news as being successful in your promotion as Director, Educational Leader for Hawkesbury Network.

Throughout these 7 years there are undoubtedly many highlights and special times that will remain with us, and I'm sure boys and girls, you have your own special memories of your time with Mrs Mamo.

You have always, every single day had an unwavering focus on Teaching and Learning. As a passionate educator you have ensured – student voice, empowering Teachers through supporting cutting-edge pedagogy and embedding high leverage practices are a part of what we do here at TWPS.

You have a commitment and passion for developing others. Whether it's your nurturing and supporting Beginning Teachers, encouraging and belief in Aspiring leadership, or supporting and welcoming induction for new staff – in every instance your priority is to work shoulder to shoulder with all, and always with students at the centre.

With a relentless drive to always seek innovation and improvement on all school fronts, there are many initiatives, approaches, and new learning you have brought to TWPS. Your cutting-edge work, starting in 2014 around FA has been critical for our shift in how we understand students learning across all KLAS.

Then strengthen in 2018 with our collaborating with Simon Brookes and COT projects, this quality PL supported by genuine classroom-based research continued to strengthen our deep understanding of students learning culture.

Through special programs you introduced such as YCDI and the Got it! Program, your value and support of student wellbeing as a foundation for learning was always evident.

The events that captured us as a school and community are highlights too, the Colour run in 2018 was such a wonderful celebration not just of sport, one of your passions, but as a uniting event for our school community. I think we hadn't laughed so much, and we were all finding coloured powder absolutely everywhere for some time. Such fun times!

In 2017 you initiated the establishment of a Support Unit at TWPS, that came to realisation in 2018 with our first Multi Category class led by Ms Bourne. Inclusion, diversity and meeting the needs of all learners is another cornerstone of your leadership. The support unit, although not purpose built and a new dimension to learn about – is a tremendous asset to TWPS and one that will continue to grow and flourish. You should be immensely proud of this initiative and the long-term impact it gives, not just students enrolled in Banskia but our school and wider community. Our school culture and learning community are richer for having our Support Unit.

Building capacity and supporting teachers in their service as an advocate for Public Education, your determination to engage in continual reflection and improvement is outstanding. You were the lead Principal responsible to the successful grant to establish TWPS as a part of an Instructional Rounds network. Over time the schools this network has included John Purchase PS, Oakhill Drive Public School, West Pennant Hills PS and now has welcomes Normanhurst PS and Berowra PS.

The annual TWPS IR is just the tip of the iceberg thinking about the positive impact of being a part of this network. WE truly learn from each other and have built up over the past 6 years an incredible portfolio of educational leadership through Problems of practice, gathering authentic data from classroom practice that then shaping the direction of Teaching and Learning across the school.

I know each member school would like to thank you for the motivation and commitment to this team, its rich connections, support and outcomes over time. Another legacy you have given to us here at TWPS.

The school grounds also have had a sprinkle of Mrs Mamo magic – the playground space with the natural playground equipment and play space in and amongst the bush paths is such a wonderful place for enjoyment, discovery and play.

Your foresight of complementing our grounds with murals from Aboriginal artist and murals capturing the local environment, wildlife and our love of reading are wonderful and showcase our great school.

In Learning you value curiosity, inquiry, student self-motivation and regulation to be active and engaged learners. You collaboratively went about designed and create our school vision in 2014 – one that holds us now in our plan through to 2024.

By stretching us, students and teachers alike, to engage in critical reflection-what makes a good learner? You encourage us to be reflective and strive to improve.

Your care for families, as well as the student at the centre is one of exceptional connection as you build, and nurture relationships across the school. Across the years you have supported families through difficult times and your support and love at these times reflects the genuine care you have for people.

We are so grateful and thankful for your leadership of Thornleigh West and know that the passion you have for learning will continue in the practices now established in the school. More than that – the spark and love of learning, instil the lifelong love of learning you have – in us.

The sign on your door says – “ I may not have all the answers, but I do have a heart to care, ears to listen, time to give, ideas to share and an open mind.”

On a personal note, I have had the privilege to work and learn alongside you in and out across various settings for 21 years. For your ever-present belief, care and inspiration – thank you.

I believe people come into our lives for a reason. And I know that TWPS is a better, stronger place having had you as our leader for these last 7 years. Your positive impact will last long into the future and make a difference to many lives

Although we will miss you, we know your leadership will now be an asset to the Hawkesbury network, with many more schools and communities to benefit from your inspirational leadership.

Our warm wishes, thanks and congratulations go with you.

## **2022**

Welcoming our new Kindergarten students and then actually getting to explore and discover the whole school will bring them such joy.

Walker play moving on to year 1 and extending the great learning we are seeing there. We look forward hopefully to reengaging with some of our learning areas we have missed, Wakkakirri, PSSA, debating, choirs, bands, public speaking competitions.

I am looking forward, to a great 2022. To re-engage in what we love most, teaching and learning in our great school, surrounded by our friends, colleagues and desire to always improve while enjoying the moment we are in.

So students, to each and every one of you, CONGRATULATIONS. I, along with Miss Dowd, are so incredibly proud of you.

### **Community Collection**

Thank you to Matt Dalziel, a TWPS parent, for initiating, organising and delivering the community collection for Hornsby Connect last week. At this time of year especially we are grateful the we had the opportunity to help others in our community who may need support. The President of Hornsby Connect, Stuart Armstrong was very appreciative of the donations. The donations will be put in to hampers and distributed to those in need in our local community next week.

Thank you to all families who were able to contribute towards this donation.



We wish you a holiday break that gets to includes few of your favourite pastimes, for me a bit of baking and some time in the garden.

Kind Regards

*Granville*

Julie Granville  
R/Principal

## Meet the Principal



Thank you to everybody at Thornleigh West Public School for the warm welcome I received earlier this week. The staff, students and the families were very obliging and helped me to overcome some of my first visit nerves and to feel like part of the TWPS team!

I have been a public school educator for my entire career, having taught all years from P-6, with the last 11 years as Principal across two schools. I share Thornleigh West Public School's commitment to improving outcomes for students and have ensured throughout my career that my focus has remained firmly upon what is best for our students.

I hope everybody has the opportunity to rest and recover from an unusual year, hopefully there is an opportunity to catch up with friends and family before the start of 2022.

Please see the QR link created introduce myself and I look forward to connecting with everyone in the new year.

Enjoy your break,

Luke Hubbert

Incoming Principal 2022



## Deputy's Message

It has been an honour to step into the Deputy Principal role for 2 and a half terms, I can not thank everyone enough for their support and guidance during this time. Working shoulder to shoulder with Mrs Granville has been a wonderful experience, thank you for your leadership during this time.

We have a truly amazing staff at TWPS, one that has shone throughout 2021. Each teacher, support teacher and office staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the best outcomes for all our students, thank you for your dedication and commitment.

To the students of TWPS....THANK YOU! I have loved every window chat, every smile and good morning at the gate, we are so lucky to be surrounded by such wonderful students. Keep smiling, keep shining, you are all stars!

It is my pleasure to introduce our 2022 Student Leadership Team, Sports Captains and Band Captains. Congratulations to these students, we all look forward to working shoulder to shoulder with you to lead our school.

### Captains and Prefects 2022

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
School Captains	Aaron C	Lucia N
Prefects	Jeremy B	Ella D
Prefects	Alexander G	Victoria L
Prefects	Zaki P	Olivia R

### Sports Captains 2022

Charlie M	Ruse House Captain
Stella K	Ruse House Vice-Captain
Niamh B	Ruse House Captain
Chloe F	Ruse House Vice-Captain
Tom D	Flinders House Captain
Xavier F	Flinders House Vice-Captain
Lexi T	Flinders House Captain
Alicia S	Flinders House Vice-Captain
Leo R	Macquarie House Captain
Aidan M	Macquarie House Vice-Captain
Isabella R	Macquarie House Captain
Indigo H	Macquarie House Vice-Captain
Zach B	Sturt House Captain
Oliver B	Sturt House Vice-Captain
Eliza M	Sturt House Captain
Tatum H	Sturt House Vice-Captain

### Band Captains 2022

Alexander X	Junior Band Captain
Larisa K	Junior Band Captain
Matthew H	Senior Band Captain
Caitlin R	Senior Band Captain



Week 10 was a hive of activity as we had four Presentation Days, Kindergarten Graduation & Year 6 Graduation. Congratulations to all our students who received an award.

The assemblies would not have been able to occur without the assistance of the staff, students and families. Thank you to the students and staff who so graciously helped set up, the events were so well received. Thank you to the parents who zoomed in and were able to celebrate from afar, it was wonderful to have you still be part of this event.

ES1 Awards 2021		
Class	Name	Reason
K/2N	Michael J	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
KH	Sophie F	Citizenship and commitment to learning
KH	Matthew D	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
KH	Samuel C	Enthusiasm for learning
KS	Isabelle B	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
KS	Mason L	Enthusiasm for learning
KS	Reika H	Citizenship and commitment to learning
KW	Oliver H	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
KW	Alexandra B	Citizenship and commitment to learning
KW	Harrison G	Enthusiasm for learning

Year 1 Awards 2021		
Class	Name	Reason
1B	Ethan C	Outstanding effort and enthusiasm for learning
1B	Eliza N	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
1B	Lucia D	Citizenship and respect for others
1C	Amy Z	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
1C	Felix D	Excellence in visual arts
1C	Scarlett I	Enthusiasm for learning
1D	Kaiden L	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
1D	Zoe T	Citizenship
1D	Amelie W	Enthusiasm for learning
1N	Felix L	Outstanding application and improvement
1N	Leo H	Excellence in all Key Learning Areas
1N	Grace C	Excellence and Citizenship

Year 2 Awards 2021

Class	Name	Reason
2A	James G	Critical and Creative Thinking
2A	Lacey T	Effort and positive attitude to learning
2A	Jacqueline Z	Citizenship and excellent effort
2BG	Amelia R	Academic achievement and outstanding effort
2BG	Caden W	Critical and creative thinking, and citizenship
2BG	Violet S	Creativity and enthusiasm for learning
2D	Joshua K	Outstanding application and improvement
2D	James B	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
2D	Alisha W	Consistent effort and citizenship
2W	Joshua M	Outstanding application and improvement
2W	Evan A	Outstanding contribution to class
2W	Sierra H	Improvement and citizenship

Year 3 Awards 2021

Class	Name	Reason
3W	Alexander K	Academic achievement
3C	Hugo M	Positive attitude and consistent effort
3C	Nicholas B	Commitment to learning
3C	Isla B	Consistent application and achievement
3F	Siena D	Citizenship
3F	Claire S	Academic Achievement
3F	Lachlan C	Enthusiasm for learning
3/4C	Lily B	Friendship, attitude to learning and overall achievement
3/4C	Chloe O	Friendship, attitude to learning and overall achievement

Year 4 Awards 2021

Class	Name	Reason
3/4C	Samuel M	Consideration of others, attitude to learning and overall achievement
3/4C	Ruven W	Commitment to learning
4B	Lucas C	Academic Achievement
4B	Alyssa M	Citizenship
4B	Anna S	Commitment to learning
4C	Hayley A	Consistent effort and enthusiasm for learning
4C	Grace C	Citizenship and consistent effort
4C	Noah T	Application and achievement
4Y	Michiko P	Enthusiasm for learning
4Y	Liam S	Positive attitude and effort
4Y	Sarah D	Commitment to learning and persistence

Year 5 Awards 2021

Class	Name	Reason
3/4/5R	Konnor B	Academic achievement & motivation to learn
5C	Ben E	Enthusiastic attitude and effort
5C	Isabella R	Citizenship and commitment to learning
5C	Lucia N	Excellence in writing
5DZ	Xavier F	Enthusiasm for learning
5DZ	Olivia R	Consistent effort and outstanding contribution to class
5DZ	Eloise I	Citizenship and positive attitude
5E	Ruby T	Citizenship, effort and improvement
5E	Oliver M	Academic achievement and outstanding application
5E	Kiana T	Commitment to learning, effort and achievement

Year 6 Awards 2021

Class	Name	Reason
6A	Charlotte F	Excellence in all Key Learning Areas
6A	Quinnlin O	Positive attitude, effort and achievement
6A	Nola G	Commitment to learning
6D	Amelia M	Outstanding effort and achievement
6D	Lachlan B	Consistent effort and improvement
6D	Martha M	Commitment to learning
6S	Charli H	Positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning
6S	James T	Critical and creative thinking
6S	Jalyssa V	Consistent effort and achievement

Stage 2 Band Awards 2021

Name	Award
Juliet J	Most Improved Stage Band
Lillian C	Most Improved Stage Band
Alexander X	Musical Excellence Training Band
Hannah E	Valued Contribution Training Band
Jemma G	Outstanding Contribution Training Band
Eva R	Outstanding Contribution Junior Band
Gabriel M	Outstanding Contribution Junior Band
Ruven W	Musical Excellence Junior Band

### Stage 3 Band Awards 2021

Name	Award
Andrea L	Team Player senior Band
Ella M	Team Player senior Band
Logan D	Musical Excellence Senior Band
Ximena S	Musical Excellence Senior Band
Zac F	Musical Excellence Stage Band
Aaron C	Training Band Mentor Program
Andrea L	Training Band Mentor Program
Caitlin Reilly	Training Band Mentor Program
Chloe Kimber	Training Band Mentor Program
Ella Most	Training Band Mentor Program
Leo Foster	Training Band Mentor Program
Logan Delapierre	Training Band Mentor Program
Logan Vaidyanathan	Training Band Mentor Program

### Special Awards 2021

Name	Award
Zac Forsyth	Julian Leeser All Rounder
Luke Faber	Matt Keans Leadership Award
Alec Compton	Citizenship
Ella Most	Creative Arts
Alexandra Muir	Principal's award
Lachlan Booth	Sportsman of the Year & Beecroft Zone <i>Outstanding Team Achievement Award.</i>
Gemma Phelps	Academic Excellence

### Three Year WAKA Awards

Name
Alexandra Muir
Charlotte Biro
Charlotte Fogg
Chesea Browne
Chloe Kimber
Claire McGowan
Diya Sharma
Ella Most
Jalyssa Visser
Logan Delapierre
Lucy Peason
Nola Godsmark
Sienna Liang
Summer Choi
Ximena Sim

On Tuesday we had our final K-6 assembly where we celebrated our Aussie of the Month and PBEL awards. Congratulations to these students, what an asset you are to our school.

Aussie of the Month Semester Two 2021		
Class	Student	Reason
Banksia	Thomas	Citizenship
KW	Evie	Integrity, responsibility and cooperation
KS	Lachlan	Integrity, excellence and cooperation
KH	Adrian	Respect & responsibility
1B	Isaac	Participation and cooperation
1C	Willem	Achievement: actively, participating in learning opportunities
1D	Eleanor	Participation
1N	Chloe	Excellence, respect and participation
2A	William	Excellence, integrity, responsibility
2BG	Isla	Care, respect and cooperation
2D	Roman	Integrity and respect
2W	Elizabeth	Excellence, cooperation and responsibility
3C	Sienna	Participation and fairness
3F	Marisa	Respect and care
3/4C	Mindy	Participation, integrity and respect
4B	Savannah	Respect, Responsibility and cooperation
4C	Bonita	Responsibility and cooperation
4Y	Rhea	Care and co-operation
5C	Jonathan	Citizenship and effort
5E	Lidya	Respect, care and excellence
5DZ	Niamh	Integrity and Care
6A	Natasha	Dedication to her learning
6D	Noah	Respect and responsibility
6S	Josiah	Integrity and care

PBEL Awards		
Conor W	K/2N	Bronze
Jianing C	K/2N	Bronze
Violet S	2BG	Bronze
Eden W	2D	Bronze
Joshua K	2D	Bronze
Oliver T	3/4/5R	Bronze
Natalie G	3/4/5R	Bronze
Sienna B	3C	Bronze
Emilio G	3C	Bronze
Harry W	3C	Bronze
Dylan L	3C	Bronze
Leo G	3C	Bronze
Tighe S	3F	Bronze
Joshua B	3F	Bronze
Annson H	3F	Bronze
Orlando C	3W	Bronze
Lachlan W	3W	Bronze
Jaden X	4B	Bronze
Callum H	4C	Bronze
Liam S	4Y	Silver
Ellie M	4Y	Silver
Lexi T	5C	Silver
Alicia S	5C	Silver
Bria W	5E	Silver
Rochelle L	5E	Silver
Ruby T	5E	Bronze
Emily F	5E	Silver
Kiana T	5E	Silver
Leo F	5E	Silver
Oliver M	5E	Silver
Charlie M	5E	Silver
Lidya O	5E	Silver
Claire M	6D	Gold and Medal
Millie P	6D	Platinum
William H	6S	Silver
Harry M	6S	Silver
Jalyssa V	6S	Gold and Medal



This year marked 60 Years of Thornleigh West Public School. During our Presentation Day celebrations we unveiled two beautiful mosaics. These mosaics represent our gorgeous school surroundings and are displayed in the Main Quad. Thank you to the amazing artist Mac\_Mosais for creating this spectacular piece to commemorate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year, all the best for a safe and happy holiday break.



Miss Dowd

Deputy Principal / R

## Dance Group News

The 2021 Dance Group were lucky enough to participate in some performances this year. The students showed commitment and dedication to learning and rehearsing the dance in term 1 to be performance ready. Our dance this year is titled "Next stop, New York!." This dance tells the story of 2 tourists travelling and exploring New York City. The tourists board the plane before getting into a yellow taxi and exploring some of the sites such as the Statue of Liberty. They quickly grab a bite to eat from the hot dog vendor before watching an intense game of baseball. Their New York adventure finishes with watching a Broadway show, all of this in 3 minutes!

Earlier in the year, we auditioned for Sydney North Dance Festival to which we were successful. This included performing on stage with professional lighting and recording equipment. We were complimented about the behaviour and respect shown by our students.



## Sport News

The permission note for the school swimming carnival will be sent in the last week of January 2022. The carnival will take place on Monday 14 February 2022 and all entries will need to be sent to the aquatic centre prior to this. All permissions will need to be back at school by Friday 4 February 2022.

We are suggesting that you use the school holidays to ascertain your child's swimming ability and which events they would like to enter. Below is a list of events that will be run on the day.

200m Medley

100m Freestyle

50m Freestyle

Backstroke

Butterfly

Breastroke

## P& C News

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 8 February, 2022 at 7:30pm

What a year! The TWPS P&C would like to thank each of you that supported the P&C in some way throughout the year, whether you baked a cake, took up the tongs for the BBQ, or bought tea towels, Krispy Kremes, or Father's Day Treat Boxes or attended a P&C Meeting, we really appreciate it. We'd also like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you revitalised and ready to tackle all that awaits us in 2022.

### **TWPS P&C Meeting Wrap Up**

The P&C met on Tuesday 23 November 2021, via Zoom. It was a quieter, yet robust Meeting. P&C Meetings are always a great way for the community to catch up and hear about what's happening in the P&C and the wider school community. At the Meeting, the membership ratified the purchase of the new freezer for the Canteen and of two Square contactless and chip readers (which have already been put to good use at the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall). We adopted a new TWPS P&C Privacy Policy and accepted the 2022 TWPS P&C Operating Budget. We also heard updates on the planned 2022 TWPS P&C Fundraising Calendar, the implementation of the QkR! trial in the Uniform Shop, and received a comprehensive update from the Principal regarding all the end of year happenings at TWPS.

### **Canteen Update**

It's been a really busy time in the Canteen, with a new record of 297 lunch orders in a single day set on Friday 26 November, 2021. The Canteen recently received it's 2022 NSW Healthy School Canteen Certification. Congratulations and a big well done to Canteen Manager, Jane Barnwell, and the Canteen team for all your amazing work in achieving this status yet again! Two new ovens will also be installed in the Canteen this week and we look forward to seeing them in action soon.

### **Band Update**

A very successful Training Band Information Night was held on Thursday 25 November, 2021, with close to 20 families joining via Zoom to hear all about the wonderful program on offer. If your child is in Year 2 and would like to join Training Band, please complete the Google Form as soon as possible. Excitingly, both the Senior and Stage Bands have been invited to play at the Thornleigh Community Baptist Church Christmas Carols at Headon Park, Thornleigh on Sunday 19 December, 2021 at 5:00pm. Come along and support our amazing band students and stay on for a night of family fun. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Election Day BBQ

The TWPS P&C Band Subcommittee ran a very successful Election Day BBQ on Saturday 4 December, 2021. We would like to thank all our amazing volunteers (including Harrison Adams, Kath Boon, Gary Capell, Derek Cheng, Caroline Dalziel, Carolyn Delapierre, Aimi Forsyth, Zac Forsyth, Norman Goh, Peta Goh, Stephanus Gouws, John Hogan, Gemma Jacono, Ainslie Jennings, Claudine Kimber, Stephanie Lane, Michelle Lee, Jenny Lin, Ninive Lopez Pineda, Audrey Lupton, Evelyn Lupton, Henry Ma, Christian McKay, Steve Most, Adam Muir, James Noble, Ali O’Kane, Nathan Padgham, Max Pierre, Brendon Wild, Katherine Wilson and Alfred Xing, our sincerest apologies to anyone we may have inadvertently overlooked) who donned their aprons and took up the tongs for our first real chance at hosting a community fundraising event in nearly two years. The crowds were also lucky to be entertained by our very own Florence Padgham who played beautifully at the event. A very special thanks is also extended to Chris Lupton who stepped in to coordinate the event at very short notice and served on the BBQ with his daughters all day long. We are sure you will agree the democracy sausages (and the bacon and egg rolls) tasted better than ever. We are very excited to announce that the Election Day BBQ raised well over \$1,500, which will be utilised in support of the TWPS Band Program. Finally, thanks to all our generous sponsors Martellis Cherrybrook, Mint Fresh IGA Westleigh and Woolworths Thornleigh. We encourage the school community to support these local businesses who have so kindly supported our school.

## Election Day Cake Stall

The Election Day Cake Stall has sold its last sweet treat for 2021. We send out a big thank you to all who dusted off the aprons and baked up a storm for this event. We received close to 100 sweet donations. An extra special thanks must go to all our amazing volunteers Kim Barry, Ava Battista, Rose Battista, Nick Blackwell, Hannah Buckley-Duong, Amelia Clementson, Kim Curby, Shannon Curran, Vanessa Erickson, Anna Hobson, John Hogan, Piper Hogan, Karyn Johnson, Robyn Little, Therese Neville, Meera Seemampillai, Janine Sherlock, Heather Warwick and Mel Winthorpe, who rallied to support the event at short notice. If we have inadvertently left anyone off this list – a very big apology and thank you for your help in making the Election Cake Stall a success. A huge thanks to TWPS P&C Secretary, Mel Hogan, who stepped in to Coordinate the Cake Stall. Thank you also to TWPS P&C Treasurer, Greg Chard, for setting up Square to allow the stall to accept electronic payments, to Julie Granville and the TWPS team for ensuring we had a school iPad set up and ready to process payments and to General Assistant, Brad, for ensuring tables, chairs and bins were ready and available on the day. We are happy to announce that the Cake Stall was completely sold out by 12:00pm and made a very respectable \$1,000 profit, which will be utilised to support P&C initiatives. The spirit of community is alive and well at TWPS!

## Volunteering at TWPS

We are always excited to have new members involved in the P&C. We have several events planned over the year ahead, Covid-19 restrictions permitting. So, if you can spare some time, whether it’s five minutes or five days, your help would be appreciated. Our membership fee is only \$1 and can be paid via Flexischools at any time. If you would like more information on the P&C or how you can become involved, please do not hesitate to contact us at [twpsandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpsandc@gmail.com).

Meera Seemampillai  
TWPS P&C President

## 2022



- 28 & 31 January - Staff Development Days
- 1 February - First Day of Term 1 for Years 1 to 6
- 1 - 3 February - Best Start Testing for Kindergarten
- 4 February - First Day for Kindergarten

