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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Welcome back to Term 4

I do hope this term as we return to learning from home with the much anticipated return to school in the not too distant future, that this message find our families well after having had an enjoyable holiday break.

As we prepare for full student attendance back onsite we would like to offer a live webinar this Thursday at 12pm to provide detail around the return to school plan and have an opportunity to answer questions also. If you're unable to make the webinar time the slides and information will be published.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62330929042?pwd=UEN6c3hFM25sUzNkVGQ1eUR0cWtodz09>

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## Return to school Level 3 plus

### Parent Information session 14/10/21

Information current as at 7 October 2021  
Developed in partnership with NSW Health  
J Granville & N Dowd

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## What we'll cover in this session

Term 4 return  
to school



- Key dates
- COVID-safe practices at our school
- Weeks 3 and 4 organisation
- Vaccinations
- Out of school hours care
- Where to find out more
- Questions

As students return to school please do remember to also return any ICT devices that have been borrowed. Do keep a device if needed at home for the eldest child to return.

Students returning will need to remember their drink bottles and good practices around health and hygiene including:

### **For Everyone**

- Stay at home if unwell - Staff and Students are expected to stay away from school if unwell.
- Students should notify their teacher if they become unwell during the day and need to go home.
- Only return to school when fully recovered.
- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly - maintaining good personal hand hygiene is the single most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Maintain respiratory hygiene - cover your cough or sneeze by coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue. Dispose of tissues properly and always wash your hands.
- Avoid shaking hands when greeting people.

### **School Visitor Check-in**

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October.


The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate](#).
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.
- Watch our short [parent video](#) to see how it works for parents.

I'm looking forward to sharing further information with you and welcoming our Kindergarten and Year 1 students back to school next week.

Kind regards,



Julie Granville  
R/Principal

## Deputy's Message

THANK YOU doesn't seem quite significant enough as we come to an end of our time at home and away from our wonderful school. Thank you to everyone, all the mum's, dad's brother's, sister's, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who have supported not only our children but each other throughout what has been a very busy and disruptive few months. As we prepare to welcome our student's back in a staggered return it is important to think about what school will look like in Term 4 as there will be some changes. Some things you can look at as we return are:

As student's return there will be teachers waiting eagerly at the gate to welcome all our student's and help them into the school grounds.

### PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL #LOCKDOWN 2021

#### WELLBEING



Parents and their children may be anxious about the return to school.

- As a parent try to not project your fears onto your young person.

Children learn to manage their emotions via co-regulation. Model the response you wish your child to have.

- Allow your child the opportunity to discuss their fears and concerns. Work on solutions and strategies together.
- Involve your child in preparation the night before school starts laying out uniform, packing bag. Promote a positive mindset.
- We have a free activity pack to support young people at [www.thecontentedchild.co.uk](http://www.thecontentedchild.co.uk).

#### ROUTINES



Many young people will be out of the school routine. In order to support a smooth transition back to school, we should consider

- bedtimes and waking time. If necessary work towards this gradually over the next 14 days.
- mealtimes, to fit in with the school timetable, snack and lunchtime. Stop excess snacking between meal times.
- Keep to school timings for home learning, particularly in final week.
- Ensure child is supported to manage timetable and equipment, ensure organisation day before to save anxieties on the morning.
- Take the walk/journey to school once or twice in the week before.

The Contented Child - Find us on Facebook

## Medication / Health Care

As many students have been away from TWPS for the entire term 3, this is a timely reminder to consider if there are any changes to your child's health care needs or medication. If your child's medication was taken home please check the expiry date and return it to school on the students first day back. Medication must be given adult to adult, if you could pass it to a teacher at the front gate that would be great. Please get in contact with us if you have a need to follow anything up in this area.

## Kindergarten Transition 2022

The Thornleigh West Public School Kindergarten Team have been busy organising wonderful transition sessions for your children. As we return to school under *level three plus* restrictions we are unable to have any children or parents on site at this time. The transition program will run for two consecutive Thursdays in Term 4 2021, at 10.00am. It is optimal that students attend both sessions. The dates are as follows:-

- Thursday 14 October
- Thursday 21 October

I hope you have all received your goodie bag at home with the materials needed to complete the activities at home during your online sessions. A reminder these activities and a wealth of other knowledge about our school is on our Transition website

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/twps-kindergarten-transition/home>

As we move forward in the term, our staggered return of students returning is all under level three plus restrictions. As soon as we are advised by the Department of Education of our school moving off these restrictions, we hope to be able to plan for an end of Term 4 on site transition session, if restrictions allow for this. If you have any questions please call or email the school, we are more than happy to assist you. We thank you for your understanding during this time, it certainly has been challenging for everyone and we very much value your flexibility and support.

We look forward to meeting you at this time.

We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone back on site.

Kind Regards



Nicole Dowd  
R/Deputy Principal

♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten





**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 19 October, 2021

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a very exciting, busy Term 4 as our children return to our wonderful school. We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break with their families.

### **Well-Being Trivia Night Wrap Up**

On Friday 24 September the P&C was joined by about 25 current TWPS families and a couple of new Kindergarten families for a night of trivia and catch ups. The overall winners were the House of Boon closely followed by Wine Tasters' Federation and The Wednesday Club. A huge thank you to Ryan Coffey from Funky Bunch Entertainment for hosting and to Dion, Nathan and the team at Ray White (Cherrybrook, Thornleigh, West Pennant Hills) for being the primary sponsor of the event. The Ray White team covered the total cost of engaging Funky Bunch Entertainment, which allowed us to run this great event completely free of charge to any families wishing to join the fun. The feedback we've received from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, it's a shame more people weren't able to attend, however, we are hopeful word of mouth will encourage more families to join in future events! Thanks also to Chemist Warehouse (Pennant Hills) and Coles (Hornsby) for donating \$450 in gift card prizes for the event. A great night was had by all involved!

### **Sydney Edible Garden Trail Grant**

Well done to our very own Green Thumbs who have been successful in securing a \$1000 grant for the purchase of an industrial worm farm for TWPS! This will be a fantastic addition to the TWPS garden program, and we look forward to seeing the worms at work very soon!

### **Canteen Update**

With the entire primary school cohort returning to school very soon, the canteen will recommence operations on Wednesday 27 October, 2021 for **ONLINE** orders **ONLY** via Flexischools. Sadly, Birthday Buckets won't be available at present. Thanks to Canteen Manager, Jane Barnwell, who is hard at work preparing to reopen the canteen so all your online orders can be filled. Please keep an eye on Flexischools as there may be a few small menu changes as the Canteen reopens for online orders only.

### **Uniform Shop Update**

If you've noticed your children have grown out of their school uniforms during the extended lockdown period, you'll be pleased to learn the Uniform Shop will also reopen for **ONLINE** orders via Flexischools very soon! Please see information provided in the Newsletter below or follow the Uniform Shop on Facebook @TWPSUniformShop for further updates. You can also contact the Uniform Shop Manager, Janine Sherlock, via email at [twpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:twpsuniformshop@gmail.com).



## Volunteering at TWPS

As we move through the year, we look to succession planning for 2022 and beyond! As always, we would love to see new volunteers stepping up to fill committee and other volunteer positions. If you are interested in taking on a role, please don't hesitate to contact one of the current Executive Committee for further details.

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 [twpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpspandc@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone, albeit virtually, at our next meeting on Tuesday 19 October, 2021 at 7:30pm!

Meera Seemampillai  
TWPS P&C President  
[twpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpspandc@gmail.com)

## Uniform Shop News

### TWPS UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



And we are back! It has been a long closure for the Uniform Shop and it is good to be planning a return to the shop for Term 4, albeit as an online service only.

Flexischools is now open for orders with order dates starting from **Tuesday, 26 October 2021**.

Orders need to be placed by 5pm on Monday 25 October to be included for this delivery.

All orders will be packed in the uniform shop and delivered to the school office for distribution. Please allow 2 days for the orders to be distributed and if your child hasn't brought home your order by the Thursday after order date, please contact the shop on [twpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:twpsuniformshop@gmail.com) for us to follow up. If there are any stock fulfillment issues for your order we will contact you directly regarding this at the time.

For the remainder of term 4, Flexischools orders will need to be completed by 5pm on the Monday before the order date and distribution of orders will be done on the Tuesday. Any further updates will be communicated in the Newsletter and via our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/TWPSUniformShop>

More information regarding Kindergarten 2022 will be provided in the next newsletter.



### UPDATE #6 - 11 OCTOBER 2021

**As we prepare to welcome students back to the classroom and onto our buses, we would like to take this opportunity to provide a quick update on how we will support this transition over the next few weeks.**

From 18 October 2021, we will return to a full timetable, including the resumption of all school services. This will mean that our buses will be ready to support the staggered return to schools.

We can confirm the following safety measures are being followed:

- Our Drivers remain compliant with the Public Health Orders and are committed to supporting the community.
- Masks remain mandatory for all drivers and increased cleaning regimes will continue.
- Our exclusion zones remain in place on board to help maintain space between our drivers and customers.
- All of our public route services have now been increased to a total customer limit of 27 people. Available seating will continue to be identified by the familiar green dots that say 'sit here'.
- However we can confirm that this limit will not apply to school students and priority will be given to them where possible. We are still bound to ensure no child is left behind. Additional monitoring will be undertaken to address any issues that arise.

In line with Government instruction, we also encourage people to avoid peak hour travel, allow additional travel time or make alternative travel arrangements if possible. Similarly, we ask that parents also consider alternative transport options for their children to ensure they are not impacted by these changes.

Be assured, your students safety and wellbeing is paramount and we look forward to welcome our school communities back on board in the coming weeks.

If you have any concerns during this time, please do not hesitate to contact our School Engagement Team on [tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au](mailto:tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au) or by phone (02) 8700 0555.

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Macey**  
Managing Director





### Ethics teachers needed at Thornleigh West Public School for Kindy 2022

As your child starts Kindergarten at Thornleigh West Public School next year, we would like to let you know about the school's Primary Ethics program.

Primary Ethics was started in 2010 to offer NSW primary school students philosophical ethics as an alternative to attending non-scripture classes. Ethics classes are now offered in 450 schools around the state, all taught by volunteers. Classes teach children logical reasoning and thinking skills and develop their ability to support arguments with evidence. Students learn to disagree respectfully and think about decisions that affect them and people around them. The classes aim to provide an inclusive, secular learning environment and foster a respect for diverse views and ways of thinking among our students.

Some examples of the topic areas covered in kindergarten include:

- Intentions – What happens if you hurt someone without meaning to? What happens if you say sorry but there are still consequences?
- Telling the truth – Should we always tell the truth, or are there times when we shouldn't? What happens when we don't tell the truth?
- Knowledge – How do we know what we know? When do you know something and when are you guessing?

We would like to be able to offer ethics classes to families of kindergarten students who request it. To meet demand for ethics classes next year, we need a number of new ethics teachers ready to begin in February 2022. Primary Ethics teachers include school parents, grandparents and local community members. You don't need previous experience teaching or working with children, all ethics teachers are fully trained to deliver the highly structured, age-appropriate Primary Ethics curriculum. The total time commitment is around 45 minutes per week, including a class each Wednesday at 2.15pm and time to read over the lesson in preparation for the class.

If you're interested in becoming an ethics teacher, or if you know anyone that might be interested, please contact our Ethics Coordinator, Jess Mayr at [jess\\_adrian@bigpond.com](mailto:jess_adrian@bigpond.com). For more information about the ethics program, go to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

We look forward to seeing you next year.

*“In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world”*

Simon Longstaff AO Executive Director - The Ethics Centre



# **TWPS Students resume Face to Face learning -**

**18 October 2021 Kindergarten and Year 1**

**25 October 2021 Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6**

**We look forward to welcoming all of our students back.**



## **From the Community**



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