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Term Dates

Date	Event
11 November	Remembrance Day
17 November	OC Placement test (onsite)
18 November	Stage 2 – Assembly Zoom
22 November	2022 Student Leadership nominations
23 November	High School Orientation Day 7.30pm P&C Meeting
25 November	Stage 1 – Assembly Zoom
29 November	School Captain and Prefect election
1 December	Band Captain election
2 December	Sport Captain election ES1 – Assembly Zoom
7 December	Stage 3 – Assembly Zoom
8 December	K-2 Presentation Day Kindergarten- 9.15am Stage 1 – 12.00pm
9 December	Year 3-6 Presentation Day Stage 2 – 9.15am Stage 3 – 12.00pm
13 December	Reports home Year 6 Farewell (TBC) K-2 Class parties
14 December	K-6 Assembly – Zoom Year 3-6 Class parties
16 December	Last Day for students
17 December	Staff Development Day

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tell Them From Me – Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, **your responses are very much appreciated.**

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm.

To access the survey for our school go to:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/pbx5h>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Video for parents and families – COVID -19 – returning to school tips

This week the Secretary sat down for a short conversation with Professor Sharon Goldfeld, a paediatrician and Director of The Centre for Community Child Health. Professor Goldfeld has decades of experience in state government as a senior policy maker in health and education. During the 2020 second COVID-19 wave she analysed the school transmission data for the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. During the discussion Sharon shares some practical tips for families when talking to children about COVID-19, the layers of protection in place in our schools, and the benefits of getting our students into the classroom to learn.

Please see [Secretary's video with Professor Sharon Goldfeld](#) which explores these topics further in light of returning children to classrooms this term.

Term 4 Events

Year 6 Farewell

We are currently awaiting clarification on updated restrictions and guidelines around the end of year farewell for year 6 that was communicated as of Friday through the Department of Education to Schools. Our team of parent volunteers are making plans that will be able to be utilised whether we continue with our Hornsby RSL venue or whether we move to holding the event onsite. If held on-site the farewell will be run by school staff only.

Kindergarten 2022 Transition

The transition and start to 'BIG' school is indeed a special one. We are delighted that in moving to level 3 COVID restrictions this week, this has enabled us to plan for two onsite sessions for our 2022 Kindergarten cohort. Miss Dowd and Miss Waldron are in communication with families around these plans that can welcome students onsite. Parents guidelines including COVID safe practices are also shared. If you have not received this communication and have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2022, please contact the school office.

Class Parties

This year we will hold our end of year class parties across two days. Thank you to Jane and P&C for coordinating a class party option for lunch time through flexischools. There are 3 options to choose from as a party addition to students regular lunch for the day.

Presentation Days

We are excited to be moving in to the end of year celebration and Presentation days that acknowledge student achievement and growth as well as reflecting on the year of learning we have had. The Presentation days are following current COVID safe guidelines and will be cohorted. Each stage has their own celebration time and will be lead by our wonderful student leadership team.

Unfortunately we are not able to extend an invitation to parents this year, though will share a zoom link the award recipients' families closer to the day. Permission to publish (through live stream ZOOM) will be sought for students closer to the event. These events will not be recorded.

Road Safety

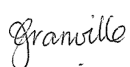
Each day I am increasingly concerned about the number of families engaging in dangerous and inappropriate methods to drop off and pick up students at our Giblett Ave, main entrance. Could I please request that ALL VEHICLES wishing to drop off or pick up students, park you car in an appropriate parking space and walk your child/ren using the path provided to the front gate.

It would be such an unfortunate accident if a student, younger sibling or family were injured because of the way some students are being encourage to run across the road, alight the car on the street side of the vehicle or alight the vehicle in an unsafe part of the road. Giblett Ave is NOT a kiss and drop area. If you would like this function the Quarter Sessions Road zone is designated as a kiss and drop area and may be used by all grades. This should ensure safe practices at all times.

I understand that our staggered drop off and pick up times may mean that you need to plan to allow extra time to park your car appropriately. This is essential to ensuring student safety.

Please consider our whole school community when bringing your child to school. I know we all have student safety as a top priority each and every day.

Kind Regards



Julie Granville

R/Principal

Deputy's Message

Week 6 has bought a new addition to our already beautiful Thornleigh West Public School playground. Our new shade sail which covers the artificial grass between the library and the Year 1 classrooms. This has provided a new beautiful shady spot for the children to sit and eat lunch, play under and a space for outdoor education.



Remembrance Day

Tomorrow we will be holding our Remembrance Day service via zoom at school. Thank you to all the families who have shared photos of their loved ones who served in the war, it will be a special day as we pause, reflect and watch the slide show together .

A very big thank you to Mrs Behrens, Grandmother to Isla & Louis, who crocheted 600 poppies for our students to wear on Remembrance Day. What a kind gesture, thank you.



K-6 Assembly

Last week we held our first K-6 assembly (via zoom) in a very long time. It was so special to hear all the celebratory claps from around the school as we acknowledged the achievements of so many students.

Thank you to our prefects; Alex, Quinn, Alec and Andrea for running this assembly, you did a spectacular job. Even via zoom you still created a wonderful space for our assembly.



Congratulations to all our award winners.

William H	2A	Bronze
Robert G	2A	Bronze
Lucy O	2A	Bronze
Caden W	2BG	Bronze
Levi S	2BG	Bronze
Annabel C	2BG	Bronze
Oscar C	2BG	Bronze
Grace M	2BG	Bronze
Simon L	2BG	Bronze
Georgia M	2BG	Bronze
James B	2D	Bronze
Louis B	2D	Bronze
Chloe S	2D	Bronze
Alisha W	2D	Bronze
Yusei H	2D	Bronze
Ewan H	2W	Bronze
Jacinta B	2W	Bronze
Evie P	2W	Bronze
Venus W	2W	Bronze
Elizabeth M	2W	Bronze
Lillian L	2W	Bronze
Lachlan M	2W	Bronze
Evan A	2W	Bronze
Cooper M	2W	Bronze

Liam E	3/4C	Bronze
Lily B	3/4C	Bronze
Sakiyah V	3F	Bronze
Daniel N	3F	Bronze
Zali W	3F	Bronze
Justin T	4C	Silver
Megan W	5DZ	Bronze
Xander C	5DZ	Silver
Matthew H	5DZ	Silver
George A	5DZ	Silver
Caitlin R	5DZ	Silver
Joycelyn K	5DZ	Silver
Indigo H	5E	Silver
Gabriel M	5E	Silver
Zaki P	5E	Silver
Chelsea B	6A	Silver
Madeleine I	6A	Silver
Lucas H	6A	Silver
Noah B	6D	Silver
Charlie B	6D	Silver
Caemann C	6S	Silver
Will D	6S	Gold and Medal
Hayley B	6S	Bronze
Amelie M	6S	Gold and Medal
Andrea L	6S	Platinum Trophy
Stacey R	6S	Silver
Josiah G	6S	Silver

Have a wonderful week,

Nicole Dowd



R/Deputy Principal

P& C News

Next Meeting – Tuesday 23 November, 2021 at 7:30pm (final Meeting for 2021).

It is hard to believe that planning for the end of the 2021 school year is already well underway. Excitingly, party packs filled with yummy snacks to help students to celebrate with class friends will be available to order via Flexischools in the coming weeks.

World Teachers Day Wrap Up

On Friday 29 October, the P&C celebrated all the wonderful staff at TWPS. Perhaps this year more than any other, we all understand a little more of what it's like to be a "teacher"! This year, all the staff were spoiled with a special gift voucher for Six and Seven Café and a unique hand-designed card. Special thanks to Nicci Fishwick for designing and printing the cards and to Meera Seemampillai, Brooke Roser, and the FUNdraising Team for ensuring our staff were all duly celebrated on such a special day.

TWPS 60th Anniversary Tea Towels

The stunning TWPS 60th Anniversary Tea Towels arrived and were distributed to families, in an environmentally friendly manner, last week. We are sure you'll agree that the pictures didn't do these amazing mementos justice! Thanks to Kindergarten parent, Karen Sowden, for creating the amazing designs and to Brooke Roser and the FUNdraising Team for championing this fantastic project.

TWPS P&C Well-Being Packages

After a challenging 2020/2021 for many families, the P&C, in collaboration with TWPS, were delighted to make 418 Well-Being packages for each of our school families to enjoy exploring together. Special thanks to Mel Hogan for coordinating this project and to our very generous sponsors Bunnings Thornleigh, Chemist Warehouse Pennant Hills, Sydney Packaging, and Woolworths Thornleigh for making these packages possible! Feel free to share your activity photos with us via email or on Facebook.

Green Thumbs Update

The P&C are delighted to announce that, as part of the transition from Level 3+ to Level 3 Covid-19 Restrictions, doubly vaccinated visitors/volunteer parents are able to return to the TWPS garden from 8 November, 2021. Watch this space for further exciting details coming soon.

Canteen Update

It's all action stations in the Canteen! On Wednesday 3 November, a shiny new freezer was installed. The two new ovens have also been ordered, to hopefully be installed prior to the end of the school year! Birthday buckets are making a return in the coming weeks, so you will be able to pre-order buckets of frosty fun, via Flexischools, again very soon. Quantities are limited so order early to avoid disappointment. Finally, the P&C are also very excited to extend a warm welcome new canteen staff member, Wendy Griffiths. Wendy commences in the Canteen on Wednesday 10 November and we are sure all our amazing TWPS community will make her feel very welcome in this new role.

No Nasties Project

This year, the P&C is participating in Sugar Free-ziesDay, having secured 600 sugar free ice blocks as special end of year treat for the students! The date for this sugar-free icy treat will be confirmed shortly! If you'd prefer to opt-out, please contact the school office! Thanks to Meera Seemampillai for registering the P&C for this amazing event.

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

Meera Seemampillai
TWPS P&C President

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop is continuing to operate on an online only service for Term 4. Orders are distributed on Tuesday each week so please ensure all Flexischools orders are placed by 5pm on the Monday the night before.

Kindergarten 2022

Bookings for Kindergarten Uniform Consultations are now open.

If you have a child starting at TWPS in 2022 you are invited to book a 15-20 minute online consultation to go through the uniform guidelines for TWPS and help you in fitting your child for their first day of school next year.

Bookings can be made through Eventbrite: <https://twps-uniform-booking.eventbrite.com.au>

Preloved Uniforms

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?

Although we are currently operating an online service, if you are looking for preloved items you can still contact us and we can let you know what we have on the rack that may suit your requirements.

All proceeds from sales of preloved items are utilised within our school community to provide families in financial hardship who 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 hardships, please contact the school directly to discuss your circumstances, any queries are handled with discretion and complete confidentiality.

Contact the Uniform Shop

For further information or questions please contact us via email or Facebook Messenger

Email: twpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TWPSUniformShop/>



Primary Ethics News

Ethics teachers needed for 2022

We're looking for some volunteers from our parent community who are interested in supporting the school's ethics program from next year. Ethics classes are an alternative to non-scripture, teaching our kids to think, reason and discuss a range of ethical issues. Classes are designed to create an inclusive learning environment, where students learn to respect other points of view and come to a deeper understanding of their own beliefs.

At Thornleigh West, we have a very successful program and need more teachers to meet the demand for classes.

Teaching an ethics class involves facilitating a weekly discussion about a range of topics, including fairness, truth, and intentions. You don't need any teaching experience, as you are provided with fully prepared lesson scripts and training.

In 2022, Kindergarten and Year 2 need Ethics teachers on Wednesdays at 2.15pm; Year 4 and Year 5 need Ethics teachers on Thursdays at 2.30pm.

The time commitment is about 45 minutes per week including the 30 minute class every Wednesday or Thursday afternoon and about 10 minutes to read through the script before each lesson.

Ethics is provided on a voluntary basis and is offered to the students where we can provide a teacher. Ethics can only be run when we have enough volunteers to support each stage. If there is not enough volunteers to run the Ethics classes students will go to the library for supervision.

If helping with our ethics program is a possibility for you or someone you know (maybe a grandparent!), contact our Ethics Coordinator:-

Jessica Mayr at jess_adrian@bigpond.com or 0418 696 464.

For more information about the ethics program, go to www.primaryethics.com.au

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