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Newsletter: Term 1, Week 3

Friday, 17 February 2023

Term 4 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	20 FEB 	21 FEB School Board Meeting 2.45pm	22 FEB	23 FEB	24 FEB C4 Assembly 8.30am & Aussie of the Month Aboriginal Committee Meeting 2.45pm in B1
5	27 FEB	28 FEB	1 MAR	2 MAR	3 MAR STPS Talent Show A Block Auditions

Principal's Message

Welcome to the week 3 newsletter edition. I am pleased to see students have settled in very well to the new school year. This term will be a very busy one with Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing, Year 6 Pizza Day Fundraiser, the Obstacle-A-Thon, P&C Disco, STPS Talent Show auditions and our annual parent/teacher interview day just to name a few. Our Year 6 students will also be arriving back today from their AQWA overnight camp. We look forward to the Year 6s sharing their experience with us.

Updated school information is communicated to families through our fortnightly newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, Connect and SMS system. If you are having trouble accessing your Connect account, please email souththornlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

Obstacle-A-Thon

The very popular Obstacle-A-Thon will be held on **Friday, 31 March 2023**. There are many prizes to be won including the major prize being a brand new bicycle! Students will receive a raffle ticket for every dollar raised. Money raised is due to the office no later than Friday, 28 April 2023. A note and sponsorship form went home with students last week. Spares are available in the office.



The Dockers Visit STPS

On Monday our students were surprised when five players from the Fremantle Dockers arrived for a lunch time kick. Michael Walters, Bailey Banfield, Sam Sturt, Brandon Walker and Sebit Kuek arrived after a break from summer training keen to impart some skills and knowledge of football to the students. Thank you to Chris Mattock, PE Teacher and Perth Football District for organising this very exciting visit.

Donation Program



We are always looking for ways to improve our school for our students and school community. One way you can help is by donating, anything above \$2 is great! We need help towards our Student Assistance Scheme. These funds are used for students attending camps, incursions and excursions who are financially challenged. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Donating is easy, you can donate in person at the office using cash or EFTPOS, over the phone via EFTPOS or by direct deposit using the following banking details.

Bank Account: South Thornlie PS BSB: 016002 Account: 198966272 Ref: Surname – Don (for donation)

If you would like to donate towards our fundraiser and need further information, please contact Lisa Harbron our Manager Corporate Services on 9232 3600.

Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be purchased from the school office, Monday to Friday 8am-3pm, during the school term. Cash and EFTPOS are available. Size 6 and 16 polos are currently out of stock, when new stock arrives, we will advise the school community. Order forms are available in the office. We cannot take pre-orders.

Values

Our Term 1, week 2 winner was Lexie H from C5. Well done!

Megan Barnett
Principal





SOUTH THORNLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION

Dear Parents / Caregivers

South Thornlie Primary School is seeking a parent / caregiver committed to children’s education to nominate for a two year position on the School Board. All parents or primary carers of students who are enrolled at South Thornlie Primary School are eligible to nominate.

The School Board operates in accordance with the *Schools Education Act 1999* and Parent Representatives are required to be formally elected to the Board. Our School Board comprises of the following members: 1 Principal, 4 school staff members, 7 parents/caregivers and 3 community representatives.

The School Board has one vacant position.

Nominations for the position of Parent Representative will close on Friday, 3 March 2023.

Nominations should be sealed in an envelope and addressed to the Principal, Megan Barnett. Alternatively, forms can be emailed to: Megan.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au.

Nominees please note, should more nominations be received than the vacant position, a vote by the parent body will be undertaken. Persons wishing to nominate are asked to read the School Board Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct (available on the school website: www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au) as well as completing the attached nomination form below. Late or incomplete nominations cannot be accepted.

The School Board meets twice per term on Tuesday afternoons at 2.45pm in weeks 4 and 8. Meetings are held in the school Library and usually last between 1-1.5 hours.

The responsibilities of the School Board are outlined below.

The School Board participates in:

- endorsing the school budget, annual reports and the Statement of Expectations;
- reviews school performance and progress towards business plan targets;
- processes to determine satisfaction levels of parents, staff and students;
- the Department of Education Services (DES) independent review;
- communicating with the broader school community regarding the Board’s function and activities.

The School Board takes part in:

- establishing and reviewing school performance, the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- planning financial arrangements necessary to fund objectives, priorities and directions.

The School Board approves:

- an annual contribution and charges schedule, inclusive of incursion and excursion costs, and booklist item requirements;
- an agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship in relation to a government school.

The School Board promotes:

- the school in the community.

Should you wish to discuss the role further or ask any questions, please feel free to contact me by email Megan.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Megan Barnett
Principal

South Thornlie Primary School Board Parent Representative Nomination Form

I wish to nominate for a position on the South Thornlie Primary School Board in the category of Parent Representative. The completed nomination form below is submitted to the Board. I declare that I have read and understood the ‘School Board Terms of Reference’ as well as the ‘Code of Conduct’ for the South Thornlie Primary Independent Public School Board and agree to abide by them.

Parent / Caregiver Name:	
Contact Number:	
Signature:	Date:

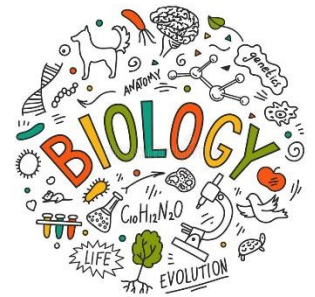
Week 2 Honour Certificates Awarded –Well done!

ECC1	Connor G	Destiny C	B3	Misan E	Hudson H
ECC2	Kyden C	Nielke B	B4	Alisdair M	William M
A1	Finn B	Monica S	B5	Lachlan R	Kirra R
A3	Mia F	Danyal Z	C2	Robert M	Riot M
A4	Kelani T	Nate V	C3	Kaia T	Ethan C
A5	Andrew N	Avayah F	C4	Emilia R	Kayson C
B1	Croft L	Ava-Leigh	C5	Paige R	Akansh K
B2	Aaron M	Charlotte			

SCIENCE NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all did lots of exploring over the holidays. This term we will be looking at biology in science. Biology is the study of living things, so it includes animals, insects, plants, dinosaurs and lots more. Dinosaurs are included because they were once living. In order for something to be classed as a living thing it has to be able to perform seven different processes:

- **Movement** - by itself, either whole body or part of their body, for example plants will move their branches towards the sun.
- **Respiration** - breathe or exchange gases with the environment.
- **Sensitivity** - respond to the environment, for example heat or light.
- **Growth** - grow and change.
- **Reproduction** - make 'copies' of itself, or have offspring or babies.
- **Excretion** - get rid of waste products, for example going to the toilet or breathing out.
- **Nutrition** - need nutrients to survive, like food or water.



One of the best ways you can help your child this term is to get them looking at things and deciding if they are living, once living or non-living. A good time to get out in the garden or go for a walk to find the biology in the world around us. I am looking forward to a great year exploring the world with our students.

Larissa Waghorn
Science Teacher

PE NEWS

Welcome back for 2023! We have started the year in fantastic spirits and great dedication to our physical education lessons. This term, the Year 3-6 students will be learning cricket, tee-ball and volleyball skills which will prepare us for our upcoming Summer Carnival in week 8. Junior students will be focusing on fundamental movement skills with balance, movement and throwing as our focus.

Students have been brilliant in remembering to wear their hats and apply sunscreen before lessons. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school. They can also bring sunscreen to school or apply school supplied sunscreen with permission. Please also ensure your child has a school hat and a large water bottle for every lesson.



If any of our Year 6 parents are available to help coach or train students for softball, cricket or volleyball please see Mr Mr Mattock as soon as possible. Ideally if you are helping, we would appreciate if you were also available to attend the Summer Carnival on 24 March 2023.

The Obstacle-A-Thon is back for 2023! It's our largest school fundraiser and has helped improve our school significantly over the years. This will be held on Friday, 31 March 2023. More details will be sent home throughout the term.

Chris Mattock
PE Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to a new year everyone! We have lots of exciting things happening in music this year and I am so excited to provide these additional opportunities for our students. This term we have B5, C4, B4 and A5 displaying their musical talents in their assembly items. B5 started us off with the first assembly of the year, using clips from K-pop songs to create their very own exciting narrative.

We have officially begun our rehearsals for 2023's performance groups. Please note that the rehearsal times have changed from last year. Please see the new times below:

- Ukulele Group: Wednesday 8.00–8.20am
- Junior Choir: Wednesday lunch times
- Senior Choir: Thursday lunch times

To be part of a performance group this year, students need to commit to attending every rehearsal and are not permitted to quit the group midway through the term. A note has gone home with those students who have expressed their interest. This form needs to be returned, stating that both the parents and student understand the commitment required. If your child needs a note, please come and see me between Wednesday and Friday in the music room.

Our first performance will be in term 1, week 8 with the senior choir and ukulele group performing the song "Ging Gang Goolie" at our Harmony Day assembly. In week 8 we also have the West Australian Symphony Orchestra coming to serenade our Year 4 students with a performance and host a Q&A session. This is to show the students the roles of different instruments and to ignite interest and passion for a musical instrument. This will help them to prepare for the music testing that they will complete later on in the year to be considered for the Instrumental Music School Services program. More information on this will be given closer to the time.

I look forward to a musical year!

Stephanie Mathys
Music Teacher



ITALIAN NEWS

Ciao a tutti, Mi chiamo Signora Wills.

Hello to all, my name is Mrs Wills and I teach Italian at South Thornlie Primary School. Italian is the additional language offered at our school. Italian is a beautiful language and has a rich and fascinating culture. Italy is famous for many reasons such as fashion, food, art and cars, to name a few.

Our Italian language program engages all students from Years 3-6 in a range of activities that explore the language, culture and history of Italy. These students are exposed to new Italian phrases, stories, music, photos and food once a week.

Lessons are based on themes (Me, My Family, Weather / Seasons, School, Hobbies, My Home, Celebrations, Food, Finding Your Way Around Town etc.) to provide interest and a base for real language learning. Music and technology are incorporated throughout the program to further engage the students. Practice is the key in learning a language and here is the link for Languages Online, which we will use for interactive tasks from time to time in class:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/italian/italian.htm>

I have been impressed with the positive attitude displayed by the students towards Italian and I am looking forward to a fun year ahead as we learn la lingua bella – the beautiful language.

Signora Wills
Italian Teacher



HEALTHY HABITS

Sunsmart Tips



Remember that UV can penetrate water up to 50cm, so don't be fooled by thinking you are protected in the water, remember to apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going for a swim.

Crunch & Sip

Want information on how to pack a healthy lunchbox packed with goodness? Click on the link below:
<https://d3abc5uv6qifh4.cloudfront.net/Resources/PWG%20-%20Guidelines%20Booklet%20A5%20-%20Sept%202020%20%282%29.pdf>

Marieka Rendall

Teacher / Coordinator

What to pack for Crunch&Sip®

Grab and go
A whole carrot, celery stick or apple is perfect for older kids - no chopping required!

Water
A clean bottle filled with plain water.

Finger foods
Pack sugar snap peas, cherry tomatoes, corn kernels, grapes or strawberries in a container.

Chopped
Fill a container with chopped vegetables or fruit such as cucumber or capsicum sticks, broccoli bits or chopped melon. Don't forget a fork for juicy vegetables and fruit!

Canned
Fresh is the preferred choice but canned vegies, or fruit canned in juice or water is OK sometimes. Don't forget to pack a spoon!

Dried
Dried fruit like sultanas or apricots are allowed for Crunch&Sip® but should be limited. This is because dried fruit clings to teeth and is a concentrated source of sugar, increasing the risk of tooth decay.

Not allowed
All other foods and drinks are not permitted for Crunch&Sip® including:
• other drinks (e.g. fruit or vegetable juices)
• fruit or vegetable products (e.g. fruit leather, popcorn, fruit or vegetable breads)
• fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
• flavoured or marinated canned and bottled vegetables

Tips!

Be prepared
Make sure the vegies and fruit you pack for Crunch&Sip® are low mess and quick and easy to eat. Pre-chopped vegies are ideal and can be prepared ahead of time. They will stay fresh if stored in an airtight container with a wet paper towel in the fridge.

Bite sized pieces for little ones
Chop small whole fruit and vegetables like grapes and cherry tomatoes into halves or quarters for younger children to reduce the choking hazard.

Hygiene
Wash vegetables and fruit. Make sure that your child's water bottle is cleaned regularly and clearly marked with their name.

Crunch the rainbow
Choosing different coloured vegetables and fruits keeps it interesting and is also good for health! Go red with tomatoes or strawberries, green with snow peas or pears, orange with capsicum or a mandarin, purple with purple carrots or grapes, and white with cauliflower or bananas.

Take the veg pledge
Research shows that while most kids eat enough fruit, only 6% consume enough vegetables. Sending vegetables for Crunch&Sip® is a great way to develop healthy habits and boost this statistic!

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to a new school year. We held our first general meeting on Thursday morning, and it was lovely to see some new faces. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend our P&C meetings. We aim to hold our meetings twice each term at 8:45am in weeks 3 and 9.

P&C Disco – Kindy to Year 6

Our main discussion point at the meeting today was our upcoming P&C Disco. This will be held on Friday, 24 March 2023. The theme we have chosen is 'Under the Sea'. Notes for this event will go home in week 4. Tickets will be available to purchase at \$8.00 per student which will include entry, juice box, small bag of chips and a small gift. All notes and payments are to be returned to the P&C box located in the front office. Please ensure correct cash is enclosed as no change can be given.

If you can help with any P&C events, we would love to hear from you!
Please email stps.president@gmail.com or contact the office on 9232 3600.

Nicole Paton
P&C President



How to Teach Assertiveness to Children

Explain KEY differences:

Being passive

"I'M OK WITH WHATEVER YOU WANT."



- You hide
- You feel you have no control
- You're not expressing your needs.
- You avoid problems
- A lack of eye contact

Being assertive

"I DON'T WANT TO PLAY TAG. DO YOU WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL INSTEAD?"



- You inform
- You're in control of yourself
- You respect your and others' needs
- You are calm but firm
- A steady eye contact

Being aggressive

"YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH ME IF YOU DON'T PLAY THIS GAME."



- You attack
- You want to control others
- You focus on your own needs only
- You're rude or bossy
- Eye rolling

ACKNOWLEDGE WHEN YOUR CHILD USES ASSERTIVE "OWL" COMMUNICATION.

☺ "I SAW HOW YOU SPOKE UP FOR YOURSELF!" ☺
This guide might not apply to someone with neurodiversity.

TREASURE HUNTERS

Treasure Hunters is returning to STPS for 2023. This program is for students in Year 1-6. Permission forms are available in the office.



Friday Lunchtimes Starting 3rd March

Treasure Hunters is a values-based lunch time program, run by a team of volunteers.

It exists to help students develop interpersonal skills and a greater awareness of the world around them through the use of games and Bible stories. This program is fun, relational, active and dynamic, with themes and core concepts that will help students navigate through life.

**PARENT PERMISSION FORMS
CAN BE FOUND AT THE OFFICE**