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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to announce that we have been advised of our successful application process to become an Independence Public School.

A big thank you to the whole school community for your support and encouragement on this journey. The panel noted that Carina Brown, our School Council Chair was outstanding in our presentation.

If you have any queries regarding what this means for our school, please see the link below.

South Thornlie Primary School are following direction from the Department of Education as we enter into Phase 4 for COVID-19 commencing Saturday 27 June 2020. The 2 square meter rule continues, which means parents are still not permitted to enter classrooms. Thank you for working with us to ensure the wellbeing of all students, staff and parents. This may change when and if Phase 5 is introduced in July 2020.

Canteen

The canteen is operational again. Students from Pre Primary to Year 6 can order their lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays. Order forms and bags are available from the office or your child's classroom. Please ensure the correct class is clearly labelled on the lunch bag and a bag per student is filled out.

School Photos

Information regarding school photos has been sent home this week with the students.

Each child needs their own envelope. Please complete the envelope to order the items you want, if you want to pay by credit card, you will need to order online. You can pay on photo day by putting the correct amount of cash inside the order

envelope. If you are a dual custody family, please request an additional envelope per child at the front office.

Sibling photos please ensure that you have placed the order **online** by noon Monday 29 June. You do this by going to kapture.com.au then go to online option and then use the school code **B6GA2P**. It will then ask for your child's student code, which is printed on the envelope.

Please make sure your child brings their envelope on their photo day. It gets handed to the photographer. Any envelopes returned after your child's photo day can not be given to the school. You will have to contact Kapture photos. There is a late fee of \$15 and organise your own orders through them.

Below is the proposed photo schedule, so that you know what day your child's photos are on.

Photo Schedule:

Tuesday 30 June		Wednesday 1 July	
8:45	A2	8:00	Staff photo
9:05	Kindy U1 A group	8:45	ECC2
9:25	ECC1	9:05	Kindy U2 B group
9:45	A1	9:25	A3
10:05	A4	9:45	Kindy U1 B group
Recess	Sibling Photos	10:05	C1
10:55	A5	Recess	Sibling Photos
11:15	C4	11:00	Graduation
11:35	C5	11:25	Student Councillors
11:55	B1	11:35	Faction Captains
12:10	B3	11:45	Student Ambassadors
12:30	B2	11:30	C2
12:40	B4	11:50	C3

Tuesday 30 June		Wednesday 1 July	
Lunch	Sibling Photos		

We encourage all children to wear their school uniforms for the photos please. Graduating Yr 6 student's teachers will give them direction of which shirts to wear for each photo.

Camp

The Year 6 camp to Rottneest in Term 4 will go ahead as planned. Please see installments schedule below;

Camp Payment Schedule		
Instalment Number	Due Date	Amount
Deposit	Friday 27 March	\$75 (Non-refundable)
2nd instalment	Friday 8 May	\$65
3rd instalment	Friday 12 June	\$65
4th instalment	Friday 24 July	\$65
Final payment	Friday 25 September	\$65
Total payable		\$335

Please make all payments directly to the school office or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please ensure all EFT payments include the student's full name and CAMP 2020. Electronic transfers can be made directly to:

Account name: **South Thornlie Primary School** BSB: **016002**
ACCT NO: 198966272

All payments must be made no later than **25 September 2020** to enable your child to attend.

School Pick Up

Please ensure parents and carers communicate with children the details of pick up. They may need to go to OSH Club or be collected from the front or back gate, walk or ride home. This will greatly assist with the high number of students attending the administration office unsure of where they should go at the end of the school day.

School Hats

Please ensure you are familiar with the uniform policy and purchase items as required. This includes school hats, broad brimmed or legionnaires, as we have a 'No Hat – No Play' policy. Please note that **caps are not permitted** as they do not meet the Sun Smart or school uniform policy requirements.

Water Bottles

Please ensure all students bring water bottles to school. Water fountains can be used to refill bottles but not drink directly from at this stage.

Kindy Applications

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindy in 2021. Your child must be born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017. Forms can be collected from administration or downloaded on our school website to complete and return with Immunisation records, birth certificate and proof of residence. See further information in the newsletter.

Kindy to Pre Primary Applications

If you are currently enrolled in Kindy at South Thornlie PS and wish to make an application for Pre Primary in 2021, forms have been sent home for completion and return. Updated immunisation records from your My Gov account need to be attached.

Year 7 Thornlie Senior High School Applications

If your child is attending Thornlie Senior High School in 2021 applications are due to be returned by the end of Term 2. Application packages have been sent home with all current Year 6 students. If you require another package please contact TSHS on 9376 2100.

Support a Reader Program

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to give you the opportunity to be trained in assisting and encouraging children to become independent readers.

The aim of the **Support a Reader Programme** is to give children who need additional assistance with their reading the opportunity to read regularly with a supportive adult.

If you have a few hours to spare a week and are prepared to make a difference in helping children read fluently and with meaning, please contact Lisa Harbron in the front office.

We have been running this programme earlier in the year but due to circumstances of COVID we were unable to continue.

We currently have some parents continuing but would like to increase the number of children we can assist.

An information session will be held once we have registered interest.

School Banking

School Banking will return Term 3 Week 2, 28 July 2020.

Tuesdays in the Community Room 8 – 8.30am.

SMS System

This is a Departmental SMS form of communication, which allows parents to connect directly with the school via a mobile number.

As parents you can now send messages to advise the school that your child is arriving late or if they are absent or unwell.

- The number you need to use is **0438 579 518**

Our school will communicate with parents individually, class groups or send whole school messages. These may include student absences or concerns, event reminders, award

recipients, community concerns, special events or date/times changes.

Megan Barnett
Principal

Attendance Message



Birthdays and attendance: The best gift is a bright future!

It is tempting to spoil our children with extra special attention on their birthday, but staying away from school for the day is not a gift. Arrange all the fun for after school hours or the closest weekend to the date or ask teacher for a small acknowledgement of their special day. In the eighteen years that children are at school, birthday absences alone would tally to over two weeks.

Kim Pedrick
Deputy Principal

NAIDOC 2020

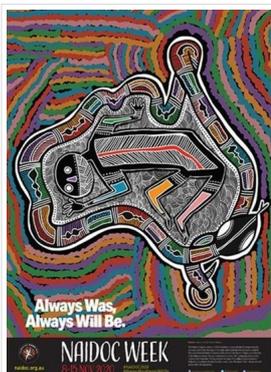


Tyrown Waigana, a Noongar and Saibai Islander man, has been announced as the winner of the NAIDOC 2020 poster design competition.

Due to COVID-19, NAIDOC 2020 will now be celebrated 8 to 15 November and I'm looking forward to this year's celebrations.

Here's Tyrown's own words about 'Shape of Land':

'The Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create this land. It is represented by the snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is reflected on to the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, thus our connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country - since the dawn of time - Always Was, Always Will Be Aboriginal Land.'



Larissa Waghorn (make sure name is above the below)
Science Teacher

Robotics



Robotics will be starting up again next term. This program will run on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:45 for students from Years 5 and 6. All students who are interested need to meet Mrs Waghorn in the Science room on Thursday at lunch time. At this time, we will go through the expectations of this group and talk about the competition. All those who are going to participate will need a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please come and see me in the Science room.

Larissa Waghorn
Science Teacher

Kindy Enrolment

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Welcome to Kindergarten

Applications for enrolment for Kindergarten 2021 are now open. Eligible students need to be born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017. Applications close on Friday 24 July 2020. Please come to South Thornlie Primary School front office to fill out an application for enrolment form. Remember to bring with you to submit with your application the following:

- Child's birth certificate
- Immunisation records
- Proof of residence eg. utility bill or rental agreement

Kindergarten Applications for 2021 are currently open **until Friday 24 July 2020**. If after this date, please ring us directly to enquire if we have spaces available, ph: 9232 3600.

For more information please view the Department of Education website at:
<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/at-school/kindergartenDistribution>

C2 Social Distancing Activity



The student in C2 designed 'social distancing' hats as part of a STEAM activity. They had watched a video of the children in China making hats and decided to design and make their own.



Fiona Jensen
Class Teacher

Challenge Club

I have been very lucky to be working with the lovely students in B4 as part of my role as the Challenge Club Teacher at South Thornlie. Over the last 5 weeks we have been exploring angles. To assist students with understanding what angles are, the different types of angles and how we measure them the students have to make their own protractors. This was an amazing activity with some students mathematical and design skills shining through.



Mrs Peterson and I are so proud of the persistence the students showed, especially during the early lessons when they had to work our distance between the angles. We are looking forward to this week when they present what they enjoyed and what they found tricky during this project.



Tess Panomarenko
Class Teacher

Tech Talk

Cyber Safety – Social Media



Young people can't get enough of TikTok - and with good reason. But it makes parents nervous - also with good reason. TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. There's a reason kids - and increasingly adult users too - find TikTok so engaging. Its content is fast, furious and often genuinely funny.

But there's a darker side to TikTok as well. Last year, the company was walloped with the biggest fine in the history of the US Federal Trade Commission - \$5.7 million - for violating child privacy regulations. And the app has been widely recognised as a magnet for paedophiles and predators.

Age restrictions: Account holders must be 13 and older, and those under 18 need parental permission.



Who can see your child's videos? All TikTok accounts are public. That means any one of the app's 100 million users can watch your child's videos. Even more concerning, they can also send them direct messages and use their location information.

What can you do?

TikTok includes a Digital Wellbeing feature to help limit time spent on the app and also limit the appearance of videos that may be inappropriate. To turn these features on, users need to select the settings ellipsis (...) at the top right of your user profile. Then select 'Digital Wellbeing'. The settings that this feature enable are protected by a four-digit code so the young users can't turn them off on their own.

Parents can choose to turn on 'Screen Time Management' limiting users to two hours (still very high) on the app per day, and 'Restricted Mode' blocking some inappropriate or flagged content from appearing.

For more information please visit: [*Guide for Parents*](#)

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/for-parents-default>

<https://www.cybersafetyproject.com.au/blog/its-time-to-talk-about-tiktok>

Chantelle Murray
Class Teacher

Italian



Salve a tutti

Did you know?

In Australia, Italian is now the fifth most spoken language, other than English.

During weekly Italian lessons the students in Years 3 - 6 develop their language skills through a variety of means including

listening, speaking, reading, viewing, writing and visual clues. The content is often taught through themed units (e.g. All about me, Weather, Family, Food, Clothing, Hobbies etc) and also study the grammatical 'structure' of the Italian language.

Ask your child about their Italian class. Ask them the topic they are learning?

Can they tell you any words or sentences they have learnt?

Divertiti a parlare Italiano!

Saluti a tutti
Signora Wills

Mary Wills
Italian Teacher



Denise Tjhung
Class Teacher

Mary Wills
Class Teacher

Kindy



The Kindy children would like to thank Mr Wills and our gardener Mr Turner for providing the wood stepping stones and logs in our Rainforest area. The children enjoy playing in the rainforest and are loving the

camp fire area and toasting marshmallow gumnuts.

Also we would like to thank Mr Fisher for providing us with old tyres. We would like more so if you have any old tyres we would appreciate them as we are creating garden beds.

Thank you to our parents who have donated bags of potting mix. We are still in need of a few bags more to fill the tyres.

As you can see the children have had so much fun as they helped to create our garden beds, campfire, Teepee and placement of the stepping stone. We still have so many wonderful ideas to enhance our playground for the children and hope to create more in the future.



The kindy children have been learning about what the colours of the Aboriginal Flag represent. The children have been very busy practising their cutting skills to make a wonderful tree display for Naidoc Week.

Heathy Habits



Looking for some healthy after school snacks

<https://www.crunchandsip.com.au/healthy-lunchboxes/healthy-snacks>

Marieka Rendall
Health Coordinator

Chaplin



There's an old Chinese proverb that says, 'A diamond can not be polished without friction, and a person can't be perfected without trial'. We all want to live stress free without having to work for it, but it can't be done. So, look at these suggestions.

- Take time each day to look at your day through the eyes of wisdom; it will help with your outlook.
- If in real life you look like your passport photo, take a holiday; you need one!
- What goes up must come down, so cut back on the caffeine!
- Eat right-a balanced diet isn't having a cookie in each hand!
- Exercise 3 to 5 times a week for 30 minutes; its nature's remedy for stress.
- Develop better time management habits: 'use it or lose it'.
- Make room in your life for fun and relaxation.
- Get 8 hours of sleep when possible.

- Maintain your sense of humour: laughter is good for the soul!
- Start counting your blessings-it helps keep things in perspective.
- When you talk to yourself, say the right things. Your words affect you more than others.
- Simplify your life by eliminating clutter. If you haven't used it for 2 years, you probably don't need it. (I need to heed to this!)
- Develop a sense of purpose and set personal goals.
- Forgive: grudges are too heavy to carry.

Change...not many of us do well at this; I know that I need work-major reconstruction in some areas, and it doesn't hurt for us to be reminded. We are all a work in progress and if you're looking at this and going – no it's too much!!!! – start with what you can achieve and then build on it. There's that saying-Rome wasn't built in a day; so take it one day at a time and remember to...enjoy the journey!

Have a blessed week
Chaplain Diane

Uniform Shop

Due to stocktake taking place uniform orders will not be filled until Term 3. Apologies for any inconvenience cause. The administration office has a small supply of hoodies in the meantime to purchase. Please provide correct cash.

Nurses Notes

Bedwetting

Bedwetting, or nocturnal enuresis, is very common in children. Bedwetting has nothing to do with dreaming, and children who wet the bed are not "just being lazy".

If your child wets the bed, there are a number of things you can do to help, such as using a waterproof mattress cover and establishing a before-bed toilet routine. It is not helpful to punish children who wet the bed. Fluids should not be restricted, even before bedtime. Sugary or caffeinated drinks should be avoided.

If your child is still wetting the bed after five and a half years of age, seek help through a referral by your local doctor. A bedwetting alarm is an effective and safe method of treatment available for nocturnal enuresis and may be appropriate for your child.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse or Community Health Centre, **Clare Pargeter** on **6330 3123** for more information

Clare Pargeter
Community Health Nurse

Parents & Citizens News

South Thornlie Parents and Community

(STPS P&C) is made up of supportive school parents and involved citizens for the purpose of providing support to our school community. Not only does our P&C contribute to the funding of facility upgrades, student resources and exciting ventures, we also have an equally important role in adding to the social fabric of our school community. The key to all our initiatives is team work. Whether it is a fundraising event, providing feedback to the Principal or organising an event that brings parents, students and teachers together.

It is important to state you do not need to take on a formal role with the P&C to be actively involved. There are many ways to support the P&C and its ventures, so come along to a meeting to see just what we have planned, meet some new friends, contribute to the school community and have a lot of fun.

If you do wish to take on a role, it can be personally rewarding and a helpful education on committee procedures and operations. (Very handy if studying Education)

AGM will be in term 4 week 2 on Friday 23 October at 1pm in the Community Room. All positions for 2021 will be made vacant. If you are interested in any position with the P&C please contact Fiona Johnson 0402 251 334.

Fundraisers

Entertainment Book – Please follow the link below.

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/8732h7?fbclid=IwAR2KylbmEvBVJhnXAcKrig3qDzPSZEM8U3JxXRnsWxZOvptJ7FzZnUaHZc>

Cookie dough fundraiser will take place Term 3 2019.

Canteen

Students can order from the school canteen every Wednesday and Friday. Menus have been sent home with your children. Please write your child's name, class and lunch order onto the order bag, or an envelope if you don't have a bag. Place the order into their classroom order bag at the commencement of school with the correct money.

Like our Canteen Facebook page to keep up to date:

<https://www.facebook.com/STPSCanteen/attachments/Canteen26June.pdf>

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