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20 September 2019

From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for the wonderful support shown today by our parents and carers towards our students who were participating in the Faction Sports Carnival. It was wonderful to see the children in their faction bays supporting each other during the events of the day. Thank you to Mr Edwards for

co-ordinating another successful carnival, thank you also to all of our staff for participating in the day to make it run so smoothly and finally thank you to Mr Turner and Mrs Harbron, plus all of the volunteer parents, who ensured that our students and spectators were fed during the day.

Class Placements

Each year the school undertakes a thoughtful and considered process for the establishment of classes. Individual class placements will be decided on considerations that maximises a child's educational development and learning potential.

General Principles

- The decision making is collaborative and participative and allows for teacher involvement in the placement of individual students.
- There is a clearly understood set of educational guidelines, which are used to place individual students in classes.
- Responsibility for ensuring that the appropriate process is followed, determining the overall combination of classes and the placement of individual students, rests with the Principal.

General Guidelines for Class Placement

1. Maximum class sizes (sometimes creating split classes)
2. Gender balance
3. Ability balance
4. Siblings / twins / family situations

Only written requests addressed to 'The Principal' from parents/carers regarding student placement for the following school year will be considered. Parents/carers must cite sound educational reasons and not social/ group preferences/teacher preference.

Please note the cut off date for all parent preferences for 2020 is by Friday 18 October 2019.

School Parent Survey Responses

We conducted a parent survey on Open Night where 101 responses were received. We will be following up each fortnight with responses to any of your suggestions for improvement.

School survey question was: I believe Technologies are taught well at this school

Survey replies: Majority agreed 86%, however 14% didn't know.

Suggestion for Improvement: " *Technology for children.*"
"Kids learn to touch types, especially in this world of technology."

School Response:

In 2019 the school refurbished the computer lab with 32 new computers. All classes from year 1 to 6 are able to access the computers in the lab weekly.

The school recently bought out the lease of 60 iPads and now owns these iPads.

In addition the school has also purchased a new set of 60 iPads. This means the school now has 120 iPads for students in years PP to 6 to access. With this increase in iPads students now access the iPads daily and everyone is timetabled for at least one session a day.

Interactive whiteboards- in 2019 the school installed three interactive whiteboards.

We are currently exploring whole school touch typing program to hopefully start term 4 2019.

Student Services

This information is a progress snapshot from STPS Business Plan for Student Services.

Focus Area 2: Excellence in Teaching and Learning

All students achieve their potential through excellence in teaching and learning

2021 Target	End of 2020 Milestones	Achieved/ Progressing
Student Services Student identification and referral processes and practices are established for students at educational risk including those with poor attendance, G and T and EAL/D. EAL/D students in stages 1 and 2 are mapped on EAL/D progress maps.	Case conference approach, including outside agencies where relevant, is evident in catering for students at risk.	Achieved and ongoing progress

Strategies

The following actions will be implemented in order to achieve our targets:

Student Services

- Differentiate teaching to cater for the learning needs of all students.
- Review and enhance our approach to the identification, monitoring, targeted intervention and evaluation of students at risk.
- Continue to engage all teaching staff in targeted data to analysis to inform teaching adjustments.
- Develop effective processes for the identification of and educational support for, students who speak English as an Additional Language/ Dialect.
- Enable Special Needs Education Assistants to work collaboratively to develop resources, strategies and other effective means of supporting students with disabilities.
- Improve processes to identify students at educational risk and provide timely intervention.
- Engage outside agencies and parents as partners to address at risk students.
- Students at Educational Risk (SAER) register is kept and maintained.

Mobile Phones at School

We still have children who are not adhering to the school rules regarding mobile phones. Please be reminded that mobile phones need to be handed into the office prior to the commencement of school. Having phones throughout the day and taking photos of children within school grounds is against Education Department policy.

School Improvements

Tiny Town is continuing to grow, we now have a bakery/café and a post office in our Tiny Town for our junior children to play in. Thank you to Mr Turner for all of his hard work in constructing our cubbies.

Thank you to the Lloyd family who have donated foot pegs for the climbing wall going into the PrePrimary area.

My School Rules

Thank you to all of the families who continue to support South Thornlie Primary School by putting your receipts into the My School Rules box. All voucher won are used to buy for additional resources for your children.

The boxes are currently located in the mall outside the fruit and veg shop at Forest Lakes Shopping Centre. This promotion is continuing and on behalf of our students we appreciate your continued support.

Voluntary Contributions

We are still seeking payment for the Voluntary Contributions for 2019. This payment is essential in assisting South Thornlie Primary School in the operation of the school and purchasing items for the children.

Payments can be made directly to the office using cash, cheque or card. We are happy to receive instalments if that makes paying your contributions easier.

The administration office can take debit and credit card payments over the phone. PH: 9459 4655. Thank you.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 20 September	Faction Athletics Carnival & Sausage Sizzle	All day on high school oval
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Monday 23 September	Art Masters	2:45-3:45pm
Tuesday 24 September	Lego Club	2:30-3:30pm
Wednesday 25 September	Lost property display	Throughout the day
Friday 27 September	Assembly – Drama	8:30am
	Last camp instalment due	By 3:30pm
Tuesday 15 October	Term 4 commences	8:30am
Wednesday 16 October	Swimming lessons commence today	Throughout the day

Megan Barnett
Principal

Woolworths Discovery Garden

Woolworths visited our school on Friday 6 September to donate 24 seed pots with a growth table. This was received by our gardener and two of our Gardening Guru's. We say a big thank you to Samantha Rando, who put schools name forward to be one of the lucky recipients.

This is Woolworths new promotion. If you spend \$15 on fruit and vegetables you will receive a seed pot. If you do not want these, our school would be grateful to receive them. Thank you.



Attendance

Communities benefit when children attend school.

If children don't attend, they are at a higher risk of:

- Dropping out of school early
- Becoming long term unemployed
- Becoming caught in a poverty trap
- Becoming welfare dependent
- Being involved in the justice system
- Being socially isolated
- Having gaps in their knowledge and understanding
- Being harmed during time of absence

- Being more likely to be involved in illegal activities
- Feeling insecure about school

Spell-A-Thon



Please arrange for sponsorship money to be bought into school by the end of Term 3. All students will go into a draw for vouchers for each year level which will be drawn at the first assembly in Term 4.

This is our one big fundraiser for South Thornlie Primary School for 2019. All monies raised are going towards our in class technologies iPad program.

Kim Pedrick
Deputy Principal

Events

Edu Dance



Edu-Dance is an introductory energetic dance program developed for primary school students. All teaching staff are fully qualified and have many years of experience. Lessons use dance for fitness and fun & will include a variety of dance styles such as the very popular 'Hip Hop' and 'Street Stomp' styles. Our school has participated in this program for a number of years and the children all enjoy the lessons immensely.

This very popular and highly successful dance program will commence in Term 4 week 3 (due to swimming lessons) at South Thornlie Primary School for all students from Pre-primary to Year 6. This program will be the basis for our end of year concert scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 10th December. Please note this due is one week later than previously advertised due to the conflict with swimming lessons.

Serena Gosnay
Deputy Principal

Busy Bee 19 October

Busy Bee 19th October - Noongar Outdoor Learning Area

Hi everyone! South Thornlie Primary School is creating a Noongar Outdoor Learning Area at the school, and we need your help to put it together. We will be setting a path, and building a Mia Mia and Yarning Circle. All are welcome to come along - just make sure you bring a hat, water bottle, snacks/lunch, and a shovel or rake if you can. We will be meeting at 9AM between Pre-Primary and the Assembly Area, and working in that garden space until 3PM. Come by whenever you can and for as long as you like! I look forward to meeting you all there.

If you have any further questions about the space or the Busy Bee, you can contact me at 20171895@my.nd.edu.au

Emma Dekker-Zangari
Project Coordinator
Behavioural Science Student - The University of Notre Dame, Australia

Junior School Chobani Tasting



Our children from Kindy through to Year 1 were very lucky in receiving free yoghurt from Chobani to taste. Majority of the children enjoyed this special treat. Thanks to Chobani for supplying to our school.



Tiana Garlick
Pre Primary Teacher

Sports



Well done to all of our children participating in our recent Faction Jumps. There was great effort and sportsmanship on display from majority of our students. Please see some photo's below;



Graeme Edwards
Sports Specialist Teacher

Science Corner



I hope that everyone has been exploring and using lots of Physics. Don't forget that it includes pushes and pulls, sinking and floating, sound, light, heat, magnetism, friction, electricity and motion. Talk about how we use Physics all the time, especially when we are doing sport or music. Ask your child why these subjects are really actually Physics!!! We can't get through a minute of the day without Physics.

Have fun exploring!

Larissa Waghorn
Science Specialist Teacher



Art Palette



Students in B1 and B2 have been looking at the work of abstract artist Jasper Johns, and have taken inspiration from his alphabet paintings to create their own stencilled letter paintings.

Can you see the letters of the alphabet hidden within the paintings?

Students in C1 have taken inspiration from Picasso and his blue period to create these fun and funky cardboard guitar sculptures.

The students really enjoyed this project, and all put their own original ideas into designing and decorating their guitar.





Students in B3 have been making these brightly coloured collages apples, after looking at the Pop Art movement and the work of Roy Lichtenstein.

They began by creating monoprints on coloured paper, then collaging pieces of the paper over an apple template, which was then made into a paper 'cushion' by stuffing with newspaper.

Also from B3, Ethan and Ben have created these amazing oil pastel drawings based on the famous painting 'Starry Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh.

Amazing effort boys!



Astrie Brown
Art Palette
Art Specialist Teacher

Art Master



The last Art Masters for Term 3 will take place on Monday 23 September 2:45 to 3:45pm.

Leanne Tapper
Coordinator Art Masters
Gifted and Talented Visual Arts

Healthy Habits



Great Vegie Crunch

On Tuesday 10th September each class were treated with a platter of vegetables to share. It was great to see so many children trying vegetables and many were pleasantly surprised. One student said "This red capsicum is yummy, I now want to try the green and yellow ones at home." A big

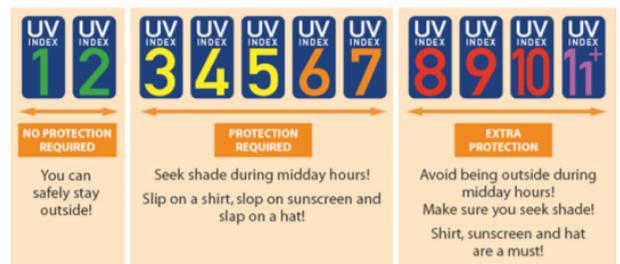
thank you goes out to Mrs Papaphotis and Mrs Swan in assisting with the chopping. Since then it has been noticed that students are starting to bring both vegetables and fruit for crunch and sip.



The UV Index

The UV Index indicates the strength of UV radiation reaching the ground. A UV level of 3 is high enough to cause damage to unprotected skin, therefore it is important to protect skin when the UV level is 3 and above.

The higher the UV Index value, the greater the potential for skin damage. See Figure 1, below.



Marieka Rendall
Health Coordinator

Tech Talk



We have successfully introduced an extra 60 iPads into our school earlier this term. These iPads have been added to B and C block to use by the students in years 3-6. This now brings our school up to a total of 90 iPads, and adds to the 30 that we currently have being used in A block for years PP - 2.

Teachers and students were all very excited about the upgrade and have eagerly begun to use them in their classrooms. As the whole school now has access to iPads, we have taken extra precautions to ensure that they are well looked after to guarantee long term use. Teachers and students have successfully completed training on how to use them safely.

We would like to say a big thank you to the team that helped in facilitating in this.



Chantelle Murray
Primary Teacher

Music Rap



The year six Drama and Music students will be performing three short devised scenes from 'Alice in Wonderland' on the 27th of November at 8:30am at the Friday assembly. The Performing Arts assembly is an eclectic mix of Drama, Music, Instrumental, Dance and will also be incorporating the school choir.

The year six Drama and Music students have been working hard on their characterisation and performance skills and are very excited to showcase this to their school and community in a creative and fun production.

SOUTH THORNLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 6 DRAMA STUDENTS PRESENTS



Jessica Bushby
Drama/Music Teacher

Year 6 Graduating Class

Career Talks

Career talks are held on weeks 3,6 & 9 each term for our Year 6 students.

Camp

This is taking place at Rottnest in Week 5 of Term 4. Payments are due to be finalised by the end of Term 3, 27 September 2019. A packing list will come out at the beginning of Term 4.

Partnership with Thornlie Senior High School

Orientation day for Year 6 students attending Thornlie Senior High School in 2020 is in Term 4. It has been moved to Wednesday 27 November 2019.

Value Cards

Our school values are learning, care, excellence and equity.

Our Student Councillors and Ambassadors are choosing four students per week who demonstrate our value of care. Students who are chosen will receive a postcard sent to them in the mail.

Recipients over the last two weeks are;

Week 8 – Term 3 – Harvey Vince, Imogen Vanderlaan & Bryn Herd

Well done to you all!

Chaplains Chat



Words, we use them every day. For the most part our words are positive and affirming to others and to ourselves...but there are times when we choose to speak words that are negative and have the opposite effect of affirmation. Words are powerful; they either build up or tear down.

In my day to day chats I speak to numerous students who have been affected by the negative words they either speak over themselves or hear from others. Studies have found that for one negative word, there needs to be a minimum of 5 positive words spoken. It is in the learning to 'change the record' in how we choose to speak to ourselves and others, can and will change the trajectory of our thought processes and the way we view ourselves, our abilities and the world in which we live in.

If you find your child speaking negatively, find those positive words of affirmation and speak those over them...We all have a part to play. Let's fill them with all they need to be successful in life.

Have a blessed week
Chaplain Diane

Parents & Citizens News

Meetings – Fridays Week 2 of each term

Canteen Update

This term 3, week commencing 23 July the lunch order service will be available every Wednesday and Friday. Menu and lunch order bags have been sent home. Copies of the menu and order bags can be found at the front office or at this website:

<https://www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au/>

The Canteen is closed on the last Friday of Term 4 for stocktaking. We will be running the canteen on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26th in the last week of Term 4.

Wednesday Special - Beef Cruiser Pie, Sausage Roll and Mini beef pies. These are available ONLY on Wednesday.

LIKE our Facebook page SOUTH THORNLIE PRIMARY CANTEEN to keep up to date with specials and/or changes.

South Thornlie Parents and Community

The South Thornlie Parents & Citizens are an amazing group of volunteering Mums and Dads, who as individuals give up a

small amount of time out of their week, to keep the volunteer run services of our school running smoothly.

It is important to state you do not need to take on a formal role with the Parents & Citizens to be actively involved. There are many ways to support the Parents & Citizens and its ventures, so come to one of our meetings to see just what we have planned, meet some new friends, contribute to the school community and support our students.

Meetings are announced on our Facebook page – South Thornlie Primary School Parent and Citizens

These services are:

School Banking- Tuesdays 8am – 8.30am

The Commonwealth Bank will continue to run competitions, promotions and savings incentives each term in 2019. Any amount can be deposited. It could be pocket money, birthday money etc. Students are encouraged to deposit the money themselves and learn the value of saving and tracking their money.

Uniform Shop- Wednesday mornings 8.15am-8.45am is co-ordinated by **Mrs Elaine Poulsen**
(Cash or Cheque only, NO EFTPOS)

Second hand uniforms needed - If your student has grown out of their uniform or graduated/left the school, please recycle the uniforms back through the school. Please donate any second-hand uniforms to the uniform shop or front office. All Second-hand uniforms are sold for \$2 each.

Clearance Sale All old stock of pants, shorts, skirts are \$5 each

Lego Club- Every 2nd Tuesday starting week 2, after school until 3.30pm is run by **Mrs Tracey Nelson and Mrs Elaine Poulsen.**

Lego Club

Our next Lego Club meeting will be held after school on **Tuesday 27 August** in our **Community Room.**

In order to keep Lego Club running smoothly, we need a few more Volunteer parents/carers who wish to help supervise our Lego Club members. Please feel free to approach our friendly Lego Club leaders if you can help.

All parents and students are required to sign a Lego Club Contract of Attendance per student. This contract is to ensure that all Lego club participants receive the equal right to play in a happy and safe environment. The contract simply outlines each participant's responsibilities as a member. **The Lego contracts can be located in the front office.**

Chess Club

Next Chess Dates – Friday 23 August, Friday & Friday 13 September.

Chess Club - 2:30-3:30 in Community Room

Coaches – Dante Osorio, Michelle Manolas and Ben Dagza. Contact Michelle on 0418 959 094 if you have any questions.

Jolly Socks Fundraiser

P&C will be selling Jolly socks before and after assemblies, at the uniform shop and Monday & Wednesdays after school in the original undercover area. They all cost \$5 a pair – come and see the great range! 5 different sizes and many designs to choose from.

Future Projects and Parent & Citizens Contribution

There are several projects in which the P&C contribute to throughout the year with the money raised from our fundraising events. As our school admin work hard to upgrade our school and make it a safer and happier environment for our children, we are looking for ways in which we can contribute further in the very near future. If you know of anyone or have any ideas on raising funds for future projects, we would love to hear from you.

Please feel free to contact our sub-committee co-ordinators.

Nancy Papaphotis 0412 814 136 (Fundraising)
Scott Maxwell (Kindy-Pre-Primary)

If you have any questions about our P&C activities or wish to contribute or participate. Thank you.

Fiona Johnson
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Vice President

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NURSES NOTES

Parenting support

As parents, you are the most important person in your child's life.

Many parents find life with a child a joyful but challenging experience. Children's needs change as they grow and each stage brings new challenges. You may find the following resources helpful from time to time as you navigate some of these challenges as a parent:

- Raising Children Network
- Healthy WA
- Triple P - Positive Parenting Program
- Ngala
- Child and Parent Centres

Clare Pargeter
Community Nurse

Gymnastics Holiday Program

This is a perfect opportunity for kids who have never given gymnastics a go but are keen to try, or simply as a way to keep active over the school holidays. Also, we have made it extremely affordable with our Bring a Buddy for Free promotion.

I have attached the flyer, and the live link is below for booking.

https://www.thinksmartsoftware-au.com/ocr/schedule_view.php?c=5B0A18E422C81&p_id=11&t=gymnasticsbiz&set=yes



FOREFRONT
GYMNASTICS



**BRING A BUDDY
FOR FREE!!**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**

\$35
per session
per pair



Winter 3 Hour Recreational School Holiday Program
for Recreational Gymnastics.

Fully supervised games and activities - suitable for
kids with no gymnastics experience.
Ages 6+

Please bring a water bottle and a nut free snack.



FOREFRONT GYMNASTICS

4/79 Catalano Circuit, Canning Vale WA
to enrol

PLEASE CALL 0407 417 489

WEB: www.forefrontgym.com.au

EMAIL: club@forefrontgym.com.au

WEEK ONE

Tues 1st Oct 9.00am - 12.00pm

Thurs 3rd Oct 9.00am - 12.00pm

WEEK TWO

Tues 8th Oct 9.00am - 12.00pm

Thurs 10th Oct 9.00am - 12.00pm

Triple P Seminar

Child and Adolescent Health Service - Community Health is offering Triple P Seminar Series in Term 1.

This free program on 4 November is offered to all parents with children between the ages of 3 and 8. The program will be delivered by experienced Community Nurses.