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## From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back for Term 4 and I hope all of our families had a relaxing break. We have a lot of events this term including swimming, Edu Dance, Yr 6 Rottnest Camp, Graduation events, Book Awards and our end of year festivities. The term 4 planner has been sent home this week with your

children and has a lot of dates to remember on, so please ensure you have received it.

### Highgrove Bathrooms

The staff, families, and friends of South Thornlie Primary School, wish to extend our gratitude Highgrove Bathrooms for the unexpected and welcomed donation of 30 shovels for our start up community garden. The community garden is in the early stages of development this kind donation now offers members of the community the opportunity to "start digging".

They also donated a box of basketballs for our kids to use.

A big thank you!

### Swimming

Interm swimming lessons commenced on Wednesday at Aqua life, Somerset St, East Vic Park. Due to the distance of the facility that we have been allocated the last bus may get back as the bell rings. We apologise for any inconvenience, however traffic congestion and traffic lights are beyond our control. I hope your children are enjoying swimming each day and gaining confidence in the water.

### Year 6 Rottnest Camp

Camp will take place from Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November. Notes regarding drop off times will be sent home

prior to the camp. Please be reminded that all payments for camp were due by the end of Term 3.

### Edu Dance

Details went home this week to parents regarding Edu Dance which commences in week 3 for all students Pre Primary through to Year 6. The routines learnt are performed as part of our end of year concert.

### 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.

## 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

<b>Monday 21 October</b>	Swimming Lessons commence Art Master Club	Throughout the day 2:45-3:45pm
<b>Tuesday 22 October</b>	Lego Club School Banking	2:30-3:30pm 8:00-8:30am
<b>Wednesday 23 October</b>	Uniform Shop	8:00-8:45am
<b>Friday 25 October</b>	Assembly A3 Chess Club	8:30am 2:30-3:30pm
<b>Monday 28 October</b>	Art Master Club	2:45-3:45pm
<b>Tuesday 29 October</b>	School Banking	8:00-8:30am
<b>Wednesday 30 October</b>	Uniform Shop	8:00-8:45am
<b>Friday 31 October</b>	Chess Club	2:30-3:30pm
<b>Monday 4 November</b>	Art Master Club	2:45-3:45pm
<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>	Lego Club School Banking	2:30-3:30pm 8:00-8:30am
<b>Wednesday 6 November</b>	Uniform Shop Kindy Orientation	8:00-8:45am 9:00-10:00am
<b>Thursday 7 November</b>	Interschool Athletics Carnival	

<b>Friday 8 November</b>	Assembly ECC1	8:30am
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## School Improvements

A block withdrawal area has had new carpet laid over the holidays.

B Block Art / Steam room upgrade commenced on the second week of the school holidays. This was a grant won by Mrs Waghorn allocating \$125,000 upgrade to our school. We anticipate that this will be finalised by end of week 2 this term.

Indigenous area has been started in between Pre Primary and the Music Room. A busy bee is being held Saturday 19 October to lay a path to form part of this area.

The community garden now has two ready built planters with more on the way.

Multilingual welcome signs have been placed at the front entry to the admin office.

Louvre removal – A Department initiative has removed all asbestos based louvres from public schools. This occurred during the school holidays.

**Megan Barnett**  
**Principal**

## Attendance

**Information for schools for Student Attendance for Kindergarten:**

### The requirements

While enrolment in Kindergarten is not compulsory, it is compulsory for all enrolled students to attend school, or participate in an educational program of the school, on the days on which the school is open for instruction (Section 23 of the *School Education Act 1999*). This includes students enrolled in Kindergarten, and post-compulsory aged students enrolled in year 12.

Some functions of the *School Education Act 1999* relating to student attendance are not applicable for non-compulsory-aged students, such as attendance panels and prosecution.

### The research

The Telethon Kids Institute report, Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts found that attendance patterns are established very early and are consistently maintained throughout a student's school career. The report highlighted the need to target the early years in order to improve attendance before patterns become established and more difficult to change.

### Recording absences in the early years

In accordance with *Section 3.1 of the Student Attendance policy and procedures*, WA public schools are required to maintain accurate attendance records for every enrolled student, including the pre-compulsory year, Kindergarten (whether school-based or at a community Kindergarten).

Schools should record absences using the relevant lesson attendance codes. The Principal has the authority to determine which code is most applicable for each circumstance.

The purpose of these codes is for schools to be able to disaggregate their attendance data to determine common reasons for absence.

### Communicating with parents

Informing parents of the critical learning, concepts or activities that their child will be missing and the potential impact may assist in communicating with parents about why attending every day is important. Schools may use the above fact sheet, or messages within it, when communicating with parents.

Join the Student Attendance Connect Community to talk with other WA public school staff about communicating with parents and strategies

**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**

## Science Corner



This term in Science we are looking at Chemistry. Chemistry is all about the properties of materials and the way that they change so one of the ways you can help your child in this area is to get them to describe the things that they encounter. This means making observations by using your senses to experience things, what do

they look like, taste like, sound like, feel like and smell like. Get them to pay attention to how these things can change. This can be changes like how water can change from a solid to a liquid to a gas or simply how something changes when it is cut, like

watermelon. Get your children to help you cook dinner and look at how the different ingredients change throughout the process.

On Sunday 1st of December the Robotics Club have the FLL Competition at Armadale Senior High School.

**Larissa Waghorn**  
**Science Specialist Teacher**



## Art Master



The Art Masters for Term 4 will take place on Monday 21 October until Monday 11 November 2:45 to 3:45pm.

**Leanne Tapper**  
**Coordinator Art Masters**  
**Gifted and Talented Visual Arts**

## Sports



Our Interschool Athletics Carnival is in week 4. All our children are busy training for running, jumping and team events.

Yr 1 and 2 will compete in a 60m race and a flag race event.

Yr 3,4,5,6. will compete in triple jump, long jump, 75m, 200m, 400m, leader ball and

relays.

STPS Athletics champions were Green pythons.



Individual Champions



**Graeme Edwards**  
**Sports Specialist Teacher**

## Healthy Habits



Looking for a refreshing after school snack?

Try this

<https://www.crunchandsip.com.au/recipe/pineapple-sorbet>

**Marieka Rendall**  
**Health Coordinator**

## Music Rap



The year six Drama and Music students performed three short devised scenes from 'Alice in Wonderland' on the 27 November at the whole school assembly.

The student should be commended on the wonderful performance. A big thankyou to Jessica Bushby for all her effort she put into the performance for the student and

parents.

**Kim Pedrick**  
**Deputy Principal**



## 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 Rottneest in Week 5 of Term 4. Payments should be finalised. If you still have an outstanding balance please contact Angela Hale, Manager Corporate Services.

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.

## 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!



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**Astrie Brown**  
**Art Palette**  
**Art Specialist Teacher**

## Chaplains Chat



I can't believe we have started term 4! I hope you were able to down tools and spend some time with your children over the school break.

I was reading an article and I would like to share it with you 'All of us know people who are not the same on the inside as they are on the outside. Indeed, many who work

harder on their image than on their integrity don't understand when they suddenly fall. Even friends who thought they knew them are surprised.

In ancient China the people wanted security against barbaric hords from the north, so they built The Great Wall. It was so high nobody could climb over it and so thick nobody could break it down, so they settled back to enjoy their security. During the first 100 years of the walls existence China was invaded three times. Not once did the enemy break down the wall or climb over it. Each time they bribed the gatekeeper and marched right through without a problem. The Chinese were so busy relying on their wall of stone that they neglected to teach integrity to their children.

Your answers to the following questions will determine if you are into image-building or integrity-building. (1) Are you the same no matter who you're with? (2) Do you make decisions that are best for others, when another choice would benefit you more? (3) Are you quick to recognise others for their efforts and contributions to your success?

Life is like a vice; at times it will squeeze you. In those moments whatever is inside will come out. Image promises much and produces little, but integrity never disappoints'.

I don't know about you, but I chose to be a person of integrity and that's something I will continue to daily work on until the end of my days'.

Have a great week.

Blessings

**Chaplain Diane**

## Parents & Citizens News

Meetings – Fridays Week 2 of each term

### Canteen Update

This term 4, week commencing 16 October 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 the link below.

<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.

LIKE our Facebook page SOUTH THORN LIE 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 8.00am-8.45am is co-ordinated by Mrs Alaine 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 Alaine Poulsen.**

## Lego Club

Our next Lego Club meeting will be held after school on **Tuesday 22 October** 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.

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## NURSES NOTES

**Clare Pargeter**  
**Community Nurse**