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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students for their wonderful behaviour on the Rottnest Camp. I hope all of the students enjoyed the trip and embraced the interesting history of Rottnest that was incorporated into the Camp. Thank you to

Mr Edwards for the organisation of this

camp, also thank you to Mr Bonser, Mrs Wills, Mrs Connor and Mrs Parfitt who are staff members that attended camp and to parent helpers Clint Whalley, Carina Brown, Leanne Urbas, Andy Buckland and Fiona Johnson, for giving up their time to assist with supervision at camp.

It was lovely to see so many students attend Principal's Morning Tea with me on 5 November. Well done to the students who were selected and keep up the good work!

School Improvements

Our STEAM Room in B block, which was the old Art room has been refurbished via a \$125,000 grant applied for by Mrs Waghorn. We have received funds to purchase new furniture which we are arranging now. Thanks to Mr Turner who has arranged and hung new cupboard doors to match the refurbished area.



We have a new Community Room Mosaic sign which has been created by Mrs McCartie – thank you!



Kindy now has a shade sale in the playground and another archway for the children.



The Science Lab tender has been awarded and we anticipate that this will be started within the next 2 weeks with finish date is expected the week prior to 2020 school year.

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 15 November	Year 6 Rottnest Camp Return	
Tuesday 19 November	School Banking Lego Club	8.00-8.45am 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 20 November	Uniform Shop	8.00-8.45am
Friday 22 November	Assembly C3	8.30am
Tuesday 26 November	School Banking	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday 27 November	Uniform Shop	8.00-8.45am

Tuesday 3 December	School Banking Lego Club School Council Meeting	8.00-8.45am 2.30-3.30pm 2.45pm
Wednesday 4 December	Uniform Shop	8.00-8.45am
Friday 6 December	Assembly C4 Chess Club	8.30am 2.30-3.30pm
Tuesday 10 December	School Banking EDU DANCE CONCERT	8.00-8.45am 5.40pm
Wednesday 11 December	Uniform Shop Year 7 Orientation Day Thornlie SHS	8.00-8.45am
Tuesday 17 December	School Banking Lego Club Graduation Assembly Graduation Dinner	8.00-8.45am 2.30-3.30pm 8.30am 6.00pm
Wednesday 18 December	Uniform Shop School Reports sent home Lost property display Book Awards Ceremony	8.00-8.45am 8.30am
Thursday 19 December	Last Day of school for students Bell Ceremony and farewell assembly	2.00pm

Megan Barnett
Principal

Attendance



Changing schools: Extra days off between changing schools.

Moving between schools can be an opportune time for a "little break" from school but getting students quickly to their new school is very important so that learning is not missed and new routines and friendships are established quickly.

Regardless of how many schools are attended, student data is tracked by the Department of Education every day and these absences remain on student records until they leave in Year 12. Make the move quickly to benefit your children!

Kim Pedrick
Deputy Principal

Science



Our Robotics Team are in the final stages of their preparation for the First Lego League Competition that will be held at Armadale Senior High School on Sunday 1st of December. We'd love you to join us for all or part of the day at the competition to see what we have been doing.

First Lego League challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. As part of the competition teams had to identify and come up with a solution to a real world problem relating to their local community. Our two teams have come up with some very relevant problems and solutions.

The STPS Robot Warriors looked at the problems we encountered during our swimming lessons and the shut down of our local pool. They have designed the concept of a robot that would repair the pool at night, rather than requiring the shut down of the pool for months.

The Thornlie Tech Team looked at the issues of pollution and stagnant water in the lakes in our area. They have designed a number of solutions to this issue. One part is exercise equipment that using it aerates the water. Another component was to plant certain plants in the park. I'll leave you with Mahe and Codi's list of plants and explanation of why these are so important.

These plants that we have found are home and office friendly. We would like to encourage people to plant these plants in their homes and gardens because they take in toxins in the air and reduce air pollution and increase oxygen.

By Mahe Maheswaran and Codi Wells

Rubber Plant	Peace Lily	Pygmy Date Palm
Dracaena	Areca Palm	Ficus Maclellandii
Rhilodendron	Philodendron	Aloe Vera
Pygmy	Dwarf Date Palm	Lady Palm
Ficus	Ficus Alii	Moth Orchid
Sword Fern	Boston Fern	Florists Mum

Larissa Waghorn
Science Teacher

Healthy Swaps



In Australia we all need to be sun smart.



Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available on the free SunSmart app or widget, in the weather section of the newspaper and on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARFANSA.



Packed with Goodness.

Healthy swaps!

Little tummies need little top ups. Avoid packing processed snack foods where you can as these are often high in added sugar, saturated fat and salt. Know your healthy swaps and throw in some wholesome options from the five food groups instead.



Marieka Rendall
Health Coordinator

Tech Talk



Safe Search

Ask yourself these questions about your kids' activities:

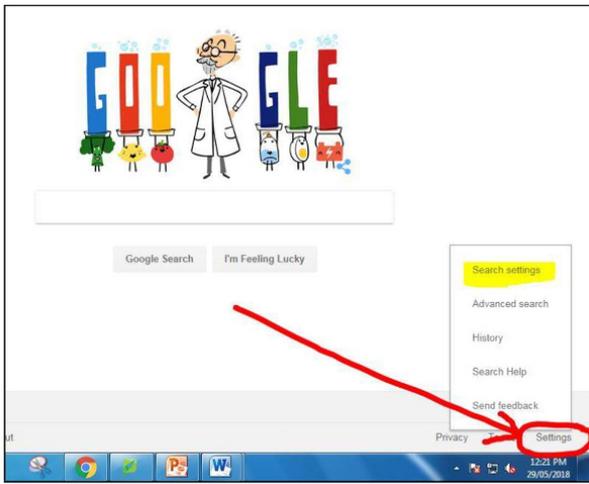
1. What exactly are my children doing online or on their mobile phones?
 - Are they chatting with social network sites like Facebook, Snapchat?
 - Are they visiting inappropriate sites?
 - Are they being bombarded with unsuitable ads.

Did you know that kids between the ages of 8-18 are now spending on average 10 hours on the internet each day? 65% of kids also said that they have accidentally visited an inappropriate site online. With the use of YouTube, Social Media, Gaming and other sites, even with the strictest guidelines in place, it is nearly impossible to monitor your children's activity online doing it manually.

Safe Search filtering can be accessed from the top of the google website to assist in filtering what your child can see. This means that the search results are filtered such that no results would appear related to inappropriate content. There are 3 simple steps that you can do.

Step 1 – Open Google page in browser.

Step 2 – Click 'Settings' on the bottom right hand side of the page, then click 'Search settings' in the pop up menu.



Step 3 – Next tick the ‘Turn On Safe Search’ box, then click ‘Save’ down the bottom.

Step 4 – Now press ‘OK’ to save preferences.

Chantelle Murray
Class Teacher

Chaplains Chat



I hope this finds you well.

I can't get around this weird weather we are having at the moment, but I think we can all be very thankful we are not in the eastern states with all the bush fires. It is quite catastrophic. It makes you stop and think how lucky we are. If you have family members affected by the fires I do hope

they are safe.

It's hard to believe we are half way through term 4, the days are flying by at breakneck speed. I don't know about you, but I am so busy with end of year 'stuff' in my personal life and of course it's a flurry of busyness here at South Thornlie and at my other school.

The end of year can knock us off our feet if we're not careful. More than ever we need to look after ourselves by ensuring we are eating well, getting enough sleep, knowing our limits, learning to say no and filling our bucket with those things that give us joy. You will thank yourself. Hang in there.

Have a Blessed week

Chaplain Diane

Parents & Citizens News

Meetings – Fridays Week 2 of each term

Canteen

A lunch order service is available every Wednesday and Friday. Menu and lunch order bags can be found at the front office.

****New**** Fab Fridays Special – Italian Pasta Salad \$4
Wacky Wednesdays Specials – Pies and sausage rolls.

Like and follow our Facebook page, SOUTH THORNIE PRIMARY CANTEEN for more details and 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 25 October, Friday 1 & 15 November, Friday 6 December.

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 and at the uniform shop on Wednesdays. 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)

Sonya Perry (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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