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Newsletter: Term 1, Week 3

Friday, 21 February 2025

Term 4 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	24 FEB 	25 FEB Y6 AQWA Big Day Out Excursion School Board Meeting 2.45-4.15pm Library	26 FEB Principal's Morning Tea	27 FEB	28 FEB C4 Assembly 8.30am Student Leader's Orientation Session
5	3 MAR Labour Day Public Holiday Students do not attend	4 MAR	5 MAR	6 MAR Pizza Day Y6 Fundraiser	7 MAR Mini Assembly Mega Play

Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome to the week 3 newsletter. I would like to extend a congratulations to the student leaders for 2025 who received their badges during last Friday's assembly. This is a significant achievement, and we are all excited to watch each of you develop as positive role models and leaders within our school community. We are confident that you will embody our school values Learning, Excellence, Equity, and Care, inspiring your peers and contributing to a vibrant, supportive school environment.

We look forward to seeing your leadership journey unfold!

School Leader	Ambassador	Music Ambassador	Faction Captain
Charlize P - Captain	Isla L	Stevie H	Blue Roos – Jett J & Paris U
Paxton L - Captain	William M	Miela G	Redbacks – Pernash C & Aaron J
Ella F	Tiara H		Gold Geckoes – Angelo E & Ruby C
Marlee B	Starna D		Green Pythons – Elyssa G & Harvey V
Rital A	Kirra R		
Jaxon S	Jacob G		

CONGRATULATIONS



Kiss & Drive

A friendly reminder that the 'Kiss & Drive' zone on Ovens Road is for quick drop off & pick up of Year 1-6 students only. All parents and caregivers are asked not to park or stand in the marked bays between 7.30-9am & 2-4pm. The purpose of the 'Kiss & Drive' is to keep children safe, reduce congestion and to make drop off & pick-up easier for parents. For Kindy & Pre-Primary students, a parent/caregiver is required to drop & collect their child directly to & from their classroom each day. Thank you.

School Improvements

We are always looking for ways to improve our school for students, staff and the wider community. Our B block basketball court has been upgraded. It now has matting fitted on top of the old bitumen, fibreglass coatings and has been painted with new lines. To view our school improvements, visit our website by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au/school-improvements>



Thank You Woolworths Forest Lakes



I would like to extend a big thank you to Vernon Adams and his team at Woolworths Forest Lakes for continuing their support in providing our school with fruit for students. We collect a small amount of fruit each fortnight for students who need it and appreciate the ongoing support from our local community.

Megan Barnett
Principal

Thank You...

Week 2 Honour Certificates Awarded – Well done!



ECC1	Nabil H	Johann S	B3	Ben M	Malakai P
ECC2	Evie F	Jedd P	B4	Amelia P	Mohid R
A1	Sofia M	Jamase H	B5	Trisha M	Wyatt D
A3	Archer T	Reyaan M	C2	Priscilla Z	Orlando T
A4	Nolah N	Roman T	C3	Danielle T	Leo L
A6	Sophia E	Mannatveer S	C4	Ella F	Malik G
B1	Kash D	Vance C	C5	Priyanshi C	Dahen S
B2	Amanda B	Danyal Z			

NAPLAN – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this term from 12 to 24 March (week 6 & 7). Click on the link to access practice tests and further information <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>.



Some tips to help prepare your child for NAPLAN:

- Have a positive and encouraging conversation about it. Ask your child what they are worried about and why. This will help you understand their concerns better and give you an opportunity to provide support with positive guidance ahead of the NAPLAN tests.
- Eat well and rest well. Getting plenty of sleep and keeping to a healthy diet can have an impact on both physical and mental wellbeing. It's important that your child is feeling calm and confident leading up to the NAPLAN tests, so they feel their best on the day, inside and out.
- Be active and limit screen time. Too much screen time can increase stress levels and make it harder for children to focus or get back to studying. A great way to keep stress levels down is to let your child do the things they enjoy each day, especially being outdoors and engaging in meaningful play.
- Avoid last-minute cramming. Whatever you are preparing for, rushing into it is never the answer. Trying to cram everything in the last couple of days will only increase stress and anxiety, causing your child to feel overwhelmed on test day. Ideally, it would be best to set aside some time each day to prepare for the NAPLAN tests in advance, even if it's just learning one new thing a day.
- Celebrate the effort, not the outcome. The most important thing is that they 'gave it a go' and did their best with what they knew on the day. It's about praising their efforts rather than focusing on the results. Parents need to assure their child that the test is only about their abilities on one day, and not who they are as a person.

ICY POLE THURSDAYS – YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

The Year 6 students will be selling icy poles as part of their fundraising efforts for this year's camp and graduation. Bring your gold coins and help them reach their fundraising goals!

When: Thursdays during Term 1

Time: 2.30pm

Where: C Block Stage



NOONGAR WORD OF THE WEEK

Our students learn an Aboriginal word from the Noongar Language each week to celebrate Aboriginal Culture. The Noongar Language is the spoken language of the Aboriginal people from the Southwest region of WA.

As part of our word of the week, each newsletter will feature words of the fortnight which you can practice at home. The words we will be learning this fortnight are:

- Father (maaman)
- Brother (ngooni)



HEALTHY HABITS

S.O.A.R

In term one we discuss and develop students' individual successes. Over the next two weeks students will be looking at how to use positive thoughts to make positive actions and help others to find solutions.

Cancer Council Western Australia says: Be SunSmart!

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on some sunglasses



Use a combination of these sun protection measures outside when the UV Index is 3 or above.

Marieka Rendall
Teacher / Coordinator

Re-fuel with Crunch&Sip®

Crunch&Sip® is a set break within class time for kids to crunch on vegetables or fruit brought from home, and rehydrate with water.



While most students eat enough fruit, only 1 in 16 get enough veggies every day.

Crunch&Sip® breaks are a great opportunity to boost the veggies so make sure you pack them often. Try for variety by packing veggies in a range of colours and encourage kids to crunch on new foods.

Students who eat veggies and fruit more frequently tend to perform better in the classroom, so these breaks are a win for students, parents and teachers.

Learn more at crunchandsip.com.au

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

At South Thornlie we SOAR

We are:

- S**afe
- O**pen-hearted
- A**ccepting
- R**esilient

Wellbeing Committee

7 Things Every Child Needs to Hear

As parents, it's important to instill values that will guide our children throughout their lives. Here are key lessons to help them grow into confident, compassionate individuals:



1. **Speak up, even if your voice shakes.**

Encourage your child to express their thoughts and feelings, even when it's difficult. Speaking up is a sign of courage and self-respect.

2. **It's okay to say NO.**

Teach them they don't need to be polite if something makes them uncomfortable. Trusting their gut and setting boundaries is crucial for their safety and well-being.

3. **Words matter.**

Help them understand the power of their words. Kindness can uplift, while hurtful words can cause deep pain. Encourage them to take responsibility for what they say and to apologize if needed.

4. **There is nothing you could do to make me stop loving you.**

Reinforce that your love is unconditional. Knowing they are loved no matter what will give them the confidence to be true to themselves.

5. **Don't speak to yourself in a way you would never speak to your best friend.**

Guide them to treat themselves with the same kindness and respect they would offer others. Positive self-talk is key to building self-esteem.

6. **Don't dim your own light to make someone else comfortable.**

Encourage your child to shine brightly and be proud of who they are. They don't need to shrink themselves to fit in or to make others feel better.

7. **It's okay to like "girly" things, and it's okay to like "boyish" things, no matter who you are.**

Remind them that their interests are valid, regardless of societal expectations. They should feel free to be themselves without fear of judgment.

Conclusion: These lessons will help your child navigate the world with confidence, kindness, and self-assurance. By reminding them of these values, you're equipping them with the tools they need to face life's challenges and to be their best, most authentic selves.

South Thornlie's Got Talent



Singing



Gymnastics



Acting



Dance



Experiments



Cheerleading



Tell jokes



Circus



Music



Magic tricks

Or any other special talent you would like to share...
we would love to see it! Come and audition!

You can audition by yourself or with some friends.

Auditions held in the Arts Centre:

Year 1-2: Week 7 Thursday Lunch

Year 3-4: Week 8 Thursday Lunch

Year 5-6: Week 9 Thursday Lunch

If interested you must sign up. The sign up sheet is outside the library.



Finalists will perform at the Talent Show Assembly held
Term 2 Week 4 Friday 23 May

ATTENDANCE

The Department of Education defines regular attendance as being 90% and above. Consistent attendance and participation at school are essential factors in achieving social and academic learning outcomes. Student attendance of less than 90% will have an impact on the child's opportunity to achieve their potential.

Missing school means missing out! Regular attendance builds lots of other skills, not just learning. Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem. It also helps them to participate positively in regular school events that promote strong community spirit.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

**Every Minute
in School Counts**



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost or are missing anything, you can view all lost property in the alcove covered area between the library and A Block. This is also known as our games garden.

Please check this regularly if you are missing anything. Any items left at the end of each term may be donated or thrown away.



P&C NEWS

Welcome to 2025! The Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association plays a vital role in supporting South Thornlie Primary School by promoting collaboration between families, students, and staff, as well as assisting in providing resources, facilities, and amenities. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, feedback, or suggestions.

Stay connected with us via our Facebook page *South Thornlie Primary Parents and Citizens* or email us at stps.president@gmail.com.



Music Mayhem Disco – Friday, 14 March 2025 (week 6)

As voted by the students, we're excited for this fun event and would love to have extra volunteers to make it a great success. If you can assist on the night, please complete the bottom section of the permission form, and we'll be in touch to confirm.

Annual General Meeting – All Welcome

Our AGM will be held in week 7 on Friday, 21 March 2025, in the community room. If you're considering becoming a member, now is the perfect time! It's only 50 cents to join and you gain voting rights in all that we do.



P&C General Meetings – All Welcome

We aim to hold two meetings per term, in weeks 3 & 9 in the community room, which typically run for around 60 minutes on a Thursday or Friday. Keep an eye out for Facebook posts!

Tea & Coffee Service

We also continue to offer tea and coffee from 8am before assemblies (Fridays on even weeks) through the canteen for a gold coin donation. There is always a P&C member available so feel free to stop by and chat!



I look forward to what we will achieve together this year!

Melissa McBride
P&C Secretary

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FREE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS

**8:40 AM -10:40 AM
every Tuesday at the
Community Room!**

What to expect:

- Practice conversations
- Resume/CV assistance
- Basic English phrases

**Improve your
English!**

**Call reception at
(08)9232 3600
ask for the Partnership Room!**



words matter
friends matter
thoughts matter
YOU MATTER



Everyday Matters

a fun lunchtime program

Games Activities Craft Bible Stories

Day, Place & Time: Friday lunchtimes in the community room

Pick up your permission slip here: Front office or from the team

Everyday Matters

Christian Values Education

Everyday Matters is a practical & engaging Christian Values Education program created in WA for WA State Schools. At YouthCARE, we have a unique insight into what matters to kids. That's why when designing our curriculum, we knew that kids would want to be talking about topics like

friendship acceptance courage and purpose

Over the course of the program, students explore key values through games, activities, craft and Bible stories. When your child participates in our program, the fun levels are high and the content meaningful. We're here to support kids, champion their growth and offer a faith perspective on everyday life.



Who delivers Everyday Matters?

Everyday Matters is run by trained volunteers who are comprehensively resourced with our curriculum. All of our volunteers are screened and managed by YouthCARE and committed to respecting children from all backgrounds.

What will my child be learning about?

Through Everyday Matters, your child will be learning about important values such as thankfulness, leadership, resilience, friendship, emotions and much more - all in a safe, fun and inclusive environment!

Is it Department of Education endorsed?

Yes. The Department of Education continues to make space for Special Religious Education in the curriculum and one of the ways YouthCARE supports educational communities is by supporting them in it's delivery.

want to know more?

Scan this code to head to our website



values matter friends matter words matter you matter YouthCARE

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SPECIALIST PROGRAM

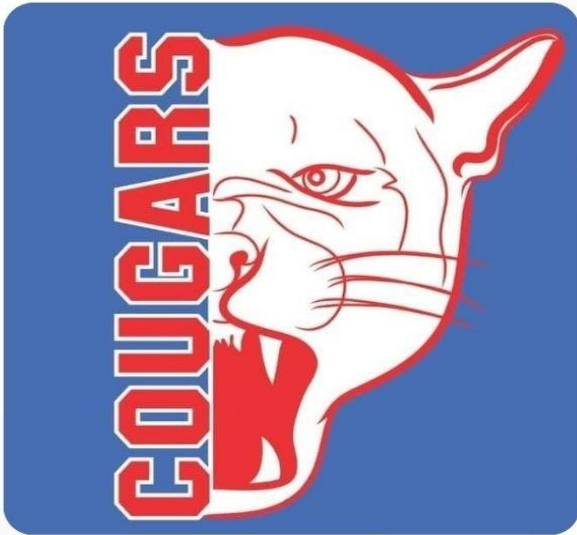
in Volleyball, Mathematics or Classical Music.

CLOSES 4PM
FRIDAY 21 MARCH
2025.



[www.rossmoyne.wa.edu.au/
enrolment/specialist-
programs/](http://www.rossmoyne.wa.edu.au/enrolment/specialist-programs/)





Interested in trying out a new sport? Or keen to give it a go again after (many) years away?
Come join us at the Cougar's Den home of Canning Districts Hockey Club.

Canning Cougars are searching for new players for the
upcoming 2025 winter season

We are looking for:

Cougar cubs : ages 3-8

Juniors : aged 9 up

Players over 13 are welcome to come along and play in our senior teams.

We have equipment you can use, just wear sports clothes and sports shoes
(no studs or footy boots). Please bring a water bottle.

Training will start Wednesday night

5th March 2025

Cubs @5-5:30

Juniors @5:30-6:30

Seniors @6:30

Looking forward to meeting you then.

For any further information contact Elaine Foote on 0417 954 414 or
email Tracey at secretary.canning@gmail.com

