



# South Thornlie Primary School

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Newsletter: Term 2, Week 3

Friday, 3 May 2024

## Term 2 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	<b>6 MAY</b> 	<b>7 MAY</b> Running Club K-6 8-8.20am – Oval Y3&4 Junior Robotics 2.30-3.45pm School Board Meeting 2.45-4.15pm	<b>8 MAY</b> Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am P&C Mother's Day Raffle Tickets Due 9am Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm Lego Club 2.30-3.30pm Community Room	<b>9 MAY</b> Ukulele Group 8-8.20am	<b>10 MAY</b> STPS Talent Show Finale at Assembly 8.30am & Year 4 Aussie of the Month Kindy B Groups – Mother's Day Spa Day Pre-Primary – Mother's Day Spa Day Third Party & Student Update Forms Due
5	<b>13 MAY</b> Kindy A – Mother's Day Spa Day	<b>14 MAY</b> Running Club K-6 8-8.20am – Oval Y3&4 Junior Robotics 2.30-3.45pm	<b>15 MAY</b> Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm	<b>16 MAY</b> Ukulele Group 8-8.20am	<b>17 MAY</b> P&C Subway Online Lunch Orders Close 9am

## Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome to the week 3 newsletter edition. Last Friday, we commemorated ANZAC Day at our assembly with a special service and performance by our school choir. Our Student Leaders and Ambassadors led our service as we remembered and honoured the sacrifice of our fallen servicemen and women.

Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers who attended. Thank you also to our special guests:

- Mr Chris Tallentire MLA for Thornlie.
- Cr Kylie Dalton, City of Gosnells.
- Our Adopted Digger Fred Flor and his sister Helen Cole.
- Dawn Maton, Margaret White and their donkeys.
- Michelle Wilde, Bugler.
- Nicole Paton P&C President.



Congratulations to the following students who won the ANZAC Poetry competition. Maya F from B5 was the overall winner. She had the honour of reading her winning poem at the ANZAC Day ceremony. Well done to all students who entered an ANZAC Poem into the competition, your effort was commendable and you should be very proud of your poems.



Overall winner – Maya F B5  
 Year 3 – Arianna G B3  
 Year 4 – Alison C B4  
 Year 6 – Joel H C2



I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Education Assistants, Wendy Fisher, Louise Hales, Jenise Mathews, Emma Keeley and Deb Dynan for making the wreaths. It was very much appreciated!



## Kindy 2025 Applications Open

Kindergarten applications are now open 2025. See page #3 for all the information.

Megan Barnett  
Principal

## STPS MAKES THE EXAMINER

Our Colour Run was such a hit, it made the Examiner Newspaper, Armadale edition! Click on the link to access the article. <https://view.publitas.com/examiner-newspapers/armadale-examiner-newspapers-25th-april-2024/page/10-11>

A huge thank you to all our families for their support in raising much needed funds for our school! It was a huge success.



## THIRD PARTY & STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

This week, students should have come home with Third Party Agreement and Student Update forms. Both forms are due by **Friday, 10 May 2024**. Please give completed forms to your child's classroom teacher.

### Third Party Agreement

We have updated our Third Party Services Agreement which requires parent consent. Every student is required to have a completed form by a parent/legal guardian. Please read this document, complete it, and return it to your child's classroom teacher by the due date.

### Student Update Form

We ask if you could please take the time to read carefully through these and update any required fields. This information is important and ensures that our data base is kept up to date with all contact, medical and emergency information. For families with shared parenting arrangements, these have been posted to your home addresses. Please notify the school of any medical conditions, family court orders or changes in living arrangements.

## ATTENDANCE

Did you know?

- Missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year.
- The attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life.
- If children miss half a day of school each week between Pre Primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning.
- Learning is cumulative – if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up.

You can help by:

- Arriving and collecting your children on time.
- Making sure they eat nutritious meals and get enough sleep.
- Making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists outside school hours.
- Making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term.



## NOONGAR WORD OF THE WEEK

Our students have been learning 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:

- Daat Nyin (sit down)
- Waranka (sing)



# 2025 ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR KINDY



SOUTH THORNIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ovens Road, THORNIE WA 6108  
PH: 9232 3600

Childs Date of Birth must fall between  
**1st July 2020 - 30th June 2021**

Applications close on **Friday 19 July 2024**

Please attend South Thornlie Primary School administration office  
to fill out an Enrolment Application or visit our website

Visit: [www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au](http://www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au)

Email: [souththornlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:souththornlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

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ORGANISATIONS AWARDS 2023  
SUSAN RYAN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT  
FINALIST







## Australian Early Development Census

### Building a national picture of child health

**From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).**

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact Jacqui Bell on 9232 3600.



## HEALTHY HABITS



### Sun Smart Tips

Layer sunscreen on thickly 20 minutes before going out into the sun and reapply sunscreen every two hours. Do not rub it in!

Over exposure to UV radiation leads to sunburn, wrinkling, premature aging, eye damage and skin cancer. So Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

### Crunch&Sip



This term, our school is encouraging families to get excited about eating vegies by packing them as often as possible for Crunch&Sip®.

Vegetables and fruit are both important food groups packed with a range of nutrients that promote good health.

To find out more, visit our @crunchandsipbreak website here: <https://bit.ly/CSparent-veg>

**Marieka Rendall**

Teacher / Coordinator

## PE NEWS

**AMAZING!**

### Colour Run

What a fantastic turn out for our first Colour Run. Thank you to all involved in making the day a huge success. We raised \$21,900 and this money will be used by the school to make improvements for our students. Prizes will take a few weeks to arrive, once they arrive we will distribute them to students. The bike draw will take place at the week 6 assembly.

### Winter and Cross Country Carnivals

These will both be in week 10 this term. Cross Country for Years 2-6 will be on the Wednesday and the Winter Carnival will be on the Friday for Year 5 and 6 students. We have some great parents who have volunteered to help at Soccer and Footy. If you are keen to help at Netball or Hockey please let me know. Trials for students will begin in week 5.

### Running Club

We are back Tuesday mornings from 8am. Running Club is a non competitive jogging club to help train and improve fitness in the lead up to the Cross Country Carnival. It is on during Terms 2 and 3. If the weather is bad, I will post on the school Facebook page to advise of any changes. Kindy and Pre-Primary students are welcome to attend, but parents will need to stay, help take them to class at the end and make sure they are able to keep going through the 20 minute sessions.

**Chris Mattock**

PE Teacher



## ITALIAN NEWS

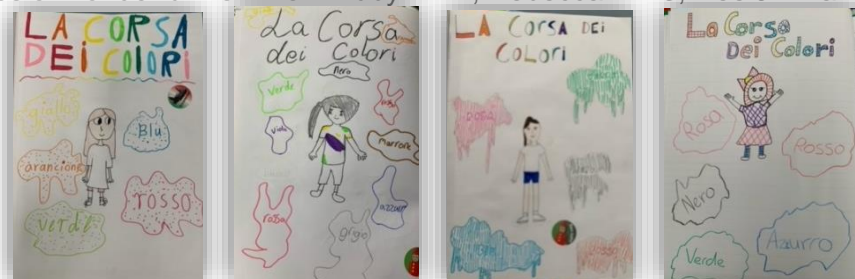
The colour run was a great success, and this gave me the perfect opportunity to introduce colours to the Year 3 students and revise colours with all the other year levels.

Below are some samples of wonderful work from Ruby P B2, Rebecca M B3, Hee J B4 and Lihan A C3. Well done!

Saluti da

**Signora Wills**

Italian Teacher



## SCIENCE NEWS

In science this term we will be looking at Biology. Biology is the study of living things, so it includes animals, insects, plants, dinosaurs and lots more. Dinosaurs are included because they were once living. In order for something to be classed as a living thing it has to be able to perform seven different processes:

- Movement - by itself, either whole body or part of their body, for example plants will move their branches towards the sun
- Respiration - breathe or exchange gases with the environment
- Sensitivity - respond to the environment, for example heat or light
- Growth - grow and change
- Reproduction - make 'copies' of itself, or have offspring or babies
- Excretion - get rid of waste products, for example going to the toilet or breathing out
- Nutrition - need nutrients to survive, like food or water



One of the best ways you can help your child this term is to get them looking at things and deciding if they are living, once living or non-living. It's a good time to get out in the garden or go for a walk to find the biology in the world around us!



Did you know you can recycle your batteries here at school? We have a battery recycling bin in the science room. We can take most old batteries (mobile phone, button, laptop, household) and organise for them to be recycled. If you have any of these please send them in with your child.

**Larissa Waghorn**  
ScienceTeacher

## STUDENT LEADERS

Jessica Cox was born on February 2nd, 1983. She was born with no arms. She was enrolled in a public school, not a private or special needs school. Never thinking she was any different, she did whatever the other children would do.

Jessica grew up using prosthetic arms which she had to practice using with countless hours of therapy after school. Although she could carry things with prosthetic limbs, she never connected with them and preferred doing everything with her feet. After 11 years of wearing them, Jessica decided to stop using prosthetic arms and embrace what makes her different.

She has unbelievable skills in American Taekwondo and was the first ever armless person to attain their black belt.

Through the years, she mastered the art of swimming, driving a car and flying an aeroplane. To begin her pilot journey Jessica faced her fear of flying and losing contact with the ground. She was challenged with finding a flying instructor because a lot of them were uncomfortable teaching and qualifying an armless pilot. She persevered and eventually found a teacher who agreed to be her instructor. Her instructor expected her to pass and successfully complete all the tasks without assistance. She earned her pilot's certificate on October 10th, 2008 after 3 years of training.

She married Patrick Chamberlain and in 2005, Jessica gained her Bachelor's degree in psychology.

To overcome her initial frustration and anger; she transformed her disability into an amazing strength. Jessica became a motivational speaker, author and advocate defending the human rights of people with disabilities.

**Sarah Fyffe & Joel Hunt**  
Faction Captains





## POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Pause & breathe

ASK QUESTIONS

"Did you mean to hurt me?"

Make eye contact

IF IT CONTINUES, TALK TO AN ADULT  
"I'm being treated poorly..."

WALK AWAY  
"I deserve respect."

USE A CALM TONE  
"I feel..."

WHAT TO DO  
WHEN SOMEONE  
TRIES to MAKE YOU  
FEEL SMALL

REMEMBER  
YOUR WORTH  
"I am enough."

STAND TALL  
"I'm proud  
of myself."

ASK THEM TO  
REPEAT  
"Can you say  
that again?"



## P&C NEWS

### ANZAC Recess

We held a taste of history recess last Friday after the ANZAC Day assembly. Thank you to the amazing group of parents who volunteered to help pack and deliver the orders to classes. Kindy A group had their special recess on Monday. We hope you all enjoyed learning a little more about ANZAC biscuits and their origin.



We raised a total of \$417.30. This will go towards establishing a historic display for students to learn more about the past.



### Mother's Day Raffle

Mother's Day raffle tickets have been sent home with students. Tickets are \$1 each and are due back no later than 9am Wednesday, 8 May 2024. Spare tickets are available in the office. Only correct cash is accepted.

We have had some incredibly generous businesses who have donated vouchers and prizes. A big thanks goes to:

- Endota SPA – Carousel
- Woolworths – Maddington
- Cockburn Ice Arena
- Spudshed – Thornlie
- Hoyts Western Australia



An extra special thanks to the families who have dropped in donations to the office. We will draw the raffle on Thursday, 9 May 2024 and contact the winners. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

### Subway Lunch Orders



Subway lunch orders are now open for Wednesday, 22 May (week 6). Orders must be placed online at [www.myschoollunch.com.au](http://www.myschoollunch.com.au). Ordering closes at 9am on Friday, 17 May 2024. If you have an hour to spare, between 12.30-1.30pm on the day, please let us know.

### Tea and Coffee Service

We also continue to offer tea and coffee from 8am before assemblies through the canteen for a gold coin donation. There is always a P&C member there if you want to have a chat.



### Share Your Ideas

Any questions or ideas you'd like to share with the P&C, please get in contact with us at [stps.president@gmail.com](mailto:stps.president@gmail.com). Please follow us on Facebook: South Thornlie Primary School Parents and Citizens.

**Melissa McBride**

P&C Secretary

## EVERYDAY MATTERS PROGRAM



Everyday Matters, formerly known as Treasure Hunters, is run by amazing volunteers during lunch times each Friday during the term in our Community Room.

This program is offered to students in Years 1-6. Permission forms are required to be completed prior to students attending. Students can obtain one from the office or from one of the friendly team members during a Friday session.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



GosTalks  
Free Event

### Understanding Your Child's Brain

- Does your child not fit into the educational box?
- Does your child seem to be learning differently?
- Does your child not enjoy school?

Explore different learning styles, identify how your child learns best and how their brain functions. Gain strategies to support your child's learning journey and the partnership between home and school.

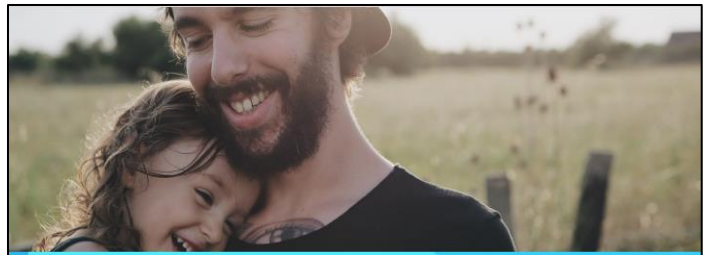
Discussion will focus on the primary school years.

**REGISTER NOW!**

- 📅 Wednesday 15 May 2024
- 🕒 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- 📍 Maddington Community Centre  
19 Alcock Street, Maddington
- ☎ 9251 5777
- ✉ parenting@communicare.org.au
- 🌐 <https://www.trybooking.com/CRDMN>



TURN ME OVER!



### Tuning in to Kids®

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

**For Parents and Carers of children 3-12 years**

**1-session program**

Workshop Overview

This interactive workshop will help parents and carers teach their children to understand and regulate their emotions. Children with good emotional intelligence often have better emotional, social and physical functioning, as well as fewer behavioural difficulties.

Tuning in to Kids is a parenting program that aims to provide helpful ways of teaching children the skills of emotional intelligence.

**DATES**  
Mondays  
6 May - 17 June 2024  
(Public Holiday on Monday 3 June 2024)

**TIME**  
9.30am - 11.30am

**LOCATION**  
Communicare  
28 Cecil Avenue  
Cannington

**COST**  
Free

**CRECHE**  
Yes - bookings essential.  
Places are limited

**BOOKING DETAILS**

📞 08 9251 5777  
✉ parenting@communicare.org.au  
🌐 <https://www.trybooking.com/CQCNH>



### Parenting Across Cultures

Did you grow up outside Australia and are now raising children inside Australia?  
Meet with other parents in similar situations and share ideas about how we navigate this change whilst still preserving our family's culture.

(For parents and carers of children aged 0-18 years)



Bookings  
are  
essential

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm  
**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre, 26 Brookman Ave, Langford  
**For more information please:**  
**Email:** [CPCBrookman@parkerville.org.au](mailto:CPCBrookman@parkerville.org.au)  
(Creche is available)



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### The Power of Play

Play is an essential activity for all children. It gives them the opportunity to develop imagination, problem solving skills and interpersonal skills. But what does play look like in everyday life and how as parents can we set the scene for a healthy and age-appropriate play environment? This workshop will inform parents on the value of play and different, creative ways to interact with their child to support their development.

(For parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years)



Bookings  
are  
essential

**Date:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am  
**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre, 26 Brookman Ave, Langford  
**For more information please:**  
**Email:** [CPCBrookman@parkerville.org.au](mailto:CPCBrookman@parkerville.org.au)  
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