



# South Thornlie Primary School

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Newsletter: Term 3, Week 7

Friday, 30 August 2024

## Term 3 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	<b>2 SEP</b> PP-Y5 Swimming Lessons Kindy A Group Daddy's Doughnut Day 1.30pm	<b>3 SEP</b> PP-Y5 Swimming Lessons Running Club K-6 8-8.20am UWA Audiology Screening School Board Meeting 2.45-4.15pm Library	<b>4 SEP</b> PP-Y5 Swimming Lessons Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am UWA Audiology Screening Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm Lego Club 2.30-3.30pm Community Room	<b>5 SEP</b> PP-Y5 Swimming Lessons Ukulele Group 8-8.20am UWA Audiology Screening Y5&6 Senior Robotics Club 2.30-3.45pm Community Room	<b>6 SEP</b> PP-Y5 Swimming Lessons No Assembly Kindy B Groups Daddy's Doughnut Day 1.30pm
9	<b>9 SEP</b> Y1&2 Jumps Carnival	<b>10 SEP</b> Running Club K-6 8-8.20am Olden Day Dress Up Day	<b>11 SEP</b> Y3-6 Jumps Carnival Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm	<b>12 SEP</b> Ukulele Group 8-8.20am P&C Meeting 8.45am Staff Room Kindy B Group – Olden Day Dress Up Day Y5&6 Senior Robotics Club 2.30-3.45pm Community Room	<b>13 SEP</b> Faction Athletics Carnival 

## Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome to the week 7 newsletter. As our Year 6 students return from the Dwellingup Dare Adventure Camp today, we eagerly anticipate hearing about their exciting adventures and cherished memories. A huge thank you goes to Dorinda Truscott, Michelle Murray, Jeanette Petersen, Kevin Pitchford, and Suzi Sheridan for their incredible dedication and hard work in organising, supervising, and ensuring that the camp was one of the highlights of the year for our students. Your efforts have truly made a difference, and we are deeply grateful for everything you've done.



Thanks also go to our amazing volunteers John Walker, Glenn Petersen, and Stacey Learmont, for their generous time and commitment, which greatly contributed to the camp's success. We appreciate all that you've done to support our students and make this experience unforgettable.

## Open Night

We had a fabulous Open Night last Wednesday, with our whole school community coming together to celebrate the incredible work our students are doing. A heartfelt thank you goes to all our staff for their efforts in preparing classrooms and specialist areas, and for cooking up a delicious sausage sizzle. We also want to extend our gratitude to the P&C, School Board, university students, volunteers, and community members for their support and for making the night memorable with the fantastic stalls.

A special thank you to our families for their ongoing support of our students, school, and fundraising efforts. We're thrilled to announce that we had a grand total of 99 parent surveys completed, which is fantastic! Additionally, we raised an impressive \$1,083.00, which will go directly towards student assistance.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making the night a huge success!

*Thank You*  
for your support

## Book Week Dress Up Day

Last Friday, we celebrated Book Week with a fantastic dress-up day and parade! Both staff and students got into the spirit by dressing up as their favourite storybook characters. It was a wonderful sight to see so many creative costumes and a true celebration of our love for reading. Be sure to check out page #2 for some great photos from

the event! Students who dressed up were automatically put into a raffle to win a great prize which included a scholastic book voucher. Congratulations to all our raffle winners:



Kindy – Elkie D  
 Pre-Primary – Lucy G  
 Year 1 – Imahni R  
 Year 2 – Ellah K

Year 3 – Joshika N  
 Year 4 – Lillian W  
 Year 5 – Aaron J  
 Year 6 – Stella O



**Aussie of the Month**

Our Year 1 Aussie of the Month Award went to Lakyn B in A1. Congratulations!



**Father's Day**

This Sunday is Father's Day, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and special father figures in our lives. We deeply appreciate everything you do and hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable day.

**Megan Barnett**  
 Principal

**BOOK WEEK PHOTOS**



## PE NEWS

### Interschool Cross Country

On Friday, 9 August 2024, South Thornlie PS took a strong 32 person team to Interschool Cross Country to compete for the shields. We started in amazing fashion with a winner in the first race! The day kept getting better and better and we are pleased to announce the following results:

#### Overall 1st Place - Our first overall win in 32 years!

Year 3 - 1st Place - Back to back!

Year 4 - 1st Place - Amazing!

Year 5 - 2nd Place - Narrowly missing out on the trophy.

Year 6 - 3rd Place - Some amazing efforts from our senior runners.

#### Race highlights on the day were:

Year 3 Champion Male - Lawson V

Year 4 Champion Female - Rachel L (2<sup>nd</sup> place - Lillian W)

Year 5 Champion Female - Ellyssa G

Year 5 Runner up Male - Harvey V



What an amazing achievement from our students. Well done!

**Chris Mattock**  
PE Teacher



## SCIENCE NEWS

South Thornlie recently had Sid the Sloth come to our school to help us celebrate National Science Week. We would like to say a very big thank you to the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA) who gave us a grant to pay for all of the activities.

All of our amazing teachers organised different science activities and students went to different classrooms to have some fun, and of course learn some science! We had a great time. Thank you to all the teachers for coming up with such interesting activities. Ask your child what science they learnt!

**Larissa Waghorn**  
Science Teacher



## 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 have been learning this fortnight are:

- Ngany bidibaba (I'm tired)
- Windji noonook koorliny? (Where are you going?)





## SOUTH THORNLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION

Dear Parents / Caregivers

South Thornlie Primary School is seeking a parent / caregiver committed to children's education to nominate for a two year position on the School Board. All parents or primary carers of students who are enrolled at South Thornlie Primary School are eligible to nominate.

The School Board operates in accordance with the *Schools Education Act 1999* and Parent Representatives are required to be formally elected to the Board. Our School Board comprises of the following members: 1 Principal, 4 school staff members, 7 parents/caregivers and 3 community representatives.

### **The School Board has one vacant position.**

### **Nominations for the position of Parent Representative will close on Friday, 6 September 2024.**

Nominations should be sealed in an envelope and addressed to the Principal, Megan Barnett. Alternatively, forms can be emailed to: [Megan.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Megan.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au)

Nominees please note, should more nominations be received than the number of vacant positions, a vote by the parent body will be undertaken. Persons wishing to nominate are asked to read the School Board Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct (available on the school website: [www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au](http://www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au)) as well as completing the attached nomination form below. Late or incomplete nominations cannot be accepted.

The School Board meets twice per term on Tuesday afternoons at 2.45pm in weeks 4 and 8. Meetings are held in the school library and usually last between 1-1.5 hours.

The responsibilities of the School Board are outlined below.

#### **The School Board participates in:**

- endorsing the school budget, annual reports and the Statement of Expectations;
- reviews school performance and progress towards business plan targets;
- processes to determine satisfaction levels of parents, staff and students;
- the Department of Education Services (DES) independent review;
- communicating with the broader school community regarding the Board's function and activities.

#### **The School Board takes part in:**

- establishing and reviewing school performance, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- planning financial arrangements necessary to fund objectives, priorities and directions.

#### **The School Board approves:**

- an annual contribution and charges schedule, inclusive of incursion and excursion costs, and booklist item requirements;
- an agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship in relation to a government school.

#### **The School Board promotes:**

- the school in the community.

Should you wish to discuss the role further or ask any questions, please feel free to contact me by email [Megan.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Megan.Barnett@education.wa.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

Megan Barnett  
Principal

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### **South Thornlie Primary School Board Parent Representative Nomination Form**

I wish to nominate for a position on the South Thornlie Primary School Board in the category of Parent Representative.

The completed nomination form below is submitted to the Board. I declare that I have read and understood the 'School Board Terms of Reference' as well as the 'Code of Conduct' for the South Thornlie Primary Independent Public School Board and agree to abide by them.

Parent / Caregiver Name:	
Contact Number:	
Signature:	Date:

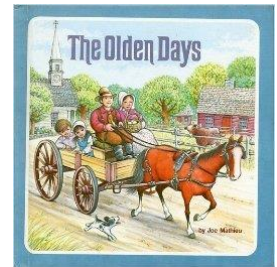
## STPS OLDEN DAY WEEK

In Week 9, (Monday 9 September – Thursday 12 September), our school library will transport students back to the olden days, providing them with a unique opportunity to experience life as it was in the past. Various stations will be set up, featuring hands-on activities for students to engage in.

To celebrate Olden Day Week, students are invited to dress in clothing representative of the olden days on Tuesday, 10 September 2024. This marks our inaugural year for this event, and we are excited to establish it as a yearly tradition on our school calendar.

If you have any items from the olden days that you would like to donate to South Thornlie Primary School, please contact the front office.

**Dorinda Truscott**  
Deputy Principal



## HEALTHY HABITS



### Sun Smart Tips

Role modelling by parents, teachers, sport coaches and other adults has a positive influence on the sun protection habits of young people. So remember to lead by example and Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide! when outside.

### Crunch&Sip

## Crunch & Sip

South Thornlie is a Crunch & Sip school!

Did you pack water and a healthy snack today?

Give your child the chance to re-fuel in class with fruit or vegetables. This helps improve physical performance and concentration, as well as promoting long term health.

There are so many fruits and veggies to choose from!

What will you choose today?

### Sandwich Builder

Make delicious and healthy sandwiches to go in the lunchbox!

#### Choose most

**Vegetables**  
Have them raw, cooked or canned, and aim for a variety of colours and textures.



#### Choose some

**Breads**  
Wholegrain, wholemeal and high-fibre white varieties are the best choice. Try something different each time!



**Meat and meat alternatives**  
Choose lean and reduced-fat options. Protein is an important part of your child's sandwich.



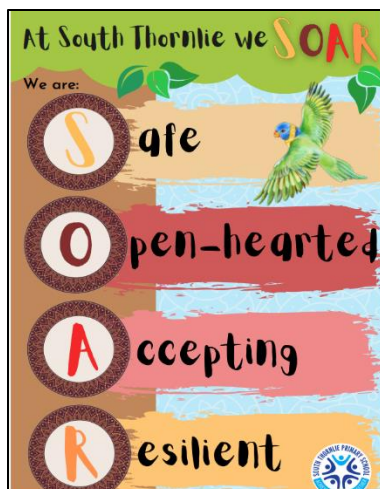
#### Add a little

**Tasty spreads**  
These yummy spreads add excitement to a healthy sandwich.



**Marieka Rendall**  
Teacher / Coordinator

## POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS



Wellbeing Committee

### Make Sure They See You Smile First

In the daily hustle of parenting, it's easy to focus on tasks and responsibilities with our children. However, it's important to ensure that your child sees your love and warmth first, not a list of demands or corrections.

Here's how to make sure your child always feels valued and loved:

- 1. Greet With a Smile:**  
Example: When your child walks into the room, greet them with a big smile and a cheerful, "I'm so happy to see you!" This simple gesture makes them feel welcome and loved right away.
- 2. Prioritize Connection Over Correction:**  
Example: If your child comes in with muddy boots, resist the urge to correct them immediately. Instead, start with a positive greeting like, "Hey there! How was your day?" Once they feel your warmth, gently remind them about the boots.
- 3. Show Genuine Interest:**  
Example: Ask questions that show you care about their experiences and feelings. Instead of "Did you finish your homework?" try "What was the best part of your day?"
- 4. Positive Reinforcement:**  
Example: When your child has accomplished something, no matter how small, acknowledge it with enthusiasm. "I noticed you put away your toys without being asked. Thank you!"
- 5. Make Time for Unstructured Interaction:**  
Example: Spend a few minutes each day just being present with your child without any agenda. Play a game, read a book, or simply talk about their interests.

**Benefits:** By leading with love and a smile, you create a positive environment where your child feels secure and valued. This builds their self-esteem and strengthens your relationship, so they see you as a source of comfort and love, not just rules and expectations.

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### 50 Phrases to Make Your Child Feel Absolutely Loved

1. I love you always.
2. You are important.
3. I'm so glad you were born.
4. You are loved just the way you are.
5. I believe you.
6. You are so special to me.
7. I cherish every moment with you.
8. You are a gift to our family.
9. I'm here for you, no matter what.
10. You light up my world.
11. I'm grateful to be your parent.
12. You are brave and courageous.
13. I love spending time with you.
14. You are the best part of my day.
15. You are so kind and caring.
16. I trust you.
17. You have a beautiful heart.
18. You are capable of anything.
19. I love your creativity.
20. You make me smile.
21. You mean the world to me.
22. I admire your determination.
23. You are the reason I woke up with a smile.
24. I'm lucky to have you in my life.
25. You are a good friend.
26. I love your sense of humor.
27. Thank you for being you.
28. I love the way you think.
29. You're the star that shines so brightly.
30. Your voice matters.
31. You have great ideas.
32. I love your laughter.
33. You are enough just as you are.
34. I'm always on your side.
35. There's no one else like you on this planet.
36. I love your hugs.
37. You are important to me.
38. You are loved more than words can describe.
39. You are a helper.
40. I love the way you express yourself.
41. I love you more than all the hairs on all the bears.
42. I'm amazed by your growth.
43. You are always worthy of love.
44. I love the way you see the world.
45. You inspire me.
46. I love your curiosity.
47. I love learning from you.
48. Thank you for sharing your light.
49. Nothing will change my love for you.
50. You are always in my heart.

Your child may know you love them, but sometimes, they still need to hear you say the words out loud. By communicating how much you care in different ways, you are also filling up their emotional cup.

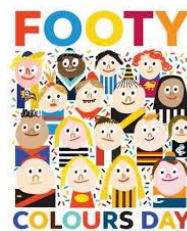


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## FOOTY DRESS UP DAY – YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Our Year 6 students are excited to announce a 'Footy Dress Up Day' fundraiser which will be held on Thursday, 19 September 2024. All students are invited to dress up in their favourite footy team colours and bring a gold coin.



**FUNDRAISER**

# FOOTY DRESS UP DAY YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

**Students in Kindy to Year 6 are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite footy team colours!**



**Thursday, 19 September 2024**

**Gold Coin Donation**

**Wear colours to support your favourite footy team!**

**Shoulders must be covered.**



**Thanks for supporting our  
Year 6 fundraiser!!!**

## P&C NEWS

### Open Night

It was amazing to see all the families attending Open Night. We had drinks and snacks available from the canteen, and we're pleased to report that we raised \$64 from these sales. A huge congratulations to Reyaan M from ECC2 for winning our jelly bean raffle! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the event.

### Milo Toastie Lunch Day

Our Milo Toastie lunch was a busy but successful day! Despite facing some challenges, our incredible volunteers kept going strong and managed to prepare over 250 toasties and 200 Milos. A big thank you also goes to Jamaica Blue Forest Lakes for their generous donation of cups and lids when our delivery didn't arrive in time.

Thanks to your participation and support, we raised an impressive \$824.95. We're grateful for everyone's efforts in making this event a successful and delicious one!

### Father's Day Raffle

Congratulations to all our Father's Day raffle winners! We hope you enjoy your prizes and thank you for participating. We raised a total of \$1006.00 which is amazing!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Daniel O

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Finn B

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Kodee H

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Paxton L

A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated P&C members who put in a lot of legwork to secure generous donations from local businesses. Your efforts helped make this event a success. Thank you for your support and hard work.

Thank you to our generous donors:

- ✓ Bunnings Maddington
- ✓ WA Museum
- ✓ Macro Mike
- ✓ The Tapscott family
- ✓ A special mention to the families who dropped off donations too
- ✓ West Coast Eagles
- ✓ Matagarup Mini Golf
- ✓ The Connor family
- ✓ The McBride family



Thank you

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday, Week 9 at 8:45am in the staffroom. If you're unable to attend but have ideas or questions, please feel free to email us at [stps.president@gmail.com](mailto:stps.president@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Melissa McBride**  
P&C Secretary



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**CITY OF GOSNELLS**

## Family WORKSHOPS

### Think U Know Online Safety Parent Presentation

**PARENTS, CARERS AND EDUCATORS WELCOME!**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

**Date:** Tuesday 3 September 2024  
**Time:** 5.00pm – 6.30pm  
**Location:** Mills Park Centre (Lesser Hall) 86 Brixton Street, Beckenham

This free presentation will provide you with the tools to create a safer online environment for children and young people, and empower you to feel confident in guiding them as they access the internet and use technology.

Topics discussed in the presentations raise awareness about online child sexual exploitation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE**




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**CITY OF GOSNELLS**

## Child Protection Week

**1 - 7 SEPTEMBER 2024**

### PROMOTING A SAFE, HEALTHY AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

**PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP**  
**Monday 2 September, 9.30am – 11.30am**  
 Forest Lakes Family Centre, Thornlie  
 Presented by Communicare Parenting Support Service  
 To register please contact [info@familycentre.com.au](mailto:info@familycentre.com.au)

**PLAY AND LEARN AT THE SHOPS**  
**Tuesday 3 September, 1pm – 2pm**  
 Maddington Central Shopping Centre  
 Constable Care fun-sexy puppet show. No bookings required

**PARK PLAY**  
**Wednesday 4 September, 9.30am – 11.30am**  
 Mills Park, Beckenham

**Friday 6 September, 9.30am – 11.30am**  
 Homestead Park, Thornlie  
 Fun activities to teach kids about staying safe, with a police car joining the Friday Park Play  
 No bookings required

**BABY PLAY – HUNTINGDALE**  
**Monday 2 September**  
 9.30am – 10.30am and 11am – 12pm  
 Huntingdale Community Centre  
 Free Kidsafe car seat checks  
 No bookings required

**THINK U KNOW ONLINE SAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION**  
**Tuesday 3 September, 5pm – 6.30pm**  
 Mills Park Centre, Beckenham  
 To register please visit the City's website

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**Child and Parent Centre Gosnells**

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## Kids and Anxiety Workshop

Whilst some feelings of anxiety can be a normal part of children's development, an increasing number of children are experiencing higher levels of anxiety that are impacting on their everyday life.

This workshop aims to assist parents and caregivers to understand anxiety and provides simple strategies for parents and caregivers to use at home.



**FREE**

**Date:** Tuesday 3 September, 2024  
**Time:** 9:30am – 12 noon  
**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre – Gosnells 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (access via Clara Street)  
**Register:** BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  
 Free Creche Available  
 Call 9398 8720 or email [cpegosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:cpegosnells@centrecare.com.au)

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## Protective Behaviours

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

**For Parents and carers of Children 3-12 years**

**1-session program**

**Workshop Overview**

Equip your child with the language and principles of protective behaviours to develop their personal safety, knowledge and skills.

By sharing protective behaviours with your child, you will be helping to develop life long skills of assertiveness, self-confidence, problem solving, communication, resilience and reaching out for help when needed.

**BOOKINGS DETAILS**

[info@familycentre.com.au](mailto:info@familycentre.com.au)

**DATES**  
 Monday  
 2 September 2024

**TIME**  
 9.30am - 11.30am

**LOCATION**  
 Forest Lakes Family Centre  
 39 Towncentre Drive Thornlie

**COST**  
 Free

**CRECHE**  
 Unavailable

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