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Newsletter: Term 4, Week 9

Friday, 6 December 2024

Term 3 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	9 DEC Kindy A Group Graduation 8.45am	10 DEC Y6 Graduation Ceremony 8.30am Y6 Graduation Dinner 6pm	11 DEC Kindy B Group Graduation 8.45am Semester 2 Reports home with students Lost Property Display C Block Stage Ms Pedrick's Retirement Assembly 2pm Lego Club 2.30-3.30pm Community Room	12 DEC Bell Ceremony & Farewell Assembly 2pm Last day of Term 4 for students 	13 DEC Pupil Free Day Students do not attend

Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome to the week 9 newsletter for term 4. As we reach the end of another school year, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown. This year has been filled with hard work, growth, and countless rewarding moments. Now, as we prepare to say farewell to 2024, it's a time to reflect on all that we've accomplished together.

To all our families who are transitioning to new schools in 2025, we want to extend our warmest wishes for the journey ahead. We have no doubt that you will embrace the next chapter with enthusiasm and success, just as you have here with us.



I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our staff for your hard work, dedication to student learning, and tireless efforts throughout the year. Our students greatly benefit from the time, energy, and passion our staff put into everything they do. Their commitment makes a world of difference to students, and the wider community. Thank you.

Students Commence 2025

We will officially welcome a return for students for the 2025 year on **Wednesday, 5 February 2025**. If your child will be away for the commencement of Term 1, please ensure you email souththornlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au as soon as possible with a return date. For schools, it is mandatory to report the number of students who have commenced their 2025 schooling. This data is submitted in early February.

P&C Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible P&C for their outstanding commitment and tireless efforts throughout 2024. Through the many events they organised and the funds they raised, they have made a significant impact in supporting the students at South Thornlie Primary School.

At last Friday's Book Awards Ceremony, the P&C presented a cheque for \$12,513.27 to the school. We are truly appreciative of the hard work and countless hours volunteered to make each P&C event a success.

A special mention must also go to all our families for their ongoing support of the P&C and the school. The funds raised have been used to benefit students across all year levels, and we're excited to share that a full list of the contributions can be found in the P&C news on page #5.

Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea

Thanks to all our parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members who have generously volunteered their time to help in our school. Thank you for the amazing work that you do. We wish you a relaxing break and look forward to working with you in 2025. A special thank you morning tea was held in the staffroom last Friday, 29 November 2024 to celebrate and thank our volunteers.



Staff News



We are sad to announce that we have several staff members who will be leaving us at the conclusion of the 2024 year. We will be farewelling Mrs Emma Kleinig, who has been a valued classroom teacher at South Thornlie for the past 7 years. Over the course of her time with us, Emma has worked in multiple classes and made a positive impact on the lives of many students.

Emma has accepted a new role at Forest Crescent Primary School, where she will begin in 2025. While we will miss her here at South Thornlie, we are excited for the new opportunities ahead of her and wish her all the best in this exciting new chapter of her teaching career. We thank Emma for her dedication, hard work, and the positive influence she has had on our school community.

We also farewell teachers, Mrs Elvira Wall, Miss Nancy Stephens and Mrs Elvira McGowan. Mrs Wall has been teaching in B5 on Mondays this year and has accepted a full-time position at Moorditj College for 2025. Miss Stephens has served as our music teacher during Miss Mathys' maternity leave and has accepted a position to teach music at Hillary's Primary School in 2025. Mrs McGowan is returning to relief teaching after helping us in C block this year. These amazing teachers have contributed greatly to the school this year with their hard work and dedication. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Semester 2 Reports

Students will receive their Semester 2 school reports on Wednesday, 11 December 2024. For students who are absent on this date, their reports will be available for collection at the front office in 2025.



We encourage parents and caregivers to take this opportunity to read the reports together with their children and celebrate the many achievements of the year. For families with shared parenting arrangements, reports will be sent via email. Reports will also be made available on Connect. Be sure to look out for a Connect notification, which will contain further details.

If you haven't yet checked your Connect access, now might be a great time to do so. If you experience any issues logging into your account, please contact the front office on 9232 3600, and our staff will be happy to assist.

End of Year Concert

Last Tuesday evening, we were excited to host our annual end of year concert. It was incredible to see our students showcase their amazing dance moves and musical talents, creating a truly memorable experience for all.

This event would not have been possible without the unwavering support from our dedicated staff, Infinite Limits dance teachers Kate and Alicia, the P&C, and our entire school community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year's concert such a wonderful success!



Book Awards Ceremony 2024

On Friday, 29 November 2024 we held our annual book awards ceremony. Two students from each class from Pre-Primary to Year 6 received a book award for either academic endeavour or outstanding citizenship qualities.

Academic Endeavour Award – Awarded to those students who have demonstrated a high level of personal achievement and effort in all learning areas throughout the year. These students take responsibility for their own learning and demonstrate a genuine desire to achieve their best at all times, achieving excellent results across the curriculum.

Citizenship Award – The student who receives this award has shown a good attitude to peers and staff, a consistently high standard of behaviour, a willingness to participate and most importantly demonstrates kindness, consideration and fairness to others. They demonstrate responsibility and are willing to take on extra duties. They participate fully in all school activities, and they are cooperative and helpful to others. They show good school spirit and have a friendly nature. They display a commitment to their school work and they endeavour to do their personal best at all times.



Congratulations to all the book award recipients:

	Citizenship	Academic		Citizenship	Academic
ECC1	Jamase H	Sofia M	B3	Janice L	Orlando T
ECC2	Arrow W	Kade E	B4	Jackson F	Willow H
A1	Vinica L	Lyn J	B5	Hassan J	Nate M
A3	Atahra P	Ella C	C2	Diana P	Stevie H
A4	Sophia E	Monica S	C3	Leonardo G	Ella F
A5	Mia F	Kelani T	C4	Miela G	Hannah L
B1	Ava D	Wyatt D	C5	Rani M	Elijah R
B2	Ojas S	Joshika N			

Congratulations



I would like to extend a warm congratulations to Nola Brand on her recent retirement announcement. Nola has dedicated 22 years to her career as a dental therapist, with the last 11 years spent caring for students at the South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre.

We wish you a relaxing and fulfilling retirement as you embark on this exciting new chapter of your life. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and you will be greatly missed!

2025 Student Leader Announcement

A big congratulations to all the student leaders for 2025, who were announced at the Book Awards Ceremony last Friday, 29 November 2024. These students were selected by both their teachers and peers for their outstanding qualities. They were chosen for being excellent role models and true representatives of our school, consistently upholding the South Thornlie Primary School values of Learning, Excellence, Equity, and Care.

We are proud of their achievements and look forward to the leadership they will bring to our school community in the coming year!

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
Thomas S	Kirra R		
Rital A	Jacob G		

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

We officially farewell our Year 6 students on Tuesday, 10 December 2024 with a special graduation ceremony commencing at 8.30am. Students are required to wear their full school uniform for the ceremony, not their leaver's shirts. Family members are invited to attend this special occasion with the Year 6 students. Please allow up to 2 hours for this assembly.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

On the evening of Tuesday, 10 December 2024, Year 6 students will celebrate their final year of primary school with their Graduation Dinner. Students are requested to arrive no later than 5.40pm for a 6.00pm start. Entry will be via the gate on Discovery Drive. Family members are invited to stay for the speeches before leaving. Please allow approximately 20 minutes for this. Parents are invited to return at 8.15pm to view a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights for 2024. The evening will conclude at approximately 8.45pm.



- Dress Standard – Students are to wear smart, age-appropriate clothing. Please avoid blue jeans and casual clothing. Acrylic nails are not acceptable.
- Restrictions – Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones, cameras or smart watches to prevent posting on social media.

Class Lists / Booklist Information / Uniform Purchases 2025

Booklists – Booklists were distributed to students in week 5. A copy can also be found on our website: www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au under Enrolments, Booklist. The school's preferred supplier is West School Supplies, however, you may choose your own supplier. Please note that West School Supplies only provide a home delivery option. We will not have a school collection day in 2025. Order online before 15 December to ensure delivery before the school year commences. More information about ordering can be found on the booklist.

Class lists – These will be displayed on the windows of the staff room, outside the admin office on Monday, 3 February 2025 from 12pm. No photos or videos are permitted to be taken of class lists for privacy reasons. As enrolments can change right up until the first day of Term 1, please note that adjustments to class lists may be necessary. In this event, families will be notified.

Uniform Sales – Uniforms for the 2025 school year can be purchased from the office on Monday, 3 February 2025 between 9am-3pm. Payments can be made via correct cash or EFTPOS. Try-ons are available.

Happy Holidays!

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break over the school holidays, making the most of precious time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Megan Barnett

Principal



HEALTHY HABITS

Sun Smart Tips

There is no such thing as a safe tan. Tanning is a sign of skin damage. Don't cook for looks, remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!



Crunch&Sip

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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?

Chocolate Zucchini Muffins



Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 18

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Ingredients

- Olive or canola oil spray
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda (bicarbonate)
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 3 eggs
- 200mL reduced-fat plain yoghurt
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 tbs canola oil
- 1 cup zucchini, grated
- ½ cup sultanas

Tip: Add 2 tablespoons of chopped nuts or seeds to the mix for a yummy crunch. Remember not to pack nuts in the lunchbox.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced). Lightly spray muffin tins with oil.
2. Place sugar in a large bowl and break up any lumps. Sift in cocoa, baking powder, bicarb and flours, returning husks from the sieve to the bowl.
3. Lightly beat eggs in a cup with a fork then add to flour mix with yoghurt, vanilla and oil. Stir to combine (mix will still be quite dry), then mix in zucchini and sultanas.
4. Spoon mixture into prepared muffin tins (makes 18) and bake for 20 minutes or until a skewer poked into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Cool in tin for 5 minutes then turn onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Variation

Try other dried fruit like cranberries or raisins.

Marieka Rendall
Teacher / Coordinator

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:

- Maar-koodjal-koodjal (nine)
- Maar-maar-djilyara (ten)



POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

At South Thornlie we **SOAR**

We are:

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

Wellbeing Committee

4 Rituals to Wire Your Child's Brain for Gratitude and Positivity

Establishing simple daily rituals can transform how your child perceives the world. Try these ideas to integrate gratitude and positivity into your family's everyday moments and wire your child's brain to focus on what's going right rather than what's going wrong.

1. Choose a Daily Mantra in the Morning

Start the day with a grounding affirmation to help your child approach challenges with confidence and calmness. Some examples are:

- "We can do hard things."
- "I am safe. I am calm. I can handle this."
- "This day is a gift. Breathe and notice."



2. Read Your Family Manifesto Before Leaving Home

Set a positive tone for the day by reminding your family of your shared values. Your manifesto could sound like:

- "In our home, we choose kindness, learn from our mistakes, and do our best."

3. Play "High Low Buffalo" in the Evening

Encourage reflection and connection by discussing the day:

- **High:** Share the best part of your day.
- **Low:** Share the most challenging moment.
- **Buffalo:** Share anything random or important you'd like to discuss.



4. Share Gratitude Before Bed

End the day on a positive note by sharing something you're grateful for. This habit:

- Encourages a positive mindset before sleep.
- Builds connections between family members.
- Teaches the importance of gratitude and thoughtfulness.

With these four simple rituals, you are helping your child rewire their brain to focus on gratitude, positivity, and mindfulness. Over time, they will naturally shift their attention to the good in life, fostering greater joy and self-awareness.



P&C NEWS

STPS Cheque Presentation

We are incredibly proud to have presented a cheque for \$12,513.27 to South Thornlie Primary School at the Book Awards Ceremony last Friday. This amount represents the total funds raised through P&C events throughout 2024.

We couldn't have achieved this without the tireless efforts of all our dedicated P&C members and the ongoing support from our STPS families. The funds raised have been allocated to the following areas:

\$316 – K & PP Graduation	\$1000 – Kindy Waterplay	\$2655 – Electronic Sign
\$1000 – Robotics	\$1621.40 – Mats for PP	\$524.26 – Graduation Pens
\$1000 – Interschool Uniforms	\$417.80 – Library	
\$1000 – Y6 Camp	\$2154 – Swimming Lessons	



End of Year Concert Pizza & Drink Pre-Orders

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered pizzas and drinks for the End of Year Concert held on Tuesday last week. We raised a total of \$613.85! A big thanks also goes to the parents who volunteered their help on the night. It was much appreciated 😊

End of Year Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all our raffle winners. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and to the families and businesses who donated the awesome prizes! We raised a total of \$1182.45 which is amazing!



Congratulations to our raffle prize winners:

- Jackson P
- Will M
- Anastasia C
- Hayden E
- Maxx S
- Helen Magness
- Archer T
- Ella G

Thank You

It has been a very busy and rewarding year indeed. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the P&C members for their generous time, energy and effort that makes all the amazing events, activities and special lunches and recesses possible.



Thanks also goes to our supportive school community for helping us reach our fundraising goals by purchasing tickets, donating prizes, encouraging your child to dress up on our dress up days and offering your time to volunteer.

Enjoy the school holidays and the festive season and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Melissa McBride
P&C Secretary

COMMUNITY NEWS

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

School Holiday Emergency Dental Care – 13/12/2024-27/01/2025

South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday, 13 December 2024 to Monday, 27 January 2025. Emergency dental treatment is available at the Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre, 43 Mt Henry Road, Salter Point. Contact 9313 0555 between 8.15am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).



School Holiday Emergency Dental Care – 16/12/2024-20/12/2024

Alternative emergency dental care is available at Bannister Creek DTC – 9451 1761 and Excelsior DTC – 9256 4170.