



# South Thornlie Primary School

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Newsletter: Term 4, Week 5

Friday, 8 November 2024

## Term 3 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	<b>11 NOV</b> P&C Recycling Week Containers for Change Drive 	<b>12 NOV</b> P&C Recycling Week Containers for Change Drive	<b>13 NOV</b> P&C Recycling Week Containers for Change Drive Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm Lego Club 2.30-3.30pm Community Room	<b>14 NOV</b> P&C Recycling Week Containers for Change Drive Ukulele Group 8-8.20am St John First Aid Incursion Y5&6 Senior Robotics Club 2.30-3.45pm Community Room	<b>15 NOV</b> P&C Recycling Week Containers for Change Drive ECC1 & ECC2 Assembly 8.30am
7	<b>18 NOV</b> St John First Aid Incursion	<b>19 NOV</b> St John First Aid Incursion	<b>20 NOV</b> Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm Y3 Fire Incursion 1.30pm	<b>21 NOV</b> Ukulele Group 8-8.20am TSHS – Y7 2025 SAER Transition Day	<b>22 NOV</b> Mini Assembly P&C Subcommittee Meeting 8.45am Staffroom End of Year Reward Day K-Y6

## Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome to the week 5 newsletter for term 4. We would like to take a moment to recognise the contributions of two of our teachers, Shirley Mitting and Kim Pedrick, who will be retiring at the end of this year.



Shirley Mitting has dedicated sixteen years to our school, making a lasting impact on our students, particularly in her role as a Health educator for students in Years 1-4. Shirley's passion for teaching and her ability to inspire our young learners have shaped the lives of many students. To celebrate her career, we invite you to join us at our assembly on Friday, 15 November 2024 at 8.30am, as we express our gratitude and bid Shirley farewell.

Kim Pedrick has been a devoted and passionate educator at South Thornlie PS for the past nine years, teaching a variety of year levels and always striving to help her students reach their fullest potential. Kim's engaging approach to learning and her unwavering commitment to her students have left a lasting legacy. We will be celebrating Kim's retirement at a special assembly on Wednesday, 11 December 2024 at 2pm, and we warmly invite our entire school community to come together to honour her hard work and dedication.



Congratulations to our Deputy Principal, Dorinda Truscott, on her exciting new role. She has accepted a substantive Deputy Principal position at Beenyup Primary School, starting in Term 1, 2025. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dorinda for her contributions to both staff and students this year. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this new chapter in her career.

## Principal's Morning Tea

Congratulations to the students who were selected for the Principal's Morning Tea held on Tuesday this week. Thank you for your hard work, dedication to learning and being an all round positive class member. Well done!

## Aussie of the Month

Our Kindy Aussie of the Month Award went to Mahdiah A in KU2B. Congratulations!

## Values

Our week 4 raffle winner was David B from A3. Well done!

## Megan Barnett

Principal



## Week 4 Honour Certificates Awarded – Well done!



ECC1	Liam T	Elias M	B2	Elizabeth T	Evelyn G	Mason T
ECC2	Yousuf J	Kade E	B3	Hudson H	Ngaire O	
A1	Kaya T		B4	Ruby H	Kyeisha W	
A3	Harvey H	Elliot F	B5	Emerson G	Savanah-Lee E	
A4	Mohneet S		C2	Bonnie-Lee R	William M	
A5	Maylani W	Mia F	C3	Blake H	Sophie A	
A6	Kiaan P	Ben M	Vance C	C4	Hannah L	Ayce T
B1	Owen F	Samiyah Q	C5	Shaniqwa G	Kaia T	Lilly E

### ICY POLE FRIDAYS – YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Our Year 6 students are holding 'Icy Pole Fridays' as part of their fundraising efforts during Term 4. Students will be able to bring in their gold coins on Fridays to purchase some yummy icy poles. Sales will take place on the C Block stage after school from 2.30pm.



### ATTENDANCE

#### Are you going away over the December/January school holidays?

Families are reminded to advise the school in writing if your child/ren will be absent from school for a long absence. As the weather warms up and with the festivities the holidays bring, travel is on the agenda for many families. If you are going away during the summer school holidays and intend to return after the 2025 school year commences, please make sure you advise us in writing or via email to [souththornlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:souththornlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au). For schools, it is mandatory to report student numbers who have commenced 2025 schooling which we submit in early February.



If your child/ren will be returning to school after 5 February 2025, please assist us by providing your planned return date.

### STUDENTS RIDING TO SCHOOL

Students may ride or scoot to and from school each day. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet and adheres to road rules. A secure enclosed bike rack storage facility is available for students. It is strongly recommended that students lock their bikes and scooters with personal locks during the day. This facility is located on Discovery Drive near C Block. Gates are opened at 8.00am and 2.30pm each day. Gates remain locked between these hours.



Due to safety, students are asked NOT to ride their bikes and scooters through the school. Students are asked to walk their bikes and scooters when using the paths outside school and cross walks.

### 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 (five)
- Maar-keny (six)



## HEALTHY HABITS



### Sun Smart Tips

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and other sources, such as solariums, is the major cause of skin cancer. Australia has some of the highest levels of UV radiation in the world: in fact UV radiation is strong enough to cause sunburn in as little as 10 minutes on a fine January day. Your skin remembers and records all the UV exposure you have ever received – all the sunburns, tans, solarium visits or just simple day-to-day time spent outdoors when you have not used sun protection. It all adds up and increases your long-term risk of skin cancer. It's estimated that if we reduce our lifetime exposure to UV radiation by just 20%, Australia would have about one third fewer cases of skin cancer.

### Crunch&Sip



**Marieka Rendall**  
Teacher / Coordinator

### 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?

### FACTS ABOUT SUGARY DRINKS and kids

11<sup>th</sup> largest purchaser of sugary drinks in the world

47% of Australian children consume sugary drinks each day

377 million litres of sugary drinks are consumed by Australian children each year

Drinking sugary drinks each day increases your risk of tooth decay and erosion

If you drink a 200ml bottle of orange fruit drink every day for a year you will consume 19 kilos of sugar

16 teaspoons of sugar in a 200ml bottle of regular soft drink

7 teaspoons of sugar in a 200ml energy drink

9 teaspoons of sugar in a 600ml sports drink

1 teaspoon = 4 grams of sugar  
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healthdirect Cancer Council WA Crunch&Sip

## CAREER TALK

On Tuesday, 29 October, our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed an engaging career talk delivered by Lachlan Gatland, Senior Service Planner for Transperth. Lachlan captivated the audience by sharing his lifelong passion for transport, detailing his journey through various careers before ultimately landing his dream job at Transperth.



In his role, Lachlan is responsible for planning bus routes, a task that includes the intricate logistics of organising transportation for special events and AFL games at Optus Stadium. His insights into the complexities of public transport planning, along with his enthusiasm for his work, encouraged our students to think critically about their own future career paths.

Lachlan also emphasised the importance of taking on opportunities presented to you, sharing personal anecdotes that resonated with many students. South Thornlie Primary School thanks Lachlan for taking part in our Year 6 Career Talk program.

**Dorinda Truscott**  
Deputy Principal

## LETTERS TO SANTA



The Lions Club of Gosnells has been appointed by Father Christmas as his agents in the City of Gosnells to collect letters from children and pass them on to him.

During weeks 6 and 7 (Monday, 11 November to Friday, 22 November), South Thornlie Primary School students are invited to write a letter to Santa.

Students can write their letters and place them in the post box which will be in the front office. Please include your child's first name, the initial of their surname, and their class to ensure Santa can write a reply. For safety reasons, we request that only minimal details be included, such as the class number and the child's first name with surname initial.

There is no cost or fundraising associated with this project; the Lions Club of Gosnells simply wants to spread the joy of receiving a letter from Santa. Please note that all students are welcome to participate, but it is entirely voluntary.

## BOOKLISTS & SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Booklists and the Contribution & Charges schedule for 2025 have been sent home with students this week. This information can also be found on our website: [www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au](http://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.

Contribution Charges are a guide as to costs for each year level for the following school year. Parents and caregivers have the option of paying school fees and contributions via the West School Supplies booklist, alternatively, these fees can be paid in 2025. Payment is not required up front for all other charges such as swimming, camp, incursions, excursions and additional programs. These are requested to be paid as they come up during the term.



## END OF YEAR CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE



On Tuesday, 26 November 2024 we will be holding our annual end of year concert on the oval. Students are asked to come dressed in their costume and be at class by approx. 5.40pm ready for a 6pm start. Information has been sent home with students and posted on Connect. Pop by the office if you need another copy.

## SENIOR ROBOTICS NEWS

On Saturday, 2 November 2024 our Senior Robotics students went to Armadale Senior High School to compete in the FIRST LEGO League robotics competition. There were 38 teams there from both primary and high schools.



Our students did an amazing job! They showed great tenacity, teamwork, gracious professionalism and resilience (especially the team that only ended up with two students there on the day!) Each team completed three rounds on the robotics table, programming their robot to complete as many of the challenges as they could in two and a half minutes. They also presented to a panel of three judges, showcasing their innovation project, their robot design, coding and their teamwork. All of the students spoke clearly and confidently about their project, the problems they encountered and how they overcame these, and the features of their robot.

Team Legolodon scored 430 points, coming 18th overall. Our other team, Back to the Fishies, scored 480 points, coming 8th overall, winning the Motivation Award from the judges and only just missed out on qualifying for the National competition! We are so proud of them all.

A very big thanks must go to a number of people. If these people didn't give up their free time our Robotics Program couldn't run:

- Lyndon (Hunter's Uncle) - who has been a fantastic Assistant Coach throughout the season
- Ms Vardy - who gave up her Saturday to come down and cheer us on
- Mrs Liedermoy - our amazing coach who knows all the tricks and is there with us every week and printed and ironed on the amazing logos and names onto our shirts
- Mrs Waghorn (that's me 😊) - who is there every week and makes sure everything happens)

Larissa Waghorn  
Science Teacher





### WARM WEATHER REMINDER

As the weather begins to warm up, we would like to remind students to bring a water bottle and hat to school every day.



### PE NEWS

On Thursday, 31 October 2024 South Thornlie’s Interschool Athletics team went to Langford Sports Complex with the hopes of competing fiercely and challenging for a very hard to win trophy.

We started the day brilliantly with back to back 400m wins in the Year 4 girls events. After a long and hot day of outstanding competitiveness and sportsmanship, we had the following results.

- Champions - Handicap Shield (Trophy based on points against student numbers at each school)
- 2nd place - Overall Championship
- Year 3 Champion Boy - Alex R
- Year 5 Runner Up Champion Girl - Ellyssa G
- Year 6 Runner Up Champion Boy - Hunter D

Thank you to all of our amazing families for their ongoing support this year. It is much appreciated to have such a supportive school environment.

**Chris Mattock**  
PE Teacher



### CHALLENGE CLUB NEWS

#### Year 6 Challenge Club

As part of our Challenge Club program, Year 6 students have been visiting Thornlie Senior High School to collaborate with high school students on research related to the effects of social media.

Students have engaged in debates, exploring both the positives and negatives of this topic. Through these interactions, our Year 6s have challenged their personal perspectives and societal views, participating in passionate discussions to express their thoughts and feelings.

South Thornlie Primary School takes pride in its community relationships and in providing students with opportunities to challenge and enhance their skill sets. These lessons have proven invaluable in broadening our students’ knowledge and allowing them to consider diverse viewpoints.

A special thank you to Mrs Jenny Liedermoy for initiating this enriching experience and to Thornlie Senior High School for hosting our students and providing the necessary resources and space to support their research and debates.



## ITALIAN NEWS

Salve a tutti

Spend a day wandering around the historic centre of Rome and you will inevitably stumble upon the Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and of course the Colosseum.

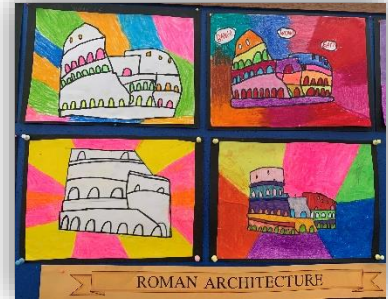
The Colosseum attracts over 7 million visitors annually, making it one of the most visited landmarks in the world.

The Year 5/6 classes learnt about the history of the Colosseum and then drew this amazing monument. Have a look at some of their amazing Pop Art pictures.

Saluti da Signora Wills

Mary Wills

Italian Teachers



## POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS



Wellbeing Committee

### ☆ Your Actions Teach More Than Words Ever Will ☆

Children learn by observing your actions rather than just listening to your words. Here are six concrete tips to model positive behavior:

#### 1. Show Kindness in Daily Interactions

Treat store assistants, taxi drivers, and waiters with kindness and respect. Your child will notice and remember these actions more than verbal reminders to be kind.

#### 2. React Calmly in Frustrating Situations

Handle frustrating situations, like someone cutting you off in traffic, calmly and politely. Your child will learn to manage their emotions by watching how you manage yours.

#### 3. Prioritize Face-to-Face Conversations

Pay attention during conversations and avoid distractions like staring at your phone. By demonstrating good listening skills, your child will understand the importance of being present and attentive.

#### 4. Speak Positively About Others and Yourself

Avoid gossiping or speaking negatively about others, and speak positively about yourself. Your child will learn to communicate respectfully and develop a healthy self-image by following your example.

#### 5. Manage Anger Constructively

If you get angry, handle it without raising your voice or being destructive. Show your child healthy ways to express and deal with anger, like taking deep breaths or discussing the problem calmly.

#### 6. Show Gratitude and Appreciation

Regularly express gratitude and appreciation for the things and people in your life. Your child will learn the value of gratitude and develop a positive outlook by seeing you practice it.

Remember, children imitate what they see. By consistently modeling positive behavior, you set a powerful example that shapes their habits, attitudes, and character, guiding them to become kind, respectful, and emotionally intelligent individuals.



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## LOST PROPERTY

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PROPERTY**

A reminder that lost property items are located next to the Library (undercovered area opposite A Block). Items remaining at the end of each term will be donated. Students, parents and caregivers are welcome to look through the lost property before and after school each day.

## CLASS NEWS

C5 students made pancakes to support the development of their procedural writing to ensure the number of steps required to make the batter and produce the pancake. Great work C5!

**Michelle Murray**  
Teacher



## P&C NEWS

### Containers for Change Drive

The P&C are running a 'Containers for Change Drive' from Monday, 11 to Friday, 15 November 2024 (week 6). Students are invited to bring in 10c plastic & aluminium containers from home. The class with the most containers collected will receive a pizza party for their class! Please remember no glass. Notes have gone home with students. Check out Connect for all the details.



### Our End of Year Raffle

Our annual end of year raffle is on again this year. Tickets have been sent home with students. We have some amazing donations from businesses. I'd like to extend a huge thank you for their generosity and encourage families to support them if you can:



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| ✓ Prouds Livingston | ✓ KaiserCraft Thornlie         |
| ✓ Bright Star Kids  | ✓ Charlie's Paddock            |
| ✓ iPlay Carousel    | ✓ Perth Heat                   |
| ✓ Brooklands Tavern | ✓ West Coast Eagles            |
| ✓ Amazing Co        | ✓ National ANZAC Centre Albany |

If you have any unwanted gifts, please consider donating them to our raffle prize pool! They can be dropped into the office during school hours.

### 2025 – Can you help?

We are looking towards 2025 and would love to share a bit more information in the coming newsletters about the positions within our P&C. If you would be interested in getting involved, please get in contact with us, there are many ways you can help including:

- ✓ Lego Club Volunteer - 1 hour a fortnight on Wednesday afternoons
- ✓ Office Bearers (President - lead the meetings, facilitate discussions and ensure execution of motions, Vice President - support the President, keep in touch with WACSSO sharing any relevant information from their newsletters, Treasurer - pay invoices, reimbursements and monitor our incoming and outgoing funds, Secretary - take minutes at meetings, follow up emails and check in with members and the execution of motions.
- ✓ General member – 2 x 1hr meetings a term. Vote on how we fundraise and where the money goes.
- ✓ Volunteers - When we arrange events we will always ask if you are available to assist. You can message us via facebook: South Thornlie Primary School Parents and Citizens, send us an email to [stps.president@gmail.com](mailto:stps.president@gmail.com) or complete the volunteer section of forms and return to school.

Anyone can attend a meeting and see what we are about, It's a positive welcoming space to share ideas and learn more about the school and how we can continue to improve and support the space in which our children learn.

**Melissa McBride**  
P&C Secretary



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

The South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will be closed on Fridays during term 4 from Friday, 1 November (week 4).

In case of emergency please contact Excelsior Dental Therapy on 9256 4170 between the hours of 8am-4pm for assistance.



CITY OF GOSNELLS

# WORDS and PLAY



## Language Development Program



**Mondays**  
18 November  
25 November  
2 December & 9 December  
1pm – 2pm  
**Gosnells Library**

Join Speech Pathologist Jackie at Gosnells Library for a weekly interactive language development program. Through play, shared reading, social interactions and hands-on activities your child will develop their language skills while parents gain valuable strategies for continuing to support language development at home.

Each session will consist of a 45-minute interactive workshop and 15-minutes for parents and guardians to ask Jackie questions and seek support.

Scan the QR code for more information



Bookings are not required for this program; however, space is limited, and places are allocated via a token system. Please collect a token on arrival (first come, first served).

For children aged 2-5 years with a parent or guardian.

