



## Principal's Message

Dear Families

This is the final Newsletter of the year. A year that has brought many challenges but also a year that has brought us together for the benefit of our students. We have learnt new skills and have gained a lot of knowledge about how to teach remotely and to manage a school with little parent contact.

*This will be my final year as Principal at TPS. A school that I love and have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of for the past 11 years. I will miss this School a lot but I look forward to a new life out of school. I have many plans and many things to look forward to. The school will continue to be a great place for the children to attend, grow and develop. I have been very blessed to work with an amazing staff and parent community who work so hard for the benefit of all the children who attend our School. I would have liked to see the OOSH build completed, but such is life, and it will be built! hopefully in the New Year. It would seem next year may be a little more normal for you all which will be lovely, especially for our new enrolments. Take care and stay safe. I look forward to hearing news as I go on my new journey.*

### COVID new restriction easing.

Below are the key changes for 2021 commencing in Term 1 (this is still a draft and is open to change if there is a change in community transmission)

### Parents can enter the School to

- Drop off and pick up students, attend Uniform Shop, as Class Assistant and Canteen helper, meet with the Class Teacher or Exec, watch outdoor events and attend orientation sessions.
- Parents are not permitted to attend classrooms to drop off items to their children during the day. These must still be left at the front Office.
- The External Visitor form is to be used for each visit other than drop off or pick up.
- These are limited to 30 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.
- Infection control protocols remain in place.
- Adults must maintain 1.5 metre social distance. This does not apply to students but students are still encouraged to remain in their Stage groupings as much as practicable.
- Students must remain at home if they are unwell. Students with cold and flu symptoms are still required to get COVID tested and return the negative results to the Class Teacher before the child returns to class.
- P&C meetings can recommence onsite. (30 people limit) All attendees must sign and external visitor form.

## Planning Ahead...

10 <sup>th</sup> December	- Presentation Day Last day for Toys 'n' Tucker
11 <sup>th</sup> December	- Last Canteen Year 6 Farewell
14 <sup>th</sup> December	- Medal Assembly – last for 2020 - Celebration of Learning
15 <sup>th</sup> December	- Class Parties
16 <sup>th</sup> December	- T Factor – Last day of School for Students
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	- Day 1 Term 1 Students Years 1-6
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	- Day 1 for Kindergarten

This is a summary only and is in DRAFT form. This is to give you some idea of the direction that the Department has planned for 2021.

Please look at the Department website for further updates and clarification prior to the new year.

### **PRESENTATION DAY AND 3-6 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING AND MEDAL ASSEMBLY**

We have received a few calls regarding the Skoolbag message sent yesterday. Just to clarify

- Both Parents of 3 – 6 Award Winners and new Prefects for 2021 only can attend Presentation Day, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Only 1 parent to attend K-2 Presentation Day Assembly. (This is due to 100 person cap).
- Times once again -Years 5-6 from 9:15-10am, Years 3-4 from 10:15-11am, Years K-2 from 11:45 to 12:30pm. All Assemblies are to be held under the 3-6 COLA near the Primary Staffroom. Please do not enter via the back gates but through the front entrance to the sign on tables. You will be asked to social distance behind the assembled children. If it is hot I suggest bringing an umbrella to assist with shade. The students will be seated but adults are to remain standing please.
- **Celebration of Learning** Years 3-6 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December parents of Medal recipients ONLY are to attend. The Medal Assembly will commence at 9:15am and the students receiving medals will attend this Assembly. Sign in is essential.
- Parents are not to linger in the grounds and are asked to leave once the Medal assembly has ended and prior to the remaining items.

Students recommence on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and will return to their current classroom at the start of the day. 2020 Kindergarten students will be met in the K-2 area and will be supervised elsewhere to allow for Best Start assessments in the Kindergarten rooms.

Teachers will be at school on Wednesday and Thursday in the last week of school completing training and preparing for the year ahead.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10:30am-12:30pm, online orders are still accepted. These will be delivered to the Office for collection.

Best wishes for the Christmas break and have a wonderful New Year. Farewell and thank you everyone for my amazing time here I will miss my contact with students and my staff but will see some of you, I am sure, around the area.

**Margaret Foott**  
Principal

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### **Sport News:**

The Department of Education has issued an update for Term 1 on its Covid-19 restrictions. We are limited to 30 at an indoor venue so as previously suggested, there will be no parents spectators permitted at the Swimming Carnival. We are still looking for timekeepers though, so please email Ms McGuire if you can help with timing. Our Swimming Carnival Program has been altered slightly this year to enable us to offer a basic novelty program for non-swimmers (in Yrs 3-6 in 2021) who wish to participate. The novelty event is only open to children who cannot swim in the 50m pool. Please register your child's name for the novelty by emailing Ms McGuire at [katrina.mcguire2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:katrina.mcguire2@det.nsw.edu.au) to give us an idea of numbers..

**Katrina McGuire & Reg de Jager**

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### **From The Office:**

Please note the last day to bring in items for Toys 'n' Tucker is this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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### **Library News**

#### **End of Year Book Returns**

Please ensure all books are returned to the TPS library by the end of this week. Overdue notices have been distributed. Payments for lost books can be made at the school office. Many thanks to all the students and parents who have already returned their books.

**Amanda Kynaston and Shelley Warren**  
Teacher Librarians

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## P&C Report

It's hard to believe that the 2020 School Year, strange as it has been, is almost over. A lot of people have mentioned how much they have missed being engaged with the School Community and I can assure you that the P&C Committee are really looking forward to being able to organise parent/child/family events next year.

As many of you will know Mrs Foott is retiring at the end of this year. The P&C have organised a gift for her, on behalf of the parents and children, which will be presented at the Presentation Day Ceremony. She will be missed by our Community and on behalf of the school I'd like to thank her for all her hard work and the wonderful care she has taken of our children and their education.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the P&C survey. It's fascinating to see what people value about our School, and what you'd like to see prioritised in future. We've looked at the preliminary results and will be presenting the full results at our Term 1 meeting.

I would also like to thank the Year 6 parents for their contribution to TPS. You have been amazing as Class Parents, on Election Stalls, serving in the Canteen and Uniform Shop, organising the Band and so many more roles within the school. I hope the transition to High School is a smooth one.

In 2021 the P&C will be looking for a new Treasurer. If you think you might be able to help and would like more information about what the role involves please get in touch at [president@tps-pandc.org.au](mailto:president@tps-pandc.org.au)

The P&C AGM and Term 1 meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The agenda will appear in the Newsletter prior to the meeting but if you'd like more information, to submit an item for the agenda or perhaps to join the P&C please don't hesitate to get in touch [info@tps-pandc.org.au](mailto:info@tps-pandc.org.au)

Have a wonderful, safe, restful holiday. See you all in 2021.

**Victoria Brown**  
P&C President

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## Achievement Awards K -2:

KY	Summer Smith	
1T	Amy Henrion	
1M	Ruby Stuart	
2V	Gemma Selby	
2K	Carter Powell	
2M	Matthew Millar	Eva Ross

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## Achievement Awards 3 - 6

4B	Elena Vaziry	Chloe Grove
	Emily Bounds	Eva Morris
	Harriet Fisk	Beatrice Dean
5J	Remi Gardyne	Chloe Broadbent

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## Dance Groups:

Thank you to Miss Sammy and Miss Monique for all their hard work this year. The dance groups have had a wonderful time learning new routines and skills.

Auditions for 2021 dance groups will be held in week 2 & 3 of term 1. More information to come next year.

Have a lovely holiday break.  
**From Miss North and Ms Taylor**

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## Uniform Shop:

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be open Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from 10am – 12pm.

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## Trumpet for Sale:

Trumpet Wanted: please contact Ula on 0404 632 530 if you are selling a trumpet.

## **Canteen News:**

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First of all: Thanks to last weeks helpers!

The end of the year is fast approaching and as you all know we will have to say goodbye to a very important person in the Canteen Community. In 2021 Haylee is starting a new chapter of her life after several years of doing a wonderful job as Canteen Manager. We would like to wish her the best of luck and continued success wherever she might find herself! Haylee managed our Canteen's approval by the Healthy Canteen Program and she always looked for the right balance of choices to keep your kids healthy but still allowed some little treats. Haylee has been always super organised and the Canteen has been open every day even when there was no power at School! Haylee also ran the Canteen under a Covid Safe strategy ... and in one word she has been AMAZING!!!

2021 will be a new start for Haylee but a new start for the Canteen too! The team has been expanded and we are ready to take over. So if you have any enquires or if you feel like adding your name to the volunteers list please don't hesitate to contact me on 94400356 or 0405424621.

### **Helpers for this week:**

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Victoria Brown & Will Wright

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Anthea Thebridge

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Rachel Fryer, Kristina Willis & TBC

Thank you from the TPS CANTEEN  
**Laura**

### **CHRIS CURRAN SWIMMING**

(Advanced Swimming Coach & Austswim Cert)



### **LEARN TO SWIM/SQUADS & AQUAROBICS**

Book now for holiday & after school term classes  
Heated indoor & outdoor pools at  
Bush School & Nth Turrumurra

[chriscurranswimming.com.au](http://chriscurranswimming.com.au)

CONTACT: [curran100@gmail.com](mailto:curran100@gmail.com); 0412 165  
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## **Farewell COVID Plan 2020**

To allow the school to have parents attending we **MUST** adhere strictly to the government and department guidelines and stick to the rules, correct timing and plan. Do **NOT** arrive earlier than your time and Do Not wait around after.

**Only one parent per family**

**NO parking on the school grounds**

- Students Arrive 5:30pm for photos in outside area (In front of year 3, 4 classrooms and staffroom)  
Students gather in front of 3 and 4 classrooms
- Parents will need to sign in and sanitise your hands at the front gate entry or staff car park entry
- Parents will gather in the main staff car park area and remain 1.5 metres (4 square metres apart) apart at all times. Please keep your stay to 10 minutes only so that everyone has a chance to take photos
- Parents Leave by 6:00pm

### **Presentation**

Only one parent per family

- 6A parents arrive 8:30pm
- Leave 8:40pm take student
- 6D parents arrive 8:41pm
- Leave 8:51pm take student
- 6P parents arrive 8:52pm
- Leave 9:02pm take student

**Thank you for your understanding!**

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## Band News 2020 -Term 4, Week 9



### END OF YEAR REVIEWS

Please check the timetable (emailed by Band Managers) for your Performance Review time with Mr Rowland this week and attend promptly. Please make sure students arrive on time and have their instruments unpacked ready for their allocated time, waiting on the COLA verandah outside the band room. PLEASE return all hired instruments to Mr Rowland in the Band Room before or after school (8.45-9am or 3.05-3.25pm) with your name attached, b.

### JUNIOR BAND 2021 INSTRUMENT ALLOCATIONS

Congratulations to the new Junior Band for 2021! Instruments have been allocated now. Please contact tutors as soon as possible to arrange lessons for next year, but please also be patient as tutors have a tricky job timetabling their students so may not respond immediately. All Junior band members should begin their private tutorials by Week 2, so that you have had at least one lesson before Junior band rehearsals commence in Week 3.

### PRESENTATION DAY PERFORMANCES - ALL BANDS

All three concert bands (Junior, Intermediate and Performance) will be performing at Presentation Day this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please wear full SCHOOL uniform (not band uniform) and please do not return any hired instruments before then!

### FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6'S FROM PERFORMANCE BAND!

Thank you for your dedication and awesome participation in the TPS Band Program. We wish you a wonderful year ahead with all the discoveries and challenges that high school will bring. May music be a part of your future as well as part of the fond memories of your time at TPS!

### REHEARSAL TIMES FOR 2021

Band	Morning Rehearsal 7.50am sharp-8.50am	Afternoon Rehearsal 3.15pm sharp-4.15pm
Junior (wk 3)	Tuesday (Brass)	Wednesday (Woodwind)
Intermediate (wk 2)	Wednesday	Thursday
Performance (wk 2)	Thursday	Monday

<b>Jazz Bands (wk 2)</b>	<b>Junior - Monday am</b>	<b>Senior - Tuesday pm</b>
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### TPS Band Events Calendar 2020 - Term 4

Week	Date	TERM 4 (12 October – 18 December)
9	7-11 Dec	End of Year Performance Reviews, end of tutorials/lessons  All hired instruments to be returned to Band Room
	10-Dec	Presentation Day Performance for ALL BANDS
10	16-18 Dec	NO BAND, happy holidays!
Week	Date	2021 TERM 1
2-3		Intermediate, Performance and Senior Jazz Band rehearsals commence. All Junior band students must commence private lessons.
		Junior band (separate woodwind and brass) rehearsals commence
	tbc	Band Committee Meeting, 7pm
5		Band Camp - Parent Information Night
6	5-7 March	BAND CAMP! Friday afternoon at TPS, Sat & Sun at Crusaders, Galston.

**IMPORTANT** - If you know that your child will NOT be continuing in Band, or is uncertain, please let Mr Rowland and your current Band Managers know by email ASAP (thank you if you have already notified us). Finalising band numbers is important for our 2021 forward planning. Thank you for your courtesy and consideration! Don't forget to keep practising your instruments during the holidays - it's a great opportunity to try some new music or jam with friends!

**THANK YOU!**

To everyone who has been involved in the TPS Band program in 2020, it has been successful due your effort and participation, thank you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, we're looking forward to another fantastic year of music in 2021.

#### P&C BAND CONTACT DETAILS

Band Director - Mr Tim Rowland: [tpsbands@outlook.com](mailto:tpsbands@outlook.com)

Band Co-coordinators - Vicki McMartin & Kerry Medd: [band@tps-pandc.org.au](mailto:band@tps-pandc.org.au)

Band Treasurer - Neroli Sunderland: [tpsbandtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:tpsbandtreasurer@gmail.com)

Band Secretary - Alison Barnett: [tpsbandsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:tpsbandsecretary@gmail.com)

**Volunteer Programs for Literacy 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Mrs Jenny Harrisson and I'm the Learning and Support Teacher at the school. Part of my role is to oversee the programs run by parents and volunteers to support those students who need short term extra support in reading. All programs are run on a 1-1 basis.

I will oversee the 'MultiLit Program' for students in Years 3-6 and Mrs Shelley Warren will oversee the 'Parent Run Reading Program' for students in Years 1 & 2.

I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining these programs as a volunteer in Term 1, 2021. All I need is a commitment from you to be available at least once a week, preferably in the morning, on a regular basis. No prior experience is required. Mrs Warren and I will train and support all volunteers and provide the necessary materials.

If you'd like to volunteer, could you please complete the section at the end and return it to me ASAP.

Thank you,

Jenny Harrisson

Learning & Support Teacher

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Please return to Jenny Harrisson via the office.

- ☐ I would like to join the Volunteer Program for Literacy in Term 1, 2021
  - ☐ My preference is the 'Parent Run Reading Program'
  - ☐ My preference is the 'MultiLit' Program
  - ☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Telephone number and email for contact: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ I'm available (state day/days): \_\_\_\_\_
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