



Tighes Hill Public School

Newsletter No. 13

Term 3 Week 10

15th September 2021

Principal's message

Dear parents/caregivers,

As we approach the end of term 3, tradition would have it that I write a few comments thanking parents for their support in general. This term, we owe you our thanks considerably more than ever, so please let me offer it now.

We always recognise that, in sending your children to our school, you are putting great trust in us, both to care for and to educate them. This term, this couldn't be more true. So thank you for continuing to trust in us through this tumultuous time, particularly when there must have been times of real worry for you, as there have been for all of us.

Thank you to the P&C and members of the school community for their generosity in putting money at Praise Joes coffee house for staff to have a free coffee - we truly appreciated this gesture.

I also really want to thank my staff for their extremely hard work this term, their great resilience and flexibility in being able to step up to any challenge and their total commitment to ensuring that children, their learning and well-being comes first. Everyone has worked very hard at achieving outcomes and overcoming challenges. I am the most fortunate principal to have a team of dedicated professionals to work with everyday.

Dates for the Diary

Week 10

Learning from home

Friday 17th September

Last day of term 3!

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

Monday 4th October

Public holiday

Tuesday 5th October

Term 4 begins for all staff and students

We will let you know if/when students are to return to face-to-face learning or learning from home

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Principal's Message

Coronavirus: Thank you for your understanding

Thank you for your patience (again for some) at the start of this whole business, when we all found out that schools would be operating under extreme restrictions just a day later. We had a challenge on our hands working out what school would look like, but we were also very aware that every delay in us sharing information with you was adding to the challenges you faced in changing work plans and arranging childcare.

Thank you to those of you who continued to serve in essential and frontline roles, while entrusting your children to our care. You must have worried that you were putting them at risk to allow you to go to work; know that we were grateful for your contribution to tackling the pandemic in its most worrying phase.

Thank you, too, to those of you who, with little warning, made arrangements to keep your children at home. Very few school teachers would opt to home-educate their own children: we know what a challenge that is. Thank you for your tolerance while we sorted out remote learning, tried to balance the needs of everyone, whether enthusiastic for more work or struggling to access any.

Thank you for listening to our messages, reading our emails, and watching our videos, while all around us large amounts of conflicting information in the press and on social media. Often, we found out about big announcements at the same time as you, watching the Premier and her experts on the daily broadcasts. Too often we then had to wait on detail to help us – and you – to understand what it meant in practice.

I'm sorry if you were disappointed.

To those who were confused by too much communication, or disappointed with the decisions we took, we apologise.

As always with operating schools – and any organisation – sometimes we get things wrong. On this occasion, the urgency with which we had to make decisions meant that sometimes we had to go back and change decisions. Hopefully, each change improved things for you and your children, but it was another adaptation to have to make, all the same.

And, lastly, thank you for working with us through these challenging weeks, and the ones to come, without traditional events like excursions, school/zone sporting activities or even the weekly school assemblies etc.

Principal's Message

In some ways, it's felt harder than ever to be together as a school community but, in other ways, this period of change has highlighted the importance of working together as we do.

Hopefully, you'll agree that, throughout term 3, we've worked with you to provide your children with the safest, most enjoyable and most effective education possible. And we look forward to doing the same in final term of the year whatever shape it takes.

Have a well earned break and put some distance between school related tasks and focus on quality family time.

Tony Selwood

Principal

Staffing Update

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Jody Edwards to the THPS team as classroom teacher and relieving assistant principal. Jody is replacing Mrs Schonberger, who has begun her maternity leave. Jody comes to us from her substantive position at Hamilton North PS and brings with her a wide range of skills and talent to share with our school. We look forward to the return of face-to-face learning so that everyone can meet and get to know Mrs Edwards. We also want to wish Mrs Schonberger and her husband all the best for the safe arrival of baby Schonberger and this exciting time in their lives. You will be

dearly missed!

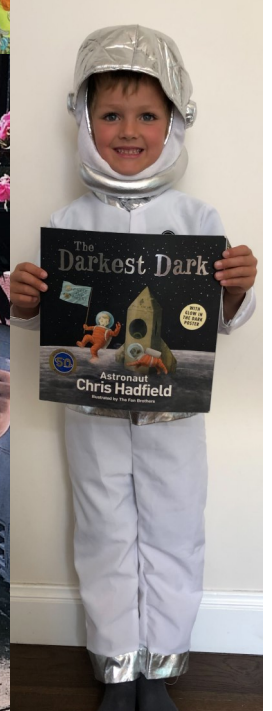
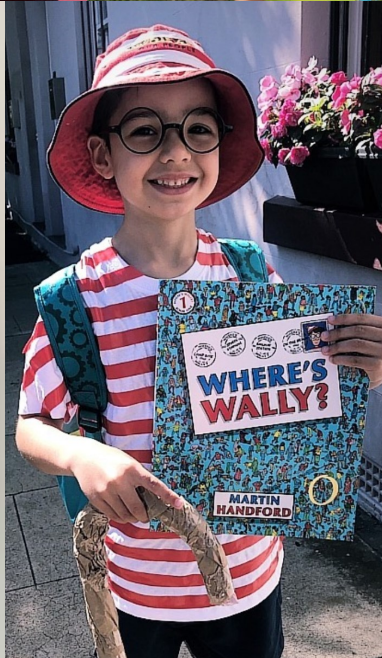


**Farewell Mrs Schonberger
and
Welcome Mrs Edwards!**



Book Week virtual celebrations!

Thank you to everyone who got into the spirit of Book Week and helped us celebrate virtually! We received so many amazing entries for Mrs Derricott's book cover competition. All the winners have been notified and you can see all the photos on our Facebook page.



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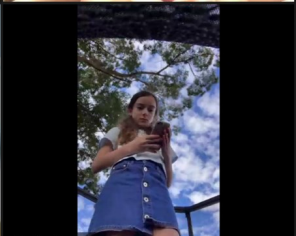
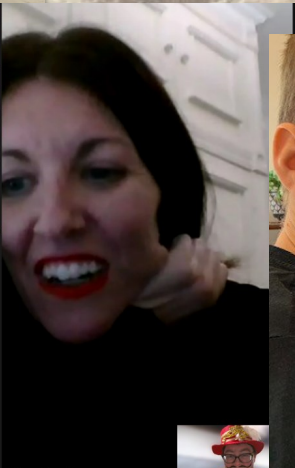
Home Learning!

All of our teachers have been so impressed by the effort, resilience, creativity and hard work of their students while we've been working from home during lockdown. From all of us... thank you!

Cooking, art, reading, chess, writing, technology, exercise... There's been so many wonderful activities. Have a look at some of the highlights!



Home Learning!





KIDS' HOLIDAY ZOOM WRITING WORKSHOPS

IMMORTAL BEINGS Mon 20 Sep, 10am–12pm, Ed Wright (8–14)

SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST PREP Wed 22 Sep, 10am–1pm, Ed Wright

ALIEN ADVENTURES Thurs 23 Sep, 10–12pm, Ed Wright (8–13)

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS Tues 28 Sep, 10am–12pm, Jess Black (6–11)

THE PLACES YOU'LL GO Wed 29 Sep, 10am–12pm, Bess Kenway (6–11)

WITCHES AND WEREWOLVES Thurs 30 Sep, 10am–12pm, Jess Black (8–14)

2-hour workshops: \$50 one login per household

Selective Schools Test \$120 (max 8)

Eligible for Creative Kids Voucher

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Chess classes @ Tighes Hill Public School - Term 4, 2021

Due to the current COVID lockdown, we will be conducting our chess class online. When restrictions are lifted and children return to school, we intend to return for face to face coaching as soon as we are given the green light by the school.

Our online chess classes will be held before and after school Monday – Friday from 8:00am–9:00am, 3:15pm–4:15pm, 4:30pm–5:30pm and 5:00pm–6:00pm. Your child can attend as many of these online classes as he/she wishes until we return to face to face lessons. See the link on this page for more details:

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online-classes-2021>

To register your child in the class, go to <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment> and enter the following code:

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Good for Kids good for life

USING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS A REWARD

We all like to treat our kids with rewards when they have completed a task at home or performed well at school.

Here are some ideas on how to incorporate physical activity into your rewards:

- Visit a park that your child loves
- Instead of spending money on a food reward, why not get some new sports equipment for home (e.g. skipping rope, basketball, soccer goals, bouncy ball)
- Plan a special trip to an indoor active centre like rockclimbing, 10 pin bowling, putt putt or a trampoline park
- Go on a family bike ride or plan a family scavenger hunt
- Invite their friends over for a play in the backyard

