



Turrumurra Public School

Handbook

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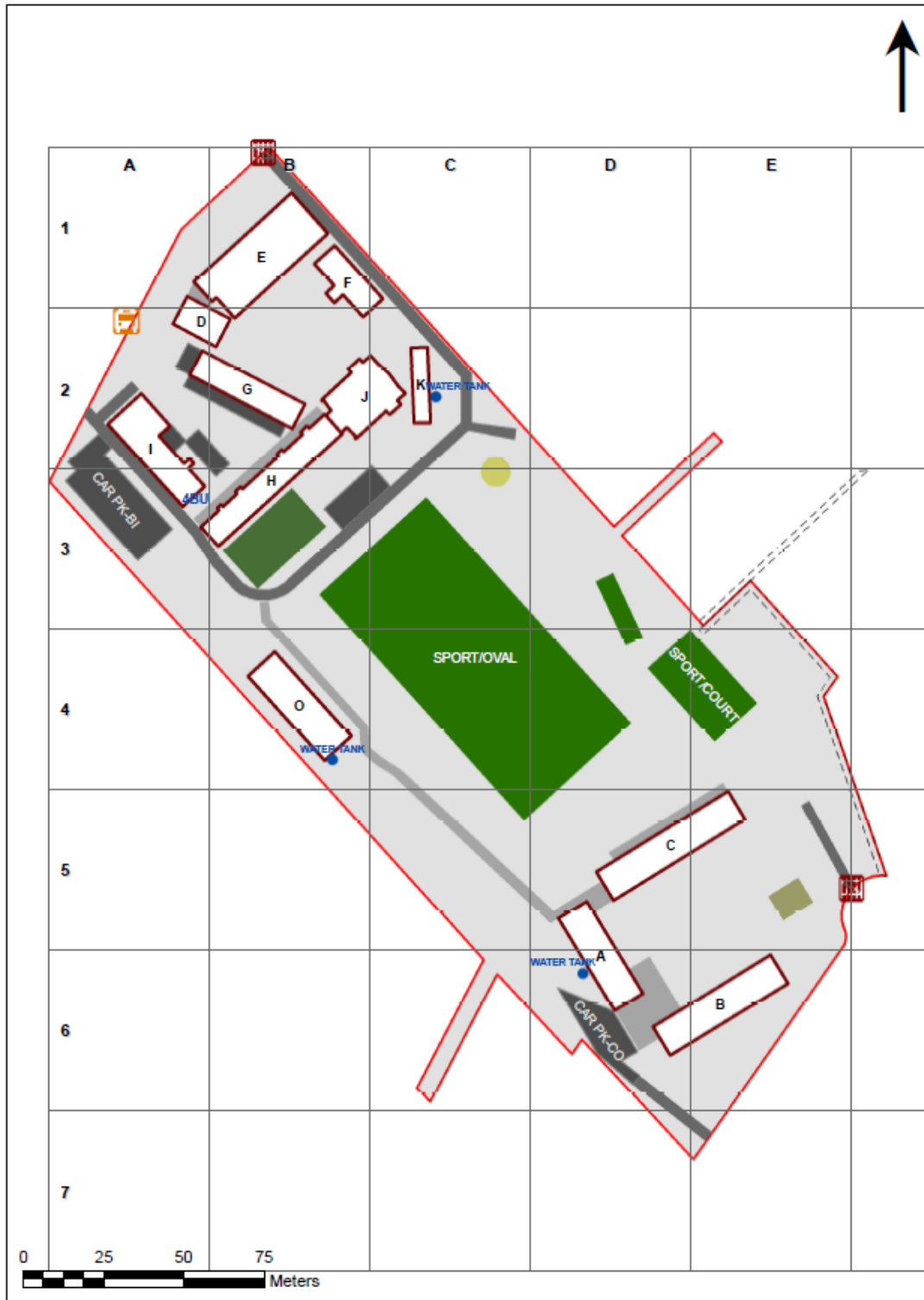
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Turrumurra Public School (TPS) map

3855 - Turrumurra Public School
Site Plan (11349)



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Legend

| Item | Building Number | End | Grid Reference |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Band Room | E | Western | B1 |
| Bike Rack | E | South Eastern | B1 |
| Canteen | A | Southern | D6 |
| COLA - Infants | A/B | Outside Canteen | D6 |
| COLA – Primary 1 | Between H and Oval | | B3 |
| COLA – Primary 2 | E | | B1 |
| Computers | F | Top Floor | B1 |
| Flag Pole | | | B2 |
| French/ESL Office | D | Western | A2 |
| Hall | J | | B2 |
| Infants Play Equipment | | | E5 |
| Library | O | | B4 |
| Kiss and Drop/Arilla Gate | | | E5 |
| Lost Property - Infants | A | Behind Canteen | D6 |
| Lost Property - Primary | H | | B3 |
| Music Room | I | Southern | A3 |
| Office - Infants | B | Middle | E6 |
| Office - Main | I | Northern | A2 |
| OOSH | G | | B2 |
| Reading Recovery | A | Above Canteen | D6 |
| School Counsellor (District Guidance Officer) | D | Eastern | A2 |
| Sick Bay | I | (Office – Main) | A2 |
| Spider (Play Equipment) | | | C2/3 |
| Staff Room | H | Southern | B3 |
| Toilets - Infants | A | Near Canteen | D6 |
| Toilets – Primary | K | | C2 |
| Uniform Shop | F | Lower Ground Floor | C2 |

Classrooms

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|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Kindergarten Classrooms | C | | D5 |
| Year 1 Classrooms | B | | E6 |
| Year 2 Classrooms | A | Top Floor | D6 |
| Year 3 Classrooms | H (and top floor F) | | B3/B1 |
| Year 4 Classrooms | H | | B3 |
| Year 5 Classrooms | F | Ground Floor | B1 |
| Year 6 Classrooms | E | Middle and Eastern | B1 |

The School Day

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| 9:05 am | Bell rings. Classes line up and are met by their teacher |
| 10:00 am | " Crunch & Sip " eaten in the classroom |
| 11:05 – 11:30 am | Recess |
| 1:00 – 1: 50 pm | Lunch |
| 2:30 pm | Kindergarten dismissed (Term 1, Weeks 1-4) |
| 3:05 pm | Grade 1 to 6 dismissed (Kindergarten after week 4) |

Students are supervised by a teacher in the playground from 8:45 am. Students should not be at school before this time, unless attending [OOSH](#) or a before-school activity.

After school, parents and students should leave the school grounds promptly, unless attending OOSH or an after-school activity.

Please notify your class teacher or the school office if you are unable to pick up your child on time in the afternoon, or, if arrangements for travelling home have been changed.

Students are not permitted on the school grounds at weekends or holidays.

Getting to & from school

Riding (bicycle or scooter)

- Whether on a bicycle or scooter, students must wear a helmet.
- Students under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- 10+ year olds must see the school office to obtain a [bike licence](#) before riding unaccompanied.
- All bikes and scooters must be 'walked' in the playground before and after school.
- Skateboards are not permitted on school property.
- Bikes and scooters should be left in the bike rack outside the band room.

Buses

Please see the school office for bus pass application forms. Further information can be found at:

http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/school_info/school_info.htm#bus

Infants students must be accompanied on buses by an approved person.. The school thinks that children in years 5 and 6 are responsible enough to accompany infants children on the bus but the decision is left up to parents.

Walking

Accompanied by a parent or join one of our “Walking School Bus” groups.

See the school office for Walking Bus routes, contact information and to sign up for the group. Information is also available on the school’s website:

http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/school_info/school_info.htm#walkingbus

Driving

There is no parking available on the school grounds for dropping off or collecting students, at any time (or unless otherwise [authorised](#)).

When parking in the streets surrounding the school, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not park over driveways or in the car park of the preschool next door (on Kissing Point Rd), at any time.

Use the “[Kiss and Drop](#)” facility on Satterley Avenue (also known as ‘Arilla Gate’) for efficient drop off and pick-up. Refer “[Kiss and Drop](#)” for more information.

Money

When sending forms and payments to school via the class teacher, please place in an envelope and clearly label with your child's name, class and what the contents are for.

e.g. Ben Bloggs - 1L - Mother’s Day Stall money & permission note.

Further information can be found at:

http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/school_info/school_info.htm#money

Absences

The school requires written advice of any absences of your child (illness, holiday, appointment, etc.).

A short note explaining the absence should be addressed to the class teacher and delivered within 7 days.

Absence slips are also available from the office and require a parent/guardian's signature.

Age

Students are grouped by age for sports competitions (both school house and PSSA events).

The age of students is determined by their age at 31st December. For example, at the February swimming carnival, a year 2 student who is 7 but will turn 8 in November is considered to be aged 8.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

The School has its own ceremony on a school day close to ANZAC day.

Parents are asked to send a flower to school with each of their children. Wreaths are then made from these flowers and the [SRC](#) members of each class lay them during the ceremony.

A guest speaker is usually in attendance.

The wreaths are later transferred to the area below the flag pole in the primary school.

Area

Denoted as a 'geographic region', used by the Department of Education, to group Public Schools for competitions between various "[zones](#)" eg. for public speaking or sports.

An example would be, a student wins the 10 years freestyle at the TPS carnival, progresses on to the Hornsby [zone](#) carnival, wins and is then advanced on to compete at the Northern Sydney area carnival.

Students who get to Area level for sport receive a "patch" or fabric medal that may be worn on their school sports shirt.

Assembly

This is a formal meeting where the school joins together in the hall, to sing, celebrate individual and group achievements and be addressed by the Principal.

Certificates and awards are given out.

A choir, band or dance group may perform.

Each assembly is run by either the student leadership team or an individual class.

Parents are welcome to attend - please sit in the rear of the Hall.

Assembly occurs on a Monday:

- On even weeks of term, K-6 meet at 12:20 pm. [Silver/Gold Medal](#) ceremonies occur once a term at a K-6 assembly.
- On odd weeks of term, K-2 meet at 12:20 pm and 3-6 meet at 1:50 pm. [Silver/Bronze](#) certificates and [Sports](#) and [Achievement](#) certificates are awarded.

Athletics Carnival

Occurs early Term 3 at Bannockburn Oval, Pymble.

All students are involved and the [houses](#) compete against each other (refer '[Houses](#)').

Parents are welcome to attend and volunteers are sought to assist with many aspects of the carnival e.g. timing, measuring.

A permission note is sent home in the weeks prior to the event and a special lunch order may be available via the school [canteen](#).

Students travel to the Oval in buses organised by the school.

Students wear a shirt (in house colour), sports pants and hat. They need to take a bag for raincoat, track suit pants, jacket, sunscreen, food and plenty of water. Once at the oval they sit in house groups.

Girls and boys compete separately.

Races are announced over the loudspeaker. Competitors must report to the marshal immediately when their event is called. Teachers help BUT it is the responsibility of each competitor to listen to announcements so that they do not miss allocated events.

- Kindergarten and Year 1 participate in "sprints" (5 yr olds – 50 m, 6 yr. olds – 60 m, 7 yr olds – 70m) and novelty events.
- 100m races occur for 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 year olds. The 100m has heats and finals. Finals are decided by the 7 fastest times in the heats.
- Junior (8/9/10 yrs), 11 yrs. & 12/13yrs can participate in 800m, 200m, high jump, long jump & shot put.

- 800m & 200m events are timed finals. High jump, long jump and shot put have qualifying distances. Students who achieve the qualifying height/length stay in the event area and continue to compete till a winner is found.
- House relays complete the day. Relay runners are determined by their times/places during the carnival and announced once 100m final results are tabulated.

At the completion of the carnival, students either return to school by bus, or parents are permitted to take them home directly from the oval. Parents are asked to indicate on the permission form (prior to the day), whether their child is returning to school by bus or not. If you elect to take your child home once they have completed their events, you need to find your child's class teacher (who will be supervising either an event or a house group), to sign your child out.

The first 3 place-getters in the 100m finals and first 2 place-getters in the 800m & 200m and each field event, will represent TPS at the [Zone](#) carnival later in the term. Students for the TPS relay teams for [Zone](#) are chosen on their time and performance during the races and relays at the school carnival.

TPS results and the Zone team are announced both in assembly and the school newsletter in the week following the carnival.

Awards

TPS has an award program designed to encourage and reward students in all aspects of school life. The awards accumulate towards the pinnacle, The [School Medal](#). This is a goal all TPS students aspire to before they complete their time at the school.

The awards are:

- **Bluey** - for acts of kindness/service/citizenship or, improved attitude/behaviour or, as an encouragement for an individual who is making an effort in any part of the school day. They are given out at the teacher's discretion.
- **Bronze award** - 5 blueys (hand 5 blueys to the class teacher in an envelope with the child's name on it and a note i.e. 5 blueys for a bronze)
- **Silver award** - 3 bronze (hand 3 bronze awards to the teacher in the same manner as above)
- **Gold award** - 3 silver (hand 3 silver awards to the teacher in the same manner as above)

OR

- 10 of the following, in any combination, handed to the teacher and marked "for Gold award"
 - Achievement certificate (for class work)
 - Sport certificate (for success/improvement during PE)
 - Participation certificate (for having a go in the athletics/swimming carnival)
 - Place card (from cross country participation)
- The [School Medal](#) - 2 Gold awards from blueys + 2 Gold awards from certificates.

The awards accrue so keep them in a safe place for the duration of your child's time at TPS. It's a good idea to print off the Awards chart from the website and tick off each award as it is gained. See:

http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/downloads/tps_award_system.pdf

Baby Proms

The 'Senior' and 'Performance' bands combine to present a music program aimed at preschoolers/infants children. The music has a theme and involves introducing instruments to the young audience in a fun way. There is audience participation and invitations for the event are sent to all the local preschools. All students at TPS attend. (There are 2 sessions to allow for this). It is held mid-way through Term 4.

Band

For more detailed information please refer:

<http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/bands/bands.htm>

The 5 bands are:

- Junior - for year 3's & older students who have not played an instrument before
- Intermediate - for year 4's
- Senior - for year 5's
- Performance - for year 6's
- Jazz band - for year 5 and 6 (by audition)

Bands rehearse twice a week (except jazz – 1/week).

A comprehensive information night, including instrument demonstration and trial is held in term 4 for year 2 students interested in band.

Band camp occurs in Term 1 and all members are expected to attend. Parents are invited to a concert at the conclusion of the weekend.

The band shirt and one style of black long pants can be purchased from the School [uniform shop](#).

Bands play at school assemblies, compete in competitions and entertain the wider community e.g. Nursing Home visit, Performance band Country Tour, Jazz band at the Manly Jazz festival.

The band program is overseen by a sub-committee of the P&C. Invoices/fees for band participation come home separate to the school fees and are due each term.

There is a "Band" letter-type box in the main office, on the left as you go in the doors. Any permission notes, fee payment or other band correspondence may be posted here.

Best Start

Best Start is an assessment used at the start of the school year for kindergarten students.

Each child is assessed, one on one, with a kindergarten teacher. The assessment takes about half an hour and is done in the classroom on a day prior to the first official day of kindergarten.

This assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills that each child brings to school.

The information gathered informs the development of quality teaching and learning programs.

“Best Start” assessments occur at all NSW public schools.

Bike Licences

Students who are 10+ years of age may ride to/from school unaccompanied providing they have a bike licence.

This is an agreement between the school, the child and the parents, that safety/road/helmet rules will be followed.

To obtain forms, please refer to the office.

Blueys

[Awards](#) on blue-coloured paper with the school crest and teacher’s signature. (Refer [Awards](#)).

Book Club

An opportunity to purchase books for your children. All books ordered by parents count towards rewards for TPS classrooms and the library. Free books and other resources are offered by Scholastic.

Volunteer parents who co-ordinate the club for our school send age-appropriate brochures home each term.

Order forms are on the last page of each booklet and the closing date for orders is on the front.

Payment is by cheque or through Scholastic's SECURE credit card facility. NO CASH accepted.

To order – fill out the order form/s, place in an envelope with payment (cheque or credit card slip), label envelope with child's name and class, and place in the “Book Club” letterbox either the infants or main office, by the due date.

Any orders that are intended as gifts should be clearly marked as such and a contact number included, so the coordinators can advise you when the books arrive.

Books should arrive within 2 weeks of the closing date.

Buddies

Every student in the infants department is allocated a student from a primary class to be their buddy/friend for the year, e.g. Kindergarten is buddied with year 6 (and year 5 if the numbers don't match up).

Buddy classes get together, at specific times during each term, to do fun activities or craft. This is a wonderful programme with benefits for both the younger and older student.

Bus

Please refer “[Getting to/from school](#)” in previous section.

After school, students catching a bus home should proceed to the front gate where a teacher will supervise the groups waiting for a bus.

The student needs to know which direction they will be travelling in and the number of the bus they need.

Students travelling up Kissing Point Road will cross to the opposite side as a group, with the assistance of the [crossing supervisor](#) and wait for their bus.

Students waiting for a bus to go down Kissing Point Road or around the corner onto The Comenarra Parkway stay in a group with those who are sharing the same bus.

As the buses approach, the teacher on duty will announce the bus number and accompany that group through the gate out to the bus stop and watch them get on the bus.

Canteen

The canteen opens on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and provides recess and lunch to students and teachers at reasonable prices.

It is managed by a salaried manager who works with a committee of parent volunteers.

The Canteen is a sub-committee of the P&C.

Please refer to the TPS website for the latest canteen menu and instructions on how to order lunches.

If you would like to help with preparing and serving food, please contact the canteen manager.

Volunteers are always welcome and helping in the canteen is a great way to meet people and have fun.

Chess

Classes for all ages are run on Friday in the Library from 1:00 - 1:50 pm.

Students are welcome to bring their lunch.

Coaches are from The Sydney Academy of Chess.

Parents are required to fill out a permission form and supply payment each term.

For more information see:

<http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/chess/chess.htm>

Choirs

All students spend some of their music class time learning to sing and will have the opportunity to perform during the school year.

In addition to this, there are grade choirs that are open to every student to attend if they wish.

- Year 1 & 2 Choir
- Year 3 – Primary Proms
- Year 4 – Festival of Children's Music (FOCM)
- Year 5 – Arts North Music Festival
- Year 6 – Festival of Choral Music & Schools Spectacular

Each primary year group has its own festival to attend and repertoire to learn. Students will be selected to go to these on the basis of consistent effort in attending rehearsals, learning music, demonstrating excellent choral behaviour and a true love of singing. An expression of interest form will be given to all choir members at the end of term 1. Each child will receive a CD of the music they are required to learn so they can practice at home.

Commencing in 2012, in order to be eligible for consideration in the Schools Spectacular (16 places only), a child must have participated in choir every year from year 3.

Preference will be given to those children who were also selected to be in the festival choirs.

TurraTen - A special ensemble of year 5 & 6 girls chosen by audition. They must also participate in their year group choir.

Class Baskets

Every class has a laundry-type basket which is used at [recess](#) and [lunchtime](#), to hold the empty containers following these food breaks.

At the end of the break, students collect their container from the basket and return it to their school bag.

Their container can also be collected at the end of the day, if they don't have any opportunity to collect it earlier.

The class basket is always the first place to look for a missing morning tea container or lunchbox.

Class Parents

Each class has 2 volunteer parents to be the contact points between the school and the parents of the individuals in the class.

They maintain class contact lists, help with communications, and help co-ordinate one event per year.

Once a term, on a Friday, the school runs a meeting for the class parents, to inform them of upcoming activities/events and any important school-related news. Following this meeting, the class parents pass the information onto the rest of the parents via email.

Class contact details are usually gathered at the Parent information night.

Class parents may also arrange social gatherings of parents or students (most common in Kindergarten).

“Clean Up Australia” Day

TPS has a clean up day during the week as part of Clean-up Australia Day in Term 1.

The students are requested to bring gloves and a plastic bag. They spend some time collecting rubbish from the school grounds and are involved in discussions on waste/recycling etc.

COLA

“Covered Outdoor Learning Area”

There are 3 at TPS:

- In the infants school (between the canteen and the classrooms)
- In the primary area facing the oval (backing onto the staffroom and year 3 & 4 classrooms)
- Outside the year 6 rooms.

Computers

These are available in all classrooms.

Students also have a computer class time each week when they go to the Computer room and have specialised teaching.

The cost of this teacher is subsidised through parent contributions, found on the fee invoice.

Cross Country

Occurs in Term 2 and is run in the school grounds.

- 5 and 6 year olds run 1 lap of a 0.5km course
- 7 year olds run 1 lap of a 1km course
- 8, 9 and 10 year olds run 2kms (2x course)
- 11, 12, 13 year olds run 3kms (3x course)

The race students enter should be the age they turn during the year e.g. a child who turned 7 in January and a child who will turn 7 in December are both in the 7 years age race.

Girls run separately to boys.

Races are not run in consecutive age order

Winners are announced in assembly and in the newsletter of the following week.

The top 6 place-getters from each of the 8/9, 10, 11 & 12/13 years races are entered into the Hornsby [Zone](#) Cross Country Carnival to represent TPS.

Crunch & Sip

A set break to eat a piece of fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

Each student brings their own fruit/vegetable and water in a labelled container/bottle.

These are taken into the classroom at the start of the day and returned to the school bag before leaving school.

Dance (School Groups)

There are 3 special dance groups at TPS

- Junior group – years 3 & 4, boys & girls
- Senior group – years 5 & 6, boys & girls
- Boys group – years 4 to 6, boys only

Members of these groups are chosen by audition. Auditions occur in February and are conducted in the Hall at lunchtime on a day specified in the Newsletter.

The auditions are open to all.

20-24 students are chosen with audition results announced the following week.

Students chosen to join a group must be willing to work hard and attend a weekly 1 hour training class before school.

Junior and Senior group members receive a “TurraDance” T-shirt on joining and are required to purchase black split-sole jazz shoes.

The financial commitment is a small pay by term fee and a costume payment (this is for Sydney North Dance Festival performances and also worn for other performances during the year). Ticket costs to watch performances at non-school venues vary.

All groups are directed/choreographed by professional dance instructors (Miss Tina Pollard & Mr Mitchell DelleVergin). A TPS teacher also attends each rehearsal.

Dance (Premier Dance School)

A private dance school that runs lessons in the TPS hall on Wednesday afternoons.

Classes available for all ages in Jazz ballet, Rock'n'roll, Contemporary Dance, Musical Theatre & Hip Hop.

For information or enrolments call Lynne (Principal of Premier Dance School) on 0437 737 967.

Disco

This is a School dance held in the hall and run by the teachers for the students.

Occurs end of term 3.

There is usually a theme to guide the student's choice of clothes.

K-2 are allotted an earlier timeslot than years 3 to 6.

Dr Shoe

“Dr Shoe” is a private company who travels to schools and homes fitting and selling school shoes and sports shoes. He comes to the [Uniform Shop](#) at TPS each year at times which will be advertised in the [newsletter](#).

Early Departure

If your child has to leave early from a school day and you are aware of this prior to departure, please write the class teacher a letter to give them notice.

If the early departure is unexpected (family emergency or you are called to collect a sick child), please see the main office to fill out and sign an ‘Early Leave’ form.

ESL

“English as a second language”

A program for teaching students from a non English speaking background and identified as needing help. This program is run by a dedicated ESL teacher. Students work in their classes or are withdrawn for English lessons.

Ethics

A class offered to year 5 and 6 as an alternative to non-[Scripture](#) classes.

Run by a teacher from the St James Ethics Centre.

Excursions

All classes will go on an excursion, relevant to something they are learning in class, at least once during the year.

A permission note will be sent home to be signed and returned (see “[Money](#)” above for instructions on the format for returning notes).

Sometimes the cost will be included on your term [invoice](#) and sometimes payment will be requested with the permission note.

Often both happens so keep a record of your payments. If you have already paid on the [invoice](#), note this on the permission slip and omit the money. If you have not paid, follow the instructions in “[Money](#)” above.

The permission note will tell you of all the excursion details and of anything the student is required to wear or bring with them on the day.

When students are taken outside the school a child-adult ratio must be kept and parent helpers may be required.

The class teacher will indicate to the “Class Parents” how many helpers are needed and an email or a note will be sent home calling for parent volunteers.

Father’s Day Breakfast

Occurs on the Friday prior to Father’s Day (1st Sunday in September), between 7:00 am and 9:00 am .

It takes place under the primary COLA and is for TPS students, fathers, grandfathers or other males who are significant in the life of your child/children.

An order form will be sent home prior for the family to indicate if they are attending and what they would like to eat. (Options are provided on the form).

In the past the breakfast cost was \$5/person or \$15 for 3 or more people. Coffee & hot chocolate could be purchased from a coffee van.

The order form and money should be returned to the P&C box in the office by the due date. The day before the breakfast, (one of) your children will bring home vouchers for what you have ordered. These must be taken to the Father's Day Breakfast in order to receive meals.

The children prepare an art/craft surprise which is revealed to their dad at the breakfast and may be "purchased" for a small price (as a mini fundraiser).

French

The language taught to all TPS students.

Each class has one lesson per week, taught in their own classroom, by a specialist teacher.

The cost of this teacher is subsidised through parent contributions, found on each terms fee [invoice](#).

French Day

As part of the French program and in celebration of Bastille Day (French National Day), the whole school participates in "French Day".

French Day occurs early in term 3.

The dress of the day is red/white/blue [mufti](#). K-2 and 3-6 watch separate French performances and everyone gets to eat a traditional crepe.

Games of [Boules](#) are played on the oval and some other creative activity takes place.

The cost will be included on your term 3 [invoice/school fees](#).

You will also receive a permission slip to indicate if your child would like a crepe and to ask for payment for the day.

If you have already paid your term 3 invoice, please note this on the permission slip before returning it to your class teacher (see [Money](#)), otherwise include the money requested and remember to deduct it from your invoice.

Gnomes Group

(Or TPS Environment Group)

For all children interested in growing plants/fruit/vegetables.

Gnomes meet at lunchtime on a Thursday, at the vegetable patch (on the infants school-side of the library, see map) and while learning about growing plants help tend the garden.

Facilitated by teachers.

Grandparents Day

Usually occurs during NSW Seniors Week (usually the third week of March).

Grandparents or special older family friends are invited to come to the school to see what their grandchildren are learning.

Classrooms are open for the student's work to be observed, a concert involving every student is performed, refreshments are provided and the [Grandparents Day Book Stall](#) is open.

Parents of one year group (eg. Year 3) are asked to organise/provide the refreshments.

Grandparents Day Book Stall

Held on [Grandparents Day](#). Grandparents are invited to purchase (on behalf of their grandchild) a new book for the library from the selection provided on the stall by the school.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque.

The name and class of the student and year of donation is inscribed on a school-crested sticker and placed on the inside front page of the book. The books then go to the library to be covered.

The student whose name is on the sticker is the first one allowed to borrow that book.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a Australian Government national celebration day to remind everyone that we are part of a culturally diverse society in Australia and occurs late in term 1 (March). Harmony Day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The theme is "Everyone Belongs".

Children are invited to wear a specific “[mufti](#)” colour. (Refer “[Mufti](#)”)

If you don't have the required colour clothing don't worry, other colours can be worn.

Houses

Each student is placed in a house team. All siblings will be in the same house.

Kindergarten students will be informed of their house before the [Cross Country](#) event held in Term 2.

All new primary students (and year 2's who turn 8) need to have been allocated to a house prior to the [swimming carnival](#) (term 1).

The Houses are:

- Acacia (yellow)
- Banksia (blue)
- Grevillea (green)
- Telopea (red)

At sports events where houses are competing against each other (i.e. swimming carnival, cross-country & athletics carnival) the children wear a basic T-shirt in their house colour, with their black sports shorts/skirt and/or tracksuit. Banksia members may wear their blue school sports shirt.

Instrumental Music at the Opera House

A recorder group for experienced children in years 3-6.

Only has 25 places. There is an associated cost.

International School of Music

A private music school that runs classes at the school (in after school hours) and also at an offsite location.

They provide music courses in a group situation, for students from 2 years of age.

Group keyboard lessons are introduced for children from 4 years of age.

Groups are structured according to age.

Individual piano tuition is also available from year 3 of the program, for students wishing to do exams.

Contact details are:

ISM Turramurra

Director: Bridie King
PO Box 329
Turramurra NSW 2074

Ph: 02 9983 9460

Email: ismturramurra@ismaustralia.com

Interrelate

A not-for-profit organisation that comes to the school to offer sexuality and relationship education programs to families and class groups.

The aim is to encourage discussion between students and their parents both during and after the programs.

Programs for years 3-6 are run at the school in the evening every second year for parents and students. A yearly in class program is run for year 5 & 6 students (parents not included).

- Year 3 & 4 - Where did I come from?
- Year 5 & 6 – Preparing for Puberty

Attendance is a personal choice for years 3 & 4. Permission notes are sent home for years 5 & 6 outlining the subject content.

There will be a small cost involved.

Invoices

These are sent out each term, and one per family.

The first term invoice will charge for textbooks, school supplies, [French](#) lessons, [Sportspro](#), [computer lessons](#) and voluntary contributions ([P&C](#), [Library](#) fund etc.).

The terms following are less expensive and will show charges for excursions in addition to [French](#), [computers](#) and [Sportpro](#) if you have chosen to pay these by the terms.

If your child is in a [School Dance](#) group this charge may appear on your term invoice or may come home as a separate invoice. (The [band program](#) is managed by a sub-committee of the [P&C](#) and so invoices independently).

The government allowance per child does not stretch far beyond basic supplies and the [P&C](#) generously supplements TPS programs, so, please pay invoices promptly.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please seek an appointment with the main office to discuss. Your circumstances and appointment will be kept confidential.

Keep a record of every payment you make to the school. Some are tax deductible. Often when [excursion](#) permission notes come home, they request a payment. You may have already paid for this on your term invoice, so check your records to ensure you don't end up paying twice.

An EFTPOS facility is available at the school office prior to 12 midday.

K-2 Christmas Concert

This occurs early in December.

Two concerts (9:30 am and 11:45 am) are held in the Hall and parents and grandparents are invited to attend.

All K-2 students perform in their class [choir](#), singing a mixture of Christmas songs and carols. A number of special items are also presented.

Children wear their black sports shorts/skort, running shoes and a Christmas T-shirt (or a red/green/white shirt). Bring your camera!

Kiss and Drop

Also known as Arilla Gate - located in Satterley Avenue, at the infants end of the school.

Three marked car spaces.

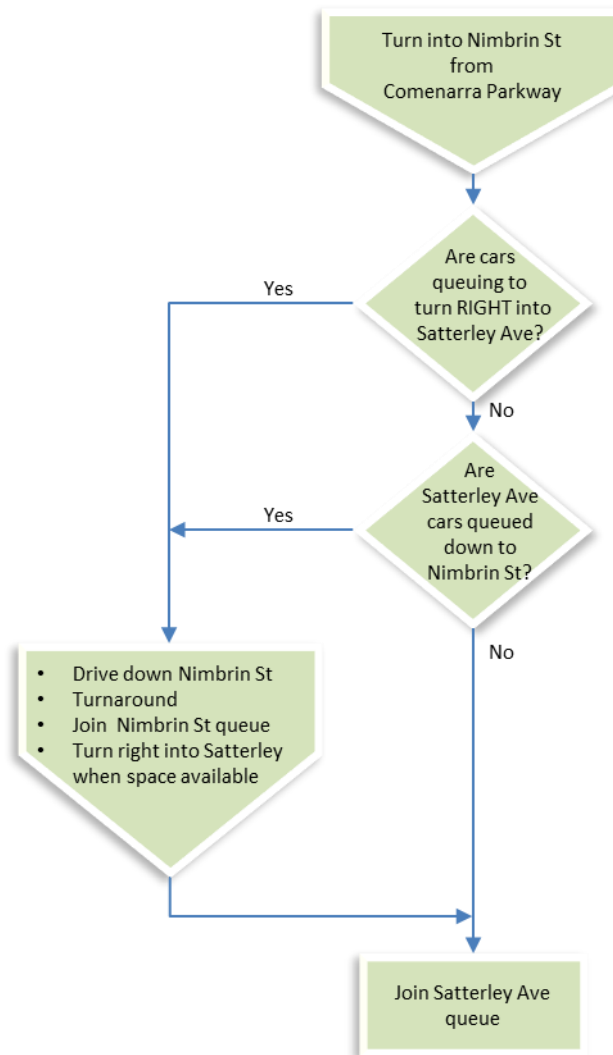
A place to safely drop off and collect your children if you are driving them to/from school.

In the morning

- Drive up the school side of Satterley Avenue slowly.
- Stop in the queue or at the furthest empty marked space.
- Open/allow your students to open the car door and carefully alight, closing the door behind them.
- The students can then walk straight in through the gate and up to their classroom area while the driver moves off in the car, using the end of the cul-de-sac to turn around.

In the afternoon

- Have a sign (large black letters on a white background) showing the names of the students who will be picked up.
- Display sign on passenger side of the windscreen, perhaps able to flip down from the sun visor. Sign enables the teacher to call out your children from the group that is waiting, and have them ready for you. It also keeps the procedure flowing and minimises car queuing time.





- Once you reach the top of the car line, stop at the furthest available marked space. Students are not permitted to approach the car until you have come to a complete stop. Once you stop, the students will be sent to the car to open the door and get in. When everyone is safely in their seats, move into the turning area at the end of the cul-de-sac and drive away.
- If your child is not waiting, proceed around the turning circle and re-join the queue or park in the street.
- While it is preferred that the driver of the “Kiss & Drop” vehicle does not get out of the car, it is understood that there are times when you will need to **momentarily** alight, e.g. to assist a student in/out of the car, put school bags in the boot or assist Kindergarten children to put on child restraints.
- Be aware that the school side of Satterley Avenue is sign posted “No Parking”- 8:30-9:30 am and 2:30-3:30 pm on School Days.
- The cul-de-sac on Satterley Avenue is a “No Stopping” Zone during the same hours and is used as the Kiss & Drop turning circle.
- The Comenarra Parkway is a “No Stopping” Zone – do not queue here.
- The right turn from Nimbrin St onto the Comenarra Parkway can sometimes be difficult. It is sometimes easier to turn left, take the first right into Hudson Close and do a U-turn back onto The Comenarra Parkway.

Late Arrival

If your child needs to arrive at school after the morning bell and you are aware of this prior to the event, please write the class teacher a note to let them know of the circumstance.

If the late arrival is unexpected, please accompany the child to the main office to fill out and sign a late arrival form before sending the child to class.

Library

Refer Map for location.

Each student will need a library bag (available from the uniform shop) labelled with their name.

Each class has special library time once a week where in addition to borrowing and returning books, they participate in literacy activities or research/library skills activities.

Borrowing and returning may also happen at lunch time. During lunch the computers in the library are available to the children.

Library is also the venue for [chess](#), drawing and quiet games.

Life Education Australia (Healthy Harold)

Comes to school in a mobile classroom.

Aims to empower young people to make the best choices for a safe life through leading drug and health education programs.

Provides positive programs that develop the social skills and knowledge necessary for effective decision-making, communication, negotiation, peer resistance and refusal in drug related situations.

Lost Property

A lost property area is located in both the infants and primary school.

Hats, raincoats, jackets and food containers may all end up here, so label everything!

- The infants site is to the left of the gates behind the canteen.
- The primary site is in the year 3 & 4 block, on shelving against the window, (turn right through the doorway). Please refer Site Map.

Lunch

Lunch time is from 1:00 – 1:50pm and students stay sitting to eat.

Once finished their food, the teacher on duty announces that they may get up and play.

Students need a labelled lunch box/container.

Students place their lunch box into their class basket before they go and play.

A bell sounds at the beginning and end of lunch time.

Mandarin

After school mandarin classes are offered for beginners.

A specialist language teacher runs the class.

For further details see the TPS website.

Medal/Medal Presentation

The school medal is the pinnacle of the awards program. It is usual to take a number of years before attaining a school medal. Refer "[Awards](#)" for an explanation of how to achieve a medal.

Medals are awarded in a special assembly once each term.

Parents of medal winners are invited to attend a celebratory morning tea with the Principal prior to watching the presentation. Seating is reserved for these parents in the Hall.

Mother's Day Stall

A "shop" organised by parents from an allocated year, where students can purchase a gift for their mum. The usually occurs on the Friday before Mother's Day.

A note is sent home explaining the procedure and requesting a set amount of money ("pre-payment"). The [money and permission note](#) is returned to the class teacher.

On the stall day, each class is timetabled to visit the "shop" and each student who has prepaid selects a gift and has it packaged/wrapped.

The present is carefully taken back to the classroom and goes home in the afternoon.

“MUFTI” Day

Plain clothes/street clothes/weekend clothes.

A ‘no uniform’ day, directed by the school, usually attached to a special activity (like [Harmony Day](#)) or as a form of fundraising where a gold coin is “paid” for the privilege (like Jeans for Genes Day).

If a colour is attached to the mufti day, try to wear at least one clothing item in this colour.

If you don't own anything in the colour, something close will do – you don't have buy new clothes!

NAIDOC

[National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.](#)

There is a week of celebrations that usually occur during school holidays in July, TPS celebrates on a day in June.

Students are invited to wear red, black and yellow to school on the day (a [mufti](#) day).

In the classrooms, the students talk about Aboriginal culture and history and some of the contributions Indigenous Australians have made to Australian Society.

This occurs in the context of history, geography and science topics.

Name Tags/Labels

If it goes to school and you want it to come home please label it.

Use the student’s full name and put the tags in an obvious place.

When an item with a name tag gets lost (and it will at some stage!), you have a much better chance of finding it.

Tips for finding lost items:

- Remind your child of the classes they had that day to jog their memory (jackets often go missing during [library](#) or [computers](#));
- Check class baskets for missing food/drink containers;
- Trawl through the pile of owner-less jackets/hats etc. in both the infants and primary [lost property](#) areas (see map);
- Have a quick look around the playground in the areas your child likes to play.

If unsuccessful the first time, don’t panic - jackets and hats in particular have a habit of turning up days or even weeks later as they sometimes accidentally go for a holiday via

a classmates bag.

If you don't have a spare item and you can't wait for the original to reappear there are second hand clothing items available at the [Uniform Shop](#) for reasonable prices.

NAPLAN

The [National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy](#) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been part of the school calendar since 2008.

[NAPLAN](#) test skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week of May.

Newsletter

An invaluable source of information relating to the activities of TPS.

The paper copy comes home each Tuesday with your youngest child.

A 'colour' online version is posted on the school website at <http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/default.htm>

Please advise the office if you choose not to receive the printed version.

Keep your copy in a safe place so you can refer to it easily.

Use the information supplied to mark TPS events in your family calendar.

A message from the Principal, audition dates, [band](#) and [choir](#) permission forms are just some examples of the articles you will find in a Newsletter.

It also contains advertisements for local events and things that a TPS family may have for sale or be in the market for (e.g. bunk beds, tickets for a [Dance Group](#) event).

If you wish to place an item in the Newsletter, email it to school (turramurra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), before Monday afternoon, with "Newsletter" in the subject.

OOSH

'Out Of School Hours' care which operates before and after school for students with working parents.

For eligibility criteria, cost and other information, please contact Lesley (OOSH Co-ordinator) on 9144 4769 or go to:

<http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/oosh/oosh.htm>

Open Day

Occurs during [NSW Education Week](#), usually in Term 3.

Visitors, friends and family are all welcome.

Infants activities usually occur from 11:30 am until lunchtime, and Primary activities take place after lunch, but programs may vary.

Both sessions have a concert showcasing [choirs](#), soloists, [bands](#), [dance groups](#) and [percussionists](#).

There are also open classrooms full of displays of recent work, enabling the children to point out to their visitors some of the things they have been learning.

Orientation Days

Kindergarten

For prospective kindergarten parents, an information/orientation night is held in late July, in the school Hall.

Orientation for kindergarten occurs over 3 mornings in Oct/Nov of the year before school entry.

The October session begins with children and their parents having an introduction in the Hall, followed by a tour around the school and a chance to briefly experience a Kindergarten class in action.

The tours are presented by Year 5 who will be the kindergarten buddies for the following year. The next 2 sessions, in November, are classroom based to allow the new children to get a feel for where they will be in the following year.

Year 2 to Year 3

Year 2 for year 3 transition program occurs in late November. Activities that make up the program ensure students feel a sense of belonging from the start of the new year and that they move smoothly into their new classes.

Includes a tour of the Primary school and play time on the oval with the older children.

Turrumurra High School

Year 6 for yr. 7 Turrumurra High - one day, early in December.

Other High Schools have their orientation spread through either November or December.

P&C

A group of parents that supports the school and has the following objectives:

- Promote the interests of the school by fostering close cooperation between parents and the school;
- Help provide facilities and equipment;
- Promote the recreation and welfare of the students.

All parents are welcome to take part and are encouraged to attend P&C meetings (one per term). The P&C is managed by a group of elected volunteers. (Executive meets once per term in addition to the regular P&C meeting).

Fundraising is a key aspect of the P&C. Money is raised for specific purposes (e.g. classroom refurbishment) and teaching resources.

P&C associations have existed in NSW public schools for over 100 years. The [Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW](#) provides public liability insurance, publications and lobbies the [Department of Education](#).

TPS P&C has a Constitution and rules that govern its operation.

TPS has a number of sub-committees including:

- [Canteen](#)
- [Band](#)
- [Uniform Shop](#)

Being involved in the P&C is very rewarding and TPS is very proud of the strong working relationship between parents and the school.

Parent Information Night/Meet the Teacher

Held early in February for parents to meet their child's new teacher and hear about the curriculum for the year.

Notes are sent home to inform parents of the times for each class. Sessions run for half an hour. Children are not encouraged to attend.

Parents may ask questions to clarify anything related to the whole class.

For issues specifically related to your child, please make an appointment to meet the teacher at a time when you can have a more detailed discussion.

A contact list is circulated during the meeting to allow parents to enter their details. This is then compiled into a document, by the volunteer [class parents](#), and then distributed to all.

Volunteers are sought to be "[class parents](#)" on the night.

Parent Run Reading Program

A partnership between the school and volunteer parents who are trained to assist children who have been identified as needing extra help with their reading.

Each reading session runs for 20 minutes.

It operates as a one-on-one program and the parent helper works with an individual child for the duration of the course.

Each child ideally has 3 sessions a week but the helper can choose to do 1, 2 or several sessions. Session times are coordinated to accommodate the helper's availability.

Sometimes occurs in the Reading Recovery room.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Occurs in the last week of term 2, after student [reports](#) have been sent home.

A request form is sent home with each child a few weeks before for parents to indicate if they would like an interview, and offered a list of time slots to choose from. Indicate 3 times in order of preference.

Timeslots are available during school time (after 11:30 am) and also 'before and after school' times may be requested.

Return forms to the teacher promptly, as time slots fill quickly.

If the scheduled day for your class does not suit, please advise the teacher so a more suitable time can be arranged.

Interviews go for 15 minutes per student. If you have particular concerns or questions, you are asked to indicate these on the request form so that the teacher can address them. Should these require extensive discussion, please contact the teacher and request a separate day/time to meet.

You do not have to wait for the official parent/teacher interview if you need to talk to the teacher about your child. You may write a letter or ring the office at any time, to request a meeting with your teacher.

Presentation Day

Award ceremony held in early December, in the Turrumurra High School Hall, for TPS.

Prizes for academic, citizenship and sporting excellence are awarded. There are [choir](#), [band](#) and [dance](#) performances.

All students are expected to attend. Students meet at TPS and travel to and from Turrumurra High School in buses organised by the school.

Parents of prize winners are invited to attend. All parents are welcome but the hall does get crowded.

Refer "[Recognition Day](#)".

Premiers Reading Challenge

A voluntary activity available to all NSW students from Kindergarten to year 9.

The Challenge aims to encourage students to read for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature.

The challenge for each student is to read, to read more and to read more widely.

All students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a Premier's Reading Challenge certificate at [Recognition Day](#).

For more information and book lists, refer to the PRC website (<http://www.products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>).

A record needs to be kept of all books that have been read.

This can be done via a PRC sheet available from the librarian, or electronically on the PRC website. To login to the recording section of the website you will need your child's DET username and password.

The username is their own name with a full stop between their first name and family name e.g. ben.bloggs. (Please note, the name used is the one on their enrolment form so, if "Ben" was enrolled at school as "Benjamin", you will need to use benjamin.bloggs).

The password may be their school class, e.g. 1L, but please check with the class teacher.

PSSA

[NSW Primary Schools Sport Association](#)

A competition designed to give students an opportunity to play other schools in a number of sports. It is a great experience, assisting self-esteem and encouraging team building.

Summer sports (Term 1 & 4)

- Cricket for boys (Junior & Senior)
- TBall for Junior girls
- Softball for Senior girls

Summer competition starts in term 1, has a break in terms 2 and 3 and concludes in term 4.

Winter Sports (Term 2 & 3)

- Soccer (Junior & Senior boys, Senior girls)
- Netball for girls (Junior & Senior)

Students interested in playing for the school attend trials. The dates for trials are announced in assembly and the [Newsletter](#).

Junior teams are taken from year 4.

Senior teams are from year 5 & 6 students.

PSSA plays on Friday, during primary PE times. Students playing PSSA sports miss most of their PE lesson from [Sportspro](#) but are not charged for transport to/from games as the cost of this is taken from the sports payment made by their parents each term.

Public Speaking

All students are encouraged to speak in public.

“Talking and Listening” starts in infants school, with short, informal but guided talks, made in front of the class.

In Primary school they progress to more formal speeches (prepared and impromptu). The school participates in the [Department of Education’s Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition](#). All primary students must prepare and present a speech from a list of multicultural related topics and should relate in some way to multiculturalism.

- Speeches are initially presented to the class.
- The best speakers from each class present to their [stage](#).

- Two students from [stage 2](#) and two students from [stage 3](#) are chosen to represent the school at a local inter-school level. There is often additional coaching provided to these students before attending this competition.
- The best students from this level are chosen to compete at a regional level.
- The best students from this level go on to compete at a state level.

Senior public speakers may also be entered in other local competitions.

Other opportunities arise at assembly when an individual class takes its turn to run the meeting.

Pupil Free Day

Refer "[Staff Development Day](#)".

Recess

The bell rings at 11:05 am.

The students go out into the playground and sit down to eat their morning tea.

Students need a labelled morning tea box/container.

Once they have eaten and placed their containers in the class basket, the teacher on duty will announce when it is time to get up and play.

Recognition Day

Held in the school Hall in mid-December, certificates are given out to all students who did not receive a prize at [Presentation Day](#).

Teachers highlight something that the child has shown great aptitude in.

Parents are invited to attend:

- K-2 - 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- 3-6 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

There are band, choir and dance performances also (usually different from those on [Presentation Day](#)).

Reports

Student reports are sent home in the last few weeks of term 2 & term 4.

Reports describe how the student is progressing in each key learning area. They also express the student's attitude and effort in a numerical form. The class teacher and Principal conclude with a general comment.

[Parent/Teacher interviews](#) follow term 2 reports, providing an opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss any queries or concerns that have arisen.

Refer [Parent/Teacher interviews](#).

Robotics

A club for year 5 & 6 students interested in computer programming and robots.

Commences in February and runs until halfway through Term 3.

Interested students must write an application, outlining why they should be considered for the club. They must agree to follow a set of rules (for attendance, behaviour and care for robots).

The students work in groups.

Lego NXT Mindstorms robots are used.

The students learn to apply lines of code plus use their mathematical, musical and problem solving skills to eventually make the robots dance to a short piece of music chosen by their group.

The culmination of their effort is the "Robocup" where the groups demonstrate their robot dance routines to the whole school in the form of a competition.

School Crossing Supervisor

Assists people crossing Kissing Point Rd before (8am-9:30am) and after (2:30pm-3:30pm) school. See:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/schoolroadsafety/schoolcrossingsupervisorprogram.html>

School Counsellor/District Guidance Officer

The counsellor's role is to support students, their families and teachers with emotional, social and educational issues. The counsellor is based at TPS, however services a number of schools in the area. Further information can be found on the school website:

<http://www.turramurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/counsellor/counsellor.htm>

School/Student Banking

An opportunity for students to learn about saving money.

Run by The Commonwealth Bank with school parent co-ordinators.

School banking is collected on Mondays.

For every 10 deposits a student makes, they can earn a reward e.g. money box/water bottle.

An information pack can be collected from the office.

School Photo Day

The date will be announced in the school newsletter.

Pre-payment envelopes are sent home with each student and can generally be returned to the [class teacher](#).

Every child must return their own envelope (if they want any photos), even if payment is enclosed in a siblings envelope.

Class & individual photo packages are available.

Sibling/Family photos can be taken but there is a separate order and payment required for this. Please see the main office for a family photo envelope. These will be available for a few weeks prior to the photo day and should be returned to the office once filled out, with payment enclosed.

Methods of payment are outlined on the envelope.

A “due by” date will be advertised in the Newsletter.

Children are expected to wear full school uniform on the day, including black school shoes.

Photos of all other groups in the school are also taken e.g. Choirs, PSSA teams, robotics. Orders for these are taken separately to the above packages. A list of all group photos comes home with space to tick which you require, and prices vary depending on the number you purchase.

Children in band or dance groups bring the uniform for this to school and change for that photo.

Scripture/R.E.

Catholic and Protestant scripture/religious education classes are held on Wednesdays.

Scripture/R.E. is offered to all students, but is not compulsory.

The classes are taught by adults supplied by the local Catholic and Protestant Churches.

During the year, students that attend Catholic Scripture, and their parents, are invited to a number of School Masses, held in the school hall.

There are Combined Scripture Services held at the school, in the Hall, before Easter and Christmas.

Students who do not attend Scripture go to a classroom for Non-scripture.

Year 5/6 may elect Scripture, non-scripture or Ethics – if offered.

Sick Bay

Please refer Site Map for location.

A quiet room in the main office block where children who are unwell are taken for first aid. There is a bed if the child needs to lie down.

The school first aid officer attends to them and will contact a parent to advise them of the situation.

If they feel the situation warrants it, they will ask the parent to come and take the child home.

If you are collecting an unwell child from sick bay, head into the main office and speak to the staff on the desk.

You will need to sign an early leave form.

Sportspro

A private sports education company that is employed by TPS to provide quality sports education to the children.

A fee for this program is included on each term's [invoice/school fees](#).

Every class participates in sport on Friday.

Sports uniform is worn to school on Friday.

Lesson times for infants in Term 1 & 4 are in the afternoon and in the morning during term 2 & 3.

Lesson times for primary are the opposite – this works in with [PSSA](#) games.

SRC

Student Representative Council.

The voice of the students at TPS.

All students are encouraged to take part.

Two elected representatives from Year 1 to Year 6 meet every two weeks with the co-ordinating teacher, the Principal and the School Captains to discuss issues raised by the children during their class meetings.

The co-ordinating teacher reports to the staff and the Principal at a staff meeting.

Elections for class representatives are held at the beginning of terms 1 & 3.

The aim of the SRC is to provide the children with an opportunity to play an active role in the decision making process of the school.

The SRC is also active in fundraising for selected charities.

Staff Development Day (SDD)

Also known as a “Pupil free day”.

Generally occurs on either the first day of term 1, 2 and 3 and the last 2 days of term 4. At times the school applies to vary these dates.

Although it is a school day, the children stay at home to allow the staff to attend further education/training, in conference form, at TPS.

They also have planning meetings for each stage.

Stages

At school, class years are grouped into stages. Children in each stage cover a similar curriculum.

- Kindergarten – Early Stage 1
- Years 1 & 2 – Stage 1
- Years 3 & 4 – Stage 2
- Years 5 & 6 – Stage 3

Street Noticeboard

Faces the street on the Kissing Point Road side of the school.

The Noticeboard announces dates for events, like the start of term or the swimming carnival.

Also lets the community know of students or teams who have had success at Zone/Area/State/National level.

Swimming Carnival

Occurs early term 1.

Open to all students who can swim 50metres, from the year they turn 8 (includes confident year 2's).

All year 3-6's attend the carnival, regardless of whether they swim or not.

A permission note is sent home, together with a request for payment (includes costs for bus transport to & from the pool, and, pool entry).

A note also comes home asking for indication of which events the child will be entering.

Parents are asked to indicate, at the bottom of this note, if they would be available to assist at the carnival.

Both of these notes must be returned promptly to the [class teacher](#) at school to allow smooth running of the day.

Students wear their swimming costume under their sports pants and [house](#) T-shirt.

They will also need a towel, warm clothes, recess, lunch and plenty of water to drink.

Once at the pool, children sit in their [house](#) groups and are supervised by teachers. They must listen carefully to all announcements. Competitors must report to the marshal immediately their event is called.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to listen to announcements so that they DO NOT miss their allocated events.

Each event has a boys and girls race. The events include

- All age 4 X 50m Medley
- 50m freestyle for 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 years
- 50m breaststroke for juniors (8/9/10 years), 11 & 12 years
- 50m backstroke for juniors, 11 & 12 years
- 50m butterfly for juniors, 11 & 12 years.
- 100m all age freestyle
- 4 X 50m [House](#) relays (Junior and Senior)

Placegetters in medley, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and 100m freestyle will be determined by the fastest times in the heats.

Finals will be run for the 50m freestyle events. The 8 fastest heat times progress to the finals. (Please note: finals are run regardless of how many competed in the heats, so even if, for example, there were only 4 students competing in the 8 years boys race, those 4 boys will still have a final to swim).

Relay teams are organised by each [house](#). They are made up of students from the appropriate age group, based on the freestyle times they swam that day. When numbers are short, the team will seek out a volunteer (who may have swum a different stroke), from their house.

Sometimes a parent relay race is offered and if time allows, once all races have been completed, novelty events are run. These are for the children who have NOT had a swim in any of the races. Kickboards are provided and the pool length is reduced to 25 metres. They occur in the shallow end. Everyone should consider bringing their swimmers.

Winners of each event are announced in [assembly](#) and in the [newsletter](#) of the following week.

Those chosen to represent TPS at the Hornsby [Zone](#) Swimming Carnival team are announced at the same time. (Some events at [Zone](#) have a qualifying time so TPS may not have a representative in every event).

Swim Scheme

The [Department of Education and Training \(DET\)](#) runs a [school swimming scheme](#) for ALL year 2's as well as year 3-6's who are non-swimmers or lack confidence.

The scheme runs daily for 2 weeks and each session goes for 45 minutes.

Qualified swimming instructors are provided by DET so the only cost is for transport. Students are taken by bus to the pool and back to school.

TPS teachers supervise the students in the bus and at the pool.

Class teachers will distribute permission forms and requests for payment, about 3 weeks prior to the scheme.

Tennis

An extra-curricular activity, run by a private tennis coach, on the school courts.

Coaching available for children, in groups or individually, after school Mon-Fri from 3:15 pm onwards, as well as Saturday mornings.

In the event of wet weather, classes are moved undercover.

Students will need to wear white sports shoes and bring a cold drink.

Some racquets available for loan during lessons if arranged with coach prior to the lesson.

For more information:

visit the website <http://www.tenniscoachnorthshore.com.au>

or call Mark 0431 200 480.

TPS Parents Prayer Meeting

Run by Christian TPS parents once a term.

Meetings are held in someone's home.

Time and venue are announced in the Newsletter.

TPS Environment Team

The TPS environment team run a variety of activities. Including:

[Gnomes Group](#)

Earth Hour

Recycling

Monitor power usage

Organising [Clean Up Australia Day](#)

TPS Website & Email

<http://www.turrumurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/default.htm>

turrumurra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Turracussion

An ensemble open to boys in years 5 & 6 who wish to experiment, improvise, create and perform percussion music using a variety of percussion instruments as well as junk percussion. There are a limited number of places so if there is a large amount of interest, not all boys will be able to participate.

Rehearse once a week.

Uniform Shop

Please refer Site Map for location.

Opens every Wednesday from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

The shop is the sole provider of many of the pieces of the school uniform.

Some clothing items are available elsewhere, but all can be purchased here (including shoes if you wish, on the days that “[Dr Shoe](#)” is on-site. Dates advised in the [Newsletter](#)).

[Band](#) uniforms and socks for [PSSA](#) sport teams are also sold here.

The shop is overseen by a sub-committee of the [P&C](#) and is run by parent volunteers. More volunteers are always welcome – call in when the shop is open

or email Jason on jason@thesmylies.com.au

Walking School Bus

Run by parent volunteers, children can elect to walk to/from school under the supervision of a “walking bus driver”. Parent volunteers are always welcome.

The driver meets the children at a specific place (a “stop”) at a specific time and walks them to/from school, seeing them safely across roads and delivered to school/ to a waiting parent at a “stop” in the afternoon.

Further information is available on the school’s website:

http://www.turrumurra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/school_info/school_info.htm#walkingbus

Working Bee

A time for the whole TPS family to work together to keep the school grounds beautiful.

May happen twice a year.

Occurs on a weekend from 9 am – 4 pm with people dropping in to help and leaving as they need to.

Jobs tackled include, weeding, mulching, pruning, planting and sometimes, landscaping.

Co-ordinated and managed by members of the parent body who have professional experience in land and garden care.

BYO garden equipment, hats, sunscreen, drinks and food.

All TPS children who attend receive a [bluey](#) for their help.

Zone

A local geographic region, used by the Department of Education to group Public Schools for competitions between students from individual schools.

eg. The first six 10 year old girls who crossed the line at TPS's [cross country](#) event, went on to run at the “Hornsby Zone” carnival, against the top six 10 year old girls from eleven other local schools.