

School Newsletter

TAPS STUDENT VOICE



Creative CAPA'S

Performing Arts Afternoon

Over this year our CAPA students, have been working hard to create a staggering vibe at the CAPA afternoons. Our CAPA's consist of dancers, band performers, singers and drummers.

Our crowd members were fantastic supporters and clearly admired the performances as each one ended in a buzz of applause. Our compares for the day were Stevi Wagner and Addisyn Bridges, who spoke well and were constantly showing a smile whilst talking and entertaining the crowd.

Our band is run by Mrs Brown and Mr Thompson, and meet every Tuesday afternoon, played many songs throughout the afternoon. Some included ; Waltzing Matilda, I am a Pirate and Be My Valentine. This group meets every Tuesday afternoon and practice hard throughout the week.

The dance group, which is made up of junior and senior dancers, is run by Mrs Phillips (Also known as Miss Vamvas) and Miss Tuerlings. They performed to the song Right Type of Mood and amazed the audience with their incredible dance moves and cheer poms.

Our drumming group started and ended their performances with a BANG! This group meets every Friday morning before school and is run by Miss Moisy, Mrs Ballard and Mrs Williamson.

The next group to perform was our spectacular choir! They consist of a primary and infants choir and rehearse every Wednesday lunchtime. This group of talented people performed to the song 'The Lions Sleep Tonight.'

These CAPA groups performed amazing performances and entertained the group well as we received lots of nice comments.

Written by Beth and Irene.

Jokes for kids

Why did the student eat his homework?



Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!



Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A: A gummy bear.

Police: Where do you live?

KID: With my parents

Police: Where do your parents live?

KID: With me

Police: Where do you all live?

KID: Together

Police: Where is your house?

KID: Next to my neighbors house

Police: Where is your neighbors house?

KID: If I tell you, you wont believe me

Police: Tell me

KID: Next to my house



(by Hannah)

Boys Afternoon Mentoring

At Thomas Acres Public School many of our students get to access mentoring. Mentoring supports our older students both boys and girls by preparing them for high school and their future lives. This includes talking to and teaching boys and girls about working with others, solving conflict, understanding yourself and others and managing stress. These sessions also help prepare students for the challenges that face them while building connections with others who can help and coach them in high school.



We interviewed two boys named Terence and Zane who are in yr 6.

Question 1. Do you like mentoring?

Answer: Terence answered yes he loves it Zane also said he loves it

Question 2. Why do you like mentoring?

Answer: Terence answered he likes playing sports and likes his mentors Zane strongly agreed with Terence

Question 3. What is your favourite bit about mentoring?

Answer: Terence and Zane both answered he loves playing touch footy

Question 4. What don't you like about mentoring?

Answer: Terence and zane both answered not getting good snacks and not getting drinks

By Leah-Vaughn and Lile-anne

Our kids are participating in a kindness challenge .. love it .. and thanks for the kind message to me .. thanks Cruz



The Daily Explorer

By Bethany Martin

Early Life
Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwlg Leichhardt was born on the 23rd of October 1813 in Trarbach Prussian located in Eastern Germany. He was son of Christian Hieronymus Leichhardt and Charlotte Sophia Louise Leichhardt. His father was a farmer and royal inspector of peat. They married in 1802, divorcing 16 years later after having eight children. The Leichhardt family was made up of 4 sisters and 4 brothers. Ludwlg was educated at Trarbach, a boarding school at Zaas, a gymnasium at Cottbus, and at the University of Berlin and Göttingen. He was the husband of Australian born, Frances Murdoch Stirling. Some of his early professions (jobs) include : he studied medicine and natural science at the Royal College of Surgeons the British Museum and at

Jardin Des Plantes with his friend John Neelken . He did field work in England, France, Italy, and Switzerland.

The Explorers Journey
On the 1st of October 1841, Ludwlg set off to Australia on the Sir Edward Dwyer Ship . After being rejected for a job in the Sydney Botanical Gardens he then started his

exploration. In Newcastle, a man named Andrew Scott (Captain Moonlie) taught him about some of the necessary bush craft to enable Ludwlg to participate in the exploration of the new colony. By 1843, Ludwlg was in Brisbane where he lived with squatters and other German missionaries. He explored the Brisbane area for about a year, where other explorers such as Thomas Mitchell, Charles Stuart and Edward Eyre had already opened up land there. He then went on to explore Moreton Bay and further into Queensland. In 1844, he left with his party and headed towards Darling Downs hoping to discover a new route to Port Essington (north of Darwin, Northern Territory), which was far to the north of the Gulf of Carpentaria and to be able to cross Swan Lakes in Western Australia.

Remembering the great explorer board the 15th of November 2019

LEICHHARDT'S EXPLORATION

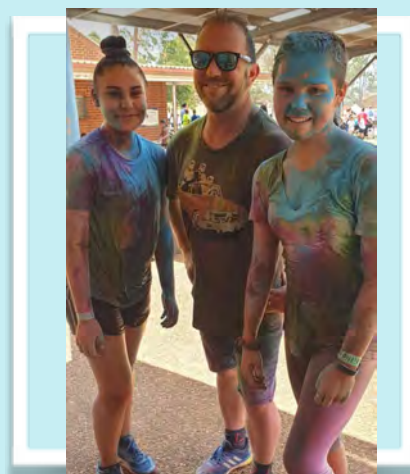
Colour Run – A colourful experience.

The colour run brought a whole lot of colour, a whole lot of laughter, a whole lot of community engagement and some very useful funds to the P&C who then donate to the school to help supply wonderful resources for our students and your children.

THE ACTION: Children ran in their grade groups and the support unit were the first of the bat. Many children ran repeat loops of the 'deadly' and colourful obstacle course. These students were joined by parents, toddler siblings, older siblings, and teachers. While this was happening high school students from Thomas Reddall threw paint powder, squirted us with paint guns. The local fire brigade was on hand to lend water to the mix making for some very wet and colourful participants.

P&C Thanks Thanks again P&C for raising \$ for our school. You and your fellow volunteers not only contribute valuable resources to our school but you also brought a lot of fun and smiles to our kids and community.

Mr P



TEACHER PROFILE 2019

We interview Mrs Flamos to see what they are really like. We asked her some questions and here are some of them now.

1. **If you were not a teacher what job will you have?** Her answer was: A scientist by day and a rock star by night.
2. **What do you like about being a teacher?** Her answer was: That I am always learning.
3. **How long have you been teaching for?** Her answer was: I have been teaching for 5 years.
4. **What pets do you have?** Her answer was: I have a boy ecletus parrot named Lekki.
5. **What was the first class you ever taught?** Her answer was: A year 5 class.
6. **What's your favourite thing to teach?** Her answer was: Science because it explain everything in the world.
7. **How many kids do you have?** Her answer was: Two boys named Daniel and Jason. Daniel is 31 and Jason is 29.
8. **What background are you?** Her answer was: Greek.
9. **What is your favourite colour?** Her answer was: Blue because its a calming colour.
10. **How many language do you speak?** Her answer was: Two languages both English and Greek.



PRINCIPAL IN BRIEF

Celebrations & NEWS

Aboriginal Student Award Night - Once again our school has demonstrated amazing achievement in Aboriginal Education. At the recent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Student awards night 10 of our 20 students received awards in learning, culture, leadership, improvement and all round awards. Congratulations to Addisyn B (Yr 6) - KARI All Rounder, Tasharn C (Yr 6) - Culture, Courage & Commitment, Georgia M (Yr 6) - Leadership, Hannah W (Yr 6) - Creative Arts, Tayla S (Yr 4) - Creative Arts, Jorja S (Yr 5) - KARI All Rounder, Zakaiiah F (Yr 4) - Literacy, Riley H (Kinder) - KARI All Rounder, Evanah R (Yr 2) - Most Improved Attendance and Sophie U (Yr 2) - Culture Courage & Commitment

A Great Fete Wow .. what a success .. the fete was .. it reminded me of what a great school we have and what teamwork and generosity is all about @TAPS. And I saw it evident in staff, in kids & in the community all day long. The fete was a success because the P&C made about \$5,000 profit .. but it also a credit to our volunteers as they work so hard to make a difference for our kids ...

It was also successful and perhaps most importantly because our community had fun, were engaged and relationships were fostered, started, maintained & enhanced .

Another win was our kids .. they were simply happy, well behaved, engaged and so many were honest, compassionate, friendly and supportive of friends who may have had less than them (several kids handed in sums of money that they found, looking after their friends do etc ..) Thanks too to the attendants who were kind to so many of our kids. We also had staff who went on dodgems with kids that were too small just to make sure little ones didn't miss out (I'm sure they didn't have any fun doing it?)

Thanks again P&C, thanks volunteers, thanks kids for your great attitude and thanks too to the hardworking and caring staff of TAPS

Athletics - A special congratulations to Tayla Sim who recently participated at the NSW state Athletics carnival at Homebush. Tayla participated in discus. She was very competitive and threw a personal best. Well done Tayla.

Celebrate Meets

Next week teachers are holding celebrate meets. These are almost 100% student led. come along and celebrate with your child their talents, successes and progress. For more information check https://thomasacre-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events/2019/11/celebrate-meets.25_-28_november.html


Staff Development Days 19 & 20th December - Parents please be aware that the last day of school for students and teaching staff is Wednesday the 18th December. Due to extended late night meetings and professional learning teaching staff have met the necessary requirements and will not be onsite on the 19th and 20th. School in 2021 will resume for students on Wednesday 29th of January for further information please contact our school.

STUDENT WORK – Super Year 6 writing on adaptations & bush-rangers

How do cacti survive in the desert?

Cacti are succulent plants that come in many different shapes and sizes. They have a thick, fleshy stem which either has spines, fur or beautifully coloured flowers. Cacti are found in very dry areas like deserts. But how do cacti survive in the desert, and more specifically, how does the barrel cactus survive in the desert?

A barrel cactus is a very simple shape, with lots of interesting features. They are thick plants with very hard exteriors. Barrel cacti are very circular shaped plants. Depending how well a barrel cactus is growing, it can grow yellow and red flowers or yellow fruit on the top of their plant head. The barrel cactus is a nice dark green colour and is covered in lots of white, little spikes that are very sharp. You can always tell a barrel cactus apart from other cacti, because of its awesome features. A barrel cactus is able to blend into its surroundings because of its appearance. That helps it survive in the desert, and hide from predators.



'Mad Dog' dead

10TH
APRIL
1865

Dan 'Mad Dog' Morgan the illegitimate child to Mary Owen and George Fuller born 30th April 1830 in Appin, NSW was shot dead in a standoff with the police of Peechelba on the 9th day of April in the year of 1865. The once young catholic student that attended The Catholic School of Campbelltown was killed while committing a crime

'Mad Dog' as most knew him as was born under the name of John Fuller and went by many names but the most well known of all his names was Dan 'Mad Dog' Morgan stood 6ft tall with a long black beard left his poor Irish upbringings behind for the shiny aspects of the great Australian gold rush in 1858, however on the way he turned to a life of petty crime from which he graduated to robbery which earned him a 2 year sentence of hard labour. Following his release in 1860 as a more hardened criminal, he was to become a legend of the worst kind.

Morgan raced across the wide north-east–
Virginia committing crimes against society in
general and police in particular. Morgan
turned up to a homestead with the intention
of killing the owner, luckily the owner was
away on business but that did not stop
Morgan from demanding money from the
homestead owners wife forcing her back
against a blazing fire, her clothes caught on
fire but morgan waited minutes before
throwing water on her, she survived but had
severe burns on her back and legs.
Another time morgan held up a group of
chinese settlers and forced them to sing and
dance for him, he shot 1 of the workers in the
arm resulting in the mans death.

The days leading upto Morgan's death he came across a homestead taking the occupants hostage when one of the female occupants slapped him in the face he was that

Impressed with her courage that he agreed to let her go, while running away she came across one of the station hands that were hiding out and told him to ride for help, the police arrived and surrounded the farmhouse to wait until morning along with some armed civilians. Just after sunrise just before the sky was bright and the heat had set in Morgan appeared holding 3 hostages in front of him but Morgan did not take into account of the officers that were to attack him from behind and he was shot point blank in the back and quickly overpowered resulting in his death. Morgan will be remembered for not only his crimes, violent mood swings but also as one the most ruthless blood thirsty ruffians. A service will be held for the 34 year old at the town catholic church on the 15th day of the month of April, most will not recognise the bushranger as the doctors that attended the body shaved him to make a death mask almost making him childlike.



Captain Moonlite &
distinctive Bushranger

Crimes
Committed

Some of the major crimes he committed include bank robberies, paying with false cheques, stealing gold/other goods and leading a gang of outlaws. The first crime Captain Moonlite officially committed stealing a heap of gold

Early life

Andrew George Scott also known as Captain Moonlite was born in Rathfriland in North Ireland on the 6th of March 1842. He died on the 20th of January 1880 at the age of 38. He died from being hanged. Andrew George Scott was a son of John Samuel Scott and Elizabeth. He has a brother to Thomas Scott. Andrew father Thomas, was an Anglican clergyman whose intention was for Andrew to join the priesthood but instead he trained to be an engineer, studying in London. In 1861 the family moved to New Zealand. Andrew decided to test his luck in the goldfields. However, the Maori war interrupted his search, so he signed up to fight in the Maori war. He was severely and harshly injured both his legs. Six years after the battle Andrew Scott arrived in Melbourne, Australia and temporarily became a clergyman, before turning to a life of crime.

Challenges he
faced

The biggest challenge Andrew Scott faced was the day he was caught. Himself, James Nesbitt

Why he's
Remembered

Captain Moonlite was a very clever Bushranger and was different to other bushrangers. He was, and still is, an extremely well-known criminal. We often remember Captain Moonlite because of his many significant crimes/stunts he pulled. He was a very brave and violent bushranger.

How he's
Remembered

We remember Andrew George Scott as a famous bushranger, a gang leader, occasionally as the celebrity criminal but most of all as Captain Moonlite. People remember Andrew as being a very bad and dangerous man. There are also lots of legends and landmarks about Captain Moonlite. Andrew Scott is described as many adjectives but mostly as a bushranger. Andrew George Scott will always be a part of our history and will always be remembered.

The old man cactus has many different adaptations. Such as its spines which help it stay safe from humans and animals. The roots are spread out to collect water when it rains and it stores water in its body for future use. The white hairy surface of the old man cactus helps it reflect the hot desert sun. These adaptations help it survive life in the hot desert.

In conclusion this funny cactus has the perfect things to survive in the extremely hot and dry deserts. With the spread out roots, the hairyness and the spines this amazing cacti has everything it needs to survive. Isn't it amazing!



Thoreasa Euphorbia laches
A Cactus is a succulent plant that can come in many shapes and sizes. They are from the cactaceae plant family. There are about 2000 types of cacti in our Planet. Cacti live in dry places like Africa, Holly Spain, and Australia. I will be talking about the Euphorbia laches cactus. Surviving in the deserts.

My cactus has a short green stem and a chinese fan looking shape at the top. its main colours are white, blue, and pink. it has small spikes that are pink.

The spikes bloom at the top of the plant.

The *Euphorbia lactea* lives in forests, Bush, Dry Places, Roadsides, on rocky places. They are mostly found in Americas, Australia, Africa, India and Spain. The soil is poor in those places because of the bad weather for soil has too much clay and no good ingredients. My *Euphorbia* has adapted to live in that soil.

During the dry season, the opening of the plant is very effective for photosynthesis. The plant has thick leaves and a small stem. The plant has a small stem and a small stem.

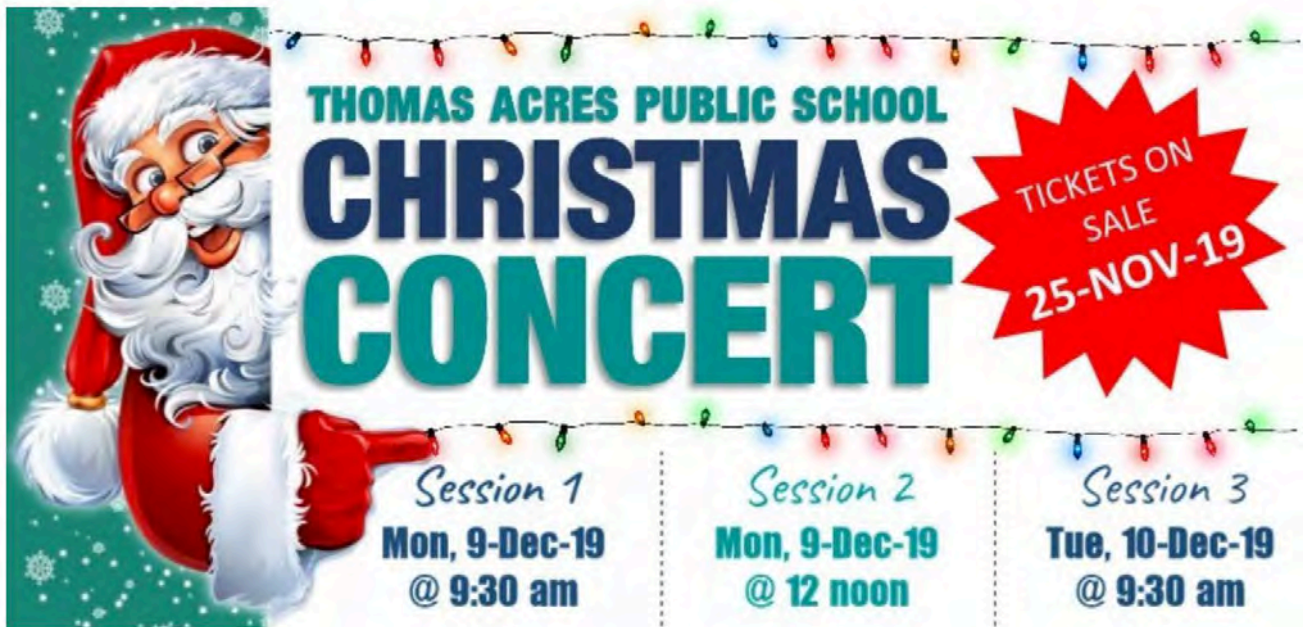
divided to be utilized for the same purpose as the other two. The same is true for the other two. The same is true for the other two.

if I'm telling the truth humans could be created because without a lot of things in common the growing and surviving in places of space and earth, so I, have not stored you enough about euphorbia latex. The study are the best plant to learn about Ang. acaulis is a excellent plant that can be in many sizes and shapes in the eukaryotes ticks plant.



COMING UP

Kindergarten Orientation 26.11.19,
HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY
3.12.19, Sports Service Assembly
5.12.19, **Christmas Concerts 9.12.19 &**
10.12.19, Stage 3 Camp 11 - 13th
December, **Yr 6 Farewell 16.12.19 and**
Presentation Assembly 16.12.19. Last
Day of School 18.12.19, **Students return**
29.1.20

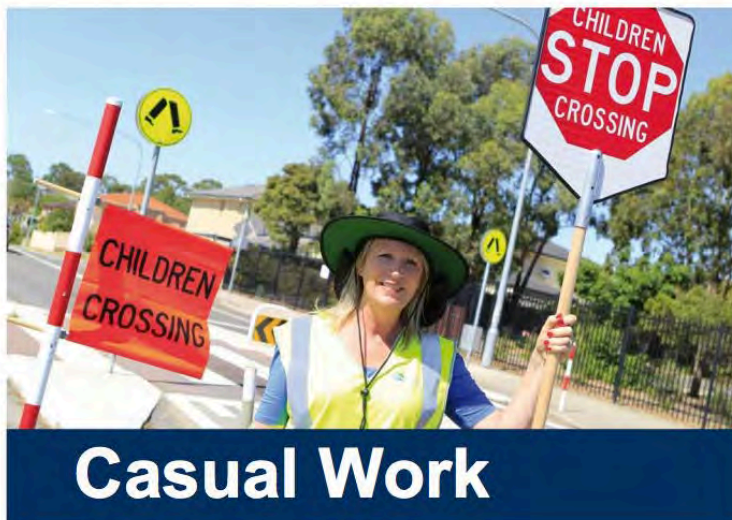


THOMAS ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TICKETS ON SALE 25-NOV-19

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Mon, 9-Dec-19	Mon, 9-Dec-19	Tue, 10-Dec-19
@ 9:30 am	@ 12 noon	@ 9:30 am



Casual Work

1 X Casual position- Campbelltown Local Government Area 00007/EIQ

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 10th November 2019



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What is Saver Plus?

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey

Goal
Talk to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, set a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months.

Saving
Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits.

Education
Completes the MoneyMind financial education program, with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Matching
Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs.

Benefits for participants:

- 87% continue to save the same amount or more 3 to 7 years after completing the program
- 88% reported increased self-esteem
- 78% were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 80% had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 40,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2003:

- 40,000+ participants
- \$23m+ total amount saved by participants
- \$18m+ matched funds paid by ANZ

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