



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

NEWSLETTER

Our School Values are: Respect, Learning, Honesty, Fairness and Community

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CALENDAR

TERM 1 {Feb 2nd - Mar 31st}

March

Mon 6th	- Swimming
Tue 7th	- Swimming
Wed 8th	- Swimming
Thu 9th	- Swimming
Fri 10th	- Swimming
Sun 12th	- Potato Festival
Mon 13th	- Labor Day (no school)
Tue 14th	- Swimming
Wed 15th	- Swimming
	- School Council AGM
Thu 16th	- Swimming Carnival (tentative)
Fri 17th	- Swimming
Fri 24th	- Y&D Whole School Sports
Fri 31st	- Last day or term (early finish)

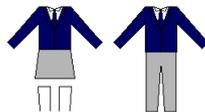
Notes sent home this week:

Munchies - Due Wed 1st March

Uniform Sales

We have lots of second hand uniforms (including a few hats now) for sale in the office.

These can be purchased on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday for \$2 per item. Please see Angie.



Icy Poles

JSC will be selling Icy Poles on days over 25 degrees for 50c. These will be available at lunchtime.



Thorpdale Primary School Morning Tea



Each Tuesday 9am in the library

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to ALL parents and caregivers of students at our school to meet and greet over tea, coffee and sweets every Tuesday morning at 9am.

This is a great way for new parents & caregivers to interact with existing ones. Please bring a plate to share. We hope to see you there.

Principal's Prattle.

Another week has quickly come and gone again and it's amazing to think that we are nearly half way through the term with only five weeks left to go before we have our Easter Holiday break. Our school photos went off without too much drama considering the rain that we had about on Sunday and Monday morning. Thank you to all our families for ensuring that everyone got to school on time for their photos and that they all looked sensational!

The weather turned out to be perfect for our Family B.B.Q on Wednesday evening with approximately 40 parents and about 45 children attending. As usual, we over catered with way too much food. Parents were invited into their children's rooms to have a look around and both Mrs Fahey and Mrs Powell talked about various aspects and routines that were happening in their classroom.

I have had quite a few helpers this week who have assisted around the school in various ways; this is aside from our normal wonderful group of parents and community members who give up their time each week to assist our super little school. Thank you to Mr Steve Letch for putting up our new gate at the bus stop and organising and the bits and pieces needed to put up the gates in front of the car park. Rodwells Farm Supplies of Leongatha were kind enough to sell us our gates at wholesale price which was very kind of them. I'd also like to thank Mrs Tania Seccombe and Mr Ian Murphy for their assistance with moving some of our mulch pile. (There is still more to move if anyone is available!) We also were fortunate to have donated to the school a pneumatic bed/assistance table for our handicapped toilet. Thank you to Altona Primary school for the table. Another thank you goes to the Conrad family for organising the delivery of the table.

We also have three lovely community volunteers who help us each and every week to assist the school in a variety of ways. They are: Laura Reynolds, who helps out in the classrooms most days. Ann Cornwell who assists with the reading in our junior grade and Helen Porch who comes in and ensures that our library system is running smoothly. Helen also does our wonderful library displays. And last but not least, we also have all our wonderful mums who assist with our reading program. To you all – Thank You! Wow! What a lot of thank yous! (Yes I know it's not a real word! J)

Cluster Leadership Day: Our Year. 5/6 students headed off to Rawson for a leadership day with 70 other students from our cluster. They worked in groups doing some initiative games and challenges and also had the opportunity to play a few games. This was then followed by a speech from a representative from the Alannah and Madeleine foundation who spoke about how each and every child/person can make a difference if they really want to. She then went on to discuss and show the kids how they can do this. So, if your child comes to you with an idea on how they could make a change to this world for the better, please listen to them and help them where possible. Thanks! Once the presentation was over they had a B.B.Q and had a little bit of time to socialise and play with students from the other schools.

Principal's Prattle cont...

Swimming: We have had a couple of little hiccups with our swimming program this year. With a few days of extremely cool weather making the pool water extremely cold, we thought it would be better to start the program with our students getting into water when it is not freezing cold. We are now starting our first session on Monday 6th of March (not next week!!) It was also noted that we had Monday 13th of March as one of our swimming days, but this day is a public holiday so it will most definitely not happen.

Asthma: If your child has asthma, it is vital that the school has an up to date Asthma Management Policy to ensure that we know exactly what your child needs in case of an asthma attack. So, if you have a child who is asthmatic could you please drop into the office and check with either Angie or myself about your child's plan and also if their puffer is out of date. Thank you!

Music: We are still on the lookout for more keyboards for our music program. If you have a keyboard sitting at home just taking up space why not donate it to the school. Please check to make sure that the keyboard is in good operating order. Thanks!

Child minding/babysitting: I have had a couple of discussions with some of our families about the issue they have with finding someone who is available on short notice to assist with the minding of school children and in some instances their younger siblings, both prior to school, and after school hours. If you know of anyone or if you are available yourself could you please let me know and I will put you in contact with the families involved. Thank you.

Y&D Swimming: Our swimming representatives went extremely well. The three students brought back one first place, four seconds and one third. As a school we came in second place and only missed out on first place overall by .02 percent. Well done, Beau, Lena and Jess.

Potato Festival Assistance: The school will be having a display on one of the walls in the undercover area near the football change rooms. We plan to put up our display on Saturday afternoon prior the Sunday opening. If you are available to help with this please let either Angie, Mrs Kenneth or myself know. Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

Y&D Whole School Sports – Friday 24th of March

Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday 13th of March

Classroom Awards

P/1/2

Ocean McQualter: For the fantastic role modelling example you are setting for the preps AND for your OUTSTANDING reading effort. Keep it up!

Lily Braaksma: For doing an excellent job in literacy groups. You always complete your set task and your illustrations are of an extremely high standard.

2/3/4

Jessica Powell: For always being helpful, considerate and willing to do her best in all areas of learning. Excellent effort!

Jett Boothman: For being a strong, hard-working and polite member of the class. Well done!

4/5/6

Charlie Durkin: It's great to see you showing such confidence & enthusiasm in your reading tasks. Keep up the good work!

Charlotte Pors: You have been applying great strategies to help you comprehend what you read. Well done!

Principal's Awards:

Paityn Draper: You have received this award because of the wonderful attitude you have shown towards all aspects of your school life here at Thorpdale Primary School. Well done, Paityn!

Sienna Leah: You have received this award because of the fantastic help you gave Mr. Nic with setting up all the chairs for our Family B.B.Q. Well done, Sienna!

Alistair Conrad: You have received this award because of the super way that you have settled into school. You are well organised and get straight onto your learning tasks. It seems like you have been at school for years. Well done, Alistair!

Thorpdale Potato Festival Sunday 12th **March 2017**

Advanced Notice ~ The Official Opening of the 2017 Thorpdale Potato Festival will be held on Saturday 25th February 2017 (this Saturday).

Hope you can make it!

This will be a pre-Festival gathering for the whole community to come together and celebrate what this festival does for our community. Featuring a live band, light supper, unseen Potato Festival footage and of course Chippy will be there plus more..

Spread the word!

