



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966 NEWSLETTER

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

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CALENDAR

TERM 1 {Jan 2nd - Mar 31st}

February

- Tues 14th - Yinnar & District Swimming
- Mon 20th - School Photos
- Tues 21st - Thorpdale PS Swimming
- Wed 22nd - Family B.B.Q

March

- Fri 24th - Y&D Whole School Sports
- Fri 31st - Last day of term

Notes sent home this week:

Bus Behaviour Policy

Behaviour Management Policy

Uniform Policy

Charlotte Durkin

Lily Etery, Melinda McCarthy

Olive Flanagan, Jake Murphy

Chace Mara, Lucas Murphy, Jess Powell



Classroom Awards

No classroom awards for this week so I put in a picture of a cute puppy!



Principal's Prattle.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. (I know I did. I even caught some decent fish.) It has been a great start to the year for our school with our staff having the first couple of days for initial student assessments and then our students starting their first full day on Thursday. Our planned assessment days went extremely well and I would like to thank all the parents and guardians for getting your children in for their assessments. Overall, it ran extremely smoothly. I'd also like to thank all our students for putting in such a big effort right at the start of the school year. (It can be a bit hard to switch the brain back into gear at times, especially after the long Christmas break.) Having all this assessment done at the very start of the year will allow our teaching staff to target their teaching in a more directed fashion from the very outset and this in turn should see a direct relationship to improved student outcomes.

I would also like to welcome everyone back; with a special mention to Miss Reggardo who has returned to us after having 8 months off with her first child. We also have two new staff members starting with us this year. I'd like to welcome Sandi Mullen, who will be our integration aide, taking over from Toni McCabe. We will also have a new teacher who will attend Thorpdale on every second Wednesday throughout the year. His name is Mr Brad Child and he will be running literacy and health programs from his MARC Van (mobile Library).

To all our present families and to all our new families, I hope that you enjoy your time at our wonderful school. P.S. If you are in the school or car park and you see a new face, please help them settle in by making them welcome. A smile or a hello may be the start of a great friendship!

PUPIL FREE DAY: NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY 10TH OF FEBRUARY!

As part of our Mathematics and Cluster work, the teaching staff will be attending a Professional Development Day on **Friday 10th of February** to listen to and learn from a renowned Mathematics teacher Di Siemen. These days are vital for our staff to help equip them with skills and strategies to be able to teach maths in the very best way.

Car park and Travel Safety: Just a reminder for all our car travellers to be very aware of smaller children when parking and leaving our parking area as it only takes a split second for a child to step out in front of a car. I have also noted that there have been a few younger passengers either not seat belted correctly or sitting in inappropriate/illegal seats. While I'm never going to be the "Traffic Police", I'm sure that you'd agree that you would never forgive yourself if there was an accident and your child was hurt because they were either in the front seat or not sitting on a seat that was suited to their age. (It may sound a bit Forrest Gumpish, but "that's all I'm going to say about that!")

Swimming: Our swimming program will start on Tuesday 21st in week four. I will send out a detailed swimming timetable in the near future. We also have the Yinnar & District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 14th. We will be sending three or four students along to compete for Thorpdale on the day. Last year was the first time that we have sent students along to this in over 15 years and they were very successful. Hopefully our students selected this year will have some success as well. (Let's hope the weather is good for us!)

Principal's Prattle ...cont

The big gas tank at the front of the school has been removed during the holidays and we now have to decide what we will do with the caged area. There has been quite a few ideas thrown around, but the one that I like the most is to make it into a chook yard so that the school can have their own chooks. If we did that we would need to continue to bring the wire down ground level and dig it in to ensure that foxes could not get in. Other options were to make it into a small vegie garden or remove the cage entirely. If you have any thoughts or are passionate about one of the options mentioned please let me know ASAP. Thanks.

The teachers will once again be organising a variety of activities that our students can get involved with during either our lunch or recess times. These will include bike riding, library, computers, drawing, lego building etc. If you have an idea for an activity or would like to be involved please let us know at school and we can discuss the best way to organise the activity with you.

School Photos: Our school photos will be taken on Monday 20th of February, so please don't forget to get the brush and comb out as well as ensuring that your child/ren are wearing their very best uniform.

THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY B.B.Q: This will happen on **Wednesday 22nd of March**. We will have a b.b.q with salads and our House Captains and Junior School Councillors will be presented with their badges.

Yinnar & District Whole School Athletics Carnival: This will happen on **Friday 24th of March** at the Yinnar Recreation Oval. (The football ground.) This is a great day, but as usual we will be looking for volunteers to assist us with our groups. So...., if you are available to assist us, please let us know? Thank you!

Munchies: Our Friday Munchies lunch orders will start in week three. This will be Friday 17th of February. A note will be sent home asking if you would be available to do one or two sessions for the term or maybe even the year. If we get enough helpers, you might only be asked to do it once?

School Council: Our first School Council meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd of February.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Beau Melbourne: you have received this award because of the responsible and thoughtful manner in which you been looking after not only your buddy, but all of our new preppies. Well done, Beau.

Chace Mara: you have received this award because of the wonderful way you have been using your manners with all the teachers. It is lovely to see and hear. Well done, Chace!

Rydah Moore: you have received this award because of the super way you have settled into the school routine. Well done, Rydah!

P.S. DON'T FORGET THAT ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR SUNHAT EVERY DAY IN TERM 1 AND TERM 4 AND IT IS DEPENDENT ON THE UV RATING FOR TERM 2 & 3.

If a child does not have their hat they will be asked to play under the big oak tree near the sandpit.



Feel Free to doodle in this blank space!