



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

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 of term (2pm finish)

Notes sent home this week:

Munchies	- Due Wed 15th March
Hot cross buns	- Due wed 22nd March
Easter raffle tickets	- Due Tues 28th March

All families

With some new families coming to the school this year, we thought it might be a good time to remind everyone of a few school procedures:

-Picking up students during school time.

A note must be sent in telling the teacher that you intend to pick up your child early. There is a book in the office that must be signed when you pick them up (or drop them off late)

- Student Absences

If your child is away for any reason, a note must be sent in to the classroom teacher. This needs to be done even if you have already rang to notify the school of your child's absence.

-Money

All money sent in to the school for any reason (munchies, excursions, raffles) should be in an envelope or plastic snap lock bag clearly showing the student's name and what the money is for. No float is held at the office so correct money is also required.

- Banking

School banking is on every Tuesday.

If you would like more information or have any queries regarding any of this, please come and see either Angie Blackshaw or Grant Nicholas in the office.

Principal's Prattle.

Hasn't it been a glorious Autumn week here at Thorpdale? The swimming has been going really well with the exception of Tuesday when my friend the weather man told me it was going to warm up in the afternoon and it didn't. Sorry kids, I made the call and you had to swim in pretty cool conditions. Fortunately, the weather for next week looks super promising with most days' predictions for around 30 degrees.

Bus Travellers: Can I please remind parents about the right protocol regarding our bus travellers as we have lapsed into a few bad habits? If you have organised alternative transport or arrangements for your child who is a regular bus user, it is vital that we are notified at school. This is meant to be in writing, but I understand that this is not always practical so a phone call is okay when necessary. (The phone is always checked for messages prior to the bus departing.) For the students who are irregular travellers it is super important for us to know if they are meant to be on the bus or not. In the past two weeks we have had two incidents that highlight this issue. On one occasion we had students not getting on the bus because they were sure that their parents said they were going to be picked up and on the other occasion we had a child hop on the bus convinced that this is what he had been told to do by his parents that morning. Although, on both occasions things were sorted out quickly we have to ensure that these issues do not arise again as the safety of our students is absolutely paramount. **Irregular users will not be allowed on the bus unless we have been given permission from parents.** Thanks!

Early Arrivals: I would like to thank all our parents on assisting us with our no early arrivals policy, but thought it would be a good time to remind you on our policy. Students are meant to arrive at school at 8:45am, but there are times when things crop up and you need to drop your child off a little earlier. In these incidents it is vital that your child goes straight to the office and let Mr. Nic know that you are here. On the occasion when Mr. Nic is not at school your child will need to go straight to their classroom teacher and let them know that they are at school early. This ensures that our staff know that there are students at school and we can take the account for their safety.

Hat cords: There has been an article going around on social media showing a young girl who had an unfortunate incident involving her school hat and its cord. The young girl in question got her hat caught and the cord did some pretty nasty damage to her neck. My thoughts are that the cord really doesn't do very much and generally the kids will just use it as a chew toy. So if you have any concerns about it, I'd suggest you just cut the cord off. Thanks!

Library: We would like to rearrange our library and need a couple of sturdy backs to assist us with the move. Let me know if you are available either straight after the bell goes for the start of school or around the end of the school day prior to picking your child up. Thanks!

Spud Festival: The town is definitely gearing up for the Spud festival on Sunday and I'd like to thank all our volunteers who have offered to assist us on our B.B.Q. Huge numbers are expected again so we have ordered a lot more food than the previous year. (Hopefully we will have enough.) Our kids have produced various bits of work or art pieces that will be displayed at the festival. Our display will be up in the undercover area in front of the change rooms. Why not go up and have a look at what's there!

Potato Festival Helpers—A massive thank you to the below people who have offered their time to help on the BBQ at

the Thorpdale Potato Festival. Tania Seccombe will be managing the BBQ for the whole day. The school benefit greatly from this festival and it is wonderful to see people putting their hand up to help.

6am-8am	8am-10am	10am-12pm	12pm-2pm	2pm-4pm
Tash Hammond	Sharmaine McQualter	Gabi Mandel	Ned Cvetovik	Mandy Durkin
Suzu Flanagan	Grant Nicholas	Anne Sedgeman	Grant Nicholas	Grant Nicholas
Scott Draper		Brenda Murphy	Jayde Parker	Kaylie Earle
Krisy Guy		Stephen Letch	Stacey Pors	Anne Burnside
			Vanessa Oter	

Classroom Awards

P/1/2

Vincent Gange: For working so well with Sandy this week and for always being bright and happy!

Ruby Westbury: For the outstanding job you are doing with your reading at home and at school. 25 nights already! Keep it up!

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Indiana Burdon: For outstanding information report on the Suchomimus dinosaur. Well done!

Elise McKay: For the excellent work and neat presentation on her information report "Ponies and Horses". Well done!

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Jake Murphy: Jake you are such a friendly classmate who approaches every task with a positive attitude. It's a pleasure to have you in our class.

Daniel Murphy: Daniel I have been impressed with your level of understanding in any learning task you complete. Well done!

Cubs

Cubs are running in Thorpdale every Tuesday night from 7pm-8.15pm.

- Ages 7-10years
- At the Multi Purpose Hall-Thorpdale Primary School
- Contact Brenda Donald for information 5634 7579

There are wonderful fun activities and it's great to get your kids involved.

Easter Raffle

Tickets have gone home today for our Easter Raffle. Please sell both sides of the tickets.

If you haven't handed in your Easter Egg donation, please do so this week.

Principal's Awards:

Nathan Baker: You have received this award because of the positive attitude you have to everything you are doing at school. Not only are you having a go, but you are doing it with a big smile on your face. Well done, Nathan.

Melinda McCarthy: You have received this award because of the super responsible manner in which you thought about things with Mr. Nic and our P.E session. Well done, Melinda!

Reave Brennan: You have received this award because of the wonderful attempts you are making with all your school work. Well done, Reave!

Principal's Prattle...cont

Junior School Council: Everything is set for our first JSC event tonight. We have two movies on offer and they are Pete's Dragon and Stork. The movie begins at 6:30pm and will be finished by 8:30pm. Please make sure that you are on time to pick your child/ren up. Thanks!

Gates & fences: Thanks everyone for being vigilant with closing the school gates. It's a new experience having gates here at school, but there hasn't been an occasion yet where I have noticed them being left open.

Swimming Carnival: Don't forget our Swimming Carnival this Thursday 16th of March. We are planning for a 12:00m start and should be finished somewhere around 2:30-3:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents and grandparents and other family members here as possible. (The weather forecast looks sensational!)

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 normal 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!

Religious Education: R.E started today and it went very well. Well done to all the students attending for remembering to take your lunch with you.

Munchies: Thank you to our Munchies Mums for our lovely lunch today. The kids love it and the staff aren't complaining either!



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Children \$5 (under 4 free)
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Family of 5-6 \$30**

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