



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

NEWSLETTER

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

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CALENDAR

TERM 2 {Apr 18th - June 30th}

May

- Wed 10th - School Council
- Tues 9- Thur 11 - Naplan
- Thur 11th - Mother's Day Stall
- Thur 11th - Mother's/Grandmother's/ Carer's Day Munchies
- Fri 12th - 4/5/6 Winter Sports (netball/ football)
- Mon 22nd - 4/5/6 Quantum Excursion

Principal's Prattle

Written by Alice Kenneth for Grant Nicholas

It's time to celebrate!

I am very excited to announce that our cluster of small schools (Thorpdale, Narracan, Yallourn North, Willow Grove, Rawson and Tanjil South) have been successful in getting a \$50 000 Digital Literacy Federal Grant. This means that we will soon all be working with a range of different and exciting technologies that include robots like 'dash and dots' and sferos as well as 3D printers. This is amazing for our little school to receive as only 54 schools across Australia have received this grant. All the staff are very excited about getting the chance to learn and work with this new technology and we know that the students will be super engaged in programming robots or using the 3D printers. We are preparing for the future here at Thorpdale.

Notes sent home this week:

- Munchies (Thursday) - Due Wed 10th May
- School Stream App - Due N/A

Munchies helper next week
(Thursday)
Narelle Murphy



Munchies

Please note:

Munchies will be THURSDAY next week.

NAPLAN

Next week from Tuesday the 9th of May to Thursday the 11th of May the students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the nationwide NAPLAN test. This test will check the student's knowledge of Literacy and Numeracy and will compare it to where the rest of the students of that age group in Australia are at. These exams will be conducted in the morning and will be completed by lunch time. We ask that all students in year 3 and 5 are at school before 9am so that they are ready for the test. The rules that guide us in conducting this exam is very prescriptive in that we have an exact starting time and finishing time and cannot allow any student to have extra time even if they are late.

Apart from ensuring that the students arrive on time and are well rested, we don't want families to stress out about the test. This is a snap shot of the student on the day. Sometimes your kids have a great learning day and sometimes they have a mental block. This is normal human behaviour and will happen to some of the students across Australia that are tested. The test does not test all the amazing qualities that make your child special and unique. So always remember that your child is more than what the results of the test will be and that they should be celebrated as being great learners as our students always try their best.

Working Bee

On the weekend we had a wonderful group of parents come to school to help ensure that the grounds are clean and safe. It has been great to see all of the gutters cleaned out ready for the winter rain and the trees have been pruned (as well as many other tasks). We would like to thank the following families for their dedication and support of our school: the Conrad family, the Pors family, the Fahey family, the Donald family, the Cumming Family, the Boothey family and the Hammond family.

Tunic

Look at how lovely Bella Westbury looks in the official school tunic! These are available from Beleza's in Moe.



School Sports

Our House Sports are scheduled for today. Wishing all the students a great day where they try their best and show good sportsmanship. I can't wait to hear all about today from the students next week.

Classroom Awards

P/1/2

Owen Dart: For working hard on all set tasks and getting them completed. You always have a "I can do it" attitude. Keep it up!

Darcy Leah: For turning your attitude around to a positive one this week. You always present your work to a high standard as well. Keep it up!

2/3/4

Mitilda Moore: For her excellent attitude and effort in preparing for Naplan. Well done!

Memphis McQualter: For his positive approach to all areas of learning, especially in literacy. Well done!

4/5/6

Luka Oter: Luka it's been great to see the progress you've been making in Maths on our addition topic. Well done!

Natasha Hilyear: Natasha you approach all of your learning tasks with a positive attitude. It's a pleasure to have you in our class.

Art Awards:

Ocean McQualter: For listening well to instructions and producing great work.

Lincoln Murphy: For great circle work. You listened to instructions well.

Jessica Powell: for following instructions well and producing great work.

Lena Blackshaw: for producing excellent work and always sharing resources in the art room.

Natasha Hilyear: for listening well to instructions and producing great work.



Vandalism

It is disappointing to us all that there are some people in our community that are not treating the school grounds and property with respect. We came to school this week to find the pumpkins that we have been growing to cook with have been broken and smashed against the school buildings on Saturday. This week we have also found various items in the school grounds that are not appropriate for our school students to see. Also, at the working bee it was discovered that our pump that has always been on the corner of the multi has been stolen. Unfortunately, someone has been showing a lack of respect to the school and its students. Can our community please keep an eye on the school out of school hours and speak up if anyone is behaving disrespectfully within the school grounds.

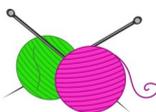
WOOL DONATIONS

KOGO (Knit One Give One) are knitting woollen items for the coming Winter season and are looking for donations of wool.

Thorpdale Primary School will now be a drop off point for anyone wishing to donate some wool to this wonderful cause.

There is a box in the office for donations and any amount (even smaller bits) will be most appreciated.

Thank you



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Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on the 14th of May (for all those Dads that need reminding) and therefore we will have our annual Mother's Day Stall next Thursday on the 11th of May. We have an assortment of items that range in price from 50c to \$5.00. If any parents are able to help run the stall please let the office know.

To celebrate Mother's Day we will be having a special Mother's/Grandmother's/Carer's Munchies on Thursday the 11th of May so that our lovely Mums can enjoy spending time with their children at school. Order forms went home today. After the families have finished eating, everyone is welcome in the classrooms to look at the work the students have been doing.

Winter Sports Program

The students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the chance to participate in competing against our local sports in either netball or football on the 12th of May. The students enjoy competing and it is a great chance for them to get to know other students that they may go to secondary school with.

Uniform Policy

It is again time to review our uniform policy which focusses on what the kids are allowed to wear to school. We want to form a subcommittee who will meet to make recommendations to School Council about changes (if any) to the school uniform. If you are interested in participating in this consultative group please let Angie know so we can organise a meeting. As a reminder to all parents, currently our uniform policy says that tights under our summer dresses are not permitted. There is a winter tunic available (which tights are able to be worn with) for those girls that do like to wear a dress all year round (Available from Beleza in Moe). Also Hoodies are not permitted to be worn at school.

Arriving on Time

The staff just want to let the parents know how important it is to ensure your child is on time for school. In the first 10 minutes, the teachers work hard to settle the students into the routines of the day and the students often participate in lots of quick tasks like practising spelling or reading to get their brains warmed up for the full day of learning in front of them. When a child is late, not only are they missing this precious learning time, they are also disrupting the class as they need to be supported by the teacher to get themselves organised. I know (because I am a mum) that mornings can be difficult to get our children organised and motivated, but we are asking for parents to aim to be here at 8.45 am so that students can put their bags away, touch base with their teacher if need be and then spend time catching up with their friends. That way, when the bell goes at 9am the students are ready for learning.

Cross Country

Yesterday we had 9 students represent Thorpdale Primary School at the Cross Country held in Churchill.

These students were Natasha Hilyear, Rylea Earle, Kaci-Lee Pickering, Jake Murphy, Lucas Murphy, Indiana Burdon, Lena Blackshaw, Paityn Draper & Charlotte Wright.

Although no one got through to the next round, Natasha Hilyear & Lucas Murphy will be first emergencies. A fantastic job by all participants.

