**CALENDAR**

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**PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE**

We have had a few absolutely beautiful days at Thorpdale this week and some of the teachers took the opportunity to take their lessons outside and enjoy the sunshine. We again had a lot of our staff out doing Professional Development/Training and I am aware that this can be a bit unsettling for some of our students, but the benefits that the training our staff are undertaking will impact our student’s learning in a very positive manner. Please don’t forget that there will be no school on this Monday as it is the Public Holiday.

Some of the training our staff are involved with encompasses Visible Learning; that is making the students learning visible to them. This can be equated to; that they are doing the work because they can see the benefit that it will give them, not just because their teacher told them to do it! It also looks at what impact various teaching techniques can make to student learning and one of the biggest impacts has been found to be the expectations that students have for their own learning. This impact is huge and can be influenced equally by parents at home and the staff at their school. Could I ask you to have a think about what your expectations are for your child/ren and think about the positive impact that your **high expectations** can have?

Although this is just one factor that can influence student learning is a very simple one that can start at home with it you, the parents. If you perceive and give the perception that school is a negative place, or you place little value on their education this can have a huge negative impact on their expectations and thus their results.

In future newsletters I will be writing much more on some of the exciting things that we are doing here at Thorpdale that we know will increase student outcomes in their education. Our students had their first Science lessons with their new science teacher Mr Heeron who was flexible enough to come in on Wednesday instead of our normal Monday for our weekly science sessions. His first lesson was more of a get to know you session. I am looking forward to seeing some super science lessons being taught in the near future.

On Tuesday our year five and six students attended Mirboo North for a Secondary Awareness Day. The response I got from most of the students on their return was it was a great experience and they can’t wait to go to high school. (They grow up so quickly!)

**Principal’s Awards:**

**Sydney Blackshaw:** you have received this award because of the wonderful way you used your time to work on your maths problems. You didn’t rush them and your results reflected the time taken to ensure a good outcome. Well done, Sydney!

**Bomber Pors:** you have received this award because of the great care you have been taking on your handwriting. Mr. Nic was very impressed with your efforts. Well done, Bomber!

**Lily Braaksma:** you have received this award because of the super way you have been working in the classroom. You are trying very hard on with all of your school work. Well done, Lily!

**Mother’s Day Stall helpers.**

We will be having our traditional Mother’s Day Stall on Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd of May and we need a few volunteers to man (woman) the stall.

It will run at morning recess (11am) and lunch time (12.30pm).

If you are available to help could you please let Angie or Grant know? Thank you.

**Munchies helper for Friday 29th April is Sharmaine McQuailer**
AUSKICK is coming to Thorpdale Football/Netball Club!
Hour long sessions starting at the primary school
WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 3.45pm $80.00
THE REGISTRATION SITE IS NOW LIVE
You can log on to register at www.aflauskick.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: You CAN TRANSFER if you’ve already registered elsewhere.

PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE cont...

On Wednesday we sent a few of our senior students across to Yinnar to compete in the Yinnar & District High Jump event that wasn’t completed in time at the whole school athletics day at the end of term 1. Our students jumped well and we had one first place, Clara Linn in the under 11 girls and one third place, Georgia Murphy in the 12+ girls. Well done to everyone who competed.

On Thursday some of our school leaders travelled to Traralgon to the GRIP Leadership Day. They got a great deal out of it and have come back with some great ideas that they would like to do at Thorpdale P.S.

School Council: We will have our first school council with our new look council on Wednesday evening. Remember these parents are there to represent the school community so if you have anything that you think needs school council attention please let one of them know about your concerns or issues. Our school councillors are: James Fahey, Ned Cvetcovic, Tania Secombe, Stuart Jennings, Kristy Guy, Glenn Murphy Stephen Letch, Jenelle Donald, Brenda Murphy and Toni McCabe.

Upcoming Events:
Monday 25th of April ANZAC Day Public Holiday.
Monday 2nd of May Mother’s Day Picnic
Monday 2nd of May Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 3rd of May Mother’s Day Stall
Wednesday 4th-Friday 6th April Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp

Weekly Class Awards
P/1
Lily Braaksma: Lily you are becoming much more confident in knowing the numbers to 20. Fantastic effort!
2/3
Riley Pickering: For working well on his maths tasks and giving everything a go! Well done!
Olive Flanagan: For working on her learning and focussing well, especially in integrated studies and literacy. Well done!
4/5/6
Bianca Fahey: Bianca you did a wonderful job at the leadership day yesterday. You showed courage getting up on stage. Fantastic!
Daniel Murphy: Daniel you always give everything 100%. You have made a great start to Term 2.

ANZAC GAME

When: From 8.45am on Sunday April 24th
Where: Thorpdale Rec Reserve
What’s on:
- Netball and Football games throughout the day with Medal Presentations for Best on Court/Best on Field and Perpetual Cups for the winning teams.
- Jumping Castle for children
- AFL inflatables and hand ball comp - with Gippsland AFL
- 2.00 - Official RSL Ceremony on field.
- 2.30 – “A” Grade netball and Seniors football games
- 3.00 - NetSetGo clinic for 8-13 year olds - All welcome.
- 4.30 - Medal Presentations for Best on Court/Best on Field and Perpetual Cups for the winning teams at the end of the day's play.

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