



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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CALENDAR

TERM 3 {July 13 ~ September 18}

August

- Tues 11th - P-2 Dentist Visit
- Fri 14th - Y&D Champions Day
- Tue 18th - JSC Cupcake Day
- Kinder Visit
- After School Sport P-3 Begins
- 24th-28th - Book Week
- Thur 27th - 4/5/6 Excursion Melbourne
- Fri 28th - JSC Movie Night

September

- Tues 1st - After School Sport 3-3 Begins
- School Council

Principal's Prattle

Weather has been wet, cold and horrible for the most of the week, but this didn't stop a horde of fairytale characters invading the school on Tuesday as our Prep/One class and the Thorpdale kinder kids came together for Fairytale Day.

We also had an Open Day on Wednesday afternoon, this was targeted towards our new Preps for next year, but any new family interested in attending Thorpdale Primary were also welcome. While this was our official Open Day, our policy is that "Every day is an open day" at Thorpdale Primary and new and prospective families are welcome to come in and see how the school operates. Unfortunately we only had a couple of families attend and would have liked to see many more. However the families that did attend, walked away very impressed with what they saw and were told about our school. While these events are important in allowing new Preps and new families to see what Thorpdale Primary School has to offer, the most important thing you can do as an advocate of our school is to let everyone know what a great little school we have here; that your child comes to Thorpdale Primary School, because it is your school of choice.

JSC Cupcake Day

On Tuesday 18th of August Junior School Council will be hosting our annual Cupcake Day event to fund-raise money for the RSPCA. To help us raise money, one of the activities we will be doing is holding a garage sale here at school. We are looking for donations of toys and books that you no longer need that we could sell. On the day, students will be able to purchase these items for a small fee. Items can be sent in with your child to school or left at the office. More information will go home with the newsletter with details of activities that we have planned for the day. Thank you for your support.

Early Arrivals: Another reminder about dropping your child off early. On the odd occasion when family circumstances occur that you cannot get your child to school at or around the normal drop off time of 8:45am it is vital that you communicate with the school to ensure your child's safety. Please make sure that you ring the school or drop into the office to let us know that your child is on the school grounds as there is no staff on duty prior to 8:45am. In the advent of an emergency this would ensure that we know how many students are at school prior to the normal starting time.

Y&D Champion's Day: We have fourteen students attending this event next Friday 14th. Mrs Jenkins, alongside parents will be supervising the event. The children selected have their scheduled events on a form sent home and they should bring this sheet along with them on the day to ensure that they know when their event is on. Unfortunately I cannot attend the event, but I'm sure that all our students will do their best and act in a manner that is expected at our school Thorpdale. Good luck everyone!

Principal's Awards:

Isabella Nardone: You have received this award because of the wonderful writing piece you finished this week. It was just fantastic, Wow! Well done Isabella!

Kaci-Lee Pickering: You have received this award because of the super way you go about all your learning tasks at school. You are always organised and you always use your learning time wisely. Well done Kaci-Lee!!

Chloe Durkin: You have received this award because of the wonderful way you stood up for another student when you witnessed an event that you were not happy with. It was a very brave and mature thing to do. Well done Chloe!

Weekly Class Awards

Weekly awards were presented to the following children. Congratulations to you all.

Year Prep/1

Charley Jennings: Charley it was great to see the sportsmanship you showed in sport this week. You and your group did a great job working together to play the game. Fantastic job!

Jye Lister: Jye this week you have been such a great leader in the classroom. It has been fantastic to see you helping others and doing the right thing. Keep it up!

Year 2/3

Keely McCabe: You have received this award for the Haiku poem you wrote on "Rainbows". It is a lovely poem and easy to read. Well done Keely!

Bronson Pors: You have received this award for being a true and loyal friend. I love the way you support and help others. Great effort Bomber!

Year 4/5/6

Ian Linn: Ian your work on the Stolen Generation has been insightful. Keep up the good work.

Riley Hillbrick: Riley you have been creating some wonderful sentences lately that include interesting vocabulary and semi colons. Impressive!

Bus Travellers:

Just a reminder to parents and students that if you are a regular bus user and you are not catching the bus home you make sure that this information is passed on to the office or that you see the teacher doing bus duty directly. We have had a couple of instances where the bus duty teacher has been looking for a child to get them on the bus when they have already gone home with parents. Thank you!

After School Sports Activities- Sporting School Program:

As part of the Governments push to increase the fitness and activity levels of our children, we have been provided with a grant through the Sporting Schools Program to hold afterschool activities here at Thorpdale Primary School. This program aims to get our children more active. We will be offering two after school sports this term; AFL Football. This will be offered to our Year Prep-3 students and will be run in a similar fashion to AusKick. We have been provided with a coach through the AFL development program. The AFL sessions will run for two weeks starting on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th August and again the following weeks on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th. The sessions will start at 3:35pm and will finish at 4:35pm. Unfortunately, there is a maximum of 25 students per activity, so the first 25 children who return there forms will be the ones selected to participate. The second sport for the term will be Basketball. This sport will be offered to the students in Years 3-6. This program will also run on Tuesday and Thursdays and will run for 3 weeks starting on Tuesday 1st of September and finishing on Thursday 17th of September after a total of 6 sessions. These programs are totally free for our students and the AFL program even gives out freebies. This looks like it will be a great after schools activity for our children. Please ensure you return the permission form by **Friday 14th August.**

WOOLWORTHS ~ EARN & LEARN VOUCHERS ARE BACK.

Stickers can be handed in to the office.