



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

NEWSLETTER

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

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CALENDAR

TERM 4 {October 5 ~ December 18}

December

- Tues 15th** - House Athletics Sports
- Wed 16th** - Christmas Concert
- Raffle drawn
- Fri 18th** - Last day of year (1.30pm finish)
- Assembly 1pm

Notes sent home this week:

House Sports Helpers Due Mon 13th Dec
Raffle Tickets Due Fri 11th Dec



There will be no munchies next week.



Sydney Blackshaw



Thorpdale Primary School Raffle 2015 Major Fundraiser

Proceeds raised go towards a new kitchen for our multi-purpose hall

- 1st Prize: 32 inch TV with built-in DVD player
 - 2nd Prize: Framed & signed Essendon FC poster
 - 3rd Prize: Latrobe Leisure 3 month Gold Pass
 - 4th Prize: Traralgon Motorcycles \$100 voucher
 - 5th Prize: Alpine Country \$100 voucher
 - 6th Prize: Top Pub Morwell \$50 voucher
 - 7th Prize: Amaze'n Things family pass
 - 8th Prize: Museum Victoria 2 x adult passes
- Tickets \$2 each (available from students or at Thorpdale Post Office, Thorpdale Bakery & Traveller's Rest Hotel)

Tickets due back Friday 11th December

Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert Wednesday 16th December 2015.

PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Well, with only one week to the official countdown is up and running. Funny, it still only feels like early November to me??? Anyway, I transgress; we have had a pretty busy week here at Thorpdale Primary School with lots of things being finalised and finished up.

We had the Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday and we were fortunate enough to have Mrs Wilson come along for the day to teach her Year 2/3 class. Miss Reggardo had the P/1 class and Miss Brereton moved up to the 4/5/6 room. I assume from the smiles that most of the kids and I think all of the teachers had a very enjoyable day. It may seem a minor thing to us as adults, but transitioning from one grade to another can be a big deal for kids and when you add on having a different teacher it can be scary!

We also had our Graduation Evening for our six Year Six students who are heading off to either Mirboo North Secondary or Trafalgar Secondary College. Miss Reggardo has put in a huge amount of time to make this event happen and I hope that all our graduating students enjoyed the evening. They did a great job with their speeches and powerpoint presentations were well presented.

Each year one student is selected to win a Scholarship for Academic Excellence donated by the Trafalgar Lions Club. Our worthy winner this year is Ian Linn. Congratulations Ian.

We wish the following students all the very best for their future learning and we hope that they return to and visit us occasionally; John Bowman, Chloe Durkin, Ian Linn, Brooke Hunter, Daniel Powell and Brandon Watson. Both the Bowman and Watson families will be leaving our school community as they will no longer have any children at our school. The Watson family have had over a 20 year history with the school over the last 25 years and with Brandon leaving their time with us is now up. We hope that both families have enjoyed their time with us here at Thorpdale Primary School.

The school received some great news this week. We applied to become part of the Primary Mathematics and Science Specialist initiative early on in the term and we have received confirmation that we, along with Narracan, Willow Grove and Yallourn North, were successful in obtaining the grant. What this means to the school is that it will allow us have a specialist coach to further develop our teacher's skills and knowledge in Maths and Science. Mrs Alice Kenneth will lead our staff through this process, but this means that we have to now look at employing someone to take on our Science specialist role and the main body of our intervention program. Stay tuned for more information on this as it becomes available!

Principal's Awards:

Campbell Pinkerton: You have received this award because of the responsible way that you use the school's sports equipment. Well done, Campbell!

Lucas Gange: You have received this award because of the thoughtful and caring way that you gave one of your stuffed toys (a minion) to another student who absolutely loves them as well. You are a very caring and kind boy, Lucas!

Lincoln Murphy: You have received this award because of the wonderful way you go about everything that you do. You are polite and thoughtful and always have a smile on your face. Keep it up!

Kids' Holiday Club 2016



Thorpdale: Thursday January 14th
Friday January 15th
At the Thorpdale Uniting Church
Yarragon: Monday 18th January
Tuesday 19th January
At St Mark's Loch Street Yarragon

Trafalgar: Wednesday January 20th
Thursday January 21st
Anglican Community Complex 40 Contingent St,

10-12noon

Cost- this is a free activity

Kids from Prep- Grade 6 welcome, pre-schoolers if parent attends too.



There will be woodwork, craft, stories and most importantly fun and games!

This activity is provided by your local Churches. If you have any questions call Sue Jacka 0409757170, 5633 1021



House Athletics Sports

Students are encouraged to dress up in their house colours on the day and get into the team spirit.

Tuesday from 10.30am @ Thorpdale Rec Reserve

Weekly Class Awards

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

Year Prep/1

Lucas Boothey: Lucas you always try your hardest to sit and concentrate when sitting on the floor. It is great to see your maturity showing! Fantastic.

Lincoln Murphy: Lincoln you did a great job in writing this week. It was fantastic to see you trying your hardest. Well done!

Year 2/3

Jeff Boothman: You have received this award for being a lovely Bucket Filler. You filled Mrs Wilson's bucket on Tuesday with your kind words of welcome. That was a lovely thing to do. Well done Jett!

Jake Murphy: You have received this award for all the kind and caring things you do for your classmates. You are a true Bucket Filler. Way to go Jake!

Year 4/5/6

Brooke Hunter: Brooke I am impressed with how your confidence at public speaking has developed. You did a great job on your graduation speech.

Clara Linn: Clara you have made impressive progress of your Maths over the year. Congratulations on achieving such good results.

Next Week:

Monday- Parent Helpers Morning Tea: This event will start at 11:00am and it gives us, the staff an opportunity to thank all the parents who have assisted us throughout the year. This may have been as a reading parent, you may have assisted with transport or you may have been on school council. All these things help Thorpdale Primary School be the wonderful school that it is! So, in saying that I would officially like to thank all the parents who have assisted the staff throughout the year!

Tuesday – House Athletic Sports: The House Sports will start at 10:30 at the Thorpdale Rec Reserve. We will have assistance from some of our past students to run some of the events on the day, but may also require parental assistance with this.

Wednesday – Christmas Concert: Our Christmas Concert will be held at the Thorpdale Public Hall and it will start at 7:00pm. Please bring a gold coin donation for entry. We will need our students to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45pm so that we can get started in a punctual manner. Please don't forget the Santa hat for your child!

Thursday – Christmas Activity Day: We will be running a modified program on Thursday and children will be working on Christmas themed activities.

Friday – Last Day of the Year: We will have an early assembly at 1:00pm and I invite all parents who are available to attend. School will finish for the year at 1:30pm.

Thorpy Community Carols

You are invited:

Friday December 11th 6pm Pioneer Park 2015
Sing your favourite carols, celebrate the joy of Christmas. The Latrobe Community Concert band will play



Enjoy a free sausage sizzle and the company of local people

Kids- come dressed as a Christmas character or choose a dress up from the costume box.

Santa will arrive, bringing fun and cheer for children.



We are grateful for sponsorship from the local churches to fund this community event