THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966
NEWSLETTER
Our School Values are: Respect, Learning, Honesty, Fairness and Community

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PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE
It has been an absolutely beautiful week here at Thorpdale. Cool in the mornings, but worth it with lovely mild afternoons. Our Hollywood disco night went extremely well with all students attending enjoying the evening. Our JSC did a great job running the evening and all the kids did a fantastic job dressing up as some Hollywood or movie character. Thanks go out to Miss Brereton who assisted the JSC in getting everything organised for the event and to Mrs Wilson for helping to supervise the evening.

We had our first visit from the kids from Thorpdale Kinder. The Kindergarten visitors came to school on Monday and they enjoyed having a look around the school. In the upcoming months we will be seeing a fair bit of the kinder kids as we start our transition program. They will be coming to school and we will be having students visiting the kinder as well.

Congratulations go out to Tash and Michael Mara on their birth of their daughter Evie. She arrived on Tuesday morning at 9:37 and they are both doing well.

Y&D Sports: Our Year 5/6 students head off to Yinnar next Friday for the Y&D Winter Round Robin and will be competing against 6 other schools in netball and football. The footballers join forces with Boolarra and last year they won the event. Good luck, boys and girls.

Munchies: Tania and her wonderful helpers will still be doing our munchies Fridays, but from now on every alternate Friday we will be giving our students the opportunity to buy fresh rolls and sandwiches from the Bakery. Every student should receive a notice and form for this today and just like our normal munchies the order form will go out on Fridays and must be returned no later than Wednesday of the following week. Thank you to John and Sonja for assisting us in providing this service to our students here at Thorpdale.

Auskick: Still going very well with pretty much all the kids who signed up in attendance. They are really enjoying their sessions and it is great to see their skills develop each week.

Thank You: A big thank you to Helen Porch who comes in and helps to keep the Library up and running, but not only does she help us with the library she also raked up huge amounts of leaves and put them in our garden beds as mulch. A thank you goes out to the students who helped her as well.

Facebook: I have been to some recent principal’s forums of late and something that has come up on the agenda quite frequently is FACEBOOK. There are quite a few schools that have a face book page and there have been discussions about the pros and cons of these sites for schools. Discussions also took place on the topic of schools and their employees being vilified and victimised by parents and students alike. The words Libel and Slander were brought up and there are now schools and staff who are in the process of suing individuals for defamation of character etc. I know and understand that there are times when we all like to vent, but social media being what it is, this is not the place to do it. We have great families here at Thorpdale and I believe that it is a great place to educate your children, so please be mindful of what you post on social media.

Next week:
Wednesday 8th Auskick will be on after school
Friday 10th Y&D Winter Round Robin Yrs 5/6
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday Monday 13th of June.

Rylea Earle
**Early/Late Arrivals**
We still have a few students arriving early in the mornings before 8:45am. Remember that a staff member is only on duty between 8:45 and 9:00am so please ensure you child/ren arrive during this time. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Weekly Class Awards**

**P/1**
- **Chace Mara**: Well Done Chace. You are listening better in class and becoming more organised. PLUS you have become a "big brother" again. Well done!
- **2/3**
  - **Melinda McCarthy**: For trying hard to work well in a group and get along with others.
  - **Lucas Murphy**: For writing a fantastic narrative. Well done!
- **4/5/6**
  - **Beau Melbourne**: Beau you have put a consistent effort into all your work this week. It has been fantastic to see you finishing your work with confidence.
  - **Joe Varsaci**: Joe you did an excellent job on your learning intention and success criteria. You did a wonderful job investigating and completing your tasks.

**Principal’s Awards:**

**Bianca Fahey**: you have received this award because of consistent high standard you set yourself to achieve on all your learning tasks. Well done, Bianca!

**Shalimar Halliwell**: you have received this award because of the way you helped out students in the junior grade. They really appreciated what you did for them. Well done, Shalimar!

**Lincoln Murphy**: you have received this award because of the super attitude you bring to every learning task that you are presented with. You just get in there and have a go! Well done, Lincoln!

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**Preparation:** about 20 minutes  
**Cooking:** about 45 minutes  
**Serves:** 4  
This soup thickens on standing, add extra stock if necessary. You’ll need about 1 kg pumpkin to yield 750g peeled chopped pumpkin.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 750gm butternut pumpkin
- 2 finely chopped cloves garlic
- 3 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 2 chopped brown onions

**METHOD**
Peel and chop pumpkin.  
Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, cook, stirring often for 5 minutes. Add pumpkin, and cook, stirring often for 5 minutes. Add stock, cover and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally for 25-30 minutes until pumpkin is very tender. Puree until smooth. Return to heat, season with salt and pepper to taste and heat soup until hot. Ladle into bowls or mugs and serve with toast.

Prepared by West Gippsland Healthcare Group – Health Promotion Team 56243500

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**Chicken Pox**
There has been another mild case of Chicken Pox reported at the school. Please be vigilant with your child and notify the school if you have a confirmed case of Chicken Pox.

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Suitable for ages 5-7 years.
- 2nd Gear teaches basic skills.
- Basic skills include: preparing to bike, balance, going up and down hill, turning,刑事责任 and going around obstacles.

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Suitable for ages 7-10 years.
- 3rd Gear teaches more advanced skills.
- This includes: preparing to bike, balance, turning,刑事责任 and going around obstacles.

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