



# THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

## NEWSLETTER

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

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### CALENDAR

**TERM 2 {April 12 ~ June 24}**

**May**

- Tue 24th** - After school sport P/1
- Wed 25th** - Cross Country division
- Thur 26th** - After school sport 3/4/5/6
- Fri 27th** - JSC Hollywood Disco

**June**

- Wed 8th** - School Council
- Fri 10th** - Winter Sports Yinnar
- Mon 13th** - Queen's Bday (no school)

#### Notes sent home this week:

- Nurse Forms - Due Fri 20th May
- JSC Disco - Due Wed 25th May

#### Munchies



No munchies on Friday 27th May

#### Thorpdale Hall Recognition Evening



You're invited: Friday 27th May at 7pm.

Please join us for a light supper to help us say thank you to Raelene Millsom (an outstanding 27 years on the committee) and others who serviced our community on the committee for many years (Chris Gunn, Gail & Terry Cupples, Dale Ingleton, Lesley Walker & Jude Robinson).

Without these volunteers the hall would not have its doors open today to provide for local functions. So please spread the word and help celebrate with us.

Please **RSVP by 20th May** for catering purposes.

RSVP to Mandy Durkin



Vincent Gange  
Shallimar Halliwell

#### PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

We have had a very quiet week here at Thorpdale with only one extracurricular activity happening during our normal classroom routine. On Monday morning we had a visit from a RACV Street Scene representative who talked to our students about road safety and how speed contributes to accidents. It amazed our students was how long it can take a truck or car to stop as it speed increases. They also had some very interesting discussions about quad and motorbike safety on the farm with lots of our students talking about their experiences on these motor vehicles. One of the main topics discussed was the safety aspect of riding these vehicles and what our kids should or shouldn't be doing on these bikes. So, if your child has come home talking about road/bike safety and things like how long it takes a truck to stop when it is going fast, this session is where it came from. There is a couple of writing pieces from students in the 2/3 classroom further down in this newsletter.

#### Staff changes & restructuring:

It has been a super smooth transition for our Prep/One class with the students barely noticing the changeover. Mrs Powell and Mrs Fahey have stepped into Miss Reggardo's shoes so smoothly that I don't think the kids have noticed any change at all. With the departure of Miss Reggardo for the rest of the year our staffing structure has changed slightly and now looks like this:

P/1 - Mrs Donna Powell (Mon, Tues, Wed)

P/1 - Mrs Anna Fahey (Thurs, Fri)

P/1- Teacher's Aide Mrs Toni McCabe

2/3- Mrs Sarah Wilson

4/5/6 - Miss Emily Brereton

Art - Mrs Melinda Peavey

Science - Mr Tom Heeren

P.E - Mr Grant Nicholas P/1 & 2/3

P.E - Mrs Donna Powell 4/5/6

Music - Mrs Sarah Wilson

LOTE P/1/2/3 - Miss Emily Brereton

I.C.T P/1/2/3 - Mrs Donna Powell

I.C.T 4/5/6 - Mr Grant Nicholas

Intervention - Mrs Anna Fahey (Tues & Wed)

Toe by Toe intervention – Mrs Toni McCabe

It is still the same friendly faces; just some of the roles have changed slightly.

#### After School Activities:

We still have our after school sports program running on Tuesdays and Thursdays and this runs for a couple more weeks and will then happen again in third term. Auskick is going very well with approximately 20 children attending. Mandy Durkin has done a great job organising this and the kids are really enjoying the sessions. They can't wait to head off to Melbourne to play on the MCG in early August. (I think some of the parents are keener than the kids!)

### Lost Property:

We are still having some issues with students losing jumpers, hats etc. It is vital that you put your child's name on the clothing. Aside from the tag, a good place to put a name on a jumper is on the inside of the waist band. If your child brings the wrong jumper home, please ensure that it is returned to the rightful owner as it really becomes a nightmare when kids are swapping jumpers around.

### Next week:

It looks like next week will also be quiet with only a couple of things happening. On Wednesday we have Clara Linn and Bianca Fahey heading off to Gaskin Park in Churchill. They will be representing the school at the Yinnar & District in the Latrobe Valley Cross Country Championships. On Friday evening our Junior School Council have organised a Hollywood Disco at the school. Mr Nic and Mrs Wilson will be supervising the students.

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> **After School Sports Badminton (P/1/2)-Last one for this term**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> **Auskick**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> **After School Sports Badminton (3/4/5/6)-Last one for this term**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of May **JSC Hollywood Disco**

### WHY IS BREAKFAST SO IMPORTANT?



A good, nutritious breakfast helps you get fuelled up and ready for the day. At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and may be more likely to snack on unhealthy foods such as chips or biscuits if they do not get a good breakfast.

Try some easy breakfast ideas:

- \* Wholemeal toast, cereals and eggs all provide the power (energy) kid's bodies need to get through the morning.
- \* Milk and other dairy products are especially good for growing bodies and healthy bones.
- \* Use a blender to mix fruit and milk into a smoothie full of goodness.
- \* Cut up fresh fruit and give it to the kids with yoghurt and a piece of toast.

### Library bags

Students will need to ensure that they bring in their library bags every Wednesday. They will need these in order to borrow books from the library.



### Weekly Class Awards

P/1

**Lucas Boothey:** For listening so well in literacy and maths and for always trying his best.

**Ruby Westbury:** For working extremely well in all subjects, listening to the teacher and being a great friend.

2/3

**Charlotte Durkin:** For being a good listener and improving in all areas of her learning. Well done!

**Phoenix Evans:** For making strong decisions about his learning, by sitting away from others who can distract him. Great job!

4/5/6

**Chantelle Giessler:** Chantelle you did a fantastic job with all your On Demand testing this week. Fantastic!

**Reid Melbourne:** Reid you did a fantastic job with your reading this week. Your answers to your comprehension question were clear and well answered. Fantastic!

### Principal's Awards:

**Keely McCabe:** you have received this award because of the productive way you went about ensuring that everyone in your classroom followed the class rules; even your principal! Well done, Keely!

**Billy Jennings:** you have received this award because of your super efforts to help keep our school grounds clean and free from litter. Well done, Billy!

**Luca Murphy:** you have received this award because of your super efforts to help keep our school grounds clean and free from litter. Well done, Lucas!

**Chace Mara:** you have received this award because of the wonderful way that you got involved with our story about Billy the Punk. Well done, Chace!

### Grade 2/3 Writing Pieces:

**Jye Lister:** I liked when we had to sort out the cards. I learnt how long it takes for cars, buses and trains to stop!

**Lena Blackshaw:** I learnt that if a train is going 100km an hour it takes 1 km to stop. I liked learning about how long it takes to stop and playing games. My favourite game as when we got a card and we had to put it under buses and cars, or walking and riding a bike. I liked it.

### 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.