



# 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}**

#### **October**

**Tues 13th** - Sports in school P-3  
(Tennis)

**Thur 15th** - Sports in school 4-6  
(Tennis)

- Walk to school

**Tues 20th** - School Council

**Wed 21st** - 5/6 Ballarat Camp

#### **November**

**Tues 3rd** -Melbourne Cup Day  
(no school)

### **PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE**

Firstly, let me welcome everyone back to our fourth term. I hope everyone had a good break and the kids enjoyed their holiday. We had a little bit of work done at the school over the Spring break and we now have a lot more room in the library. We removed the old teaching platforms in front of the blackboards and it is amazing how much extra space it has given us. We also installed a new handrail alongside the door of the library as the step there was not up to modern safety standards. The lawns were mowed and the grounds tidied and everything looks great for the start of the new term.

The new term certainly started off as a hot one. Well done to most of our students who remembered to bring in their wide brimmed hats for the first day. Our kids were pretty subdued during their play times as early heat definitely got to them. Hopefully the term won't be too hot, but at least we are very fortunate in having so much shaded areas to relax in.

As we are a Sun Smart School, we must abide by the Sun Smart Policy and it states that students must wear a wide brimmed hat. At present we have a few students wearing bucket hats, unfortunately these hats don't give the protection that wide brimmed hats give. Hats with the school logo can be bought at Trafalgar Boys and Menswear.

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our survey at the end of last term. Your feedback was very incisive and extremely helpful. As part of this process we have put up an information board which highlights main events for the term. This can be found on the main window at the Prep/One doorway. As a trial the Prep/One class will have any newsletters, etc. placed inside their blue reader pocket. Hopefully this will stop some of these forms/newsletters being misplaced.



Riley Pickering  
Ian Linn  
Maddison Jennings  
Chloe Durkin

### **Notes sent home this week:**

(This is a new section to our newsletter and we're hoping it will help to keep parents informed of what notes their child should have brought home this week.)

Sports in school (tennis)	Due Thur 8th Oct
Grade 5/6 Camp	Due Fri 9th Oct
Munchies	Due Wed 14th Oct
Trivia Night	Due



Munchies helper for  
Friday 16th October:  
Sarah Giessler



### **Trivia Night ~ change of date**

Due to the original date being Melbourne Cup weekend, the Trivia night has now been changed to

**Saturday 7th November 2015.**

Tables can be booked via the school. Come along and enjoy a fun night. Notes went home today with more details.



### **5/6 Camp Ballarat**

Forms & money are now due for the Year 5/6 Ballarat camp which will be on Wednesday 21st October to Friday 23rd October. Please see the office if you have any queries with returning this.

### **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 that you worked hard in all aspects of school this week. Your procedure on how to draw a Minion was well thought out. Excellent work!

**Isabella Nardone:** Isabella it is great to see that you are writing lots of interesting stories and sentences at home. Fantastic!

#### **Year 2/3**

**Lucas Gange:** You have received this award for the great effort you have put into your personal letter writing task. It has been great to see you think carefully about what you want to say. Way to go Lucas!

**Bronson Pors:** You have received this award for the effort you have put into your Chant Poem. It was great to see you come up with some different ideas. Fantastic effort Bomber!

#### **Year 4/5/6**

**Riley Hillbrick:** Riley you have done a sensational job this week in our work on "Time". Keep up the good work.

**Casey Marsh:** Congratulations on improving your mental computation skills so dramatically. It's clear you've put in a lot of work to get these results. Well done.



#### **Thorpdale Junior Cricket:**

The Thorpdale Junior Cricket club are looking for boys or girls for the up-coming season.

They are looking for all ages but in particular U12s (girls up to the age of 16 can play in this age group)

If you are interested please contact Julie Pinkerton  
0429 706514

#### **Principal's Awards:**

**Joe Varsaci:** You have received this award because of the mature and thoughtful way you dealt with a situation that concerned you. Well done, Joe!

**Charlie Durkin:** You have received this award because of the wonderful way you have been reading with Mrs Kenneth. The strategies that you are using are great and you have persisted. Well done, Charlie!

**Phoenix Evans:** You have received this award because of the thoughtful way that you assisted one of your class mates who was strolling with a task. You should be proud of yourself. We are proud of you. Well done, Phoenix!

### **HAPPENINGS FOR THE WEEK.**

**Bus Safety Information Session:** On Wednesday we had a visit from a Department of Transport representative who spoke to our students about bus safety. The information was extremely valuable and our staff even learnt a few things about bus safety. The kids also received bouncy balls and fruit as an added bonus.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Thank you to all of our parents who attended our Parent/Teacher interviews. These interviews help give you a clear picture of where your child is at in regards to not only their academic performance, but also their social interactions and behaviours. If you were unavailable for these sessions or missed them for some reason please drop in and try to organise a time to talk to your classroom teacher about your child or children. Thanks.

**Paper Planes:** The students watched the movie Paper Planes on Thursday afternoon in preparation for their Science/Technology program for most of the term. The outcome of this will be that our students will design and make paper planes that they will use to compete against their classmates. The winning students will then be given the opportunity to compete against our fellow cluster schools in a fly off to see who are our champion paper plane makers. Our championships will most probably be held at the Town Hall later this term.

#### **NEXT WEEK.**

**After School Sports Program:** For the start of this term we will be running an After School Tennis program on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next three weeks. Our P/1/2/3 students will start this coming Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and our 4/5/6 students will have the program available to them on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Walk to School Day:** This will be happening next **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of October.** Instead of arriving at school as per normal, we ask that our students get dropped off at the Thorpdale Recreational Reserve between 8:30am and 8:45am and we will then walk to school together. When we arrive at school we will have a drink and a fruit snack then go to our classes as usual. We would love to see as many parents as possible join us in our walk. Thank you.

#### **Not quite next week.**

**Grade 5/6 Ballarat Camp:** This is on from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.