



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

NEWSLETTER

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

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CALENDAR

TERM 3 {July 13 ~ September 18}

September

Tues 8th - After School Sport 3-6
 - LV Aths championships
 - Dinosaur Excursion P-3
 - 4/5/6 Kinder visit

Thur 10th - After School Sport 3-6

Tues 15th - Life Ed Van

Thur 17th - Boolarra Musical

Fri 18th - Last day of term
 (Early finish)

October

Wed 7th - Parent/teacher interviews

PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Week eight has come and gone and I must say that it has been very busy here at Thorpdale Primary School over the past couple of weeks with all the activities that we have been doing to celebrate Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week. It was great to see some sunshine during the early part of the week and it was lovely to be outside during our play times enjoying the sunshine with our kids.

Home Reading and Homework: At the recent conference that all our teachings staff attended on Monday, it was again highlighted how important it is to have your child read every night and the impact that you make as their role model. Children love to be read to, especially during the early to middle years of primary school, and your modelling of reading not only impacts your child on how to read, but it shows also that you value reading. Homework for our older students is all about developing good organisational skills so that when they go off to High School, they will be used to the routines of using a diary and completing homework on a weekly, or in some cases, a nightly basis.

Father's Day Stall: We ran our Father's Day Stall on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and I must thank all the mums who volunteered to run the stall while the kids bought up big! On behalf of the staff at Thorpdale Primary School, I would like to wish all the Dads in the area a very Happy Father's Day.

Family Maths Night: Our Family Maths Night went off extremely well and all the families that attended enjoyed themselves immensely. Our hope is that your children will want to play some of these games and activities at home which will reinforce and strengthen their mathematical knowledge in a fun way. We had an added bonus for this event where there was a challenge set for students from each classroom to solve. The staff did a great job organising the activities and spent a good deal of time trying to find games that suited the various age groups as well as the parents who participated. Well done, team! I apologise for not being able to attend, but unfortunately I was attending a meeting and couldn't be in two places at once.

After School Sports Activities- Sporting School Program: We have had our second session of basketball and there are four more to go. We have students from Years 3 to 6 attending the sessions and they have started off very well. There are six of these sessions and they will run for the rest of the term on Tuesdays and Thursdays straight after school.

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.)

Life Ed	Due Mon 7th Sept
Boolarra Musical	Due Mon 7th Sept
Grade 5/6 camp	Due Fri 4th Sept
Grade 3/4 camp	Due Fri 18th Sept



Nathan Baker
Phoenix Evans

Book Fair: The Book Fair has now finished and most of our students and parents came in and bought some of the excellent books on offer. I am not sure on the exact amount of books purchased by our families, but a lot of books went out the library door. Thank you to the parents who assisted us with money collection and a big thank you to Helen Porch for setting up the book displays. Well done, Mrs Roulston for a great book fair!

A special thank you to our parent helpers: Sarah Giessler, Cathie Halliwell, Suzy Flanagan, Narelle Murphy & Janelle Murphy.

Weekly Class Awards

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

Year Prep/1

Keiron Halliwell: Keiron you have done an excellent job settling into your new school. It is great to see you have made a number of different friends. Fantastic!

Isabella Nardone: Isabella you are receiving this award for the amazing writing you did in Big Write this week. I especially like how you reread your work to make sure that it made sense. Well done!

Year 2/3

Keely McCabe: You have received this award for the way you tackled the Problem Solving task on Maths Night. You really thought "out of the box"! Well done Keely!

Bronson Pors: You have received this award for the way you have improved your attitude this week. It is fantastic to have the "old Bomber" back again. Wonderful effort Bomber!

Year 4/5/6

Daniel Powell: Daniel this week you have proven yourself to be a natural leader. You listened to others' ideas and managed your group well.

Casey Marsh: You have been achieving some great results in your learning lately. Keep up the great work.

A little help for the office

Could all parents/carers ensure that any notes sent into the school have the date on them please? It will help Mrs Blackshaw ensure they are processed correctly.
Thank you so much.



There will be no Munchies
Friday 11th September

NEXT WEEK:

Regional Athletics Championships: We have six students attending the Regionals on Tuesday. The students attending are: Ian Linn, Daniel Powell, Georgia Murphy, Beau Melbourne, Clara Linn and Campbell Pinkerton. This event will be held on Tuesday 8th of September at the Joe Carmody Reserve in Newborough and I wish our students all the best on the day.

Grade P/1/2/3 Dinosaur Excursion: Our junior and middle grades head off to Warragul to the Arts Centre on Tuesday 8th of September to see Erth's Dinosaurs. The kids are really looking forward to this event and I'm sure they will have a great time and get a lot out of it.

LAST WEEK OF TERM:

Life Ed Van: Harold and the Life Ed van will be returning to Thorpdale Primary School on Tuesday 15th of September. Please ensure that all forms have been returned prior to this event. Thanks.

Boolarra Primary School Concert: This will be on Thursday 17th of September and the students will be travelling by bus to see Boolarra's production of Sussical the Musical- A Dr Suess based musical. It should be very entertaining!

Early Finish: We will be having a 1:30PM finish for the last day of the term on Friday 18th of September.

Principal's Awards:

John Bowman: You have received this award because of the excellent way you always use your classroom learning time. You are very conscientious and can be relied upon to get on with your learning tasks. Well done, John!

Keely McCabe: You have received this award because of the wonderful way you assisted some of the younger students when they were trying to solve a dispute. You were very thoughtful, kind and considerate to all their needs. Well done, Keely!

Keiron Halliwell: You have received this award because of the super way you have settled into your new school. You have been working extremely well and it seems like you have been here for ages. Well done, Keiron!



Thorpdale Tennis Club Junior Tennis will start up at the beginning of next term and we are hoping to have everyone back playing plus it would be great to see lots of new faces. Training will be Wednesdays at 4.30 from the 24th August. If any children are interested in playing, please contact Donna on 0438 346322. This year we are offering skills lessons to any children from grade Prep and above who would like to learn or improve their skills at tennis. These lessons will also be on a Wednesday night and taken by two yr 11 students who were

LVTA Section 1 finalists last year. The sessions will cost \$5 for a group session and \$10 for a one-on-one session. For more information or to book in please contact Donna.

There will be a Tennis Fun Day on the 19th September at 10.30am, the first Saturday of the school holidays with a free BBQ afterwards. All welcome.

Thorpdale Tennis club are running the Twilight season again. Last year we had over 40 players of various ages and abilities. Twilight tennis is held on a Monday night at the Thorpdale courts. It is a casual and fun night and a good way to catch up and make new friendships. The season starts Monday October 5th and will run for 10 weeks. Anyone interested please contact Nicole on 0408361955, Rose 0437466985 or Anna 0447644266.