



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

NEWSLETTER

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

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CALENDAR

Term 1 – 28th Jan - 1st April

February

- Mon 8th - Swimming Commences
- Wed 10th - Y &D Swimming Carnival
- Wed 11th - Family BBQ
- Mon 15th - School Council Nominations open
- Tue 16th - School Council Meeting
- Fri 19th - Swimming Carnival
- Tue 23rd - School Council (7.30pm)
- Mon 21st - School Council Nominations close

March

- Tue 16th - School Council AGM 7.00pm
- Thu 25th - Y&D Aths (whole school)

April

- Thurs 1st - Last day Term 1

Principal awards

We will be focusing on the values of learning and respect throughout this first term.

Seth Earle, you have had a great start to the year working to your fullest capacity and assisting teachers and students alike. Well done!

Mickey Hammond, you have started the year extremely focused and you have been working very hard on all your school work tasks, Super start.

Jimmy Pors, it has been great to see the enthusiasm for learning that you have shown. Keep it up!

These people have had a birthday since the end of last term:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Indie Earle
Charlie Martin
Chace Mara,
Bailey Hammond



PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE!

Welcome back to all our students and their families. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We welcomed back our students on Thursday 28th for their first day of the 2021 year where we ran a range of assessments on our students to determine our starting points for their education needs for this year. Our staff on the other hand have been back for some time getting things organised so that everything would be ready for the start of the school.

After completing the training last year, our teachers begun implementing the Sounds Write program during our literacy block. This program aims to teach students reading, spelling and writing using a phonics/sounds approach.

The classrooms have been reorganised by their respective teacher, the grounds are all tidy, and everything looks fantastic for the start of the year. We have started the year with 38 students, which is our lowest number on record with only one new family starting at our school. If you know anyone that might be moving into the surrounding area or are at a school in Trafalgar or Mirboo North and are thinking about a change, it would be great if you could recommended our wonderful family orientated little school.

Our staffing structure for the year is:

Yr. P/1/2- Mrs Anna Fahey (Mon & Tues) Mrs Donna Powell (Wed, Thurs & Fri)

Yr.3/4- Miss Erin Reggardo (Mon & Tues) Mrs Alice Kenneth (Wed, Thurs & Fri)

Yr. 5/6- Mr Nathan White

Business Manager- Mrs Angie Blackshaw

Integration Aide- Mrs Sharmaine McQualter

Our specialist program this year is:

LOTE & Library- Mr Nic/ Mrs Sue Archipow

P.E- Mr Nathan White

Values- Mrs Anna Fahey

Science- Mrs Alice Kenneth

Art & ICT- Miss Erin Reggardo

Tutoring Program: Miss Reggardo and Mrs Powell will be running small groups or 1:1 tuition for our tutoring program. This happens every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and it is designed to assist any of our students who are struggling with their academic endeavours.

School Assembly– this will happen every Friday at 3:00pm. It will also be live streamed on Webex room #577510337

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Swimming: Our swimming program starts on Monday 8th and will run all week (weather permitting) for two weeks. At present, the forecast looks quite favourable and hopefully we will get most, if not all our days in. Our swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday 19th and will start at 11:30am

Swimming times are:
 12:45- 1:30 Yr. 5/6
 1:30- 2:15 Yr. 3/4
 2:15-3:00 Yr. P/1/2

We also have six students representing Thorpdale at the Yinnar & District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 10th at Churchill. Good luck team!

Family BBQ: Our Family BBQ is scheduled for Thursday 11th starting at 5:30pm. We hope to have as many families in attendance as possible. During the evening, our classroom teachers will invite you to their classrooms to give a brief rundown of their classroom program. This will be followed by a short assembly where our new student leaders are presented with their badges. Regards, Mr. Nic.

Early/Late Arrivals

just a reminder that the yard is only supervised from 8.45am so please ensure your child does not arrive at school any earlier than this. On the flip side, if your child does come in late, an adult needs to sign them in at the office and they need to enter the classroom in the least disruptive way possible as the learning day has begun.



HATS

Please remember hats need to be worn at school. They must be wide brimmed school approved hats. Any queries please contact Mr Nic at school.



Zones of Regulation: Just a reminder about our Zones of Regulation. Here are a couple of graphs to give you, our parents, a better idea of what they entail, as you may want to use these at home. Most of our students now have a strong understanding of these and can tell you what zone they are in at any given time. You can then discuss why they are in that zone/feeling that way and talk about ways to change this. We hope this helps!

ZONES OF REGULATION!

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space