



# THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

## NEWSLETTER

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

Newsletter, 1st December 2022

### CALENDAR

#### Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

#### December

- Fri 2nd - Fish & chips munchies
- Tues 6th - Quantum Excursion 3-6
- Thur 8th - Community lunch
- Thur 8th - JSC Glow Disco
- Fri 9th - Athletics (date change)
- Mon 12th - movies Puss in boots
- 12,14,15,16th - swimming
- Tues 13th - Statewide transition
- Wed 14th - Grade 6 graduation
- Mon 19th - Colour fun run
- Tues 20th - last day Term 4 (12.30pm finish)

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Bella



#### Notes gone home

- Contact details - due ASAP
- JSC Glow Disco - due 5th Dec
- Movies - due 5th Dec
- Community lunch - due 5th Dec
- Swimming - due 6th Dec
- Colour Fun Run sponsorship - due 12th Dec

#### After School Care

We are excited to say that we have had a company apply to run our afterschool care. At the moment we are finalising some details before we announce that company to the school community. The company has indicated that they may be able to run before school care if we have enough interest from our parents. If parents are interested in a Before School Care could you please let the school know next week. When the company has been finalised we will let parents know more information about how to sign up and costs for the care.



### PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE!

We are on the final weeks of school for 2022 and as such we have a few events planned. The staff have purposely organised for swimming and a few excursions to happen in the last couple of weeks as we have noticed that the children are very tired and struggling with attention span. So we decided to build in activities that get them up and moving and build connections with each other and the school.

On Monday the 5th of December we have a Police in Schools incursion after lunch. Two police officers from the Morwell branch (including Tim one of our grade one parents) will visit the school in a police car. They will spend an hour speaking with each of the grades with a bit of a focus in the senior room about being safe online.

On Tuesday the 6th of December the Senior Grade will be going to Quantum the STEM school in Melbourne where the students will be completing a unit on 3D design and printing. This will be a great experience for students to further extend their STEM knowledge.

Our Christmas Lunch will be Thursday the 8th of December at 12.20. After two years of Covid I am really looking forward to having the school community share a meal at school. The school will provide roast meats and ham, so we are asking for each family to bring a plate of food to share. Hopefully the weather will be dry so that we can set up lots of long tables on the Basketball court. I am really looking forward to catching up with lots of parents and for our new parents to make more connections with our school community.

The School House Sports will be Friday the 9th of December. We will again hold it at school as we feel this is much easier for the students and parents. The day will begin at 10am and we predict it to finish at around 2pm. All parents are welcome.

On the last full week at school we will be completing our swim program that we started at the beginning of the year. Every afternoon (except on the Tuesday) we will be heading to the Warragul Swimming Pool for swimming lessons. At the end of the week we will have the swimming Carnival at the Warragul Pool. This will be great for the students to get some swimming practise at the start of Summer.

Monday the 12th while we are in Warragul for swimming we will take the whole school to the Cinemas to see 'Puss in Boots'. The students have worked hard all year, our first full year in 3 years so we wanted to congratulate them for their effort.

Statewide Transition Day is on Tuesday the 13th of December. All students will be in their 2023 classes so they can experience what it will be like. We are looking forward to having our new Preppies with us, but will be sad that our grade 6's will be leaving us. Excitingly we will have 41 students at Thorpdale Primary next year which makes us one of the biggest little school in the area.

#### Marc Van

In 2023 Thorpdale will participate in the Marc Van Program. This is where a purpose built truck/van will come to the school filled with Library books. The students will every week have a dedicated teacher for the Library Lesson and will get a chance to borrow books from a wider range than what we have at school. This is an exciting new program that Mrs Kenneth has been working on for the past 6 months as it is a new development for the Latrobe Valley Small Schools. We feel that this will deepen our students love of reading and books to be exposed to a wider variety of texts.