



THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2966

NEWSLETTER

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

Newsletter, 4th November 2022

CALENDAR

Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

November

- Fri 4th** - P-2 Late stay/sleepover
- Wed 16th** - Prep Transition Day 9-1.10
- Fri 25th** - Science excursion 3-6

December

- Tues 1st** - Melbourne Cup (no school)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

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Notes gone home

Science excursion - due 11th November

School Answering Machine:

Can we please ask that you leave a message on our answering machine if we don't answer. As you know the office is not always staffed and teachers are busy with the class, however we check the answering machine at lunch and the end of the day. At times we spend about 10 minutes going through messages where people hang up the phone as even hang ups show as a message. If you want to check that the message has got through feel free to text Alice on 0438 568 511.

Parents entering the school:

When parents drop students off late or pop into drop off items can you please come via the office. We need to know who is on the school site for safety reasons. We also can get messages to teachers quickly without disrupting student learning.

PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE!

Naplan: The 2022 NAPLAN national results were published last week. Of course, NAPLAN results are not everything. They focus on two particular aspects of learning – literacy and numeracy – not the full range of knowledge, skills and attributes that we seek to develop in our students. While not everything, they are one important measure we can use to assess the progress of our school, and the learning of Victorian students relative to their peers across Australia. While our key focus is on each of our individual students, you may also be interested in what the NAPLAN results show about Victorian schools overall and our school in particular. The Department of Education and Training has analysed the results for Victoria, and found that Victorian students have achieved some of our highest results ever, maintaining our place as one of the highest performing jurisdictions, along with NSW and ACT. For example, in 2022, Victorian Year 3 students achieved their best ever Reading results and were again the strongest readers in the country.

At our school, Year 3's performed stronger in Numeracy, spelling and Reading than they have in the last few years and our year 5's have performed stronger in numeracy and reading. We are still waiting to see how we performed against the state and the nation.

I wanted to take this time to congratulate the students and staff to achieve so well in what has been a tumultuous time.



