

APRIL 28TH

THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the Principal...

Welcome Back to all of our students and their families. We hope everyone had a good time over the break and are feeling positive walking back into school. Term 2 is a short one this year but we are looking forward to plenty of fun and building up of skills in the next 8 weeks.

The first 3 weeks we are going to focus heavily on EFFORT in the classroom. We talked about why effort is so important to their future growth and how doing the things we find 'easy' really well can be a huge help. Coming back from a holiday is always a challenge with respects to routines and 'thinking' differently, so we have been really impressed with the students efforts on their return.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

We have students starting to attend our Out of School Care program. There are significant discounts if you have access to subsidies and might be worth reconsidering. Please contact Juliana Arenas on 0411821530 for more information.

ANZAC DAY

Thanks to Marlon Archipow, Isabella Pickering and Samuel Jennings for representing the school at the recent ANZAC Day service in Thorpdale. My family and I came along and loved the community feel of the event and were impressed with the calm composure of our 3 leaders.

Mother's Day Lunch, Walk to School Day and a Buddy Activity in the Park

We are planning plenty of fun activities for these events in the coming week. Stay tuned for more details. We hope that Mum's or other family might be available for lunch on the Friday before Mother's Day, however we also know this isn't possible for a number of you.

Moving Forward

We continue to meet as a staff to look at the programs we are running, whether students need extending, or to go back a step. We are constantly chatting and looking at student work to help them move forward. We are also ensuring the school as a whole is moving forward too. You will have noticed the new basketball shade sail has gone up which is an amazing resource, we have also bumped up our internet coverage, cleared and pruned dozens of trees, expanded our our sport storage spaces, filled skips with old materials and are working on the centenary garden, the front of the school gardens, concreting and some general painting.

Our aim is to make Thorpdale look as good on the outside as the education we are providing on the inside. It can't all be done at once but we will keep moving forward.

Thorpdale Primary School Website is UPDATED AND LIVE

Yes! We have updated and moved to a new website. This will have some areas that aren't perfect and we will again work through these with the company. But we are happy to have some updated photos, explanations of our current programs and a bit of a refresh. Talking with School Council, we all want the website to be a positive image of Thorpdale Primary school for any prospective parents. So we will continue to adjust areas that we need to make it as professional and community-centric as we can. You can visit it at <http://thorpdaleps.vic.edu.au/>

Calendar

Term 2

3/5: Cross Country Event @ Gaskin Park in Churchill

12/5: Mothers Day Lunch Event (more details soon)

16/5: School Council - 7pm @ Thorpdale PS

19/5: Walk to School Day (more details soon).

25/5: Buddy Activity - Walk to the Park

29/5 - 16/6: 3rd Year Teaching student to be with the P-2 classroom

5/6: Report Writing Day - No Students

12/6: King's Birthday - No Students

