

MARCH 17TH

THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the Principal...

Well the Potato festival is done for another 2 years. What an amazing turn out for the town and a great success for the organisers. A huge thankyou to everyone who helped out. A big thanks to Rachel, Sue, Tim, Daniel, Emma, Scott, Donna, Emily and Liz for jumping into the production line. To Tash for helping with set up and trouble-shooting me through everything. And a HUGE thanks to Sandra, Kristy and Narelle for spending so much time in the area that i'm not sure if they had a break? And to Maddie for my coffee :) Sunday in that Marquee is what a great community school looks like, so thanks to everyone who was available for chipping in.

Back at school and we are into NAPLAN. The kids have had a solid start with turning up and having a go. NAPLAN is a test for Literacy and Numeracy, but for me it is also a test of character - students needing to push through when things are challenging, refocusing when the brain gets tired and having the 'will' to produce their best. We are proud of their efforts so far and we hope the next few sessions go equally well. A big thanks to Miss Reggardo for not only doing all the re-tape and behind the scenes work to make it run smoothly, but for bringing in pancakes and morning snacks to have the students energised and feeling positive.

We are gearing up for the House athletics Day on Friday the 24th. A notice of the times and event details will come home on Monday, but you can expect it to be similar to the event held last November. Start time will be approx. 10.30am. We hope to see a bunch of families cheering on their children :)

Before I get into some upcoming events, i also wanted to say a big thank you to the Thorpdale Pub for a generous donation to the school from one of their easter raffle.

2023 Easter Raffle Donations

Our school will be holding an Easter Raffle this term. We would greatly appreciate it if families could donate a Chocolate egg, Easter lollies or Easter toys to help make up the prizes for the raffle. The last day for donations will be Friday 31st of March; please leave donations at the designated tub in the office. [The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th of April at assembly.](#)

Tickets will only be handed out to the eldest child in the family with extra raffle books available at the office. Raffle tickets, with relevant details, will be sent home next week. Tickets are due back to the office with money by 9am on Tuesday 4th of April. When purchasing tickets, please ensure you have your name and phone number on each ticket.

Junior School Council Movie Night

Next Thursday - 23rd of March - JSC will be running its first event for the year, a movie night. The night will happen straight after school from 3:30-5:30 where students can bring casual clothes to change into after school. The cost is \$7 and includes the movie, popcorn and drink. Forms are due back Wednesday 22nd of March at 9am. **Sorry, late forms cannot be accepted after this time**

Attendance Matters

If your child will not be at school by 9am, could you please ensure you put an attendance note in Compass prior to 9am? As of yesterday, a text will be sent out each morning if your child is absent from school without an explanation. If you have any queries on the process of attendance notes or anything else, please contact either Angie or myself. Thanks everyone for their efforts so far.

Student Free Day - 24th April

We are having a Professional Practice Day for staff on the first day back of Term 2. This will be a chance for staff to dive deeper into some of the new literacy and numeracy programs we have running and prepare for the term ahead.

Parent Teacher Interviews 30th March

The details and available timeslots have been sent home last week on blue sheets. If you haven't received one of these yet, then please drop in at the office or request another form to get sent home. These interviews go for 10 minutes and provide an opportunity to hear about, or ask questions about, the growth of your child. Hope to see everyone there.

Calendar

Term 1

Wed 15/3 - 22/3: NAPLAN week/s

Wed 22/3: Forms due for Movie Night

Wed 22/3: District Tennis

Thu 23/3: JSC Movie Night (3.30-5.30pm)

Fri 24/3: Thorpdale Athletics Day

Wed 29/3: Y&D Athletics Day

Thu 30/3: Parent/teacher interviews (1.30-5.30pm)

Fri 31/3: Last Day for Easter Raffle Donations

4/4: Last day for raffle tickets to be handed back

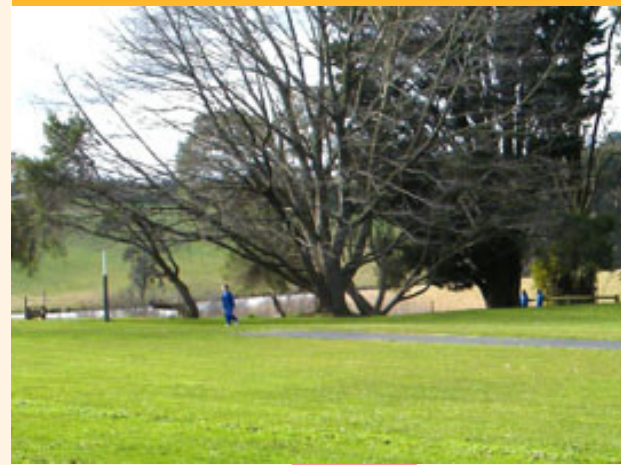
Thu 6/4: Easter Fun Day and last day of term (earlier finish)

Term 2

24/4: Professional Practice Day for staff (Student Free Day)

25/4: ANZAC Day (Student Free Day)

29/4: AUSKICK @ Thorpdale FNC begins





Congratulations

**Well done to Marlon, Evie
and Kobe for their wins in
the Photography
Competition at the potato
Festival**



2024 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 1st May 2023
6pm - 7:30pm

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JOIN THE FUN!

Thorpdale Auskick

Thorpdale Recreation Reserve

Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am

Starts April 29th

10 Weeks

Contact: Barry Hammond 0412879900



Scan the QR Code to register!