

4TH AUGUST

THORPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the Principal...

Hello All,

We have had a few illnesses over the past two weeks at Thorpdale Primary School. It is the season. My grade 5 daughter had all of last week off, which is really rare for her. So we understand if your child needs a couple of days to manage their illness. Thankyou to everyone for notifying us through COMPASS about any sick days.

With Angie away it has been great to see almost no unexplained absences, so less work for me and means we can focus more of our energy on the classrooms.

I have just finished placing an advertisement for a new Graduate Teacher through the Dep. of Education's *Recruitment Online!* We are committed to having 3 classrooms next year and if the Graduate Position doesn't get filled we have further plans to make it a reality. I will be promoting this new position on the schools facebook, and my own personal page. As always, any positive talk about the school in the community is a big help, but feel free to promote the Graduate position to your own people (especially new teachers).

Parent/Care Opinion Survey

Speaking of positive talk about the school, the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey is out again :) If you can find 15-20 minutes to jump on to the site (that was emailed out on the 10th August and sent home today) that would be appreciated. You of course don't have to be positive, we would just value your feedback.

Father's Day Breakfast

On the Friday before Father's Day (1/9) we are holding a breakfast in and around the Multi. The breakfast will be a pretty short event (from 8.10-8.50am) with a BBQ cooking up some potato sausages.

Whilst it is a celebration for the Dad's, Mum's and other carer's, etc are welcome to come along.

MUNCHIES BACK NEXT FRIDAY!

We will be sending home Munchies forms for next Friday. We will offering up Hot Chips, a Potato Cake and a Juice Box for \$5. We are keeping it simple by having only 1 option this week :) Orders due on Wednesday.

A final good luck to Laylah-Jade, Daniella, Isabella and Aliya for the girls basketball on Wednesday, and a good luck to both Marlon and Bailey who are competing in the next round of the Junior Public Speaking competition.

Calendar

Term 3

14/8: Science Week starts

16/8: Girls Basketball in Churchill

16/8: Next Round of Public Speaking with Lions Club (select students only)

21/8: Book Week starts

22/8: Possum Magic excursion to Warragul Arts Centre

24/8: JSC Movie Night

28/8: Dental Van Week starts

1/9: Fathers Day Breaky

7/9: Parent/Teacher interviews
1.30-5.30pm

13/9-15/9: Melbourne Camp

On the following page are images from our recent Buddy Activity





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The Thriving Kids and Parents Schools Project - An exciting offer for schools

The Commonwealth funded Thriving Kids and Parents Schools Project aims to strengthen partnerships between schools and families by offering three interconnected Triple P – Positive Parenting seminars for parents - **FREE of charge**. A complementary brief webinar, and a summary of the strategies will also be made available for teachers of participating schools. Providing parents and teachers with a shared set of strategies and a common language aims to strengthen the home-school partnership through a collaborative effort to foster the learning, wellbeing, and resilience of Australian children.

All seminars will be delivered online via video conferencing software by experienced practitioners (at no cost to the school). To further minimise school workload, seminars will be centrally organised by the project team.

Seminars topics

- The **Power of Positive Parenting** seminar helps parents and teachers to understand why kids behave the way they do, while also introducing practical strategies to support children's social and emotional development.
- The **Helping Your Child to Manage Anxiety** seminar is designed to equip parents and teachers with the skills and strategies they need to support children manage their emotions and overcome challenges.
- The **Keeping your Child Safe from Bullying** seminar helps parents and teachers maintain good communication with the children in their care, develop positive relationships, and address conflict and bullying.

What's involved?

- You can register through the following link:

https://uqpsych.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d6h6JwHqZfNcpwi

- Visit the project website to find out more.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/pfsc-sa/triple-p/>

- **Professor Matt Sander's invitation to parents:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aC9rpf-ZHg>