



'A great place to grow up'

NEWSLETTER

Well the term is well and truly rushing past us! Teachers have been busy writing reports for your children and now the executive team are busy reading those reports!

A big thank you to the entire community for a fantastic fete last Friday. Many, many families attended and joined in with the fun! It is great when we have staff, parents and students come together and celebrate our wonderful school. A very special thanks to the P&C for their organisation. As you would be aware, the work that goes in behind the scenes is tremendous. It definitely takes many hands for a fete to be successful but a special thanks must be given to Narelle Hayward, Carrie Timmer and Michelle Bruce for the additional work that they put in over many, many hours with the support of the other P&C members, the wider community and friends and family. A lot of fun was had by all!

As we approach the end of a school year some of our students become anxious about the changes that will occur in the following year. For Year 6 and preschool students this means a whole new experience at high school and primary school respectively. Other students become anxious about a change of teacher and class. Children will experience changes in the physical environment, learning expectations, rules and routines, social status and identity, and relationships. Whilst it can be a time of great excitement, it is not uncommon for children to experience some distress and adjustment difficulties during this period.

As a school we work hard to make transitions as smooth as possible for our students. Some of the ways we do this include:

- Our "Acting Up" day in week 9
- providing opportunities for children to begin developing relationships with school staff prior to next year
- organising opportunities for children and families to visit the new school setting
- interviews with families where applicable
- distributing information to parents and carers about the transition to school and other school information

Ways in which you can assist your child with transition to a new school setting and/or a new class setting include:

- setting up visits to the school
- engaging in active listening techniques that allow children to express their thoughts, feelings and concerns about school
- ensuring that, from the first day of school, children arrive at school on time and have all the necessary equipment and supplies that they will need such as a packed lunch and snacks, water bottle, sun-hat, gym clothes, stationery and so forth
- practising problem-solving strategies with their children to help them cope with the unexpected
- supporting children's social emotional development for example, by assisting children to learn self-awareness, social awareness, self management, decision-making and relationship skills

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Kerri or myself so that we are aware of any additional needs for your child.

Tracey Stewart

Deputy Principal



Dates to Remember

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| 21 Nov | Year 1 Excursion |
| 21 Nov | Preschool Open Day |
| 26 Nov | Kindy Excursion |
| 27 Nov | Preschool Information Night(6-7pm) |
| 30 Nov | Market Day |
| 12 Dec | Bilbies Christmas Sing-a-Long |
| 13 Dec | Whole School Christmas Concert |
| 18 Dec | Year 6 Graduation |
| 19 Dec | Possums & Koalas Christmas Sing-a-Long |

Preschool 2018-Kindy 2019 Transition

November 22

Aqua Safe Year 2

November 19 to 30 Weeks 6 & 7

Preschool 2019 Parent Interviews

December 3, 4, 6, 7

Kindy 2019 Interviews

December 10 to 14

Notes sent home with this issue

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| 21 Nov | Year Book order form |
| 21 Nov | Kindergarten Excursion Reminder |

Notes Due Back

30 Nov Year 6 Graduation & Dinner

School Payments

At Theodore we provide a variety of ways for families to pay for school payments. Please see below the accepted method of payments.

- Quick Web quickweb.westpac.com.au
- Direct Debit BSB: 032777 Account : 001834
- Credit Card and EFTPOS
- Cash
- Cheque School News

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PLAYGROUP NEWS

Dear Families

The last Playgroup for 2018 will be held on Friday 7 December.

If you would like to bring a plate of goodies to share in a celebration of the end of year, you would be most welcome.

Thank you so much

Tracey Stewart



Lost Property

Our lost property bucket has gotten quite full! If you believe your child has any missing clothing items, hats, etc, please urge them to come up and have a look. Or, if you would like to have a look for any missing items please feel free to do so!





Science News

As always we have had a busy term so far in Science. Our Kindergarten students have been investigating push and pull forces through observation and experimentation. They have particularly enjoyed their observations of friends on the senior playground. The 1/2 students have been mixing up a mess as they explore the properties of mixtures. I have heard that some mixtures have also been made at home and I hope that they are cleaning up after themselves.

Our year 3 students have become biologists this term as they work on the classification of living things. We have built up quite a collection on our natural science table. The Year 4 students have been exploring the relationship between insects and plants and had a great time making their own flower to show the process of pollination.

In Term 4 the year 5's continued their Ecological work through their work with Jason's Resilient Planet. The year 6's work on Tectonic Fury continued into term 4. The last part of Term 4 gave Mrs Fletcher the opportunity to have some fun with the senior classes as they relived some favourite experiments from over the years and even discovered some new ones.

Farewell

I would like to end my last Science newsletter entry by saying thank you to the students and community of Theodore. For the last 10 years I have had the privilege of sharing your excitement and wonder as you explore the world around you. Thank you for allowing me to share my passion with you and to watch as you grow and develop into young scientists. I would have loved to continue my teaching journey at Theodore however the time had come for a change. I hope that your love for science endures and that as you grow you continue to question and explore your world. Please come and talk to me if you see me out and about. I love hearing about your journeys, even if it does make me feel a little old at times.

I also ask all students to remember the promise made to me in year 3 that involves any future astronomers including me on any space explorations that may require my services.

Please remember to question and that there is no such thing as a silly question. In the words of John Dewey; 'Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination.'



Sarah Fletcher



Year 1 & 2 News

How quickly 2018 is going! Week 6 Term 4 already! Last term 1K and 1S were hosts of our whole school assembly in week 9 and did an amazing job at showcasing their learning. 1K and 1S performed cool moves to the Gummy Bear song and I Like Bread. They had fun and their audience happily joined in! Yackatoon had a great time participating in the colour run, it was so much fun.

The Year 1s and 2s had a wonderful time at the fete, playing on the jumping castle, trying their luck on the chocolate trailer and tombola and throwing a sponge at the teachers as well as all the other amazing stalls. On Monday the Year 2 students commenced the Aqua Safe program. They have enjoyed using their water safety skills. The program will finish on 30 November Week 7. On Wednesday the Year 1 students enjoyed their excursion to the National Arboretum where they looked at man-made and natural landscapes of the Arboretum, and how these features have been designed for special purposes. We looked at the ways the community uses the Arboretum, what activities are undertaken and why it is a significant place. Year 1 students enjoyed playing on the Pod Playground and exploring the tunnels and climbing frames.

Yackatoon is looking forward to the Christmas concert on 13 December Week 9 and can't wait to sing their fun tunes in front of the school community. Happy week 6!

Just a few reminders:

Students need to have a Sun Smart hat at school

All personal items need to be labelled with names please especially towels, swimmers for Year 2's

Kind regards,

Yackatoon Team!

