

Week 2

# THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal

Kerri Clark

Term 1



Acting Deputy

Principal

Helen Cox

14 February 2019

*'A great place to grow up'*

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

I would like to thank all the families that joined us for the information session on the Positive Behaviours of Learning (PBL) program last night. This presentation was part of the work we are doing, focusing on student wellbeing and student safety for this year.

In particular, we discussed what are we doing with the PBL program since we started rolling it out last year, what it means for our school and how can we all be involved. We will update our school website ([www.theops.act.edu.au](http://www.theops.act.edu.au)) to provide you with more information about PBL, in addition to the information we currently have about student wellbeing programs.

I would also like to give you an update on some of the actions we are taking to ensure our school is a safe, inclusive and supportive place for all students. I've mentioned in my recent letters to you the introduction of structured activities for students during recess and lunch and increased supervision of students by staff at these times. We are also providing students structured play activities in the library and the hall.

We are also working proactively with students and your child may tell you about the work we are doing in all classes in teaching students about how important it is to be respectful to one another.

Importantly, I have heard from some parents about the need for us to strengthen our response to student incidents and our communication with families about our response to these incidents. We are being supported by the Education Directorate to improve these processes by making available additional specialist resources for students and families. These include occupational therapists, psychologists, behaviour experts and social workers, as required.

I am also pleased to let you know that we have established a second Deputy Principal position to focus on student wellbeing and engagement with our families. The recruitment process is nearly finalised and will let you know who the successful candidate is as soon as appointment is made.

The safety of all students is our highest priority. We are grateful for the support we are receiving from members of our school community on what we are doing around our students' wellbeing. If you have any questions or want to learn more about this, please feel free to contact me at any time on 61423100 or [kerri.clark@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:kerri.clark@ed.act.edu.au).

If you do have any concerns I strongly encourage you to contact your child's teacher or myself. If you would prefer, you can raise any concerns directly with the Education Directorate through the ACT Public Schools Liaison Unit on 6205 5429 during business hours. You can also contact them via [https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/.../etd liaison feedback](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/.../etd_liaison_feedback)

Kind regards,

Kerri Clark

Principal

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# Additional support at Theodore

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## Network Student Engagement Team (NSET)

NSET is an interdisciplinary team of professionals with a diverse skill set who work collaboratively to build capacity within schools. They endeavour to increase engagement and improve student outcomes. Roles are underpinned by various legislations and policies including the Disability Discrimination ACT, Disability Standards for Education and Safe and Supportive Schools Policy. The team includes Inclusion Officers, Occupation and Speech Therapists and Assistants, Social Workers and Senior Psychologists.

The NSET contact person for Theodore Primary School is Moira Beverley.

School Psychologist: Hannah Delchau – [Hannah.Delchau@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Hannah.Delchau@ed.act.edu.au)

Tuggeranong Senior Psychologist: Sandy Francois - [Sandy.Francois@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Sandy.Francois@ed.act.edu.au)

NSET support partner: Moira Beverley - [Moira.Beverley@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Moira.Beverley@ed.act.edu.au)

Speech-Language Pathologist: Marie Pike – [marie.pike@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:marie.pike@ed.act.edu.au)

Faces frequently seen at Theodore:



**Hannah Delchau**



**Sandy Francois**



**Moira Beverley**



**Rebecca Williams**

## Community partnerships:

Theodore Primary School also partners with several community agencies, including:

Community@work [www.commsatwork.org/about-us/contact-us/](http://www.commsatwork.org/about-us/contact-us/)

The Smith Family email - [tsfm@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:tsfm@thesmithfamily.com.au) –

website <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>

Community Services

<https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/children/childandfamilycentres>



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## Dates to Remember

<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>Meet and Greet</b>  Time: 5.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>22 Feb</b>	School Assembly Executive
<b>25 to 1 March</b>	Getting to Know you Interviews
<b>7 to 8 March</b>	Yr 5/6 Borambola Camp
<b>8 March</b>	Yr 3 Assembly 12.15pm to 12.45pm
<b>11 March</b>	Public Holiday
<b>15 March</b>	Swimming Carnival – CISAC
<b>22 March</b>	Yr 5 Assembly 12.15pm to 12.45pm
<b>5 April</b>	Yr 2 Assembly 12.15pm to 12.45pm
<b>28 to 30 May</b>	Kindergarten Health checks

## Notes & Money to be Returned

<b>Kindy</b>	PIPs Note
<b>Pre to yr 6 Eldest</b>	Community Meet & Greet
<b>Pre to Yr 6 Eldest</b>	2019 Excursion Levy
<b>Pre to Yr 6 Eldest</b>	Term 1 Calendar
<b>K to Yr 6</b>	CISAC Swimming Carnival note

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## School News

### Theodore Primary School Board

School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the school's future directions.

The following positions have become vacant after the 31 March 2019.

- 1 parent representative
- 1 Community Member
- 2 Staff Positions

#### Nominations

**Open :** Monday 4 February 2019 at 11am

**Close:** Monday 18 February 2019 at 11am

If a vote is needed this will be considered for seven (7) days.

**Voting will commence** on Monday 25 February 2019 at 11am

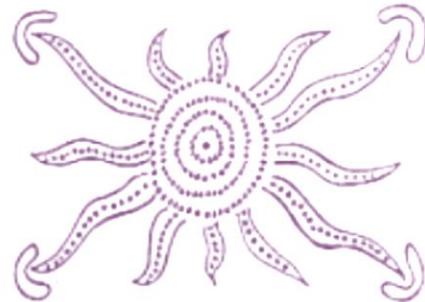
**Voting will close** on Monday 4 March 2019 at 11am

These positions are part of a seven-member group of three parents, two teachers, a nominee of the Department and the Principal.

The current Board meets on a Wednesday evening twice a term. Parents or guardians of Theodore children are eligible to nominate. Nomination form is available at the front office and school website also attached to this email. Once you have completed your form please seal in an enclosed envelope and place in the box provided at the school's front office. Please see Rose Rodriguez Assistant Returning Officer for further information.



# Theodore Primary School Community Meet & Greet



## **Parent information evening**

Please join us in classrooms to find out what your child will be learning about this year. Find out information on how children are learning to be **safe** in the school environment, **respectful** in their interactions with others, and developing curiosity as a **learner**.

**What:** Community BBQ  
Parent information sessions

**When:** Tuesday 19 February

**Time:** 5.30pm-7.00pm

## **Evening schedule**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
5.30 pm	Kindergarten information session	Chipala
	Years 1 & 2 informal meet the teacher	Yackatoon
5.45pm	Year 1 & 2 information session	Yackatoon
	Kindergarten informal meet the teacher	Chipala
6pm to 6.10pm	Whole school 'Welcome' Principal, Kerri Clark Everyone welcome	School Hall
6.15pm	Years 3 & 4 information session	Mereki
	Years 5 informal meet the teacher	Murrumbidgee
	Year 6 informal meet the teacher	Molonglo
	Years 3& 4 informal meet the teacher	Mereki
6.10pm to 7pm	SAUSAGE SIZZLE	

**We look forward to meeting you there!**



Theodore Primary School  
(Official Site)



# Safe parking behaviours

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.





### Christian Education In Schools

Christian Education is available as a curriculum option at your child's school because parents have requested it. This is based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project provides a coordinated service to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive sessions each year (one per term and varied each year), prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the topics outlined in the image.

Parent permission is essential for children to participate in CEIS. Please use the section below to indicate your preference for your children. Requests will remain in effect while your child is at their school, but can be changed by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in the school newsletter. For further information please contact your child's school or visit [www.ceis.org.au](http://www.ceis.org.au).

Kind regards,  
Karen Baron  
CEIS Coordinator

**Christian Education in Schools**

Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions!

**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Exploring what this world-wide festival really means.

**BEYOND YOU**  
Wondering about myself, others, nature and God.

**BIBLE BONANZA**  
Discovering the world's biggest selling book!

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**  
Responding to the traditional Christmas story.

**CEIS**  
seekquestion explore  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

[www.ceis.org.au](http://www.ceis.org.au)

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE**

- YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.
- NO, I do not want my child/ren listed below to participate in CEIS.

CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

