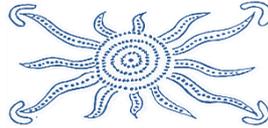


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Term 2 Week 8- 16 June 2015

Sports News

Due to time constraints on the day of our school athletics carnival we did not fit in the 800m event for under 10, 11 and 12 year age groups. We will therefore be running this event at the end of the term on the school oval. All year 3/4 and 5/6 students will participate on Monday 29th June (week 10) after lunch (approximately 2pm). Please remember to wear your running shoes. If your child is sick on this day and would like to be considered please see Brooke Wood.

Parents and friends are more than welcome to come along and watch their children run. If you would like to assist with time keeping or place judging please see Brooke Wood (or leave a message at the front office).

The Tuggeranong Athletics Carnival will then be held on the 27th August and students selected to participate will receive a permission note early next term.

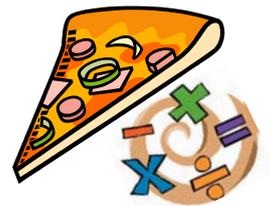
Parents and carers we want you!

If there are any parents, friends or community members with particular sporting interests that would be interested in coming in to do some sports with students during lunchtimes, class times or after school, to allow our students to be more active please see Brooke Wood (or leave a message at the front office). We also have some upcoming gala days for year 3/4 and 5/6 students and if there is anyone interested in coaching these teams we would love your support.

Pizza and Problems

Come and join in a great night of fun and food at Theodore Primary School as we celebrate the importance and joy of Mathematics.

- Who:** The whole family (*students need to be accompanied by an adult*)
Where: Theodore Primary School Hall
When: Thursday 2 July 2015
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00 pm
What: Yummy Pizza to eat after you participate in Maths games and activities



**We would love to attend Theodore Primary School's
Pizza and Problem Evening**

Student Name: _____ Class _____

Number of family members attending: _____

Lawrence Wackett Crescent, THEODORE ACT 2905

Phone: (02) 614 23100 Fax: (02) 614 23121

Email: info@theops.act.edu.au Website: www.theops.act.edu.au

Principal: Matthew Holdway Deputy Principal: Tracey Stewart





SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

Dates to Remember

- 19 June** Entries due for NAIDOC writing Competition
- 23 June** Reports home
- 24 June** Yr 5/6 Cyber Bullying
- 26 June** P&C School Disco
- 30 June** Dance Nation performance
- 29 June to 3 July** Parent Interviews by request
- 2 July** Pizza and Problem Evening
- 3 July** Last day of term 2
- 6 to 17 July** School Holidays
- 20 July** First day back of term 3
- 12 Aug** School photos
- 31 Aug** Kindy Health Check
- 4 Sep** Chief Ministers reading Challenge finishes

ICAS Competition - Term 2



- Spelling** 16 June
- English** 28 July
- Mathematics** 11 August

Notes and Money to be returned

- 23 June** P&C Disco Sausage Sizzle Order & Money



Assemblies and Awards

- 19 June** Yr 5/6 Assembly & Artist of the Month Awards @ 12.20pm to 12.50pm
- 3 July** Kindy Assembly & Student of the Month Awards @ 12.20pm to 12.50pm



Preschool News

As mentioned in the last newsletter our programs are planned using Being, Becoming, Belonging:

The Early Years Learning Framework.

These are the five learning outcomes:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

The following two learning outcomes provide early childhood educators with a framework that recognize the integrated and complex learning and development of all children from birth to five years:



Children are connected with and contribute to their world:

This is evidenced by:

- Children become aware of fairness

They discover and explore some connections amongst people;

Develop the ability to recognize unfairness and bias and the capacity to act with compassion and kindness;

Begin to think critically about fair and unfair behavior and are empowered to make choices and problem solve to meet their needs in particular context.

- Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environments.

Use play to investigate, project and explore new ideas;

Participate with others to solve problems and contribute to group outcomes;

Demonstrate an increasing respect and knowledge for natural and constructed environments;

Explore, infer, predict and hypothesize in order to develop an increased understanding of the interdependence between land, people plants and animal.

Children have a strong sense of wellbeing:

This is evidenced by:

- Children become stronger in their social and emotional wellbeing

They become more confident in their capabilities and express their pride in their efforts and achievements;

Children are learning to make choices, accept challenge, take risks, manage change and cope with frustrations;

They are able to work collaboratively and also enjoy moments of solitude;

Children share humour, happiness and satisfaction.

- Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing

They recognize their bodily needs including thirst, hunger and comfort;

Children engage in more complex gross and fine motor movement and participate in creative movement and drama;

They are able to manipulate equipment with increasing competence and skill;

Children show an increasing awareness of healthy lifestyles and good nutrition;

They show increasing independence and competence in personal hygiene, care and safety for themselves and others.



The Importance of Creative Arts

The children have been very involved in a variety of creative arts. The arts provide a powerful means of communication that enables children to express ideas and make meaning of their world using a range of media (DEEWR, 2009). Children can learn imaginative and creative ways to share their thinking through the use of art materials.

The children have the opportunity to explore and experiment with a variety of media ie card, paper, paint, crayons, textas, glue, clay, play dough, sticky tape, boxes and other craft materials. Children are able to express themselves through the creations they make and represent things they have seen or heard. Children are developing fine motor skills to achieve increasingly complex creativity.

Many creative experiences provide opportunities to develop sensory awareness through touch manipulating clay, playdough, sand, grit, seeds, shaving foam and water.

Children develop the meaning of print and symbols through their creations particularly at the writing table. Children begin to be aware of the relationships between oral, written and visual representations.

As children work alone or together on their creations they plan, problem solve, investigate, take risks, share ideas and communicate their experiences to each other and adults confidently using their home language to construct meaning in their creations.

Our Term so far

As we begin Week 8, it is hard to believe that we are nearly half-way through the year. For Maths this term, the Possums and Koalas have been concentrating on counting up to 16, using a lot of language associated with position (under, over, behind, next to, on top of etc), using our preschool clock to teach the children certain times on an analogue clock and we have been trying to learn how to represent numbers using either blocks, people, fingers etc. For literacy, we are looking at beginning sounds of words, breaking words into syllables and finding the odd word out.

During this term the Possums, Koalas and Bilbies have been taking part in fine motor and gross motor rotations which are run by Therapy ACT. With the fine motor activities we have been focusing on activities that improve the strength in our hands, cutting with the correct grip, folding paper, picking up small items with tweezers, drawing horizontal and vertical lines, drawing squares, drawing people etc. For the gross motor activities, while we are learning to catch, throw and bounce a ball, climb, balance, kick, etc we are also learning the beginning sounds of words, segmenting words, rhyming words etc.

In Week 2, we had our open Mother's Day morning where our lovely Mums and Grandmothers came in and participated in lots of different activities such as making a necklace, writing a story, a painting of Mum, making a fruit stick etc with their child or grandchild. The children were very proud and overjoyed to show their Mums and Grandmothers their Preschool. Week 2 also included a visit by Pirate Pete. The children thoroughly enjoyed Pirate Pete's humour, music and dressing up as a Pirate.

In Weeks 4 & 5, Kenny Koala visited the Possums, Bilbies and the Koalas and talked about keeping safe when walking, in the car and what to do when we get lost. It was a very positive experience for all groups. Kenny is always a big hit with the children.

In Week 6, we visited Healthy Harold in his special van. The children learnt all about eating healthy food, keeping safe in the sun, keeping safe on our bikes, having a bath or shower, hygiene, the importance of drinking water and having a good night sleep. The Possums and Koalas also have managed to fit in some cooking which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We cooked healthy pizzas which were devoured by most children.

In Week 7, the Koalas, and in Week 8, the Possums, walked to the local Ngambri Grinding Stones with Fran Crowe (an Indigenous grandmother at the Primary School) who explained the use and history of the Grinding Stones. It was a very interesting and enlightening excursion.

In Week 10, we have David the Music Man's performance for all preschool groups. In his highly entertaining and educational show he uses a variety of instruments from many cultures to introduce basic musical concepts to the children. David's shows are approximately one hour in duration and the children participate by singing, dancing, clapping and playing some of the simpler instruments.

THANK YOU

Thank you also to those lovely families that bring in 'fruito' for our 'fruito' basket, do our washing, help out at the Preschool during our rotations, donate items or collect items for our Preschool. We really appreciate it. Thank you to our wonderful Preschool Committee. Please feel free to attend any meetings on a Wednesday at 11.50 am twice a term and have a say in what is happening at your child's Preschool.





On Sunday 21 June we are having a Working Bee at the Preschool, ending with a sausage sizzle. PLEASE HELP and be a part of our community, even if it is only for an hour.

Dates to Remember:

- Monday 15 June** Grinding Stone Excursion (Possums and Bilbies)
- Wednesday** Adam Ship from Greening Australia will be educating the children and assisting the children to plant Indigenous plants
- Sunday 21 June** Working Bee
- Friday 26 June** Disco at Primary School
- Tuesday 30 June** Possums/Bilbies - David the Music Man
- Wednesday 29 June** Koalas – David the Music Man
- Thursday 2 July** Pizza and Problems Night
- Tuesday 18 August** Open Science Morning (Possums and Bilbies)
- Thursday 20 August** Kenny Koala (Protective Behaviours)

Friday 21 August Open Science Morning (Koalas)

Reminders:

- a named warm jacket or coat EVERYDAY as we will investigate the outdoor environment unless it is really bad weather.
- to put at least 1 set of spare clothes in your child’s bag including socks and undies to use for messy play or toileting accidents.
- healthy food and water bottles.
- fruit for ‘fruito’
- Please ensure that names are on EVERYTHING and regularly check the lost property box.

Thankyou

Cheers

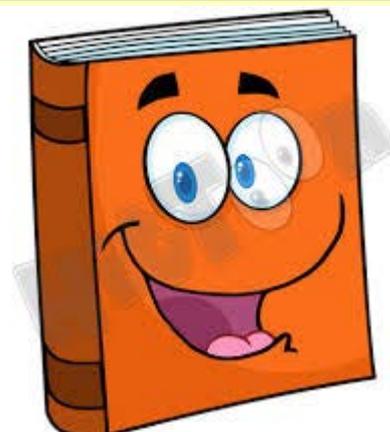
Susie, Karen, Jayne and Janene







Want to grab a bargain of books?

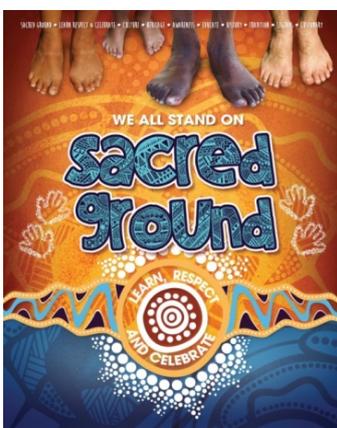


Lifeline Book Fair at Vikings Erindale

- Friday 26 June 2015 9am - 6pm
- Saturday 27 June 2015 9am - 5pm (**Family Day**)
- Sunday 28 June 2015 10am - 4pm

Books, magazines, games, jigsaws, comics, maps, records, CDs and DVDs. Fun activities for the kids on Saturday, with face painting from 10am to 1pm.

Colin Thiele exhibition – author of Storm Boy and many other Australian children’s classics - The Colin Thiele Exhibition is on from June 2 to June 28 at Civic Library in Civic Square. More information is available at canberra.edu/lurees/news-events



Yeewada darawaka (a greeting of my Gungarri language)

This FRIDAY is the last day Teachers will be taking entries for the 2015 NAIDOC Writing competition.

Last year winners along with a great book pack prize, got the opportunity to work with the incredible Wiradjuri Author, Dr Anita Heiss and this year we have an equally exciting prize for our winners.

The 2015 NAIDOC Writing competition is a chance for each student to have their voice heard by writing in any style about this year’s NAIDOC theme: *We all stand on sacred ground.*

Each Teacher is collecting the pieces of writing, these might include poems, narrative, story, fairy tale, fable and even a song. Encourage your child to get creative about a secret, special or sacred place that they love. It might even be as simple as why they love Canberra, the sacred land of the Ngunnawal that we all live on.

Remember, entries are due to your classroom Teacher - **THIS FRIDAY 19th June.**



Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions help provide our school with extra resourcing that support enrichment of your child's education. This funding allows us to purchase additional resources and/ or provide additional learning opportunities for our children.

Money collected through voluntary contributions this year will help to improve the playground outlook. Proposed projects include building a sensory garden, purchasing playground equipment, maintenance, reseeding and box seating. Your support helps us to continue to create an engaging outdoor playspace.

- \$75.00 for one child or
- \$120.00 per family

Please note, you are able to contribute more or less if you choose. These contributions are from Preschool to Year 6 .

Voluntary Contributions payment

Students name: _____

Payment details: Cash/Cheque /Credit Card (circle ONE)

Please debit my credit card account no.

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Visa Mastercard

with the amount of \$_____ payable to

Theodore Primary School

Name on card : _____

Signature: _____

New LOCKS for Theodore

Theodore Primary School have had new door locks installed. The age of the locks has made it necessary to upgrade because spare parts are not available.

Thank you!

*We would like to say a very big thank you to **Sandra Norris** for her very kind donation of the proceeds from her car boot sale.*

It's these sorts of acts of kindness that make Theodore such a wonderful community.

Theodore P&C Association





P&C News



**TERM 2 P&C DISCO
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2015
ADMISSION \$3**

**Preschool to Year 2 6.00pm - 7.15pm
Year 3 to Year 6 7.30pm -9.00pm**

Don't forget to return your sausage sizzle pre order form if you want something hot and yummy for dinner!

More yummy snacks available on the night!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!

About the School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) and communicating with you by email

The School P&C is a great place for families with students to meet others, join in a range of community activities and even get support from other parents at times. We aim to keep it a friendly, community-oriented atmosphere where everyone is welcome.

ALL parents and carers (including grandparents, aunts, uncles etc.) of children at the school are eligible members of the P&C and are encouraged to be involved. No specialised skills are required just enthusiasm and a desire to support all students throughout the school community.

The role of the P&C includes helping people come together, making suggestions to/asking questions of the Principal, getting to know each other, feeling that you can contribute to the school & having fun during this precious time of your child's life. The more members we have actively participating in the P&C association the better we can achieve our objectives.

Please consider coming along to P&C meetings (or as many as you can) through the year and getting involved – it's a great way to meet new people and really contribute to your child's school experience.

As we use email to communicate with parents, it is essential that we have an accurate and up to date email contact list of parents. Opting for a P&C email is great way to engage with activities, issues and useful information for parents in your school even if you can't make it to meetings.

So please complete and sign the below form and return it to the school or to the P&C. Your email address will be kept confidential and only used for authorised P&C/school communication purposes.

Name: _____

Email

address: _____

Contact phone

numbers: _____

YES I'm interested in being part of the P&C committee.

YES I would like my name to be added to the list of helpers for P&C events.

YES I would like, through email, to be kept informed of P&C achievements and events.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return to the School Reception or send to the P&C at email address: TheodorePandC@yahoo.com.au

Many thanks



P&C Meeting -10 June 15

Hello all,

Just another little update on what was discussed at last week's P&C meeting. Some of you may be aware that the President for the preschool subcommittee has left unexpectedly, and this now leaves the President position vacant. The P&C would therefore kindly ask for other preschool parents to be involved in the subcommittee. The subcommittee plays a major role in fundraising for the preschool, which at the moment is in dire need of a new cubbyhouse and outdoor play equipment, and some fundraising events need to be organised for this. Please feel free to contact Susie Tebb or myself if you are interested, and we will pass your details on to the subcommittee.

We are organising our combined TPS and preschool Working Bee on Sunday, the 21st of June from 9:30 till noon so please come along and give us a hand! Morning Tea and Pizza will be provided.

Thank you

Kind regards

Liset, P&C President (mobile: 04 29 678 568)



THEODORE PRESCHOOL and PRIMARY SCHOOL

WORKING BEE

Dear Families,

Please come and join us for a Working Bee for both the Preschool garden (installing totem poles and a dry river bed), and TPS Sensory Garden. It will be loads of fun, meet new people and help the school look even better! Please feel free to bring your child(ren) along.

The P&C will provide morning tea, pizzas and drinks

- When: Sunday 21 June, from 9:30-noon
- Where: Theodore Preschool and Primary School
- Bring: Hat & sunscreen and any tools that may be needed for some gardening
- RSVP: For catering purposes please return the response slip below

Name: _____

Contact number on the day: _____

Number of people attending:

Adults: _____ Children: _____