



Executive News

As week 3 draws to a close, there have been many wonderful things happening at Theodore Primary School. It was fantastic seeing so many students getting into the spirit of 'Fruit Salad Day' this week and enjoying the fruit platters supplied. Thank you, Mrs Menzies and Aimee, for your enthusiastic organisation of this day. We have also enjoyed the Yackatoon assembly and sports clinics. I am incredibly excited for Monday week 4 as we celebrate the very first students at our school to reach their bronze award! Around the school, students have been working hard to achieve their personal best in learning. Being term 4, students have begun undergoing assessment tasks across all areas of learning which help to inform teachers as they write Semester Two reports.

As we look to finishing the year 2020 strongly, we are also busy preparing for 2021. Thank you to everyone who have already returned their enrolment for 2021 note. The information gained from these assists staff as they work to form classes for next year. In order to support students to make a successful move to their new classes, we have a number of transition opportunities planned during term 4. This week our year 6 students had an orientation day at Calwell High School and next week our preschool students will have their first visit to kindergarten. Later in term 4 all students will have the chance to participate in a 'Moving Up' morning where they will spend time in their 2021 unit along with teachers of that year level. If you would like to discuss your child's transition for 2021 please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact our front office.

This Friday 30 October, 'World Teacher's Day' is celebrated across Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the creative, caring and professional team of teachers we have here at Theodore Primary School. I am in awe of their level of dedication to our students. I am sure you will join me in thanking our teachers.



Finally, I would like to wish Mrs Martens a happy holiday as she takes some well deserved Long Service Leave for the next four weeks. Jodie White will be acting Deputy Principal during this time, whilst Anna Connell will step into the School Leader position for the Year 3/4 team.

Nathan Pepper
Deputy Principal



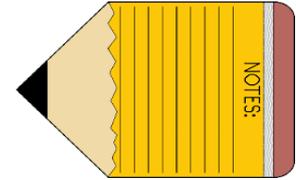
School News

Dates to Remember

- 4 Nov** Preschool 2021 Open Afternoon 2pm – 3pm
- 9 Nov** Book Fair – Please book an appointment with the Front Office
- 11 Nov** Preschool 2021 Information Evening 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 12 Nov** NAIDOC Cultural Day

Notes sent out

- 22 Oct** Year Book Order Form
- 27 Oct** Year 6 Market Day & Sausage Sizzle note
- 29 Oct** Book Pack 2021 – All Students
- 29 Oct** Book Fair Wish List



Notes to be returned

- 15 Nov** Enrolment for 2021 – Note Only
- 30 Oct** Book Club LOOP Orders Issue 7 Closes
- 19 Nov** Year Book

PBL Awards

Congratulations to the following students for being the first students to receive our new PBL Awards. Each student has earned a BRONZE RESPECTFUL award for receiving 50 Respectful PBL tokens.

- Well done!
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| Arijana M | 5/6CE |
| McKaylee K | 1/2SB |
| Dixie-Lee H | 1/2SB |
| Sophie M | 1/2SB |



Book Fair Week 5 10th – 13th November

Due to the current climate of social distancing this year we will require parents to make an appointment to view 2020 Bookfair.

Bookings will be at 15-minute time slots. Please phone the front office on 61423100 to book in a time to attend the book fair.

Bookings open Week 3 October 19th and close on Monday 9th November 2020.

Appointments will be available

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| Wednesday | 11 November | Time 2.00 pm to 3.45pm |
| Thursday | 12 November | Time 8.30 am to 3.45pm |
| Friday | 13 November | Time 8.30 am to 3.15pm |

We will also need to minimise the cash payments so online payments will be preferred and student collection of the items from the fair.



We look forward to a successful **2020 BOOKFAIR all purchases will benefit OUR school**



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Environment Centre News

This term the students are continuing our Waterwise journey towards a Zero Waste environment and sustainable practices at Theodore Primary School.

The David Attenborough film: Life on Our Planet is a focus point for learning and discussions for the senior students. This poignant “witness statement”, is a thoughtful look at how we can all actually make a difference to the outcome for our planet. Making a few changes to our usual routines and rethinking our choices in our everyday lives can be what saves our biodiversity.

Single use Plastic (SUP) is the focus for junior students this term. We will be learning what they are and their impact on our lives and the destructive nature of these on our animals, plants, and the environment. We will be investigating how we can make some easy long-term swaps for more cost effective and sustainable products.

Nude food October

The term starts with Nude food October. Students will be talking about decreasing the single use rubbish coming into the school, collecting data and tracking the school’s progress toward minimal landfill. Toward this goal, we have begun to collect the 10 cent refund containers to raise funds towards the continued development and maintenance of the gardens, animals, and plants and cooking programs.

Due to the COVID 19 issue, we are currently not able to take donations of 10 cent refund items from student homes. Hopefully, this situation will change soon and those students who would like to, can bring containers in to contribute to the Return It program.

Fruit Salad Day – Week 3, Tuesday

Everyone has enjoyed watching the beautiful chickens and ducks grow. They have become an integral part of our school thanks to all the students and staff who have embraced them.

The birds are a great way to remove our food scraps from the landfill bins by feeding them food scraps, however, they do still need certain vitamins and minerals from poultry feed. They also require fresh bedding straw and worming preparation to keep them healthy.

Thank you to everyone who came dressed up as their favourite fruit/ vegetable. The students looked fantastic dressed in a variety of colours and we were able to raise funds for the upkeep of our loved, feathered friends.

National Recycling Week

National Recycling week will be celebrated in week 5, 9 - 16 of November. The students will be actively participating in recycling awareness programs across the school. Remember to continue the recycling theme at home and the importance of removing rubbish from landfill.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Theodore Primary School has joined up with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) program. This gives us a base for learning outcomes, programs and developmental support for growing our produce, healthy cooking programs and build an understanding of our ecological footprint every time we make choices about where our food comes from. We look forward to a continued partnership with SAKG into the future.



Earth Savers

Lastly, The Earth Savers have come back from break ready and willing to continue the great progress we made last term. Food scrap buckets are in all the classrooms and emptied each day, the students are actively promoting and leading sustainability events across the school. This term they will also begin to present ongoing developments at assemblies, including awards for classes who are demonstrating sustainable practices consistently.

Happy Term 4 from the Environment Centre





PE NEWS

What a great Term 3 we had! The Year 5/6 students participated in LaCrosse clinics which they thoroughly enjoyed and learnt how to scoop the ball, run with it and shoot at a target.



The Year 3/4 students participated in a Cricket clinic and learnt some new skills such as overarm bowling, fielding, and batting.



The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students had fun learning footy skills such as throwing, catching and kicking in NRL clinics. It was a great opportunity to learn about new games.





This term we are participating in a variety of sport clinics. The Year 3/4 students will be participating in Touch Football every Friday for 4 weeks. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in Netball and Teeball and the Year 5/6 students will be participating in Basketball clinics. It is going to be a very busy term!

We have been learning about and playing the games Bocce and Quiots and participating in a variety of team warm up games such as Red Rover, Observation tips, Line tips, the ball game, golden child, cat and the mouse and stuck in the mud.



We will also be playing softball, duster hockey, badminton and Oztag throughout the term.

Thanks so much to families who raised money for Jump Rope for Heart. The school raised \$1475 for a great cause! The Jump Off day was a lot of fun with students and teachers joining in.



A big thank you again to the families that have linked their rebel membership to Theodore Primary School. When you make a purchase the school benefits and we get to buy more sporting equipment for the students.



Looking forward to another fun and busy term with the students learning different skills and enjoying moving and playing team games and sports.

Thanks
Tracey Kennedy
PE Teacher



MUSIC ART DANCE News

It's that time of year. We are finishing off all of our artworks and creating packs to send home for our own personal art shows.

Please take the time to go through your child's art making and ask them questions about the processes and the learning that they have done throughout the year. Remember that the focus of our art is often the journey and the processes, rather than the final product so often items that don't look as polished as other pieces still have great stories of exploration to share.





Fresh Tastes News

Thank you to everyone who dressed up as their favourite fruit or vegetable on Tuesday, it was wonderful to see so many colourful and creative costumes.

The Fresh Tastes team supplied fruit platters on the day for students to enjoy, while the chickens and ducks enjoyed the fruit scraps – so nothing was wasted.





Chat and Connect

EACH ECEI in the Community

EACH Early Childhood Early Intervention NDIS Partner in the Community will be outreaching to the following Playgroups ACT locations Term 4 2020.

Come “Chat and Connect” with a member of the EACH team. We can respond to questions you may have relating to NDIS access, an existing plan, reviews, linking with providers, just to list a few.

Tuesday: 13th October & 24th November – Virtual Music Playgroup (Zoom)

Wednesday: 21st October & 18th November – Scullin Playgroup (9 Gatty St, Scullin)

Thursday: 5th November & 17th December – Lanyon Playgroup House (Balcombe St, Conder. Next to McDonalds Conder)

Friday: 23rd October, 13th November, & 11th December – Cook Community Hub off Ellis St, Cook.

For further information about attending a playgroup please contact ACT Playgroups on **(02) 6251 2785**.

For more information about EACH please contact EACH’s Community Engagement and Capacity Building Lead Stephanie Johnston on **0428 791 859**.

We look forward to meeting you in the community soon.



SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS

WEEKDAYS JANUARY 11 - 22, 2021

PRIMARY PROGRAM

in two handy locations

NORTHSIDE - Macquarie Primary School, Macquarie
directed by Jim Sharrock

SOUTHSIDE - Holy Family School, Gowrie
directed by Lisa Gill

Fun, generalist music and arts programs designed for children going into Years 1 to 6 in ACT primary schools and surrounding districts in 2021.

No previous music experience is necessary though children who play an instrument are encouraged to attend and bring their instrument. Children in the Primary Programs may attend either week, or for both weeks.

SECONDARY PROGRAM

Five specialist music programs

at the Canberra Girls Grammar School
CLASSICAL GUITAR FORUM

directed by Marian Budos

COMPOSITION / SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

directed by Sally Whitwell

CONCERT BAND CAMP

directed by Warwick Tyrrell

PERCUSSION AND DRUMMING

directed by Christina Hopgood

with Alexander Wanjura

WILD STRINGS

directed by Chris Stone

with Rachel Johnston

Two week programs for students going into ACT high schools and colleges or from surrounding districts in 2021, who have proficiency on their instrument and good music reading skills.



All appropriate COVID19 measures will be strictly followed

MORE INFORMATION & APPLY ON LINE NOW

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THE
**GREAT GORDON
MARKET
DAY**

7th November 2020

10am - 1pm

**@ Gordon Community Centre,
110 Lewis Luxton Avenue, Gordon**

**Little Luxton Coffee, Pop-Up op Shop, Books, Jams
and Pickles, Sausage Sizzle, Kids Activities
(Bring your Bottles and cans for Recycling)**

This event will help raise funds for our Centre which has new opening hours!
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-3pm

gordon@anglicare.com.au | (02) 6284 7003

ACT Instrumental Music Program

Primary Concert Choir - 2021

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in ACT public schools in 2021 to audition for IMP Primary Concert Choir.

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room (adjacent to UC High School Kaleen), Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Choir auditions will be in Term 4, Week 8 (30 November-4 December), with audition times to be allocated in mid-Term 4.

All audition requirements will be available on the IMP website by mid-Term 4.

The IMP Primary Concert Choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The group is an active performance ensemble, and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information cards and posters are available at your child's school.

Complete your online application at:

<https://forms.gle/qS26k7zkpRBxFKEZ9>

or scan the QR code for a direct link.



Applications are now open and close Friday 13 November.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 4 – Christmas Celebrations

This term students will use a range of resources to creatively reflect on various reasons why Jesus came.

Student attendance is with parent request only.

Please use the section below if you would like to request and haven't done so previously.

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS team, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to **add** your child to the existing attendance list print off the section below and return it to the school or go to

<https://www.ceis.org.au/connect/parents/>

Please return this section to the school if you wish to **ADD** your child to the existing list of attendees.

YES, I request my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

Child: _____ Parent name: _____

Child: _____ Parent signature: _____

Child: _____ Date: _____