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## Executive News

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Welcome to Week 4 already!!! It's hard to believe we are nearly into Autumn and nearing the half way mark of first term. My name is Corinne Follett and for those who are new to our school, I am the executive teacher in the Junior School (K-Year 2).

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to all of the families who came to our information sessions held in Week 2. It was great to see some familiar faces as well as those of parents/carers who have come to our school just this year. We hope that the sessions gave you a bit of an insight into how the various sections of Theodore Primary operate. Following on from those general information sessions we have had our 'Get to know your child' interviews this week. We certainly value being able to sit with family members to find out more about their little people and how we can integrate their interests into their educational journey.

Being the start of the term it's timely to put out a few reminders: the weather is still rather warm so please ensure your child has a hat and a drink bottle with them each day.

Our school colours are yellow and royal blue. It is nice to see all of the students in uniform and it makes them feel like part of the team.

Our swimming carnival is coming up on the 21<sup>st</sup> March; notes with information about this will be coming out shortly.

All Year 1 students are going on an excursion to Lanyon Homestead on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Notes have already gone out about this. The excursion forms part of our inquiry unit for this term which encompasses Geography and History. These 'real life' experiences are invaluable when trying to teach students about our past. We are hoping all of the Year 1's can attend.

Thank you

Corinne Follett

Junior Executive Teacher



## Dates to Remember

|                      |                                     |
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| <b>5-7 Mar</b>       | Year 5/6 Jindabyne Camp             |
| <b>5-6 Mar</b>       | Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp              |
| <b>7 Mar</b>         | Preschool AGM 11:55am               |
| <b>9 Mar</b>         | Year 2 & Yr1/2G Assembly            |
| <b>12 Mar</b>        | Canberra Day Public Holiday         |
| <b>21 Mar</b>        | Swimming Carnival CISAC             |
| <b>23 Mar</b>        | Year 3/4 M and 4L Assembly          |
| <b>27&amp;29 Mar</b> | Preschool Botanic Gardens Excursion |
| <b>28 Mar</b>        | Board & P&C Meeting                 |
| <b>30 Mar</b>        | Good Friday                         |
| <b>2 Apr</b>         | Easter Monday                       |
| <b>6 Apr</b>         | Year 5 Assembly                     |
| <b>12 Apr</b>        | Cross Country                       |
| <b>13 Apr</b>        | Last Day Term 1                     |
| <b>30 Apr</b>        | First Day Term 2                    |

## Notes sent home with this issue

- 28 Feb** 3L Talk Time
- 28 Feb** Swimming Carnival K-6
- 28 Feb** Year 6 Parliament House Excursion
- 28 Feb** Year 1 Lanyon Homestead Excursion

## Messages to Students

All messages to students regarding change of plans to pick up need to be received by the front office before 2:30pm to ensure the message reaches the child before the 3:00pm bell.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Kulture Break

There are only 8 places left for Kulture Break. Please see the office for a permission note.

## School News

### Swimming carnival

This year our swimming carnival is going to be held at CISAC in Belconnen catering for all weather, students and individual needs. We are all very excited to be using this facility allowing everyone to be more involved on the day. All students will be involved in structured activities in the pool, on the slide and on land.

Students in year 3-6 (and year 2 students turning 8 wanting to compete in 50m Or 100m) will have a swim test treading water, swimming 25m and entering and exiting the pool to be identified as a proficient or non proficient swimmer.

This year our 25m races will take place during rotations, allowing more students to "have a go" swimming different strokes. The 50m and 100m events will still remain more competitive with spectators cheering in house groups, these students have the opportunity to progress to the Tuggeranong Region swimming carnival with qualifying times to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at A.I.S.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

Brooke Wood

### Headlice

**It's that time of year again, the school year has begun. This means it's head lice season.**

It's head lice season again are your kids protected? Understanding a little about these critters may just stop an outbreak at your school.

KP24 has been helping Australian schools and families eliminate head lice for decades. We are the #1 selling head lice treatment in Australia, which means we know a thing or two about head lice treatment.

#### Here are 5 sure-fire steps to eradicate head lice for good:

- Identification: learn how to identify head lice by [downloading this PDF](#).
- Treatment: Treat Head Lice with KP-24 [Medicated Lotions](#) and [medicated foams](#).
- Elimination: Remove head lice by getting rid of eggs & lice using a [metal lice comb](#), [egg remover](#) & [combining solution](#).
- Prevention: Stop the chances of infestation again with an easy to use spray.
- Precaution: Use a soaking solution to clean all pillows, linen, hats and clothing to avoid re-infestation.

#### Identification is key to stopping these critters in their tracks.

We believe that education is important when treating head lice. [Here is a fact sheet](#) which has 5 key telltale signs to help identify if an infestation has occurred.

The team at KP-24  
[KP24.com.au](http://KP24.com.au)



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## Bilbies, Koalas and Possums

We have had a wonderful start at the Preschool with the children settling into the routine of being at Preschool very quickly. We are working on our manners, mutual respect, taking turns, appreciations, following instructions, sharing, listening when someone else is talking as well as trying to do our best work. Every session we also have a community circle where we take turns at talking while holding an object like a teddy. This gives everyone a chance to have something to say. An example might be, 'How are you feeling today' or 'Something that makes you happy'. In a community circle everyone also has a right to pass and we encourage no put downs.



The students are thoroughly enjoying being 'Koala, Possum or Bilby of the Day' and 'Pat the Possum', 'Kim the Koala' and Bella the Bilby' have begun going home to spend some time with the students. We love to hear about all the adventures and seeing the photos. The 'Mystery Box' will be coming home soon with instructions. Reassure the children that they will all get a turn of all activities but it does take a little time to get through all the children.

We have begun working on our basic shapes and we will be soon looking at the students' sandwich shapes to keep a tally of which sandwich shape is most popular. Shapes, colours, counting, patterns, letter sounds, syllables, catching a ball etc are all used as part of our transition to the next activity. We are also beginning to work on recognizing and writing names. We would love the children to also practise using scissors at home as well. If you are helping your child write their name at home, it is important for the students to learn lower case letters except for the initial capital letter at the beginning of their name. We are more than happy to demonstrate the best way to teach them. Please come and see us.

On Wednesdays, with the help of some wonderful parents/grandparents, we have our fundamental motor skills program where the children are learning to catch, hit and kick a ball, balance, cross over their midline, leap, skip, build up their upper body strength etc. We run a weekly fine motor program where we focus on improving strength in the children's hands, cutting with the correct grip, folding paper, picking up small items with tweezers, drawing horizontal and vertical lines etc.

On Wednesday 7 March at 11.50 am outside the Possums and Koalas Preschool room, we will be having our first Preschool P&C Sub-Committee Meeting. We would love to see as many families attend the meeting as possible. It is your chance to meet other families, get to know the teachers and have your input.

In Week 6, Kenny Koala will be making his first visit to the Preschool to talk to the students about safety at school.

In Week 8, we will be going on our first excursion to the Botanical Gardens to learn how to be a budding botanist. To go on an excursion such as this one we need the help of four lovely family members from each group to assist us on the day.

In Week 9 Pirate Pete is coming for a visit. He is a highly entertaining pirate who entertains children with music, stories and games. The children participate by singing and dancing. For the Pirate performance we encourage the students to dress up in pirate outfits. These can be as simple as a striped t-shirt, a bandana, a drawn-on scar.

Thank you also to all those families for their wonderful donations of paper, textas, scissors, blu tak, tissues, sponges, napkins, toilet paper, construction materials etc. The supply of these resources is a huge help to the running of the Preschool. A big thank you also to the lovely parents/grandparents who help us with our rotations and to the families who have been doing our washing. We really appreciate your help.



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Lastly, just a couple of reminders:

Please ensure that the children are bringing a named water bottle, **healthy** snacks and lunch. For example, fruit, yoghurt, cheese, vegetables, crackers, sandwiches, boiled egg, pasta etc. Remember – no chocolate, chips or lollies please.

Please ensure children's things are named, and ensure the children have layers, (named) jackets for those colder days and a hat (no caps) please.

Please remember an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for 'fruito' – it is very popular. We also ask families to have a piece of fruit or vegetables in their child's snack please.

This year is going to be a very busy year. We already have some interesting happenings this year for the Possums, Koalas and Bilbies. Before each event you will receive a note giving more detailed information. This year we have planned:

### **TERM 1**

Tuesday 13 March (Possums and Bilbies)

Friday 16 March (Koalas)

Kenny Koala

Tuesday 27 March (Possums and Bilbies)

Thursday 29 March (Koalas)

Botanical Gardens Excursion

Monday 3 April (Possums and Bilbies)

Thursday 5 April (Koalas)

Pirate Pete Incursion

### **TERM 2**

Tuesday 8 May (Possums & Bilbies)

Friday 11 May (Koalas)

An open morning to celebrate Mother's Day.

Tuesday 29 May (Possums & Bilbies)

Friday 1 June (Koalas)

Declan the Music Man will visit the Preschool. Declan will be entertaining and sharing his knowledge of instruments with the children.

Tuesday 5 June (Bilbies and Possums)

Friday 8 June (Koalas)

Kenny Koala – talking about Road Safety

### **Term 3**

Tuesday 14 August (Possums and Bilbies)

Friday 17 August (Koalas)

Open Science Morning for Science Week

Tuesday 28 August (Possums and Bilbies)

Friday 31 August (Koalas)

An open morning to celebrate Father's Day

Week 8

CMAG (Canberra Museum Art Gallery) (TBA)

### **Term 4**

Wednesday 17 October

Art Show - where the children's artwork will be displayed

Tuesday 23 October (Possums & Bilbies)

Friday 26 October (Koalas)

Reptiles Inc Incursion

Thank you everyone for your assistance. We hope you all enjoy your preschool year.

Susie, Leigh, Jayne, and Janene



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# Kindergarten News

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What a busy start to 2018 we have had! Your little one has already celebrated 18 days in Kindergarten.

We started this term by helping all the Kindergarten children to become familiar with others, to try new things and to be part of the larger group in Chipala. So far we have all had a visit from a turtle, been to and borrowed books from the library, had a full size skeleton drop in, experienced our first Science and PE lessons, become familiar with our surroundings, and have shared a family BBQ, Getting To Know Your Child interviews and the information night. We are looking forward to our first school Swimming Carnival in a few weeks' time on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> (week 8). Remember on this day students wear a t-shirt in their house colour. More information about this swimming carnival and the school Cross Country that will be held during week 10 will follow.

Mrs Leheny, Miss Blewitt, Mrs Swift and Claudia have been blown away by the enthusiasm and ideas students have displayed during morning Investigations. It has been rewarding to see the children trying new things and working as problem solvers. We have really enjoyed getting to know our Foxes, our Turtles and our Starfish.

A few quick reminders about reading –

Rich Text books (calico bags with fun activities) - sent home and collected every TUESDAY. If your child misses bringing their bag to school the book will not be exchanged until the following Tuesday.

Take Home Readers (zip lock plastic pocket with 2-5 small books for reading practise) – sent home from school every THURSDAY.

Library Books – (a book that your child self-selects for enjoyment) Foxes - TUESDAY  
Turtles – THURSDAY and Starfish – WEDNESDAY.

Mrs Swift, Mrs Leheny & Ms Blewitt



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# iCalendar Sync How to subscribe to Calendar feed

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## Using Microsoft Outlook 2010 - Windows

- In the top menu bar and select tab File
  - Press the button Account Settings and select Account Settings from the drop-down menu
  - In the 'Account Setting' window select the Internet Calendars tab and click [New] icon
  - In the 'New Internet Calendar Subscription' window paste your schools URL in the field **[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical_feed)**
  - After pasting your school URL, click the [Add] button
  - A pop-up window will appear - rename the calendar in the Folder Name item eg Lake G and click [OK] and Close
- Note: If you only download the **link** and do not **subscribe**, you will not receive iCal updates*

## Using Microsoft Outlook 2007- Windows

- In Outlook, at the bottom left hand corner, select **Calendar**
  - In the top menu bar and select tab **Tools**
  - From drop-down menu select **Account Settings**
  - In the 'Account Setting' window select the **Internet Calendars** tab and click **[New]** icon
  - In the 'New Internet Calendar Subscription' window paste your schools' URL in the field e.g. **[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical_feed)**
  - After pasting your school URL, click the **[Add]** button
  - A pop-up window will appear - rename the calendar and click **[OK]** and **Close**
- Note: If you only download the **link** and do not **subscribe**, you will not receive iCal updates*

## Using Apple Mac

- Open iCal
  - In the bottom left corner click the + to add a new calendar, rename calendar to school name
  - Select newly created calendar
  - **Right click** or **Control click** to open the dropdown menu and choose **subscribe**
  - Paste **your** school URL e.g. **[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical_feed)**
  - Click **subscribe**
- Note: Optional: Sync apple devise with your iTunes to migrate calendar across all devices*

## Using iOS – Handled devices

- Locate the **[Settings]** icon and select
  - Scroll to **Mail, Contacts, Calendars** and click the option
  - In the 'Accounts' selection and click **Add Account**
  - A choice of options will appear, choose **Other**; and
  - From available options select **Add Subscribed Calendar**
  - In the field titled **Server** place **your** schools URL e.g. **[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical_feed)**
- Click **[Next]** and **[Save]**

## Using Android

- Open up and log into your personal Google account at <http://www.google.com/calendar>
- On the left-hand side of the page select **other calendars** and select the drop down arrow
- Select **Add by URL**
- Paste **your** school URL **[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/ical_feed)**
- Click **Add calendar**
- To rename the calendar, roll the cursor over the calendar you want to rename
- Select the **drop-down arrow**
- Click **[Calendar Settings]**
- Rename calendar in **Calendar name** text box and click **[Save]**

*Note: Sync devices with your Google account to migrate calendar*

*If you only download the link and do not subscribe, you will not receive iCal update*

