



Executive News

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 of 2017. Returning from an amazing holiday overseas, I am feeling very relaxed and rested, invigorated to start the new term. I do hope that your holidays have been relaxed and that our students are recharged to dive into the learning that takes them to the end of this year.

As the newly appointed principal of Theodore Primary, it is my absolute privilege to be writing the front page of the newsletter today as I settle into the daily life at our school. I am very excited to be starting, meeting the students and staff, and I look forward to meeting you, the parent community, over the term. Over the next few weeks I will be spending time in classrooms getting to know the students as they learn, and the staff that work tirelessly to create those opportunities. I also look forward to meeting the parents and carers in our community. Please keep an eye out for an invitation to morning tea where we can get to know each other.

A little bit about myself. I have been in the teaching profession for over 20 years, the last 17 of which has been across numerous schools in the ACT. Originating from Queensland, my teaching started in Sydney; I have lived also in Adelaide and taught briefly there, before coming to Canberra and settling with family. Throughout my teaching years, it has been the students and teaching colleagues that have inspired me. My passion has always been to ignite the spark within.

Term 4 is a busy one. As learning programs continue to the end of year, whilst assessment and reporting processes take place, it is important that we all pace ourselves towards the that end of year excitement of graduation and holidays. These events will be celebrated in due time and I look forward to seeing the traditions of Theodore. Over the course of this term, we will discuss class configurations and student placements in preparation for 2018. Please ensure that you have responded with any preferences or requests for your child in the coming year. This will assist us in creating the most comprehensive class formations that will support your child academically, socially and emotionally.

Kind Regards,

Kerri Clark





Dates to Remember

9 Oct	First day of school for Term 4
17 Oct	Reptile Incursion Possums & Bilbies
17 Oct	Yr 3-5 Enrichment Day
20 Oct	Reptile Incursion Koalas
20 Oct	Kinder Assembly
27 Oct	P&C Halloween Disco
31 Oct	Early Years Extension- Science Focus
3 Nov	P&C Hamper Mufti Day
7 Dec	End of Year Concert & Food Fair
7-10 Nov	Book Fair
10 Nov	Yr 1/2 Assembly
13-24 Nov	Yr 2 Water Safety and Survival
20 Nov	2018 Preschool info session 6pm-7pm
22 Nov	Volunteers Morning Tea
24 Nov	5/6 Market Day
29 Nov	Board Meeting/ P&C Meeting
1 Dec	Yr 3/4 Assembly
5 Dec	Reports due home
7 Dec	Christmas Concert & P&C Dinner
12 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation

Dates to Remember

15 Dec	Last Day of School
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Notes sent out with week 1 Newsletter

10 Oct	Halloween Disco Sausage Sizzle
10 Oct	Year 3 Writing Enrichment Program
10 Oct	Year 4 Science Enrichment Program
10 Oct	Year 5 Visual Arts Enrichment Program
10 Oct	Selected students 5/6 Bungee – Youth Resilience

Notes & Money to be returned

13 Oct	5/6 Smith Family Passport to Success
13 Oct	Yr 3 to 5 Selected Students - Enrichment Program
25 Oct	Yr 6 Band - Bandstrav
30 Oct	Yr 2 Aqua Safe

Positive School Project

We are doing a series of clips focussing on positive elements at our gorgeous school. Below is the link for Part 1. Thank you to all who participated. If you are interested in being involved in the series please let me know.

We also hope to show the clip at school assembly in case you don't have internet access.

Cheers, Simone Dawson (Community Liaison Officer)

<https://www.facebook.com/Theodore-Primary-School-Official-Site-425548990823963/>

School News

Year 6 Graduation Ice Cream Fundraiser

During this term students in Year 6 will be selling ice creams to raise money for their graduation later in the term. This will begin in week 2 and will continue until week 8. Ice creams will be \$2 each. We will have a dairy free option available. The senior classes in grades 3-6 will be able to buy ice creams on Mondays and the junior classes from K-2 will be able to buy ice creams on Tuesdays. Students will sell ice creams from 1pm in the canteen in the first half of lunch.

Year 6 Teachers



Halloween Disco
27th October 2017

Pre School to year 2 - 6.00pm to 7.15pm

Year 3 to 6 – 7.30pm to 9.00pm

SRC PJ Day Fundraiser

On the 20th of September Theodore hosted a PJ day and raised \$300. We are very happy with the success of the day and happy to know that all of the money raised will go directly to the RSPCA to help animals like Fox and Bobby. For anyone who wants to adopt a pet you can go to <https://www.rspca.org.au/adopt-pet>.





End of Year Concert & Food Fair



End of Year Concert & Food Fair Thursday 7th December 5.30pm

This year our annual student concert will be followed by a fabulous food fair! It will be a night of music, food, and fun, allowing the whole school community to come together and celebrate the achievements of our students in 2017. The event is also a major fundraiser for new outdoor play equipment.

There will be a range of food available including baked potatoes, butter chicken, vegetarian curry and rice, BBQ (sausages, kransky's, steak sandwiches), Dutch poffertjes, ice creams and drinks. There will also be a raffle drawn on the night with some amazing prizes.

Hamper Mufti Day (No Uniform Day) – Friday 3rd November

The P&C will be creating some hampers as raffle prizes and to start the collection of wonderful hamper goodies we will be holding a Mufti Day on Friday 3rd November. In exchange for wearing no uniform, we are asking each student to donate an item for the hamper allocated to their year group.

Kinder: Gourmet Hamper

Year 3/4: Pamper Hamper

Year 1/2: Gardening Hamper

Year 5/6: Gourmet Hamper

A note will go out shortly with donation suggestions for each hamper. Thanks for your support!

The P&C would like to thank our generous Sponsors:

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Preschool P&C News

Working Bee

Unfortunately, due to a few key helpers' prior obligations we are cancelling the working bee that was to be held this coming weekend. Thanks to those that said they would help, we appreciate your commitment to the Preschool.

Bunnings BBQ

We have been drawn to hold a BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday the 22nd of October from 8-6pm we will need at least 3 helpers for each 2 hour time slot to make it a successful event. A sign in sheet will go up at the preschool shortly asking for volunteers for the day. The following times will be available (8am-10am this includes setting up, 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 this shift includes helping pack up) please note due to safety protocol children are not allowed to be within the BBQ/tent area. Thanks to Christa and Gemma who have committed to be there to supervise for the duration of the BBQ :)

Southern Cross Club Community Rewards Program.

The Preschool has been chosen by the Southern Cross Club to be a part of their Community Rewards Program. We are calling on the whole school community to support us in this program. So if you are a member we would love for you to choose us as your charity 😊

Tie dye items

We still have some tie dyed items available for sale from our tie dye stall at the spring fair. They can be viewed at the preschool throughout the week (cash only and correct money please)

- Size 5 shirts \$15
- Library bags \$10
- Shoulder bags \$15
- Teatowel set \$15

Trash and Treasure

Pre School will be holding a trash and treasure stall at one of the local markets in the coming couple of months so if you have anything that you think is saleable (toys, clothes, books, nic nacs etc) we will happily accept it (no large items or electrical items)

P&C Meeting

Preschool P&C meeting Wednesday 18th October 11.50am

Student Banking

Welcome back everybody! Hope you all had a wonderful restful break, that didn't include too much spending!

As some of you may have noticed the Bendigo Bank Calwell Branch is currently under refurbishment, but that isn't going to stop us banking! No way! We just have to be a little more patient to check our balances as we won't get our books back until Thursday. So please still put your books into the front office as usual and they will be delivered back on Thursday for you to collect from the front office. Next week will be back to usual. Happy banking!

If you have any questions please leave a message at the front office for me to contact you.

Annalisa - Student Banking Officer





CANTEEN NEWS



It's here! School Lunch Online is supplying an online ordering system to get fresh, healthy lunches starting on Thursday August 31st. You can register before this date but the first delivery will be on Thursday.

You can now register at <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au>, choose from a great list of lunch options and pay online – all without the last minute morning hassle.

Who is supplying the food?

The Public Place Café, a local based business, is providing and delivering the food using the best quality ingredients. They are very amenable to menu changes and welcome suggestions if you would like to see something new.

What day of the week will lunches be available to order online?

Lunch orders will be available every Thursday starting August 31.

When will I have to order?

The Cut Off Time: Orders MUST be placed by 8am on the day of delivery.

How do I place my order?

Visit <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/>, register your family and then follow the prompts to choose your lunch selection and place your order. You will need to register before you can view the menu as each school has a different menu. It only takes a minute or two to register and is very simple. Simply click on the calendar on any Thursday, on or after, Thursday August 31st to view the menu.

What if I encounter a problem?

School Lunch Online has conducted extensive testing to ensure the website and system are fully functional from day one. However, if you do encounter a problem, or simply need a little help with getting started, please contact them for help at hello@schoollunchonline.com.au.