

*'A great place to grow up'***NEWSLETTER**

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## Junior Executive News

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Here we are already in Week 4. Although the mornings are still very cool and some of the days continue that way, it is time for all students to don their hats again. As of last Monday it is school (and Directorate) policy that hats must be worn when outside either in the playground or during PE sessions. Please Make sure that hats are named so they can find their way back to their owner when lost? Over the course of this week we have had some special visitors in our school. This team of people come every few years to look at our school and spend time with staff, students and the community. Their job is to validate the programs we do and to offer research based advice on ways we can continue to pursue excellence in the education sphere.

This week has also seen 8 of our junior students attend a Science Extension day at the new Centre for Innovation and Learning at Chisholm Primary School. On these days the students were engaged in challenging tasks based on elements of the Science Curriculum.

On Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> August (next week-week 6) all of the Year 1 and 2 students are going on an excursion to the National Botanic Gardens. This excursion aligns with work currently being done in HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) and our inquiry topics. Please ensure that you have sent back the permission form and payment by the due date. This excursion links in with work done in the classroom so it is important that each student attends.

Lastly can we remind families about the importance of reading at home? In this technological world it is sometimes difficult to turn children's attention back to reading; however the importance of this skill being developed in the early years cannot be underestimated.

Corinne Follett

Junior Executive Teacher





## Dates to Remember

<b>15 Aug</b>	Year 1 & 2 Early Years Extension
<b>22 Aug</b>	Year 1 & 2 Excursion National Botanical Gardens
<b>23 Aug</b>	Year 5 Band @ Conder
<b>24 Aug</b>	Winter Disco
<b>24 Aug</b>	Year 3/4M & 4L Assembly
<b>29 Aug</b>	Hot Chocolate & Reading night
<b>30 Aug</b>	Father's Day Stall
<b>31 Aug</b>	Book Week Parade & Rotations
<b>4 Sep</b>	ANU Extension Day
<b>5 Sep</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>7 Sep</b>	Year 5 Assembly
<b>11 Sep</b>	Preschool Excursion
<b>13 Sep</b>	Preschool Excursion
<b>14 Sep</b>	Tombola Donation Mufti Day
<b>21 Sep</b>	P&C Colour Run Mufti Day
<b>21 Sep</b>	Year 1 Assembly
<b>28 Sep</b>	Fete Toy & Book Stall Donations
<b>28 Sep</b>	Last day for Term 3
<b>15 Oct</b>	First Day for Term 4

### Notes sent home with this issue

<b>15 Aug</b>	Preschool Excursion Canberra Museum & Gallery
<b>15 Aug</b>	Colour Run P&C Kindergarten to Year 6
<b>15 Aug</b>	Year 5 Band Students

## School News

### Hats Back on 1 August 2018

Hats Back On today (1 August). Please remind your child to start wearing their Sunsmart hat at school as we do not have spare hats at the front office for students to borrow.



### School Gates

As of 14th August, there will be changes to the gates that can be accessed by students and families to enter and leave the school grounds.

The back corner gate near the kitchen garden will now be permanently locked. If you normally access the school through this gate you will need to continue walking down the side fence until you reach the side gate opening near the front of the school.

The side gate and the gate at the back of the preschool will be closed at 9.30am and re-opened at 2.45pm so that you can access the school grounds through those during drop off and pick up times.

We have to enact these new boundaries to ensure the safety of some of our younger students who are at times accessing to exit the school grounds during school hours.

I apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

Tracey



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# Preschool News

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Another term is flying past as we rapidly approach Week 5. We have a few very busy weeks coming up.

To give you an update over the last few weeks we have installed our mud kitchen. Thank you to our amazing Preschool Fund Raising Committee. The Koalas have already had a fantastic time making Wombat Stew. We are looking forward to the weather warming up so we can use it every day. The fundamental skill that we were working on at the end of last term and at the beginning of this term was leaping. We are now working on overarm throwing. It is amazing to see the improvement in the children's fundamental motor skills with explicit teaching.

We have just begun using our new See-Saw App. Hopefully, you will find this a good way for us to communicate with you what is happening at the Preschool and what your child is doing. Any feedback is welcome.

This week (Week 4) we are celebrating Science Week with an Open Science Morning where families are invited to spend time doing science related activities and many different science experiments with their child or grandchild. We will have things such as floating and sinking, mixing of different ingredients, car races on incline boards, sounds with vibrations, magnets, glitter bottles, a tin that listens, floating and sinking, mixing colours etc. It is a fun morning; we would love to see as many families as possible to enjoy the morning.

In Week 6, we will celebrate Book Week by dressing up in our favourite Book Week outfits. The Possums and the Bilbies will celebrate Book Week together and parade around the Preschool in their Book Week dress-ups on Monday 27 August at 9.15 am and the Koalas will join the rest of the school in a parade at the Primary School on Friday 31 August. On Wednesday 29 August in the evening there is a Hot Chocolate and Reading night in the Primary School Library – everyone is welcome to come.

Also in Week 6, on Tuesday 28 August (Possums and Bilbies) and Thursday 30 August (Koalas) we will have our open Father's Day morning where our Dad's, Grandfathers, Uncles etc are invited to participate in lots of different activities such as planting a seed and decorating a pot, writing a story, cooking popcorn, spreading a pikelet, sewing around coat hanger, painting a picture of their Dad, making a bookmark etc.

In Week 8 our hatching chicks should arrive for two weeks. The 'hatching chicks program' will kindly be paid for by our wonderful Preschool Fundraising Committee. Over these two weeks the children will get to experience and learn about the lifecycle of chickens. At the end of the two weeks the chicks are for sale. If you would like to purchase a chicken please see one of the teachers.

During this week we also have our Canberra Museum and Art Gallery excursion, Tuesday 11 September (Possums and Bilbies) and Thursday 13 September (Koalas) where the children will bring some of Sidney Nolan's artwork to life through art-based games, singing, storytelling, puppetry and



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role-play. The children will then make their own artwork. We will need some lovely volunteers to assist us on our excursion please.

During Week 1 of Term 4, on Wednesday, 17 October from 2.45 pm until 5.00 pm we will be having a **Preschool Art Exhibition** where the children can show off to their family members all their artwork they have done throughout the year. Families are invited to come and view and buy their children's artwork as a donation towards the school. All donations for the artwork will be used towards restocking our dwindling art resources for the preschool. Nibblies will be supplied.

Susie, Leigh Jayne and Janene

### **Dates to Remember:**

Tuesday 28 August (Possums & Bilbies)

Open Father's Day Morning  
9.30 am – 10.30 am

Wednesday 29 August

Hot Chocolate and Reading Night

Thursday 30 August (Koalas)

Open Father's Day Morning  
9.30 am – 10.30 am

Tuesday 11 September (Possums & Bilbies)

CMAG Excursion  
9.30 am – 1.00 pm

Thursday 13 September (Koalas)

CMAG Excursion  
9.30 am – 1.00 pm

### **Things to Remember**

- When your child is away from Preschool for any reason, please bring in a note or send an email.
- Please re-write your child's name on EVERYTHING.
- Please pack a spare pair of clothes, e.g. undies, socks, pants, top.
- Please remember a piece of fruit for 'fruito' and some fruit for snack. It is important to pack healthy food for your child. Healthy food means a healthy child 😊





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## Kindergarten News

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How time flies- we are already in term 3 of our kindergarten school year! In week 1 the Turtles, the Foxes and the Starfish enjoyed celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Kindergarten. Our celebrations included: finding out how far 100 steps took us around the school, looking at what 100 looks like, making party hats and partying with lots of food and games. Thank you to all the families who contributed an enormous amount of food for the party, including healthy snacks.

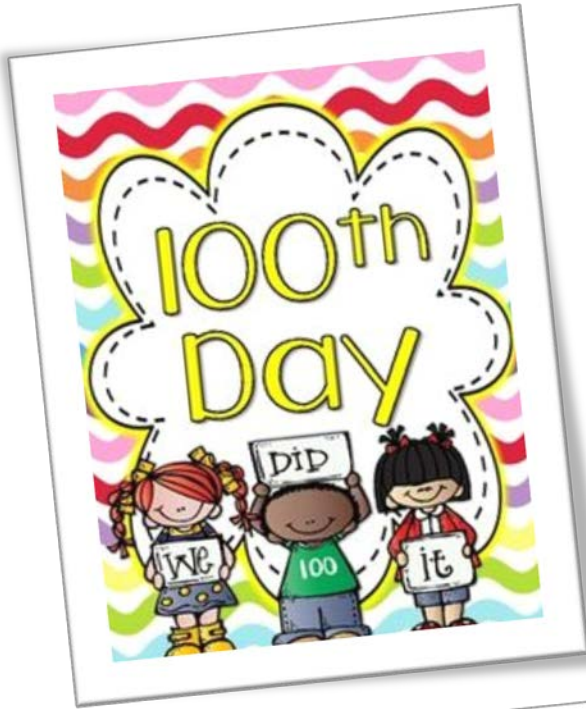
To support our health and wellbeing programs we have commenced weekly gross motor sessions every Thursday. Gross motor skills are large movements your child makes with his/her arms, legs, feet and entire body. Activities such as crawling, balancing on one leg, jumping, throwing and catching are some of the skills we practise during our gross motor sessions. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable shoes and has a full water bottle with them.

Last week, we all went on an excursion to the National Museum and the Botanical Gardens. The Foxes, Starfish and Turtles were fully engaged and enthusiastic as they went about looking and learning and sharing ideas and experiences.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with a Winter Disco in week 5. In week 6, we have Book Week rotations and dressing up as well as PJ and Hot Chocolate night. Keep an eye on the newsletter to check these important dates.

Congratulations to all of our little people who have received an award at our Unit Assemblies. It is wonderful to see so many of our Kindergarten students showing the school values. We are very proud of their efforts and the quality of their work in the classroom is outstanding.

Carolyn Leheny, Sharon Swift, Cassie Blewitt



# 100 Days of Kindergarten



# Excursion



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# Pyjamas, Hot Chocolate & Book Reading Night

In conjunction with our Book Week celebrations, Theodore Primary will once again be having our family “Pyjamas and Hot Chocolate” evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to come along to the school library

**Wednesday 29th August between**

**6:00pm and 7:00 pm**

Students can come to evening wearing their pyjamas, and to share a cup of hot chocolate with others.

Parents will be able to read a variety of books with their child and share the love of hearing the many exciting and wonderful stories that build their imagination, making it an enjoyable experience for the whole family.

## Writing Competition

In the weeks leading up to Book Week, Theodore Primary will be conducting a writing competition across the school for all our students.

The theme is the Book Week Theme of “Find Your Treasure”.

In class all students will write about the treasures in their life or a narrative on finding their treasures. Children are also welcome to write a piece at home and hand it in to their class teacher.

Writing **entries will close on Wednesday the 29 August** and will be judged by a mystery judge.

## Afterschool hours care

### **After School Hours Care**

Enrolments are open for families to enrol their children into OSHC for next year Communities@Work enrolments policy states:

School age children (Kinder to Year 6) are given priority of access into Out of School Hours Care and School Holiday Programs

Preschool vacancies are limited available, and once those vacancies are taken, all other preschool enrolments will be placed on a waiting list until all school age children have had an opportunity to enrol.

Should the service still have vacancies towards the end of the year, we may open those spots up to Preschool children **if** the child has turned 4 years of age. We do not accept 3 year olds into OSHC.

- Preschoolers with older siblings in OSHC are taken into consideration over other enrolments

Please don't hesitate to request families speak directly to our enrolments team if they have any further questions

**1300 212 273.** Alternatively we are happy to help.



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# Children's Book Week

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Each year across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature.

Generally, the CBCA Book of the Year winner's announcement is the third Friday in August, and CBCA Children's Book Week commences the following day.

2018 Theme: Find Your Treasure

2018 Dates: CBCA Children's Book Week will be 18 - 24 August

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PARADE AT THEODORE PRIMARY

Theodore Primary will be celebrating 2018 "Find Your Treasure" Book Week with a costume parade on:

Friday 31st August in the Shade Shelter area at 9:30am

We are encouraging all students, including Pre School, to have some fun and come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Children will need to bring with them the book their character comes from. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

The day will include whole school rotations where the children will be able to read exciting books and complete art related activities.



We hope to see our school come alive with many imaginative characters who have found their treasure in books.