

Week 1

THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal

Term 2



Debbie Martens

2 May 2019

'A great place to grow up'

Deputy Principal

Helen Cox &

Nathan Pepper

NEWSLETTER

Message from Debbie Martens

Welcome back to Term 2. The staff are all re-charged, the students have settled back into routines and we look forward to working together with our families for a positive term of learning.

Staffing Updates

Over the school holidays the leadership team was busy recruiting new staff to the school. In the last newsletter we let you know that both Cara Minary and Cyndi Steenkamp completed their contracts at the end of Term 1. Michael McDonald and Nicole Smith have also sadly left us for personal reasons.

We advertised the positions and a selection panel was held over the holidays. We are very pleased to welcome four wonderful teachers to the school: Jessica Crilly is on Year 6. Jessica will start with us next week as she is transitioning from Caroline Chisholm School. Charisse Enriquez is the new teacher on Year 5, Tori Barbaro is team teaching 3/4 with Jordan Scarr. Tori works Monday-Wednesday. Chris Corey is our new Year 4 teacher. Please join us in welcoming the new teachers to Theodore Ps. They are very excited to be joining us. We are also delighted to welcome back Heather Bartholomew from maternity leave. Heather will be working with us from Monday-Wednesday.

PBL

Our new 'Sensory Room' is furnished and ready for use. This room is located next to the library. The sensory room is a place for students to go if they require emotional regulation or help with solving social or wellbeing concerns. The room is staffed daily with Cody, our Youth Support Worker and a member of the Executive team – Deb Martens, Helen Cox, Nathan Pepper, Jodie White, Corinne Follett, Mel Lloyd or Michelle Smith. Students can access the room after they have sought permission from their teacher and will be required to wear a 'safe pass' to ensure that their teacher knows where they are. The process for the sensory room includes time for calming down and then a conversation between the student and a staff member, including strategies to regulate emotions and problem-solve any issues or concerns. The intention is that students return to class when they are ready to go back and learn. Students can also be referred to the sensory room by teachers.

All classes will visit the sensory room at the end of this week or early next week to learn about the procedures and purpose of the room. We are also holding a competition to name the room. If you have a great idea for a name, please let the front office know and we will announce the winner of the competition at the school assembly on Friday.

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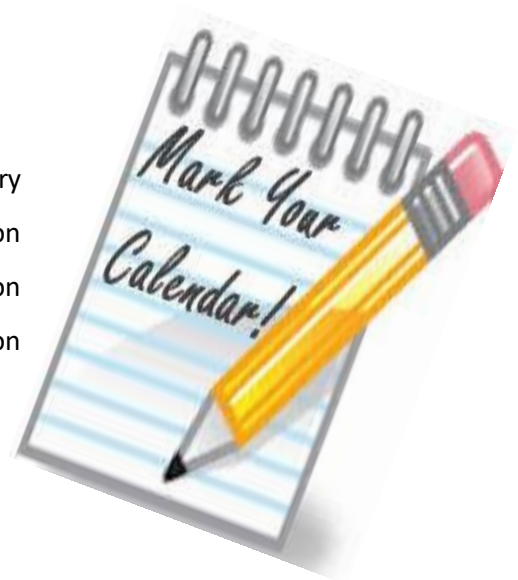
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Dates to Remember

3 May	Parent and Carer Morning Tea 9:15am in Staff Room
3 May	ANZAC Day Assembly 10:15am at the Flag Pole
7 May	Possums & Bilbies Mother's Day Stall
7 May	Cross Country
7 May	Colour Run Sub-Committee meeting 6pm in the Library
8 May	Year 5 Australian National Botanical Gardens Excursion
9 May	Year 4 Australian National Botanical Gardens Excursion
10 May	Year 3 Australian National Botanical Gardens Excursion
10 May	Mother's Day Stall P&C K-6
10 May	Mother's Day Stall P&C Koalas
14 May to 31 May	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
15 May	P&C Meeting at 6:30pm in the Staff Room
16 May	Year 1 Lanyon Homestead Excursion
17 May	Year 1 Assembly 12:30pm to 1:00pm
18 May	Election Day P&C BBQ



Notes Home with this issue

Year 1 students	Permission to View Fantastic Mr Fox Movie
Year 1 Students	Lanyon Homestead Excursion
Year 2 students	National Capital Exhibition & Blundell's Cottage
Year 3-5 Students	Australian National Botanical Gardens Excursion
Eldest Student	Term Calendar
Eldest Student	Redgum Book Club
Eldest Student	Scholastic Book Club



Facebook

Please follow Theodore Primary School Facebook page for current and up to date messaging regarding events and happenings at Theodore Primary School.





Message from School Chaplain

Hello from Lyndal Rogers! I am the new school chaplain at Theodore Primary School and work Wednesdays and Fridays.

I am really happy to be at Theodore as it is the primary school my children attended until the end of 2012.

It is lovely to see many familiar faces here and sing the school song again. Thank you for helping me feel at home in this welcoming and inclusive community! I am a part time teacher on other days and have been a chaplain for 10 years at local Tuggeranong schools.

My job revolves around pastoral care for students, their families and staff. My role is to be a listening ear to anyone, regardless of faith, gender or ethnicity. I told the students at assembly, *“If you feel mad, sad, bad or glad, you can talk with me”*. Under the direction of the school principal, I will help children with their schoolwork in classes, be involved in activities at recess and lunch, and be a point of support for families who need an extra hand. It is important that families know their child’s involvement with me is voluntary and that I do not teach religious education.

If you would like to contact me, please leave a note at the front office or email me on lyndal.rogers@ed.act.edu.au.





Community News

This Term 2 the Tennis Canberra Team is back. We invite new students to join a FREE Tennis Lesson at their local Tennis Canberra club.

New players who sign-up for the upcoming Autumn season will receive a free racquet!

If you can place this information in the upcoming newsletter it would be much appreciated

JUNIOR COACHING & COMPETITIONS - Term 2

- FREE tennis racquet for new players
- South & North Canberra venues
- Programs for students of all ages and abilities
- Junior competitions available
www.tenniscanberra.com.au/competitions
- FREE Coaching Trial Available
www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis

Old Parliament House Tennis Club - OPEN DAY

- Saturday May 4
- Time: 12-3pm (Free Junior & Adult Coaching 12-30pm)
- BBQ & Open Court Session 12:30-3pm
- Bring family & friends!

ParentLink

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School*, *More than Reading and Writing*, *Optimism* and *Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

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All our teachers are registered with the ACT Government and hold working with Vulnerable People cards and have undergone police checks.

Vikings
TUGGERANONG
JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

**WANT TO PLAY
RUGBY IN 2019?**

The Tuggeranong Valley Junior Rugby Union Football club is the largest junior rugby club in the ACT, welcoming children from as young as the age of 5 years and up to the age of 18.

Under 7-12 age groups open to both boys and girls
Under 13-18 age groups open to boys & girls

To find out more about playing with Vikings Juniors visit our website www.juniorvikingsrugby.org or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/vikingsjuniorrugby

Registrations are open the Rugby Explorer App on Android/iPhone

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