



Science with Mrs Fletcher



I would like to begin the year by saying how thrilled I am to be teaching my favourite subject and learning alongside the budding scientists of Theodore. We will have many exciting opportunities for our students to extend their science learning beyond the classroom this year. Theodore will be hosting the ACT Science Fair again in 2017. The ACT Science Fair is open to all school age students in the ACT and is generally held in Term 3. If you go to http://seaact.act.edu.au/events/seaact_science_fair you will find information about the fair. It was fantastic to see a number of Theodore entries in last year's fair and it would be great if we could increase the number of Theodore entries this year. As our school is hosting the event it is the perfect time to submit a first entry. I will give students and families more information as the year progresses and dates are finalised.

The Kindergarten students have begun to work towards completing a CSIRO CREST award by participating in a unit of work around native and introduced animals. We have been investigating how the needs of animals are different because animals move differently, eat differently and live in different places. We are really looking forward to meeting some real native animals such as Stampy the blue-tongued lizard.

The 3/4 students have begun their investigations around plants and flowers. We have already explored the life cycle of plants and we are looking forward to dissecting a flower. Towards the end of the term we will be designing our own experiments around plant growth which will be very exciting. Hopefully after completing our student designed investigations we have some surviving plants to place around the school.

Our senior students have begun the year by rising to the challenge of investigating microorganisms. We have had a lot of fun exploring the growing habits of yeast and we are really looking forward to being able to eat our experiments. We will not, however, be eating the second microorganism on our list as it is definitely not appetising. Mould will not only feature in some planned investigations but will also be the subject of student designed experiments.

As I am each year, I am impressed with the maturity and thirst for knowledge that our students have. It makes it enjoyable to come to work when I am able to spend my time with such enquiring minds. We are all looking forward to another busy and productive year.

Sarah Fletcher
Science Teacher



Dates to Remember

22 Feb	SUPA Club, 1.00pm
24 Feb	Yr 5/6 Assembly 12.20pm in the Hall
27 Feb	P&C AGM, 6.30pm Library
1 Mar	Whole School Swimming Carnival
6 Mar	Redgum Book Club Orders Due
8-10 Mar	Yr 5/6 Borambola Camp
9-10 Mar	Yr 3/4 Birragai Camp
13 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday
17 Mar	Whole School Athletics Carnival
23 Mar	Yr 5/6 National Museum
24 Mar	Yr 3/4 Assembly 12.20pm in the Hall
28 Mar	Tuggeranong Regional Swimming Carnival
7 Apr	Yr 1/2 Assembly 12.20pm in the Hall
1-2 May	Kindergarten Health Checks
12-20 Aug	National Science Week
25 Aug	Science Fair Entries Close

Notes and Money to be Returned

24 Feb	Yr 3/4 Camp Notes
24 Feb	Yr 5/6 Camp Notes
Reminder	Student Info Pack Permission Notes



Elite Tree & Stump Grinding

Ph: 0413 253 151

School News

SUPA Club

SUPA Club recommences this Wednesday 22 February . A brochure has been sent home outlining SUPA Club. Please return the Permission Slip if you would like your child to attend.

Learn Piano in 2017

This year piano lessons at the school are being taught by Nicola Franklin. Nicola has been teaching piano for over fifteen years and is excited to be working at Theodore. Lessons for beginner through to intermediate grade students are \$30 per half hour lesson. Contact Nicola on 0412 709 318 or at Nicola.emily.franklin@gmail.com for more information.

Library

If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to help in the library please call in to see Lorraine in the library on Wednesday or Thursday. We have purchased lots of lovely new books which need covering and shelving. Once you have seen Lorraine about what needs to be done the shelving and covering can be done any day during the school week that suits you. Thank you.

School Swimming Carnival

Just a reminder that our whole school swimming carnival is on next Wednesday March 1 at Queanbeyan Aquatic centre. Please remember to have a packed recess and lunch (the canteen will **not** be open for students), a sun smart hat, a drink bottle, towel, goggles, swimmers and a change of clothes. Thank you to all those students that have returned their permission notes and the 8 year and older students that have entered the competitive races, entries are now **closed**.

If you have not yet returned your permission note please return it to the front office.

Sports Teams

If your child is interested in playing with some school friends in some outside of school sports including soccer, netball, basketball or cricket please leave your name at the front office or see Mrs Wood.



redgum *book club*

Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term. The catalogues will be sent home this week.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link [Redgum Book Club Term 1 2017](#) You will find many more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from \$2.00.

The catalogue is now open and closes on **6th March**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing **20th March**. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school.

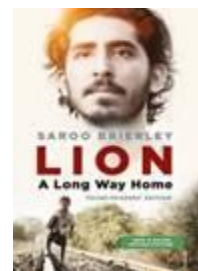
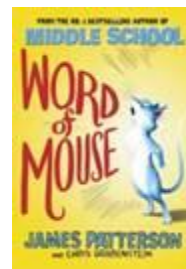
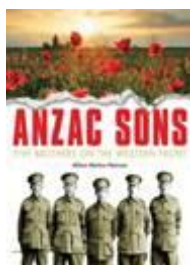
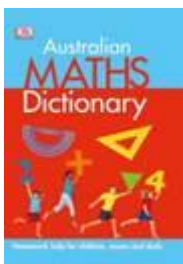
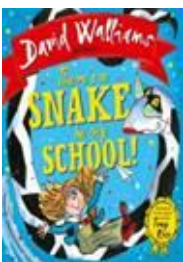
Redgum Book Club newly released books for term 1:

- *Lion: A Long Way Home (Young Readers Edition)* - A true story of survival and triumph against incredible odds, now a major motion Australian film starring Nicole Kidman
- *Alice Miranda Holds the Key* - From Australian best-selling and multi-award winning author, Jacqueline Harvey
- *Red Dog: True Blue* - A charming story of a young boy and his dog adventuring through the outback
- *Middle School: Word of Mouse* - James Patterson's newest illustrated story follows the illuminating journey of a very special mouse
- *There's a Snake in my School*: From Number One bestselling author David Walliams, comes this spectacularly funny picture book
- *Mr Romanov's Garden in the Sky* - Heartfelt, evocative and compelling – another masterpiece from the award-winning Australian Robert Newton

How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
- Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and post it with a cheque.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au





P&C News – 2017 P&C AGM - POSTPONED

Invitation to Parents/Carers, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles 2017 P&C AGM Monday 27 February 2017, 6:30pm in the Library

I am sorry to inform you that due to an unforeseen delay with our new auditors in getting our books back we have had to postpone our AGM meeting from Wednesday the 22nd of February to Monday the 27th of February, still at 6:30pm in the Library.

At the AGM meeting all P&C Committee positions become vacant and the new Committee will be formed. **Everyone is welcome to attend.** If you would like to nominate for a position on the committee, nomination forms are available at the Front Office. If you can't attend the meeting, but want to be part of the committee or just help out, please contact TheodorePandC@yahoo.com.au

P&C Positions to Fill are:

Executive Committee

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Secretary/Public Officer
Executive Committee Members (4 required)

Sub-Committees

P&C Fundraising Convenor
P&C Fundraising Secretary
P&C Fundraising Committee Members
Preschool Fundraising Convenor
Preschool Fundraising Secretary
Preschool Fundraising Finance Officer
Preschool Fundraising Committee Members

Other roles:

School Banking Officer(s)
P&C Council delegate
Calwell High School liaison
Uniform liaison
Canteen liaison

The P&C meetings are held in a relaxed atmosphere twice a term on Wednesday at 6:30pm in the 3rd and 8th week of term. Mr Matt Holdway and Ms Tracey Stewart also attend these meetings.

If you have any questions please email us on TheodorePandC@yahoo.com.au, otherwise just come along to the meeting to find out more.

My sincere apologies for any issues this may cause. Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you Monday.

Liset de Koeijer
2016 P&C President



P&C News



P&C ICE CREAM SALE! THIS FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY!

The P&C will be holding an Ice Cream Stall again at the Canteen at the beginning of lunch. Gluten-free and dairy-free options available. Prices range from 50c to \$2. It's going to be another hot day, so bring your money for a yummy cold treat!



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Calling all out grown uniforms..... are you a little tight on the tummy, a little short in the leg? Maybe it's time you left your old family and joined a new one?

If you have old uniforms that have a little life left in them yet, drop them into the front office where they can be sorted and sold for a nominal fee.

Non branded items sell for \$2 each and branded (school logo) for \$5 each. All donations gratefully received.

Theodore P&C