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## Executive News

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to term two. It was wonderful to see the students and teachers back refreshed and ready to reconnect with school. The students have resettled into school routines and learning very smoothly. We also welcome ten new students and their families to our school community this term!

This term is shaping to be one packed full of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom: Excursions and incursions, inquiry learning, whole school first aid, assessment and reporting processes, athletics carnival, school photos, 'Pizza and Problems' Maths night and in Public Education Week, cupcake day, pancake day and an Indigenous performance... the list goes on!

The senior playground is on its way! We have received notification that the old playground removal and installation of the new equipment will commence on May 22 – three weeks away! This is very exciting as we know that there has been so much community preparation, co-ordination and anticipation for its arrival. This will mean that the e area will be temporarily fenced off until the equipment is certified for use. Other building work over the holidays has included a new reverse air conditioner in the Murrumbidgee classroom; the plumbing in the preschool grounds prior to further grounds work planned by the Preschool P&C; new ceiling and roofing to the verandah of the Mereki building prior to a whole new verandah with off ramp being constructed during this term; and the construction of a multipurpose learning and sensory space adjacent to the library to provide an alternate breakout space for learning.

We certainly had some lovely weather over the school holidays – our last bit before the onslaught of the colder months ahead. As the cold weather rolls in, please ensure that students are dressed warmly and clothes items are clearly labelled. The last day of hats is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,

Kerri Clark



## Dates to Remember

<b>30 Apr</b>	First Day Term 2
<b>01 May</b>	Preschool Bush Wash Excursion
<b>04 May</b>	Preschool Bus Wash Excursion
<b>08 May</b>	Preschool open day
<b>11 May</b>	Preschool open day
<b>15 May</b>	NAPLAN- Writing Yr 3
<b>16 May</b>	NAPLAN- Writing Yr 5
<b>17 May</b>	NAPLAN- Reading Yr 3
<b>17 May</b>	Yr5 National Museum Excursion
<b>18 May</b>	NAPLAN- Yr 5 Reading
<b>18 May</b>	Yr 1 Assembly 12:20pm
<b>18 May</b>	Preschool Walkathon
<b>21 May</b>	Preschool Bus Wash Excursion
<b>21 May</b>	NAPLAN- Yr3 & Yr5 Language Conventions
<b>22 May</b>	Kindergarten 2019 Information evening
<b>28 May</b>	Reconciliation Day- Public Holiday
<b>29 May</b>	ICAS Science
<b>29 May</b>	Photo Day Possums & Bilbies
<b>29 May</b>	Preschool Music Man
<b>30 May</b>	Hats Off Day
<b>31 May</b>	Photo Day Whole School
<b>1 June</b>	Yr3 Assembly 12:20pm
<b>1 June</b>	Preschool Music Man

### Notes sent home with this issue

<b>2 May</b>	NAPLAN year 3 & Year 5
<b>2 May</b>	PALS Program Kindergarten

### Playground Tickets

Congratulations to the following students for receiving playground tickets;

Jackson 6L, Ben 6M, Bailey 6M, l'eisha, Charlie 3/4M, Mason 4L, Mikayla 4L, Oliver 3/4M, William 2L, Sirat 1K, Ravneet 1K, Jacob 1K.

## School News

### REMEMBER to park safely and legally around schools

Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined. Check out this short video – [Parking safely around schools](#)

### THINK BEFORE YOU PARK...AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE - MAKE PARKING SAFETY A PRIORITY!

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park.

**Remember** - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

**Consider** - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

**Think** – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

**Be kind** – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

**Note** - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at [www.act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR)

### Kindergarten 2019 Information evening

Date: May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Meet: School Library (followed by tour of kindergarten unit)

Please keep the date!



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## NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

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During 15th May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May Theodore Primary School year 3 and 5 students, along with every other school in Australia, will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This is a Federal Government requirement for all schools in Australia.

NAPLAN tests skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in May.

This year NAPLAN will be conducted online and students will be using the school Chromebooks. The only exception to this will be Year 3 will still handwrite their writing assessment.

To help support your child in performing to the best of their ability it is important that they've had a good night sleep and a hardy breakfast during this week.

Below is the NAPLAN timetable of our planned dates and times of when each assessment will be delivered.

<b>Year 3 NAPLAN Timetable</b>			
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>Writing</b> (Handwritten) 9:30am – 11:00am	<b>Reading</b> 9:30am – 11:00am	<b>Language Conventions</b> (spelling, punctuation & grammar) 11:30 am – 1:00pm	<b>Numeracy</b> 9:30am – 11:00am

<b>Year 5 NAPLAN Timetable</b>			
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>Writing</b> 9:30am – 11:00am	<b>Reading</b> 9:30am – 11:00am	<b>Language Conventions</b> (spelling, punctuation & grammar) 9:30 am – 11:00am	<b>Numeracy</b> 11:30am – 1:00pm

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jodie White.

Regards,

Jodie White  
NAPLAN Coordinator



# P&C News

## Theodore Primary P&C MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day stall. There will be a huge range of fantastic gifts available for students to choose from on the day.

It's a fun event that all students look forward to. Students can order as many gifts as they like so they can choose something special for mum, nana, grandma, carers, or anyone else important to them.

### GIFTS can be purchased for \$5 or \$10

If your child would like to choose a gift from the stall, please indicate the value and quantity below and return this form with payment to the front office by: **Wednesday 9 May.**

Unfortunately, only orders that arrive on time can be processed so don't miss out!

#### PLEASE COMPLETE ONE ORDER FORM FOR EACH STUDENT

Student Name:				Class:		
Gift Value & Quantity	\$5		\$10	Total Paid:	\$	
	Quantity: _____		Quantity: _____			
Special Requests:	Eg. No food items or love candles etc.					

Payment Option:

CASH

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Your contact number:

#### Direct Deposit details:

BSB 633 000	Account 119036911
Account Name	Theodore Primary School P & C Association
Reference	Student's Name



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