

Issue 31

**THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Principal

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Term 3



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*'A great place to grow up'*

**NEWSLETTER**

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## Executive News

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to term three! We trust that all of our students are returning rested and ready to embrace the learning challenges that they will encounter. Whilst the mornings are still very cold, it is important that students come layered to stay warm both inside and outside the classrooms. Staying warm will certainly help to stay focused in the learning!

It's all about the learning!

With learning experiences such as excursions for Kindergarten to the Museum and Botanical Gardens; years three, four and six to Geoscience; preschool to year two engaging in early years' extension opportunities; a preschool excursion; year five band excursion to Conder; and ICAS assessments, added to Hot Chocolate and reading Night, Book Week, Science Week and our P&C calendar of events, this term is shaping up to be an exciting and busy term three! There is much learning to be done though!

Teachers are learners too!

This term we continue our strategic work on strengthening literacy learning through our P-2 involvement in the Early Years Essential Literacy Practices guided by the Education Directorate's critical friend, Christine Topfer. An experienced, author, teacher, leader and literacy coach, Christine will be working with our early years' teachers to develop and strengthen capabilities in connecting reading, speaking and writing through the use of quality literature. This will occur over weeks 4-8 and strengthen the work across the whole of school that our literacy PLC (Professional Learning Community team of teachers) are engaged in.

All of our teachers continue to work on developing the next stages of inquiry learning for our students across the school; across next week our teachers will spend one day with Bronwyn MacLeod on developing curriculum using a conceptual framework. This work is significant as it engages us in delivering differentiated learning for students to enable students to learn at their point of need. Teachers carefully plan learning and assessment that enables students to demonstrate what they can do and what the next step in their learning is. We preface our learning with discussion to unpack the learning intentions so that students gain an understanding of why the learning matters. Teachers and students also discuss success criteria so that the students know what the teachers are looking for in order for them to be successful. This partnership in learning is so important, as we work to develop students' belief in themselves as learners.

We are all learners!

This term our school undertakes the annual School Satisfaction Survey for students of years 5 and 6, parents and staff. This survey includes general satisfaction items together with the school climate module, which covers relationships with other students and teachers, connection to the school, student well-being and engagement in learning. The survey results will contribute to our school improvement processes; in week four the school will host a panel who are reviewing our Strategic Plan that ends this year. The recommendations that come out of both processes will help to design our next Strategic Plan cycle and guide our future priorities and actions. We look forward to both of these processes and will be inviting our community to be involved. Information for participation will be forthcoming.

Have a great term three!

Kind regards,

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## Dates to Remember

- 23 July** First Day Term 3
- 25 July** Fete Committee Meeting (6:30pm Calwell Club)
- 31 Jul** ICAS English
- 1 Aug** P&C Meeting
- 2 Aug** Kindergarten Excursion Museum & Botanical Gardens
- 6 Aug** Year 6 Geoscience Excursion
- 7 Aug** Year 3 & 4 Geoscience Excursion
- 10 Aug** Fete Lucky Dip Mufti Day
- 10 Aug** Year 2 Assembly
- 13 Aug** P-K Early Years Extension
- 14 Aug** ICAS Maths
- 15 Aug** Year 1 & 2 Early Years Extension
- 22 Aug** Year 1 & 2 Excursion National Botanical Gardens
- 23 Aug** Year 5 Band @ Conder
- 24 Aug** Winter Disco
- 24 Aug** Year 3 & 4 Assembly
- 29 Aug** Hot Chocolate & Reading night
- 31 Aug** Father's Day Stall
- 31 Aug** Book Week Parade & Rotations

### Notes sent home with this issue

**24 June** Year 1 & 2 Design Technologies

**24 June** 100 Days of Kindergarten

**25 June** Lucky Dip Mufti Day P&C

**25 June** Redgum Book club (All orders online)

**25 June** Scholastic Book club (All orders online)

### Notes due back

**8 Aug** Scholastic Book club due

## Kindergarten Donation

Kindergarten would like to collect the small Coles "Little Shops" which are currently collectable with \$30 purchases. So if parents/caregivers who shop at Coles would collect them and then donate them we would love them.

## School News

### Student Injury- Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

### Privacy Notice - School Accidents/Incidents

Theodore Primary School collects information about injuries and incidents which occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the ACT Education Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Information Privacy Act 2014 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report or Notification of a Critical Incident together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes for which the information is collected include notifying the Territory's insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information may also be provided to WorkSafe ACT in accordance with the ACT Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may also ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.



## Some Important Reminders

**Before and After School Care** - Communities @ Work operate a Before and After School Care Program for Pre-schoolers to Yr 6 students at the school. Please contact the Communities @ Work coordinator on 62936500.

**Bikes** are to be walked through the school and left locked at the bike racks. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen bikes. By law, a helmet must be worn while riding.

**Car Park** - Please drive slowly and safely in our car park. If using the drop-off zone in front of the school please keep in the left lane. The Right lane gives access to parking and/or leaving the school.

**Children leaving school before 3:00pm** - **If for any reason you need to take your child from the school before 3:00pm parents must come to see the front office staff to mark your child in or out of the new Act Directorate Scentral System.**

**Classes** - begin at 9:00am. Students are reminded to come to the front office if they have a problem. There are notices on external windows and doors as reminders. Please send your children as close to 9:00am as possible. The school day ends at 3:00pm.

**Complaint or Concerns** - Many concerns are resolved quickly and easily by discussing the matter directly with the school.

Firstly speak directly to your child's teacher or talk to a member of the executive team. If you continue to be concerned please make an appointment to see your principal.

If you are not satisfied you may lodge a written complaint. The Complaints Policy and Complaints Form are available from the policy section of the Directorate website: [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au)

You have the right to approach the ACT Human Rights Commission. Details are available from the Commission website: [www.hrc.zact.gov.au/humanrights](http://www.hrc.zact.gov.au/humanrights).

If you need assistance, or you would like to compliment us, contact the ACT Education and Training Directorate's Liaison Unit on 6205 5429 or visit [www.det.act.gov.au/contact\\_us](http://www.det.act.gov.au/contact_us)

**Containers for food** - Tins (especially lids) and glass containers are dangerous to have in lunch boxes. We encourage you to use plastic containers at all times please.

**Current Contact Numbers** - It is very important that we have your current contact number and at least one other emergency contact number. If your child is sick or has had an accident we need to be able to contact you immediately.

**Dogs** - ACT Dog laws prohibit dogs, even on a leash, from being on the premises (including the grounds) of primary schools at any time. For the safety of our students, dogs should not be on the school grounds. There are obvious problems when the dogs use the playing areas as a toilet. We also have some students who are very frightened by dogs.

**Hats** - Children are reminded that they need to wear sun smart hats whilst outside at school. The Department of Education has asked us to recommend that parents remove the cords of school sunhats. This follows reported near-miss strangulation in an ACT school involving sunhat cords and playground equipment. We have also been advised that children are not permitted to play on fixed playground equipment if sunhat cords have not been removed. This took effect from 20 October 2005.

**Liability for the loss, damage or theft of students' personal property at school.** Advice from the ACT Government Solicitor indicates that notwithstanding the merits of each particular incident, schools generally cannot be held responsible for the Intervening acts of third parties relating to the loss, damage or theft of students' personal property. Parents and students are advised that schools do not provide private insurance cover to automatically compensate for the loss, damage or theft of bicycles or other personal property and nor will they be legally liable for the loss.

**Medication** - Departmental policy requires schools to ensure that: Any request for administering medications must be in writing. The medication must be accompanied by clear written instructions on the method of administration, timing and dosage, and signed by Dr Forms provided by the school

**We would be grateful if such letters regarding medication could be sent as soon as possible.**

**Mobile Phones** - All mobile phones brought to school must be left at the front office in the morning. Phones can be collected at 3:00pm. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

**Notes** - Please remember all notes that go home for an event have a definite closing date, which is usually two days before the event. Your assistance with returning all notes, along with your permission is crucial to informing us as to whether the event can proceed or not. There is a section in the newsletter advising when notes are sent home and a list of upcoming events.

**No Smoking** - Smoking on all grounds of ACT schools is not permitted. This includes the oval and carpark.

**Playground** - The school playground equipment should only be used by students during school hours under the supervision of staff. In the interests of the safety of all children, parents should ensure that their children do not use this equipment before or after school or when a staff member is not supervising.

**Student Absences** - **All student absences are now electronic recorded on the ACT Directorate Scentral System. Class rolls are marked both morning and afternoon by the class teacher. The teacher records an S when written advice has been received that the child has been sick or an L when written advice states that the child has been on leave for that particular day. If the class teacher does not receive any information in regard to the student's absence then an A is recorded for the specific day. Our aim is to see all children attending school as regularly as possible.**

**Unauthorised Access to School Rooves** - Parents are reminded of the dangers inherent when children climb onto the school roof. Your support in reminding children of these dangers is requested. Signs have been erected at the school warning of dangers of accessing the school roof.

**Volunteers and Visitors** - **All classroom helpers, volunteers and visitors must come to the front office to sign in and out using the Ipad provided. A visitors badge will be provided and must be worn while on the school grounds.**

**Parking-** Please observe sign regarding pick up & drop. Please ensure the carpark with the orange movable bollards is kept free for wheelchair access only.

## TERM 3 2018 @ Theodore Primary School – Parent

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
23 Jul	24 Jul	25 Jul Fete Committee Meeting (Calwell Club 6.30pm)	26 Jul	27 Jul	<b>WEEK 1</b>
30 Jul	31 Jul ICAS English	01 Aug P&C Meeting	02 Aug Kindergarten Excursion Museum & Botanical Gardens	03 Aug	<b>WEEK 2</b>
06 Aug Geoscience Excursion 6M & 6L 9-11:30	07 Aug Geoscience Excursion 3/4M & 4L 9-11:30  Year 6 Band @ Richardson	08 Aug	09 Aug	10 Aug Fete Lucky Dip Mufti Day  Year 2 Assembly	<b>WEEK 3</b>
13 Aug Early Years extension P-K	14 Aug ICAS Maths	15 Aug Early Years extension Yr 1 & Yr 2	16 Aug	17 Aug	<b>WEEK 4</b>
20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug Year 1 & 2 Excursion National Botanical Gardens	23 Aug Year 5 Band @ Conder	24 Aug Winter Disco  4L & 3/4M assembly	<b>WEEK 5</b>
27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug Hot Chocolate & Reading night (Library)	30 Aug	31 Aug Father's Day Stall  Book week parade & Rotations	<b>WEEK 6</b>
03 Sep	04 Sep ANU Extension Day	05 Sep P&C Meeting	06 Sep	07 Sep Year 5 Assembly	<b>WEEK 7</b>
10 Sep	11 Sep Preschool excursion	12 Sep	13 Sep Preschool excursion	14 Sep Book & Toy Donation Free Dress Day	<b>WEEK 8</b>
17 Sep	18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep Colour Run/Mufti Day  Year 1 Assembly	<b>WEEK 9</b>
24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep Tombola Challenge Award announced	27 Sep	28 Sep	<b>WEEK 10</b>

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