Rugby League Gala Day

Last Wednesday 11th March the year 3/4 and 5/6 rugby league teams from Theodore Primary School attended a gala day held at the Kambah Oval.

I had the pleasure of attending this day to support and cheer on our students as a ‘mum’ instead of as a ‘teacher’. It was great to see all of the Theodore students displaying outstanding sportsmanship. They were patient, considerate and polite.

Thank you to the other parents who came along on the day to offer encouragement to the students and to support Mrs Wood in the management and coaching of the two teams.

All of the boys and girls played very well. I saw some great runs, brave tackles and clever tries. I managed to capture quite a few great action shots. Make sure you pop into our front office a have a look at the photos being run through the computer screen.

Well done to all of the rugby league students!

Mrs Hogan

Sean’s tackling strength   Tenaya’s awesome try   Dylan ready to defend

Rick dodging and attacking   Isaac & Jay working together   Ethan’s tacking power
# SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

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## Assemblies and Awards

**Time - 12.20pm to 12.50pm**

**Where - School Hall**

- **Friday 27 March** - Harmony Day Yr 1/2 Assembly & Artist of the Month awards
- **Friday 10 April** - Kindy Assembly & Academic of the Month awards

## Term 2 Starting Dates

Please be advised that due to ANZAC Day (25 April) falling on a Saturday, Term 2 2015 will commence for all ACT Public Schools on Tuesday 28 April.
Swimming Carnival - 13 March 2015

Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre on the 6th March was a sea of Red, Green, Blue and Yellow for Theodore Primary’s annual swimming carnival.

The day started with continuous competitive swimming and the fabulous Tuggeranong College students helped with times and places. Students need to be commended on their fabulous sportsmanship and their ability to really put in their personal best. The competitive races concluded with a relay race consisting of some super speedy parents, teachers and of course the year 6s. Although it was difficult to see who won due to the false start everyone was in good spirit and had a lot of fun!

We then moved into the novelty events, students participate in pony ride races (pool noodles) tube races, ball collecting, sponge squeezing – onto each other’s head (that was a winner in my group) and bucket filling. This was a real highlight for some of our students, getting into the pool and just having fun!

The students were supporting their teammates with some powerful and encouraging chants and it was impressive how their voices lasted all day.

The students of Theodore worked very hard on the cleanliness of the venue. Well done!

A big thank you to all the teachers it was very well organised event!

A big thank you goes out to Queanbeyan Aquatic centre, it was a raging success!

Overall a fantastic day to be had by all – thank you to everyone who participated and came to support their children.

Jocelyn Guest
Sports with Brooke Wood!

The last few weeks have been very busy in the sporting area, congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

**Swimming**

Firstly on Friday the 6th March we had our school swimming carnival that was a great success. Thanks to all students, parents, family, Tuggeranong college students and staff for their outstanding efforts.

I would like to congratulate the following students that had times in 50m or 100m events that have qualified for the Tuggeranong district swimming carnival; **Emily, Mia, Jaimee, Amy, Matthew, Mark, Sam, Lachlan, Sean and Dylan**.

These students will compete against other Tuggeranong students at the A.I.S. this Friday. Good luck and best wishes to the Theodore team.

**Sport representative**

**Congratulations** to **Inas** who was selected on the Tuggeranong district cricket team and competed at the A.C.T. championships last week.

**Rugby League**

**Congratulations** and well done to all boys and girls that participated in the Legends of League Rugby League Gala Day last Wednesday 11th March.

**P.E. LESSONS**

**Buroinjin**

During P.E. lessons the 5/6 students have been working on skills and rules used in the game of “Buroinjin” (an indigenous based ball game). All students have been progressing well during lessons developing some outstanding skills and strategies. Yesterday (16th March) 30 year 5 and 6 students represented Theodore at the “Buroinjin Gala Day” at Calwell oval. With such a large number of participants Theodore had three teams and on the day all students performed well with some wins, loses and draws after 8 or 9 games. **Well done and congratulations to all students.**

**Congratulations and thank you** to **Don Bemrose** who convened the day and trained our Theodore students during lunchtime leading up to the event. The day was a huge success and Don did an amazing job.

During term one we have been fortunate enough to have some **Lake Tuggeranong College** students working with us at Theodore. On Tuesday afternoons for the first 5 weeks the students delivered some fun and exciting skill based lessons to our kindergarten students. The crocodiles and Tigers had so much fun learning hockey, basketball, soccer, oztag and throwing and catching skills with the older students. The year 5/6 students will now have some time learning from the college students.
Student of the Month Awards - 14 March 2015 Assembly

KC: Nawrah has had a great start to the year. She is hungry to learn and has been working very hard during investigations to create quality work that includes some of our learning intentions. She is a clever crocodile who is keen to share her ideas and participate in class time activities. She is a caring and kind friend who likes to invite others to play with her and join in on her games. She always follows the Tribes Agreements and tries to help others follow them too. Congratulations Nawrah!

KS: Jessica has had a fantastic start to the year. She is hungry to learn and has been an Attentive Listener in all group discussions. She is a creative tiger and loves to create fantastic animals in investigations and share her ideas with others. Jessica is a caring and kind friend who will invite others to play games. She always follows the Tribes Agreements and tries to help others follow them too. Congratulations Jessica!

1/2L: Tahlia is polite and friendly to all she meets. She is happy to work alongside others in our class and shares her thoughts and ideas freely. Tahlia demonstrates the Tribes Agreements and helps others do the same. Tahlia is an enthusiastic member of our class who consistently tries her best. Congratulations Tahlia, we are lucky to have you in 1/2L!

1/2MR: Ryan is a shining star in the Meerkats. He greets us with a little grin and a quiet nod as he walks in hungry to learn each day. Ryan has lots of friends in Yackatoo and enjoys trying different styles of learning. Ryan was particularly impressive with his 2D shape work this week and made an amazing display from his tangrams. Thank you Ryan for being a caring, polite and delightful Meerkat at all times.

1/2SL: Dominic has made an outstanding start to his time at Theodore PS. He consistently displays the TRIBES agreements and always strives to do his absolute best. He is friendly, cooperative and helpful. Dominic enthusiastically participates in all activities and the Generous Giraffes are very lucky to have him as part of our class. Congratulations, Dom, on this well-deserved award!

3/4H: WOW! What an amazing start you have had to Year 3! Abbey you have a brilliant work ethic. Whenever I offer a learning challenge to the class you are there, giving it a go and trying your best. What a FBT attitude you have! We are so lucky to have such a happy, caring person who gets on with everyone in our class. You are a role model for the students in our class and in Mereki. Keep up the EXCELLENT work!

3/4L: Oliver is a positive and enthusiastic member of our class who takes responsibility for his own learning and always tries to complete 5 star quality work. He follows the Tribes Agreements and is always polite and considerate to his teachers and classmates. Oliver thoroughly deserves this award. Congratulations, Oliver. Keep up the great work!

5/6S: Rebecca is a quiet and happy member of 5/6S. She strives for excellence, consistently putting in 100% to all learning activities. Rebecca enjoys working in small groups and as a member of the class she is helpful and encouraging of others. She consistently displays Tribes Agreements. 5/6S and Theodore Primary School are lucky to share Rebecca’s thoughtfulness and dedication. Congratulations Rebecca!

5/6G: Lachlan is a friendly and thoughtful class member who strives to demonstrate our Tribes agreements in all he does. He is willing to work with any of his classmates and is always ready to lend a hand when needed. Lachlan applies himself to all activities and consistently produces quality work. A fantastic start to the school year! Congratulations Lachlan. Keep it up!

5/6L: Inas is a valuable member of 5/6 L. He strives to complete all of his work on time and does so to the best of his ability. Inas always follows the Tribes Agreements and is always encouraging others to do the same. Well done Inas!
School News

Reminder to the parents/carers of Year 3 and 5 students.

Notes alerting families to the NAPLAN process went out last week. If you would like to discuss the process or have any concerns please contact either Jodie White (Literacy and Numeracy Field Officer) or Corinne Follett (yr 3-6 Exec).

Thanks.

Cheers,

Corinne

P & C News

From the P&C President

Hello everyone! I would like to invite you all to come along to our second P&C meeting for this term.

The meeting is held in a relaxed atmosphere, and provides an opportunity for parents/carers to come along and share your views, or gain better insight on school events and objectives.

No specific skills are needed and don’t be shy if you haven’t come before. If you can’t make it but would like to bring up an issue or suggestion please contact the P&C on TheodorePandC@yahoo.com.au. The meeting starts at 7pm, and will be held in Theodore Primary staff room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you,

Liset

Enrolments Opening Soon for Theodore Preschool 2016

Online Enrolments for 2016 prospective students will open on the first day of term 2, Tuesday 28 April 2015.

The closing date will be Friday 5 June 2015.

www.det.act.gov.au

SCHOOL BANKING

Hello Theodore School bankers just a little reminder to get your bank books to the office by 9.15 and to save those tokens for the big ‘spending’ later in the year.

Bendigo bank is running their annual colouring in competition and the hampers look amazing – so kids don’t miss an opportunity to win a prize! If you would like to enter into the competition (open to all students) just ask your teacher for the entry form, and please don’t forget to pop your name on the page.

They will draw the raffle on Wednesday 1st April 2015. Good luck!

EASTER RAFFLE 2015

Today your family has been sent home a book of 10 raffle tickets. Each ticket is $1, all tickets, sold or unsold, MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2015 with all money.

Raffle will be drawn on Thursday April 2nd 2015. Winners will be notified by phone immediately JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER!

1st Prize Easter Basket Worth $200
2nd Prize Easter Basket Worth $120
3rd Prize Easter Basket Worth $80

(MYSTERY PRIZE FOR THE FAMILY WHO SELLS THE MOST TICKETS!!!)

Please remember to sell only to friends and family and remember safety when selling Raffle Tickets. Adult Supervision is a must. All Fundraising in 2015 goes towards the improvement of Theodore Primary School’s play area and grounds.

Theodore Primary School – “Growing in Knowledge and Understanding”
Family Woden Store

BUYING IS GIVING

DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY PURCHASE FROM THE SMITH FAMILY STORE SUPPORTS PROGRAMS TO HELP DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN TO SUCCEED AT SCHOOL?

There is something for everyone at The Smith Family Woden Store, located at 4 Easty St, Philip ACT (Cnr Launceston and Easty St).

Not only will you find a great range of high quality clothing and accessories for the whole family at affordable prices, but your purchase will also go towards helping disadvantaged young Australians create better futures for themselves through education.

At The Smith Family stores, buying is giving because all proceeds we make from the sale of clothing donations go directly to learning programs for disadvantaged children supported by The Smith Family.

The Smith Family is a national children’s charity that helps disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school, to prevent them from experiencing a lifetime of poverty.

We look forward to seeing you at our Woden store!

For more information visit thesmithfamily.com.au/recycling

Call for Volunteers for Right Here Right Now Schools Art Project

Our School is one of over 50 ACT Schools participating in the Right Here Right Now project with the ACT Children & Young People Commissioner to celebrate children’s rights and the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Our students have provided self portraits and messages which will be included in an exciting art installation to be created at the Fitters Workshop (next to the Old Bus Depot Markets) in Kingston, from Friday 10-Sunday 12 April this year.

The installation will involve over 11,000 self portraits in rainbow colours, to be attached to over 700 cardboard boxes, forming a stunning sculptural maze.

The Commissioner is seeking volunteers (parents, family and friends) for two Sunday afternoon sessions to help with attaching the self-portraits to large cardboard sheets so that they can be easily assembled onsite. This is an easy and enjoyable process, and refreshments will be provided.

Volunteer sessions will be held from 2pm-5pm on Sunday 15 and Sunday 22 March at Turner School hall, Condamine St Turner.

If you, or anyone you know can help out for an hour or two, please contact Gabrielle at the ACT Human Rights Commission on 6205 2222 or 0411 434 584.

Join our Easter Family Night

FREE

Time: 6pm - 8pm @ Tuggeranong
Date: Thursday 26 March
Activities
DIY craft; Easter Bunny; Pony Rides; Magic Show;
Putt Putt Golf; Popcorn; Sausage Sizzle; Lucky Door Prize;
Face Painting; Colouring In Competition
Dr Justin Coulson (PhD) 
Parenting Seminar: ‘What Your Child Needs From You’

Justin is a well respected researcher and parenting expert. He appears regularly on the Today Show and The Project as well as writing for The Daily Telegraph and Kidspot. He is also the author of many parenting books.

When: Thursday 30th April, 2015
Where: Erindale College Theatre
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm (Doors open at 5:40pm)
Who: Parents of Tuggeranong Network Public School students
Cost: Free

Tickets: Can be ordered and collected from Richardson Primary School, May Gibbs Close Richardson, ACT 2905 ph- 6142 3630

This event is proudly brought to you by Richardson Primary School. A small school achieving big things.

Seats are limited so get your tickets today.