



Science News

Term 2 in Science is off to a great start. It is fabulous to have so many enthusiastic scientists at Theodore. I would like to begin with a reminder that Theodore will be hosting the ACT Science Fair in 2017. The ACT Science Fair is open to all school age students in the ACT. The dates for this year are as follows:

- 25th & 26th August – Projects dropped off to the school (25th 3-5:30pm, 26th 10am-12pm)
- 27th August – Judging
- 29th August – Project viewing 5:30 (Theodore families are welcome to view before and after school while the hall is open)
- 1st September – Collection of non-winning entries

If you go to http://seaact.act.edu.au/events/seaact_science_fair you will find information about the fair. We had a number of really good quality entries from Theodore students last year with 2 prize winners among them. It would be fantastic if we could increase the numbers of entries this year as this is the final year that Theodore will host the event.

The Kindergarten students are investigating the forces push and pull. The Push-Pull unit of work is a Primary Connections unit. For those families new to Theodore, Primary Connections are science units of work that have been developed by the Australian Government and the Academy of Science. The units align with the National Curriculum and are thoroughly enjoyed by students.

In Term 2 the 1/2 classes are working towards a CSIRO CREST award by investigating the science around mould. We are really enjoying watching our mould gardens grow and prosper as we explore the wondrous microorganism that is mould. Later in the term we will use our science knowledge to delve into the STEM area of technology as we explore how we can preserve and protect our food from mould and other sources of harm that make food unfit to eat.

The 3/4 students are well on their way to becoming the next generation of problem solving Engineers. We have been exploring some of the many and varied occupations that comprise the title of Engineer. We will primarily explore the work of Civil Engineers this term as we problem solve our way through a number of hands on building and design opportunities.

Term 2 sees the 5/6 students bathing in light as we look at the science behind UV light from the Sun and its implications for human life. Through participating in this CSIRO CREST unit of work we will investigate the science behind UV light and then utilise our knowledge to engineer innovative designs to combat common problems resulting from either a lack of UV light or too much exposure.

I am also very pleased to announce that ANU will again be hosting the ANU Extension Day in 2017. This event will take place in Term 3 and will include students from both the Calwell and Lanyon clusters in a 2 day event at ANU. This year, 6 students will be chosen from year 6 to represent Theodore. The invited students will be notified towards the end of this term.

Sarah Fletcher, Science Teacher



Dates to Remember


18 May	Lanyon Homestead Excursion 1/2 SS, 1/2M, Yr 1 students s of 1/2SH
19 May	Parent Hub Session, 9am-11am
19 May	Kindergarten Assembly, 12.20pm, Hall
23 May	Redgum Book Orders Due – Online
23 May	Tuggeranong Cross Country
23-30 May	Life Education Van
29 May	Kindergarten Grinding Stones Excursion
30 May	ICAS Science Competition
30 May	Declan the Music Man – Possums and Bilbies
2 Jun	Declan the Music Man - Koalas
2 Jun	Yr 3/4 Reconciliation Assembly, 12.20pm, Hall
13 Jun	ICAS Writing Competition
14 Jun	ICAS Spelling Competition
14 Jun	P&C Meeting
16 Jun	Yr 1/2 Assembly, 12.20pm, Hall
16 Jun	P&C Mid Year Disco
22 Jun	Maths Night – Pizza and Problems
30 Jun	Yr 5/6 Assembly, 12.20pm, Hall
1 Aug	ICAS English Competition
12-20 Aug	National Science Week
15 Aug	ICAS Mathematics Competition
25 Aug	Science Fair Projects dropped off, 3pm-5.30pm
26 Aug	Science Fair Projects dropped off, 10am-12pm
27 Aug	Science Fair Judging
29 Aug	Science Fair Project Viewing, 5.30pm
1 Sep	Science Fair Project Collection

Notes sent out with week 4 newsletter

Preschool Declan the Music Man

Notes and money to be returned

16 May	Life Education Van
23 May	Kindergarten Grinding Stones Excursion
24 May	Declan the Music Man



Elite Tree & Stump Grinding
Ph: 0413 253 151

School News

Kulture Break

There will be **NO KULTURE BREAK CLASS this Wednesday 17 May**. We will do a makeup class during school time next week.

Dogs in School Grounds

A gentle reminder - please do not bring dogs in to the school grounds. Thank you.

Redgum Book Club

Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term. The catalogues were sent home last week. This is their largest catalogue to date, with over 415 new titles and products. Please try and place an order, as every order will earn resources and books for our school.

Open link to view the current catalogue

https://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/8314_rg_catalogue_term_2_2017_lower

You will find hundreds more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from \$2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au The catalogue is now open and closes on 23rd May. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing 9th June.

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal www.redgumbookclub.com.au NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax (02) 9997 5850 or email orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

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



Parent Hub - Share a Skill

We had our bacon and egg roll brekkie at the end of last term, asked for ideas and opened our Parent Hub so families could tell us what it may be used for and what people would like to hear/know/share. We had some great ideas, the first being to have a skill share. So our next Parent Hub Session will be collecting ideas about what skills people may like to share...

HAVE YOU A SKILL TO SHARE?

- Crochet
- Cooking
- Sewing
- IT/computers/smart devices
- Art
- Languages
- Mindfulness



You have skills we want to learn.

We would love to hear from you. Come along to our meet and greet to help plan our sharing sessions.

- 19th of May 9-11am
- Parents' Hub (at the back of the hall)



Theodore Primary School



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Enrolments for Theodore Preschool
and Kindy to Year 6 2018

will OPEN on

Wednesday 26th April 2017.

If you have a child you would like to
attend Theodore Preschool / Primary in
2018 please ensure you complete an
enrolment form online.

All enrolment applications for Preschool
to Year 6 are accessed online. Please go
to www.det.act.gov.au

If you would like to discuss your child's
enrolment with the school's Principal,
please phone 6142 3100 to make an
appointment.

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P&C News



A big “Thank You” to Michelle, Annalisa and the volunteers involved in organising Mother's Day!

P&C Meeting Wednesday 14 June

I just wanted to give you a brief update following our productive P&C meeting last Wednesday. We are very keen to upgrade the senior playground this year. Some of the ideas we are looking into include a pump or BMX track, traverse climbing wall, and Astro turf. We will make a decision about this at our next meeting in week 8, Wednesday the 14th of June, again at 6:30 in the Teacher’s Staff room. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

When: Wednesday 14 June 6.30pm
Where: Teachers’ Staff Room

Cheers
Liset, on behalf of the P&C

Mid Year Disco

Save the date!
Friday 16 June!
More details
coming soon!



Preschool P&C News

Entertainment Books



Support our fundraising by buying the NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Membership for your Mum, other family members, or even spoil yourself this Mother's Day. Entertainment Memberships are filled with hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you'll be helping our fundraising at the same time!

Both digital and book memberships are available and you can even order interstate memberships as well, perfect present for family or friends that live afar. **A reminder to all preschool families, that if you haven't already done so, books need to returned this week.**

Sample Books are now available to view at the preschool and within the front office.

ORDER HERE

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2t4019>

Thank you for your support.
Theodore Preschool P&C Sub-Committee

Preschool Walkathon

Preschool Walkathon information and sponsorship forms will come home with children this week.

Thank you.
Theodore Preschool P&C Sub-Committee



Community News



Is your child starting school next year? Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Kathleen Watson, your local Saver Plus Coordinator
(02) 6283 7606 / 0448 730 305

kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au
or enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au



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**Are you the parent/carer of a child with a
disability commencing primary school
(kindergarten) in 2018?**

The Education Directorate is holding an information session
for parents/carers of children with a disability who are
commencing primary school in an ACT Government school
in 2018.

Hedley Beare
Centre for Teaching and Learning
Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Thursday 18th May 2017
12 noon – 1.30 pm

The session will cover the following topics:

- Disability Education programs
- Transition to primary school
- The application process
- The Student Centred Appraisal of Need

To RSVP or for further information contact:

DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au



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Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833