



Principal News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had visiting school and system leaders in our school as part of the school's review and improvement cycle. The week was highly constructive as the time committed to reflection and analysis of our priorities and action over the last five years to improve student outcomes and establish a safe and caring learning environment. The feedback from the panel was positive and constructive; once the report is validated, I look forward to sharing the commendations, affirmations and recommendations with our community. This will lead us into the strategic design of focus areas for the next five years. One way you can support the planning forward is through the School Satisfaction Surveys that have opened.

You will have recently received your information including an access code about the School Satisfaction Survey which opened on Tuesday, August 14 and will close on Monday, September 3. This important survey informs the school of your level of satisfaction about key aspects of our school. This survey contributes to our school improvement processes and helps us to understand where we are doing a great job and areas for further development. Your voice matters. We welcome the positive feedback and constructive critique to ensure that we continue to build positive outcomes for our students at Theodore Primary.

Your responses are anonymous. A number of provisions have been made to ensure that the access codes cannot be used to link survey responses to individual families. The access codes are randomly generated by the survey system and are not linked to survey responses. If you do not have access to the internet at home, please contact the school office and we will ensure that you are able to access a paper version or a computer within the school to complete the survey in an anonymous manner. We do hope that you take the small amount of time that it takes to complete the survey. A small moment of your time is a big investment in our school.

This week our teachers of P-2 have been involved in professional learning and an in-school demonstration opportunity with our literacy partner, Christine Topfer. An expert educator, coach and esteemed author in literacy, Christine worked with our executive team before teaching the students of 1S under the observation of our P-2 teachers. Our teachers reflected on their observations before attending further professional learning after school. This is an excellent opportunity for our teachers to explore how they can further develop their skills and embed quality literacy practices into everyday learning.

Yesterday students of years one and two visited the National Botanic Gardens as part of their inquiry into how people use the environment in their local area and why people live where they do. The activities focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, including how natural resources were used for to make everyday objects including tools, cradles and toys, and hunting artefacts such as boomerangs and fishing nets. They also heard how plants such as lemon myrtle and tea tree could be used for cooking and medicinal purposes and how paper bark could be used to wrap food. Our students had a wonderful learning experience; thank you to our teachers for planning an engaging hands on experience for our students.

3/4M and 4L will be hosting assembly this week; we do hope you can join us.

Kind regards,
Kerri Clark



Dates to Remember

23 Aug	Year 5 Band @ Conder
24 Aug	Year 3/4M & 4L Assembly
29 Aug	Hot Chocolate & Reading night
30 Aug	Father's Day Stall
31 Aug	Book Week Parade & Rotations
4 Sep	ANU Extension Day
5 Sep	P&C Meeting
7 Sep	Year 5 Assembly
11 Sep	Preschool Excursion
13 Sep	Preschool Excursion
14 Sep	Tombola Donation Mufti Day
14 Sep	Senior Enrichment Day (Select Students)
21 Sep	P&C Colour Run Mufti Day
21 Sep	Year 1 Assembly
28 Sep	Fete Toy & Book Stall Donations
28 Sep	Last day for Term 3
15 Oct	First Day for Term 4

Notes sent home with this issue

23 Aug	Kindy Woolworths Excursion
23 Aug	Senior Enrichment Day (Select Students)



School News

School Psychologist

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Hannah Delchau and I have joined Theodore Primary School as the school psychologist, working Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. I am very excited to be a part of the Theodore community. In this role, I will be working closely with teachers, parents, students, and community members to help all students engage with their learning and feel safe and supported at school. I complete school assessments, classroom observations, and consult with teachers and parents when children are facing difficulties at school. Also, at times, I may be able to provide some counselling services at the recommendation of the school.

I am looking forward to getting to know the wonderful students here!

Sincerely,

Hannah Delchau





P&C News



FATHER'S DAY STALL – IT'S NOT TOO LATE

If you haven't got your order form in yet, you still have time. Orders will be accepted up to the end of this week.

Please complete an order form and return it to the office by Friday afternoon **THIS WEEK!** Payments can still be made by cash or Direct Deposit

Pyjamas, Hot Chocolate & Book Reading Night

In conjunction with our Book Week celebrations, Theodore Primary will once again be having our family "Pyjamas and Hot Chocolate" evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to come along to the school library

Wednesday 29th August between

6:00pm and 7:00 pm

Students can come to evening wearing their pyjamas, and to share a cup of hot chocolate with others.

Parents will be able to read a variety of books with their child and share the love of hearing the many exciting and wonderful stories that build their imagination, making it an enjoyable experience for the whole family.

Writing Competition

In the weeks leading up to Book Week, Theodore Primary will be conducting a writing competition across the school for all our students.

The theme is the Book Week Theme of "Find Your Treasure".

In class all students will write about the treasures in their life or a narrative on finding their treasures. Children are also welcome to write a piece at home and hand it in to their class teacher.

Writing **entries will close on Wednesday the 29 August** and will be judged by a mystery judge.



Children's Book Week



Each year across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature.

Generally, the CBCA Book of the Year winner's announcement is the third Friday in August, and CBCA Children's Book Week commences the following day.

2018 Theme: Find Your Treasure

2018 Dates: CBCA Children's Book Week will be 18 - 24 August

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PARADE AT THEODORE PRIMARY

Theodore Primary will be celebrating 2018 "Find Your Treasure" Book Week with a costume parade on:

Friday 31st August in the Shade Shelter area at 9:30am

We are encouraging all students, including Pre School, to have some fun and come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Children will need to bring with them the book their character comes from. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

The day will include whole school rotations where the children will be able to read exciting books and complete art related activities.

We hope to see our school come alive with many imaginative characters who have found their treasure in books.



Theodore Primary School



Friday 16 November 2018
4pm – 8pm

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