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THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 5 - 18th August 2015

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Executive News

Welcome to Week 5. The days are getting longer and all of us are looking forward to some reasonable day and night time temperatures! Already there has been a lot happening in the Year 3-6 section of Theodore Primary School. Our school bands have had the privilege of practising with other schools around the area. Once these bands combine they sound very professional and it gives the students a sense of how an orchestra/band has to work together. Geography is our inquiry unit focus this term with Year 3/4 concentrating on our environmental footprint whilst Year 5/6 are looking at Australia's neighbouring countries and their geographical features. Some of the work both teams have covered is not only interesting but makes the students think about our country and how we compare with others. We continue to see success with our students during Maths and English time. Continuing to encourage home reading and learning of basic number facts (times tables) ensures students are more confident when working in these subjects.

A couple of reminders: For Years 3 and 4 the '26 Storey Treehouse' performance is coming up on the 27th of August. Please bring in your notes and money ASAP. Bookweek and Science week are on during Week 6 (24th-28th August). There is a special PJ, hot chocolate and reading information night on the 25th August.

Finally we would all like to acknowledge that it is 'National School Support Staff Week'. Not only for this week but every week of the year our wonderful support staff go above and beyond. The work these lovely people do for teachers and, more importantly, your children is amazing. THANKYOU.

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SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

Dates to Remember

- 17 August** Year 5 Combined Band @ Theodore 9.30am to 1.00pm
- 18 August** Possums & Bilbies - Open Science Morning 9.30am to 10.30
- 19 August** Plant a Tree Bunnings - Possums & Bilbies
- 20 August** Koalas Preschool - Kenny Koala
- 21 August** Koalas - Open Science Morning 9.30am to 10.30am
- 24 to 28 August** National Science Week
- 24 to 28 August** Book Week
- 25 August** **Possums & Bilbies Tombola Jar Dress Up**
- 25 August** PJ & Hot Chocolate Night
- 27 August** Yr's 1/2 & 3/4
26 Storey Treehouse Performance
- 27 August** Selected Students TPSSA Athletics
- 28 August** Koalas Tombola Jar Dress Up
- 31 August** Selected Students Cricket - Milo T20 Blast
- 31 August** Kindy Health Check
- 1 September** Billy G'S Cookies collection @ 2pm
- 3 September** KIDSAFE Child restraint check 9.15am to 10.15am
- 4 September** P&C Father's Day casual dinner
- 8th September** Hearing test Indigenous students @ 10.00am
- 8 September** Selected Students - ANU Science Extension Day
- 8 September** Preschool Art Show - Bilbies , Possums & Koala's
- 11 September** Preschool Spring Fair
- 11 September** Theodore Preschool Spring Fair @ 3pm - 4.30pm
- 24 September** Learning Journey

Notice - Year 1/2 & 3/4 Students

26 Storey Tree House seats are all sold out. The Theatre does not have extra seats available therefore we cannot accept any further payment or notes.

Thank you

Natalie Hogan

Junior Executive teacher

Individual Learning Plans

- Tuesday** 1 September
- Tuesday** 8 September
- Thursday** 10 September

Notes sent home with this Newsletter

- Pre to Year 6** Theodore Preschool Spring Fair

Notes and Money to be returned

- 18 August** TPSSA Athletics Carnival **Note**
- 21 August** Year 1/2 & Year 3/4 26 Storey Treehouse **Note & Money**
- 21 August** Cricket - Milo **Note & Money**
- 28 August** Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Hearing Program **-Note only**

Assemblies and Awards

- 21 August** Kindy Assembly & Student of the Month Award
- 4 September** Year 5/6 Assembly & Artist of the Month Award
- 18 September** Year 1/2 Assembly & Student of the Month Award

COOKIE DOUGH COLLECTION

- When** 1st September
- Where** School Canteen
- Time** 2pm to 4pm



Sporting Schools with Brooke Wood

BASKETBALL

Our first sporting schools basketball sessions took place on Tuesday. All the students in k-2 are having a great time and developing some interesting skills thanks to their coach Sean. Have a look at all the fun.



NETBALL - 7-16 AUGUST

The 2015 World Cup Netball championships were held in Sydney from the 7-16 August. Congratulations to the Australian Diamonds on winning the Final against New Zealand.

On Monday 11 August at the Allphones Arena in Sydney students from N.S.W. were invited to participate in a world record attempt of the most primary aged children participating in netball. In conjunction with this last Monday (11 August) all P.E. classes were involved with a netball session including viewing a netball clip identifying rules, positions of the game, skill based activities and a short game of netball on our school netball court.

Below are a few images of the students from Theodore participating in Netball.

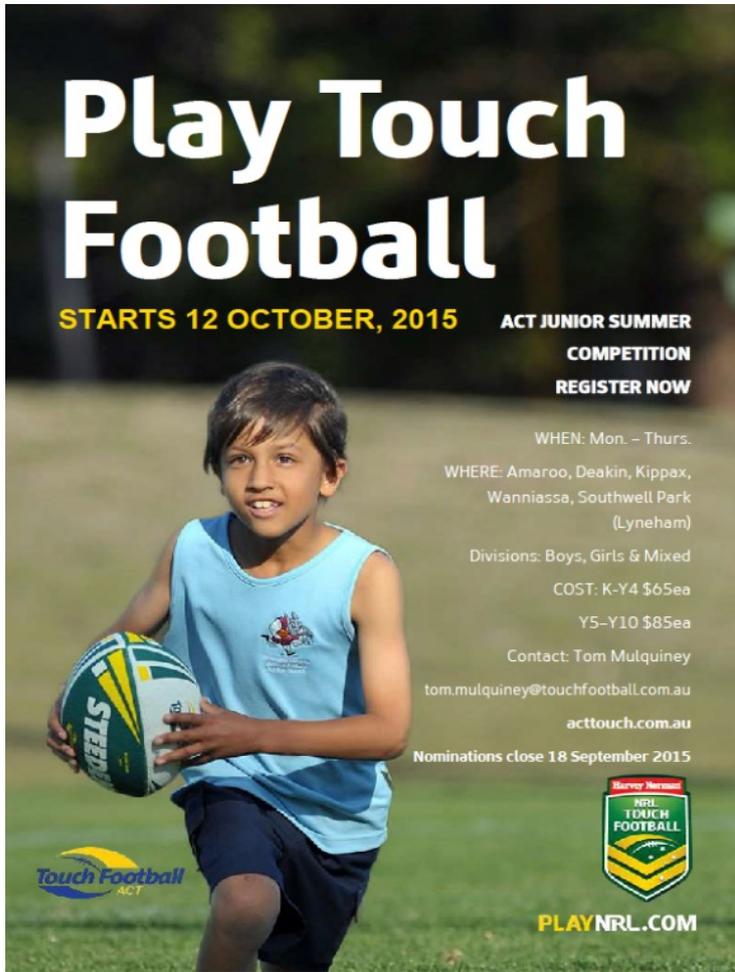


Netball A.C.T. were very excited to hear about Theodore's involvement and are going to put some of our pictures on the A.C.T. netball website.

All students got involved and had fun, well done.



TOUCH FOOTBALL



Play Touch Football

STARTS 12 OCTOBER, 2015 **ACT JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION REGISTER NOW**

WHEN: Mon. – Thurs.
 WHERE: Amaroo, Deakin, Kippax, Wanniasa, Southwell Park (Lyneham)
 Divisions: Boys, Girls & Mixed
 COST: K-Y4 \$65ea
 Y5-Y10 \$85ea
 Contact: Tom Mulquiney
 tom.mulquiney@touchfootball.com.au
 acttouch.com.au
 Nominations close 18 September 2015

  PLAYNRL.COM

Dear Parents,

Sporting schools is up and running and we had our first session of basketball at lunchtime on Tuesday. Thank you to all the students that put in their best effort and had fun. There was a large group of students participating and they were all active.

Well done to the year 3-6 students that committed themselves to cricket sessions and have attended Cricket on Fridays in the last two weeks. All students have been having fun learning and practising new skills.

During term 4 the junior summer touch football competition for both boys and girls will begin on Monday afternoons at Wanniasa. If you are interested in having your child play in a Theodore team please return the slip below. If you can help or are interested in developing your touch football coaching skills to assist coaching or managing a Theodore team please indicate.

As a "Sporting School" we would like to encourage as many children to participate both in and out of school to represent Theodore. We will need the support of parents and the community to help.

If you have any questions please see Brooke Wood.

Touch Football - Permission slip

My child _____ in class _____ would like to be part of Theodore Touch football team.

I _____ will/will not be available to support with coaching the team.

I _____ will/will not be available to support managing the team.

Contact Details: _____

Signed: _____



Classroom Chat - Year 5/6

How time flies...Term 3 is well underway and students in Murrumbidgee and Molonglo have been hard at work investigating and comparing Australian geography with our neighbouring countries. Students have researched different regions of Australia and looked at how this affects how we use that area (eg. farming, crops, mines etc.).

Last Friday, we attended an excursion to the Indonesian and Japanese Embassies to learn about their cultures, lifestyles and geography. Some highlights from the embassies were:

- walking around the Japanese gardens and seeing the rocks, ponds and sculptures
- learning about Japanese food, toys, ceremonial clothing and school life
- discovering that Indonesia is made up of more than 17, 000 islands
- playing with Indonesian dolls and creating our own puppet show
- listening to and creating music using traditional Indonesian instruments.

We congratulate all students on their positive behaviour and the way they represented Theodore Primary.

In the upcoming weeks all students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their flair and creativity as they present their own investigation of a selected neighbouring country. We are looking forward to seeing the final artefacts. So parents and carers you can be prepared for home extra work at home.

Reminders:

- 5/6 Assembly will be on Friday Week 7, 5th September
- Dress Up Book Week Parade Week 6, Tuesday 25th August
- Tuggeranong Athletics Carnival Week 6, Thursday 27th August

Sharon Swift, Briana Gracie & Alice Lowes





PLEASE HELP DECORATE OUR THEODORE COW

We would like to welcome the newest addition to the Theodore family.

We proudly present **THEODORA PUZZLES**. We have joined two names together to come up with the official name. The names were submitted by Adele, Julianne in 1/2L and Luke from 3/4 L for the name Theodora and the design was submitted by Madie in 5/6G. Congratulations to those students.

We would like to start the collection of decorations for our cow. There are 14 classes including the pre-school and it would be good if each class could decorate with an item specific to their class. So far I have collected items such as google eyes, buttons, stamps, letters and numbers, lego, glass beads etc.

I need help with the collection of other items. If possible I would like to have an area decorated with old watches that do not work where the band can be removed and the face stuck on the cow, any old fridge magnets that are no longer needed, any spare nuts and washers that are not being used, any match box size cars that are missing wheels and no longer used. If you can help with these items please send to school ASAP. They can be handed in to Mrs Jenny Murch in Mereki or to Rose in the front office.



SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY 2015

The 2015 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by **Monday 31 August 2015**. A letter about the parent and carer survey was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The letter contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education and Training Directorate website (www.det.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2014 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

This year the class with the most completed surveys will have a treat with Mr Holdway.

If you have misplaced your access code please phone OR email Rose.Rodriguez@ed.act.edu.au for another code. The survey will be open until 31st August 2015. If you have more than one child please complete a survey for each child. The more community members that respond to the survey the better, as this will help us gain a true understanding of how our wonderful school is travelling.

Link to Parent Survey:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/sLvKDPNa>



Survey Return Slip - Treat with Mr Holdway

What class is your child/ren in:

What code used for each survey :

(Codes are used only for number collection)



THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BAG TAG FUNDRAISER

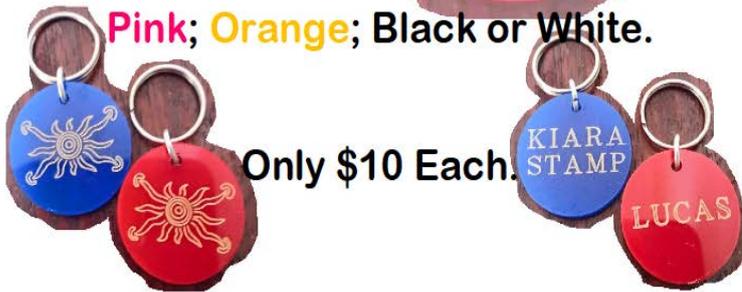
Get your own custom personalised bag tag with the Theodore Primary School logo.

Your choice of personalised name:

- First name only
- Surname only
- First name and surname
- Nickname

Great choice of acrylic colours:

Blue; Yellow; Green; Red; Purple;
Pink; Orange; Black or White.



Only \$10 Each.

*Note: proceeds raised go to the Theodore Primary School fundraising

BAG TAG - ORDER FORM

Tags created by GALLIFREYAN PENDANTS

All sales are CASH only. FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER BY THE 4TH SEPTEMBER

STUDENT NAME: _____

Class Colour of tag

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> KC | <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KS | <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 L | <input type="checkbox"/> RED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 SL | <input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 MR | <input type="checkbox"/> PINK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 H | <input type="checkbox"/> ORANGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 S | <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 L | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5/6 G | <input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW (with BLUE writing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5/6 S | NOTE: All tags come with YELLOW writing except for yellow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5/6 L | |

Name on tag: _____

YEAR 6 ONLY : Do you wish to have the Theodore logo? Yes No

PAYMENT DETAILS (cash only)

We wish to purchase _____ bag tags at a cost of \$10 each.

TOTAL: _____

CASH ENCLOSED: _____ DATE: _____



Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia in the Australian Capital Territory
www.kidsafeact.com.au (02) 6290 2244

Free Child Restraint Checks

Theodore Primary School

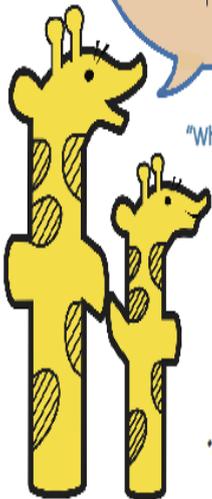
9:15 - 10:15am Thursday 3 September

Win a carseat
or booster seat
worth up to \$500!*

"Is my seat installed correctly?"

"When should my child stop
using their booster seat?"

"Where is the safest place to install my child's seat in the car?"



Like Kidsafe ACT on Facebook and help us make the world a safer place for kids!

*Have your child restraint checked at a Kidsafe ACT restraint checking event before 23 December 2015 and receive an entry form. See our website for full details.



Supporting kids and families through tough times

All families go through tough times, though some families face more challenges or have less supports than others. It can be difficult knowing how to support your kids when your family is going through tough times. However, we know that giving kids extra support at these times is really important for their emotional wellbeing and helps them do better at school and in their relationships with others too. Supporting kids to get through tough times can increase their resilience to face tough times in the future.

In your school, there will be two information sessions in Term 3 on how you can support your kids to get through tough times. These sessions are part of the TRUST in Schools project; Trauma Understanding and Sensitive Teaching (TRUST).

The 2 sessions are:

Facing tough times: Supporting your kids

Wednesday 2nd September, 4.30 - 6pm

and

Facing tough times: Strengths for kids and families

Thursday 17th September, 9.15 - 10.30am

We encourage all families to come along to these sessions. They will provide lots of information on how tough times affect kids and what can be done to support kids.



Find us on Facebook Theodore Primary School (Official Site)



Theodore Preschool Spring Fair

Friday 11 September 3 - 4.30pm

- Cakes
- Lucky Dips
- Tombola
- Plant stall
- Free Craft Activities
- Chocolate Trailer
- Pre-loved Books and Toys
- Face Painting & Crazy Hair
- Ice Creams & Drinks
- Fresh Popcorn

Parents can enjoy a Devonshire Tea while the kids have fun!



It's time to Spring Clean for the Spring Fair!

Have any books or toys you no longer need? Why not donate them to the Preschool for the pre-loved book and toy stall? Donations can be dropped off at the Preschool from now until the Fair.

Theodore Preschool would like to thank our generous Sponsors:





Theodore Primary School Celebrating

BOOK WEEK

24 August 2015 to 28 August 2015



**Book Week Events on
Tuesday 25th August**

Book Week Parade

Held in the morning in the school hall. All students and staff will dress up as book characters. Wait till you see what the teachers are wearing this year!

What are you going to wear?

After the parade students will participate in several rotations of book activities (in K-6 groups) and make a special display for the library and the front office.

A fun day for everyone!

Pyjamas and Hot Chocolate Evening

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Where : School Library

Time in the library where we all share books and enjoy a warm drink. Come along and enjoy seeing and hearing some wonderful books.

Parent Workshop

'Helping Your Child With Reading'

5.30pm – 6.00pm

While your children are in the library enjoying hot chocolates and reading, please feel free to join us in the Science Room for some handy hints and tips to help support your children with their reading.

