Executive News

The term is fast disappearing and we have achieved so much. It is a good time to reflect on all the ways we are able to support students at Theodore. Over the past week we have had goal setting meetings with many of you. This has been a great opportunity to discuss the individual needs of your child/ren. We have also had ILP meetings with many families which are another way to cater for individual needs.

We also offer many of our year 1-4 students Minilit lessons to support their learning of reading. Six of our staff work with small groups of children 3-4 times a week. Whilst students attend Minilit other students are grouped according to their individual literacy needs. This grouping also occurs during mathematics sessions several times each week. This allows us to really cater for the specific needs of your child/ren.

We have also had many students represent the school in football, swimming and Buroinjin. There is also circus and dance classes as well as two bands. As you can see the school makes a great effort to support the individual needs and interests of every student. Talk to your child/ren about the different activities and opportunities they get to do each week.

Tomorrow we will all be attending a history performance in the school hall. This is a humorous look at Australia's history. If you haven't yet sent back the note and payment please do so tomorrow morning.

With the Easter weekend coming up do take the time to spend time connecting with your loved ones and do travel safely.

Rowan Simpkin
SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

Dates to Remember

31 March  Bilbies Farm Yard Excursion
1 April    K to Yr 6 History Incursion
1 April    Possums & Koalas Farm yard Excursion
1 April    Bendigo Bank colouring competition drawn
2 April    P&C Easter Raffle drawn
3 & 6 April Easter Break
8 April    Whole School Cross Country (details page 3)
10 April   Last day of Term 1
3 May      Preschool Working Bee
           9am to 12noon
8 May      Theodore Athletics Carnival

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.

ICAS Competition starting term 2 2015

Note and money to be returned by 10 April

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Notes sent home with this Newsletter

Yr 5/6     Queanbeyan Theatre "I am Jack"
K to Yr 6  P&C Mother’s Day Order

Notes and Money to be returned

ASAP       Students Information packs
3 April    Yr 6 Band payment Note & Money
10 April   ICAS Notes & Money
10 April   Yr 5 Band payment Note & Money
30 April   P&C Mother’s Day Order
8 May      Yr 5/6 "I am Jack" Note & Money

Assemblies and Awards

Wednesday 8th April
Time: 2.15 pm
Where School Hall
What: Sports Award assembly
Including: Cross Country, Swimming, Rugby, Buroinjin

Thursday 9th April
What: Kindy Assembly & Academic of the Month Awards
Time: 12.20pm to 12.50pm
Where: School Hall
The dates for this year’s ACT Science Fair are Fri 28 Aug - Sun 30 Aug. It would be really great to see some entries in the Science Fair from Theodore! This year a website has been set up to promote participation in the Science Fair. The website has examples of winning projects and resources that assist with developing a Science Fair entry. The website is: scienceawards.org.au

If anyone is interested in participating in the Science Fair and would like to talk to me please come and see me to arrange a time to meet.

Curriculum News

This term in Science continues to be a busy one. The 5/6 students have been thoroughly exploring micro-organisms through their experimentation with yeast and mould. I really look forward to seeing what they have discovered when they create their own micro-organism.

The 3/4 students are blooming with knowledge as they reach the end of their Primary Connections unit about plants. We have explored all aspects of the plant life cycle from analysing seeds to dissecting fruit. I think the favourite exploration this term has been our experiment around light and growing conditions for bean seeds. I’m sure there are many surviving seedlings sitting on windowsills at home.

The K-2 students have really impressed me this term with their knowledge about native and introduced animals in our environment. They have shown a very caring side as we discussed our responsibilities to both native and domestic animals. Stampy, the blue tongued lizard, had a great time meeting our new Kindergarten classes and really enjoyed seeing some old friends from the 1/2 classes.

As always I have been very impressed with the quality Science thinking skills that Theodore students continue to demonstrate on a daily basis. I would also like to congratulate the students who have received the Quality Work in Science awards this term.

Thankyou,
Sarah Fletcher

Whole School Cross Country - 8th April

Whole School Cross Country will be on Wednesday 8 April. Following will be the timetable for the days event

Students **AGE** groups

**Ages 9,10,11,12** will be running at 10am to 11am

**Ages 5,6,7,8** will be running at 12nooon to 1pm

Following the Cross Country will be an Sports Award Assembly presenting awards for Cross Country, Swimming, Rugby and Buroinjin

**Assembly Time: 2.15 pm**

**Where: School Hall**
**Artist of the Month Awards - Assembly 27 March**

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Preschool Working Bee and Sausage Sizzle

The preschool will be holding a working bee on Sunday 3rd May from 9am to 12pm. Projects for the day may include a watering system for the gardens, a dry river bed, and repairing the cubby house. All the hard work will be rewarded with a sausage sizzle following the working bee. If you would like to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the preschool so we can make sure we purchase enough sausages and other supplies for the day.

Preschool Shade Sail

The preschool shade sail has been completed and the preschool students are enjoying the benefits of having more shade to play in! A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to fundraising for the shade sail over the past years, and especially to last year's preschool fundraising committee who not only organised the shade sail purchase but also raised a huge amount of money to make it possible.
School News

SUPA Club is a Safe and Understanding Place for All

Your child is invited to join SUPA Club which meets Wednesday lunchtimes at Theodore school. SUPA Club is a Christian club for children, and this year we’re inviting children in Years 3-6. SUPA is a fun time with games, Bible input, prayer, music and craft. SUPA STARTS Wed 29TH APRIL, 2015.

Leaders have WWVP cards and are trained by Scripture Union www.suact.org.au Enquiries: Mrs Anneke Pears (via front office)

Please return form to front office

I give permission for my child ___________________________________________ in Class __________ to attend SUPA Club. I also give permission for my child to be photographed under the condition that the photos are ONLY used within the Theodore SUPA Club program.

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________
Daytime Phone Number: ________________________________

Please indicate if your child has any allergy or medical condition we should know about:

Preschool Enrolments 2016

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
P&C News

**Last chance**

Bendigo Bank needs your colouring in!!!

Kids have you done your colouring in yet?

If you haven’t, grab one from the front office so you can be in for a chance to win a great Easter hamper. I need your entries by Wednesday 1 April, and this is no April fools, so hurry!

Drop your entries back to the office or straight to the bank by Wednesday 1st April, and don’t forget to pop your name on the back. Good luck!

**Easter Raffle Tickets**

All raffle tickets must be handed in by 9.30am Wednesday 1st April. The raffle will be drawn at 11.45am on the morning of Wednesday 1st April.

All winners will be notified immediately.
$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2015! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free $1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.

GOOD FRIDAY FESTIVAL

April 3rd, 10am
Gordon Park
McGilvray Ct, Gordon

IT’S ALL FREE!

Good Friday Service | Petting Zoo | Morning Tea | Face Painting | Helium Balloons
byo chairs or picnic blanket

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOLS FRONT OFFICE

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

Seats are limited so get your tickets today.