



'A great place to grow up'

NEWSLETTER

Executive News

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to an exciting term ahead. We hope that all are rested and ready for all that term four has planned in teaching and learning and in the calendar: excursions, extension days, assemblies, Aquasafe swimming, market day, 'Acting up' transition day, year six graduation as well as our community events of the school fete and Christmas concert!! It's hard to believe that in ten weeks the 2018 school year will end, and with only ten weeks to go, minutes matter! Year five dived in to their learning on Monday with an excursion to the Museum of Australian Democracy as part of their inquiry learning, with year six venturing off this Friday. As I walked around the classes on Monday all students were settled, eager to get in to the busy-ness of learning! A wonderful start!

As minutes matter and we start a new term with warmer days, it is a timely reminder that the school learning day starts at 9:00am. There has been an increase in the number of late notes provided to students upon their arrival at school. Please ensure that your child is at school before 9:00am ready to start their learning; if they are late, they may miss valuable instruction in key learning areas. Please let us know if this is an issue for you and where we may be able to support.

This term we welcome Mrs Helen Cox to our leadership and teaching team. Helen joins us in the role of executive teacher and her extensive experiences in schools and the Education Directorate will be asset to our school community. We also welcome Kirsten O'Neil to our teaching team; Kirsten is a familiar face at Theodore having worked here previously. This term we also have a couple of staff changes in roles, as we work to meet the needs of students and staff: Mrs D'Elboux will be working with Ms Lonergan in a team-teaching capacity on year four; and Kirsten O'Neil joins the Kindergarten teaching team on KL. Mrs Leheny will be working with students across Kindergarten to target their learning in preparation for transition into year one next year.

This term we also embark on an exciting action learning project in creating flexible learning spaces in our schools. This will see two classrooms in our school upgraded as we rethink how we utilise our teaching and learning spaces to optimise engagement of students and the way teachers teach and students learn. Today a team visited Curtin Primary to see the results of their transformation of learning spaces and the way the students utilise the variety of furniture options available to suit their learning needs. Our year five students will then be integral in the design phase as they work collaboratively to plan the classroom spaces that they will be learners in as year six students in 2019. This will be stage one of our transformation as next year, the year six students will be experts to lead the next stage with next year's year five students. This is a very exciting time and one that would not be possible without the support of our P&C and the tireless efforts of their fundraising support. A very big heartfelt thank you!!!

Have a great term everyone!

Kind regards,

Kerri Clark



Dates to Remember

19 Oct	Year 6 Excursion
24 Oct	Preschool Art Show
26 Oct	Spring Disco
26 Oct	Senior Years Extension (Y3-5 Part2)
30 Oct	Preschool Reptile Incursion
31 Oct	Early Years Enrichment Health/PE
2 Nov	Year 3 Excursion
2 Nov	Preschool Reptile Incursion
2 Nov	Chocolate Trailer Donations Mufti Day
6 Nov	P-K Transition
8 Nov	Calwell Y6 Orientation
8 Nov	P-K Transition
16 Nov	School Fete
19 Nov	Aqua Safe Year 2 (19 Nov to 30 Nov)
19 Nov	Band Strav

Notes sent home with this issue

17 Oct	Scholastic Book Club
17 Oct	2019 Book Pack

Notes Due Back

22 Oct	Smith Family
26 Oct	War Memorial Year 3
31 Oct	Scholastic Book Club (Online only)

School News

Reminder for YEAR 2 students & families: AQUASAFE WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Notes about the AQUASAFE water safety program went out in Term 3. Permission notes must be returned to school by Monday October the 29th. Registration and payment is to be done online. If you require another note please see the front office staff.

Thanks,

Corinne Follett

Junior Executive Teacher

Message from Helen Cox Leadership Team

I am most excited to have joined Theodore's school community, this term, and appreciate the warm welcome I have received. I have worked in a number of ACT public schools over the years and, as with every school, there is a lot going on this term already!

I have really enjoyed meeting those students who have come up and introduced themselves to me when I've been in the playground. I will look forward to continuing to get to know students and staff this term and to be able to appreciate all that makes Theodore such a special place.

I would especially like to acknowledge the members of the executive team, as well as the office staff, who have anticipated my every need!

Helen



Theodore Primary School



Friday 16 November 2018
4pm – 8pm

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