



Executive News

Dear parents and carers,

As we settle into our school year, it is wonderful to see the students working with their teachers and peers to establish a positive classroom community. Our teachers have worked hard getting to know their students to ensure that the classroom provides a safe and supportive classroom environment for all, where students are able to demonstrate personal best and conduct themselves with respect, compassion and integrity. Thank you for the role you have played in supporting your child to begin their school year successfully.

Getting to know your child as a student at Theodore is also important for teachers to plan learning opportunities that stimulate deep thinking and enable skill development through inquiry. Thank you to those parents who attended last week's information sessions, taking the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and hear about the learning program. There has been a strong uptake of 'Getting to Know Your Child' interviews with teachers this week. These brief timeslots are a wonderful opportunity for you to share information relevant to your child's learning that will assist teachers in providing optimal learning experiences for them. If you have not had an interview please contact your child's teacher to organise a time or have a chat over the phone. We value the partnership between home and school that these two events support.

Today I had the pleasure of listening to our Year 6 candidates for our first school parliament. I saw nervous students find their brave and, with courage, speak from the heart to inform the voters of Years 5 and 6 of their suitability for the important positions of prime minister, secretary and/ or treasurer. The students did themselves proud and all should be congratulated for their speeches. As the voting process gets underway I look forward to collaborating with the 2018 parliamentary executive.

In their leadership year, our year six students are exploring the concept of Power, including the government of Australia and what it means to be part of a democracy. Our student parliament serves to empower students through active involvement in a democratic model. The year six ministry and cabinet will represent all students in the school (supported by our SRC class representatives) and create opportunity for students to be active citizens at Theodore Primary. Whilst this model is used successfully across many primary schools in the ACT, this is a wonderful new initiative led by Jodie White, Alice Lowes and John Muir, creating broader student leadership opportunities that are authentic, relevant and service based.

In the theme of elections, our School Board elections have now closed and our P&C's Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 6:30pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing you all there. Your support and active partnership are highly valued!

Kind regards

Kerri



Dates to Remember

- 21 Feb** Getting to know your child Interviews
- 21 Feb** School Board
- 22 Feb** P&C AGM Meeting
- 23 Feb** Year 6 Assembly
- 5-7 Mar** Year 5/6 Jindabyne Camp
- 5-6 Mar** Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp
- 7 Mar** Preschool AGM 11:55am
- 9 Mar** Year 2 & Yr1/2G Assembly
- 12 Mar** Canberra Day Public Holiday
- 1 Mar** Swimming Carnival CISAC
- 23 Mar** Year 3/4 M and 4L Assembly
- 28 Mar** Board & P&C Meeting
- 30 Mar** Good Friday
- 2 Apr** Easter Monday
- 6 Apr** Year 5 Assembly
- 13 Apr** Last Day Term 1
- 30 Apr** First Day Term 2

Notes sent home with this issue

- 21 Feb** Yackatooon Excursion to Lanyon Homestead
- 21 Feb** Buroinjin Gala Day
- 21 Feb** Kulture Break Year 4, 5 & 6 students

Notes & Money to be Returned

School News

Thanks, from Chipala (Kindergarten)

We would like to share a huge thank you for all the parents/carers who have taken the time to visit our unit during the Information Night and Getting to Know Your Child Interviews.

And the good news continues ... Thanks to the 8 parents who have volunteered to help with our take home reading program. Take Home Reader folders will be sent home with children this Thursday. On the following Tuesday (27th Feb) the rich text reading bags will be sent home.

KULTUREBREAK

Once again we have the opportunity for our Year 4 to 6 students to participate in the KultureBreak Dance Nation program.

The program is 16 lessons and costs \$150.00. Payment must be made before the program commences.

The Dance Nation performance will be held on Thursday 29 June.

The program is limited to 40 students. A note will go home with all Year 4 to 6 students today.

Please note the program will run on a Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

Please contact me if you have any enquiries.
Tracey Stewart

P&C News

You may recall that late last year Theodore Primary School participated in the Vikings Club Cast Your Vote Initiative. We're pleased to announce that we received the most votes and won \$300 for our school! Thank you to everyone who helped out by placing their receipts in the Theodore Primary box at the various Vikings clubs. It was a fantastic result.

Fete News

The P&C was hoping to hold a fete at the end of this year with a multicultural theme however, sadly, we haven't received any responses to our call for volunteers for the organising committee. We will need a Fete Convenor and several committee members in order for a fete to go ahead. Our previous fetes have provided lots of fun for students, families and the local community and they have been major fundraisers for the school. If you are interested in being the Fete Convenor, a member of the organising committee, or even if you are willing to organise just one stall please reach out and let us know. You can email us at theodorepandc@yahoo.com; or leave a message with the front office; or call/text Michelle on 0402 081 477. We also encourage you to come along to the first P&C Meeting for the year which will be held on **Thursday 22 February at 6.30pm in the School Library**. All members of the school community are welcome and we'd love to see some new faces!