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# THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Term 2 Week 4 - 19 May 2015**

## PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK

**18 TO 22 MAY 2015**



**ACT**  
Government

Education and Training

Come and Celebrate  
Public Education Week at  
Theodore Primary School

LEARNING  
IS  
FUN



### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Thursday 21 May

8.00am to 9.00am Breakfast

New families and current families all Welcome to enjoy  
breakfast pancakes with the Theodore Staff & Students  
followed by

### OPEN CLASS ROOM

9.00am to 9.30am

See our students & teachers at work

Matthew Holdway Principal will be available for a chat

WELCOME  
TO  
MY  
CLASSROOM

### KINDERGARTEN 2016

Kindergarten Information Evening

Thursday 21 May

7.00pm to 8.30pm

Where: School Library

Tea ,coffee & cake will be provided

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Principal: Matthew Holdway Deputy Principal: Tracey Stewart





# SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

## Dates to Remember

<b>18 to 22 May</b>	Public Education Week
<b>21 May</b>	Breakfast and Open Classroom
<b>21 May</b>	Kindergarten 2016 Info Evening
<b>22 May</b>	Reconciliation Bridge Walk
<b>22 May</b>	Yr 6 Ukulele Band performance @ Hyperdome
<b>25 to 26 May</b>	First Aid - Kindy to Yr 6
<b>27 May</b>	Simultaneous Story @ 11am to 11.10am
<b>27 May</b>	Yr 6 Ukulele Band @ Richardson PS
<b>29 May</b>	School Rostrum Final
<b>1 June to 5 June</b>	Pre to Yr 6 Healthy Harold
<b>4 June</b>	Yr 5 Ukulele Combined Band @ Calwell PS
<b>4 June</b>	Combined Band Rehearsal @ Calwell
<b>5 June</b>	Preschool Enrolments Close
<b>8 June</b>	Public Holiday
<b>10 June</b>	Yr 3/4 Geoscience Excursion
<b>23 June</b>	Reports home
<b>26 June</b>	P&C School Disco
<b>29 June to 3 July</b>	Parent Interviews by request
<b>2 July</b>	Pizza and Problem Evening
<b>4 September</b>	Chief Ministers reading Challenge finishes

## ICAS Competition - Term 2

<b>Science</b>	3 June
<b>Writing</b>	17 June
<b>Spelling</b>	16 June
<b>English</b>	28 July
<b>Mathematics</b>	11 August

## Notes sent home with this Newsletter

**Pre to Year 6** Voluntary Contribution 2015

## Notes and Money to be returned

<b>15 May</b>	Trust Program <b>Note only</b>
<b>20 May</b>	Yr 6 Ukulele Band @ Tuggeranong Hyperdome <b>Note only</b>
<b>21 May</b>	Yr 6 Ukulele Combined Band @ Richardson PS <b>Note only</b>
<b>22 May</b>	Healthy Harold and Life Education <b>Note &amp; Money</b>
<b>1 June</b>	Yr 5 Ukulele Combined Band @ Calwell PS <b>Note only</b>
<b>8 June</b>	Yr 3/4 Geoscience Excursion <b>Note &amp; Money</b>

## Assemblies and Awards

<b>22 May</b>	<b>Please note time change for this week's assembly</b> <b>Yr 3/4 Assembly &amp; Student of the Month Awards @ 2.15pm to 2.45pm</b>
<b>5 June</b>	Yr 1/2 Assembly & Academic of the Month Awards @ 12.20pm to 12.50pm
<b>19 June</b>	Yr 5/6 Assembly & Artist of the Month Awards @ 12.20pm to 12.50pm
<b>3 July</b>	Kindy Assembly & Student of the Month Awards @ 12.20pm to 12.50pm



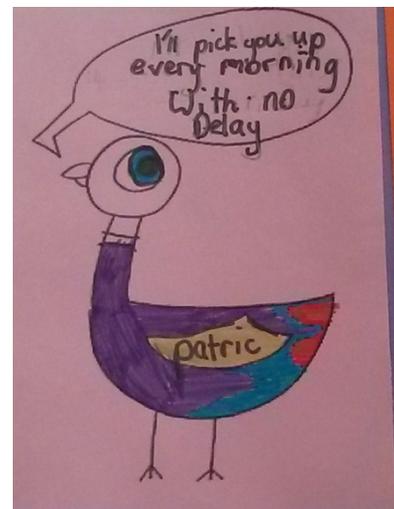
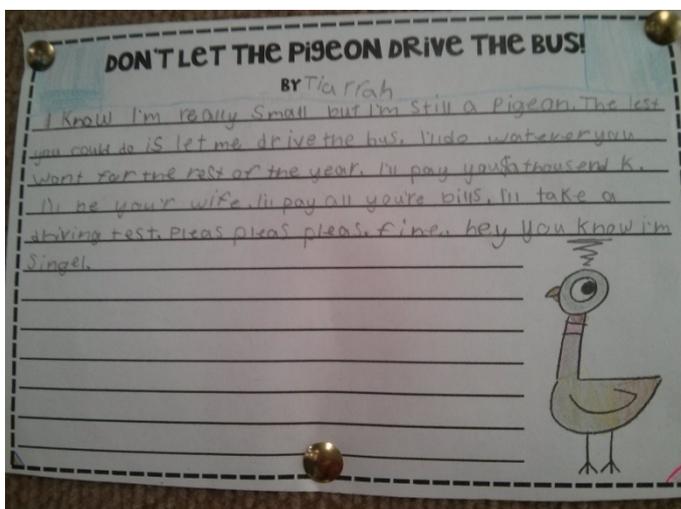
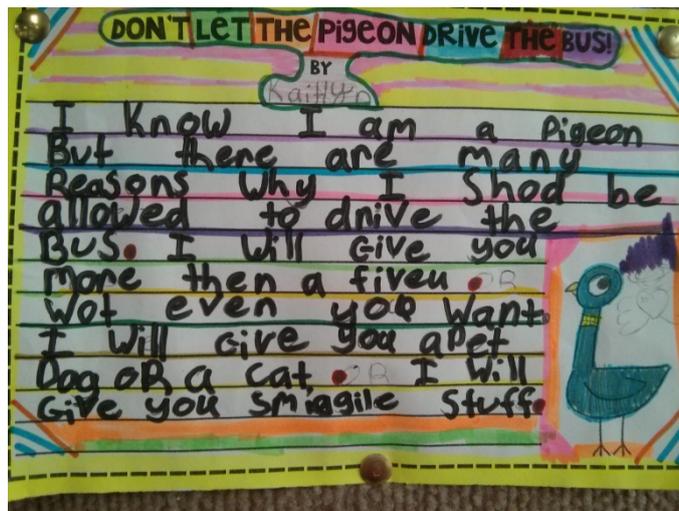
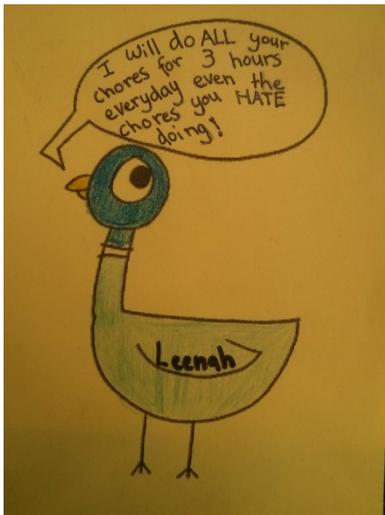


# Take a Moment with Mereki

This term, students in Mereki are learning how to write to persuade. We have been reading lots of persuasive texts to help us learn about persuasive writing. One of our favourite books so far is *Don't let the pigeon drive the bus* by Mo Willems. In this book the pigeon gives several reasons about why he should be allowed to drive the bus. After reading this book we discussed the arguments he used and decided that he could have been more persuasive. In our classes we brainstormed other reasons that the pigeon could have used to convince them to let him drive the bus. We used what we had brainstormed as a class to individually write our own persuasive reasons for why we should be allowed to drive the bus.

We look forward to seeing you at the 3/4 Reconciliation Assembly this Friday at 2:15pm.

Mereki Team





# Reading with Rowan

Recently our 5/6 classes went to The Q in Queanbeyan to see a performance of I Am Jack which is based on Susanne Gervay's inspiring novel. They really enjoy seeing this one man performance and asked some great questions afterwards of the performer. I am Jack explores the journey of a smart, funny, 11 year old boy and explores the theme of bullying. Also next term years 1-4 will also go to The Q to see The 26 Story Treehouse based on the book by Andy Griffiths. The Treehouse books are great fun and motivate even the most reluctant reader.

Our school has again registered to be a part of the National Simultaneous Story time event where schools and groups across Australia all read The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. It is a fun event and shows that good books can be enjoyed across all age groups.

The shortlisted books for the Children's Book Awards have been announced and as usual we are purchasing these great books for our library. Book Week is in August and the theme is Books light up our World. As usual we will have a fun book day where everyone is encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character or around the Book Week theme. (what will you wear this year?) There will be lots of activities as well as our popular evening in our library where we enjoy books and hot chocolate whilst snuggled up in our pyjamas! Lots to look forward to.

Here is the list of nominated books – the winners will be announced in Book Week - <http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm>

**Happy Reading!**  
**Rowan Simpkin**

**Executive Teacher**

# TICK TOCK - Term 2

**Reminder Term 2  
TICK TOCK  
SCHOOL ROCKS  
WILL BE RUNNING  
ALL OF TERM 2**



**WINNING CLASS**

**WEEK 3  
Congratulations  
Year 5/6S**



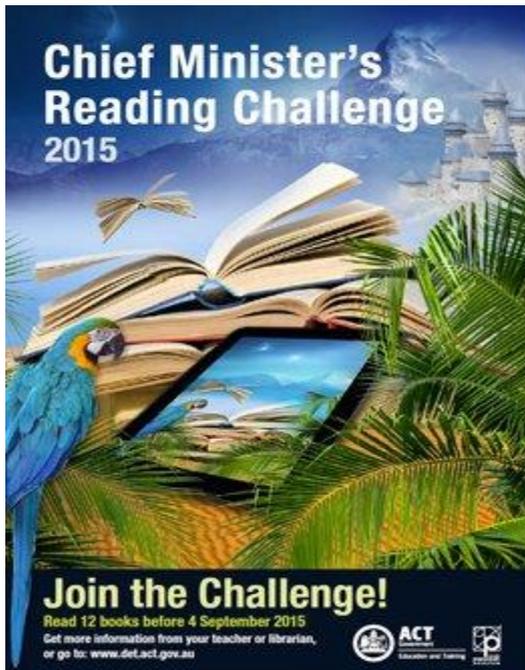
# 2016 NEW Enrolments Preschool to Year 6 Now Open

Enrolments for Theodore Preschool 2016 are filling fast. If you have a child you would like to attend Theodore Preschool in 2016 please ensure you complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.

All enrolments for Preschool to Year 6 are done online please go to - [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au).

Preschool enrolments close on **Friday 5 June**. If you have a child in Theodore Preschool 2015 their enrolment will transfer to Kindy 2016; no other enrolments required.

If you would like to discuss your child's enrolment with the schools' Principal Matt Holdway please phone 61423100 to make an appointment



# Chief Ministers Reading Challenge 2015

Theodore Primary has registered to participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge for 2015. The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge is centred around encouraging students to read a variety of books throughout the year. The challenge is open now and finishes at the beginning of September. We are encouraging all of our students to participate. To complete the challenge, students are encouraged to read 12 books of their own choice. They could be books they read on their own, books they read with their families or books that have been read to themselves. The students will be working hard on completing their list in class, however, reading could be done at home. Why not visit your local public library?

**Here are some other tips for the challenge:**

## For Students

- You may read any book of your choice (in paper or electronic form). This can include any genre in picture books, novels, comic books, graphic novels, poetry, or non-fiction books
- How to choose the best book:
  - Look for topics that you are interested in
  - Look at the front cover and illustrations in the book
  - Read the blurb and the first page
  - Look for other books by a favourite author
  - Ask friends, family or teachers for recommendations
  - Check out all the e-readers now available through your school and public library.

## For Parents and Carers

### Reading with older children

- Let your child choose their own books
- Visit and join your local public library
- Relax and enjoy reading time with your child

### Reading with younger children

- Read the books together with funny voices, or take turns to read different characters
- Talk about your favourite parts of the books and which authors you like the most
- Try reading in different locations like the backyard, coffee shop, and lounge room floor
- Allow your child to choose how to read the book. They may like to do *echo reading* with you (parent reads and the child echoes back), *shared reading* with you (taking turns to read) or *independent reading* (read to you or to themselves).

Yours in reading,

Jodie White



## P&C President News

Hello all,

We just wanted to give you all some updates following our P&C meeting last Wednesday.

- **Parking** – P&C and TPS are still looking into various options however some are expensive and therefore may not be possible. We understand and appreciate the weather is getting colder and we would like to ask for your cooperation in relation to car park space available. Car park spaces are being blocked by parents/carers lining up behind one another to pick up their child(ren), which then makes it impossible for other parents/carers to use these car parks. To help guide parents along and not block off the car park for others, signage will be placed along the car park as well and staff/community members will be present around drop-off/pick up time to regulate traffic.

- **Sensory garden** – Monies raised from last year’s school fete and this year’s fundraising will be used towards getting this established. P&C are currently obtaining quotes for concreting (for the train track) and bordering. Once this is all in place we will organise a working bee asking parents/carers to help out in the near future.

*Cheers*

*Liset, on behalf of the P&C*

## P&C Disco



**When: Friday Night 26th June**

**Who: Preschool to Year 6**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**

## Community News



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### Who We Are

A journey through our school values of Respect, Self-Discipline, Courage and Achievement ...and a whole lot of dance!

**Tuesday 2 June 2015**

Doors open 6pm

Tickets Available Online Only at:  
<http://www.trybooking.com/133059>  
\$5 children/students \$7 adults





# What's Happening @ Theodore



SYNC Theodore Primary School Calendar to your phone. We will keep you up to date with all of your children's Important School Events.

## How to subscribe to Calendar feed

### Using Microsoft Outlook - Windows

- In Outlook, at the bottom left hand corner, select **Calendar**
- In the top menu bar and select tab **Tools**
- From drop-down menu select **Account Settings**
- In the 'Account Setting' window select the **Internet Calendars** tab and click **[New]** icon
- In the 'New Internet Calendar Subscription' window paste your schools URL in the field  
e.g. [http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp\\_-\\_nested\\_content/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp_-_nested_content/ical_feed)  
**note: above URL is a sample, ensure you use your schools URL**
- After pasting your school URL, click the **[Add]** button
- A pop-up window will appear - rename the calendar and click **[OK]** and **Close**

*Note: If you only download the link and do not subscribe, you will not receive iCal updates*

### Using Apple Mac

- Open iCal
- In the bottom left corner click the + to add a new calendar, rename calendar to school name
- **Right click** or **Control click** to open the dropdown menu and choose **subscribe**
- Paste **your** school URL e.g.  
• [http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp\\_-\\_nested\\_content/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp_-_nested_content/ical_feed)  
**note: above URL is a sample, ensure you use your schools URL**
- Click **subscribe**

*Note: Optional: Sync apple devise with your iTunes to migrate calendar across all devices*

### Using Apple Mac - Handheld devices

- Locate the **[Settings]** icon and select
- Scroll to **Mail, Contacts, Calendars** click the option
- In the 'Accounts' selection and click **Add Account**
- A choice of options will appear, choose **Other**; and
- From available options select **Add Subscribed Calendar**
- In the field titled **Server** place **your** schools URL e.g.  
[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp\\_-\\_nested\\_content/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp_-_nested_content/ical_feed)  
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Click **[Next]** and **[Save]**

- Select newly created calendar

### Using Android

- Open up and log into your personal Google account at <http://www.google.com/calendar>
- On the left hand side of the page select **other calendars** and select the drop down arrow
- Select **Add by URL**
- Paste **your** school URL [http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp\\_-\\_nested\\_content/ical\\_feed](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/thdp_-_nested_content/ical_feed)  
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- Click **Add calendar**
- To rename the calendar, roll the cursor over the calendar you want to rename
- Select the **drop down arrow**
- Click **[Calendar Settings]**
- Rename calendar in **Calendar name** text box and click **[Save]**

*Note: Sync android devise with your Google account to migrate calendar across. If you only download the link and do not subscribe, you will not receive iCal updates*

[http://www.theops.act.edu.au/our\\_community/icalendar\\_sync](http://www.theops.act.edu.au/our_community/icalendar_sync)



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Website

What's Happening

<http://www.theops.act.edu.au/>



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