

29 July 2021 – Term 3

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you that great learning is well and truly underway for term 3! I have had the absolute pleasure of spending time in quite a few classes across the school. This week I spent my Monday morning with 1/2AA. During our time together we worked on crafting poems about trees to celebrate World Tree Week. I was so impressed with how this class used their four senses (we didn't use taste!) to develop beautiful imagery with words. Some examples of these included, but are not limited to: *"The leaves chattered away as the wind blew"* and *"eucalyptus perfume in the air."* Well done everyone in 1/2AA- you are all writers!



Speaking of writers, we have three exciting events coming up on our Term 3 Calendar. The first of these is the much-loved **Book Week** in week 7. This year the theme is *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. Planning is very much underway by the organising team of teachers. We are already organising our costumes- we can't wait to see yours! Later in week 9 we will be holding our first ever Week Of Writing (W.O.W) to coincide with Learning Journey. Families will have the opportunity to visit the school throughout the week to see their child's amazing writing. We will also have an appearance of a famous Australian author (no spoilers!). More details will be shared soon!

*We are Safe,
Respectful
Learners*

Well done to all the girls and boys who represented Theodore Primary School at the Sullivan Shield this week. Mrs Kennedy reports that all students played to their best of their ability and demonstrated our school's expectations of being a Safe, Respectful Learner. I am glad the students were able to finally attend this gala day following the disappointment of the previous washouts.



Deb Martens will be working 4 days a week from this week until the end of the year. She will be spending her Fridays caring for her grandson. We looking forward to hearing lots of 'Oma' stories from Deb and I will be acting Principal on Fridays in her absence.

Finally, do you have or know a family who has a child that is ready for Preschool or Kindergarten in 2022? Enrolments are now open and we would love to have your child attend our school. Enrolments can be made at the following link:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Have a great weekend!

Nathan Pepper
Deputy Principal

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Dates to Remember

Term 3 Calendar See Attached

JUL

29 School Board Meeting



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02 Cancelled Parliament House Excursion

03 Yr 1/2 Assembly

Notes sent home

Yr 3/4 Birrigai Camp Expression of Interest

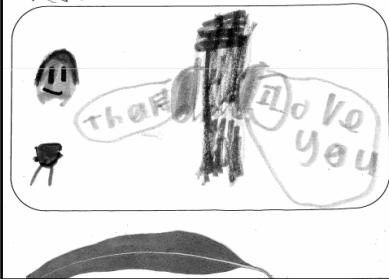


1/2AA Tree Writing

Felix J

Raphael

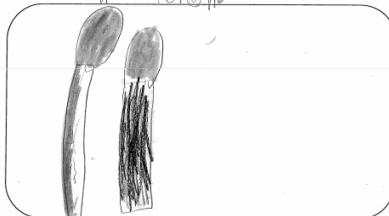
Felix
THE LEAVES
are talking
to each other
make oxygen
they are small
trees are the
blue and black and
red.



Trishna P

Trees

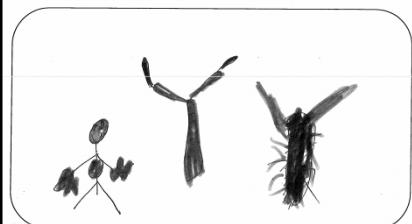
The trees are gently
rustling. You can smell
perfume in the air.
The branches are bumpy
rough ~~and~~ black gray ~~and~~ white
and smooth. I feel
healthy ~~and~~ happy and not
a long time.



Ruby M

Trishna 26/3/2021

I see skinny branches and
eucalyptus leaves. The trees are bumpy
and spiky and rough and happy and
healthy and relaxed.



Week Ahead @ Theo

Term 3 | Week 4 @ Theodore



Breaktime Clubs

Monday Break 2– Environment Club 🌎 (E.C)
Tech Time 💻 (Library)

Tuesday Break 1– Handball 🏐 (Shade Shelter)
Skipping (Shade Shelter)

Tuesday Break 2– Soccer ⚽ (Grass)

Wednesday Break 2– Tech Time 💻 (Library)

Thursday Break 2– K-4 Bikes 🚲 (Court/Track)
Handball 🏐 (Shade Shelter)
Origami ☘ (Library)

Friday Break 1– Cultural Integrity (Blue Room)

Friday Break 2– 5/6 Bikes 🚲 (Court/Track)
Lego & Board Games 🎲 (Library)

More clubs run by student leaders coming soon!

What's On This Week

MONDAY – 2/8–5/6 Parliament House Excursion

Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day

TUESDAY 3/8–

Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day

WEDNESDAY 4/8–

Koalas Preschool Day

THURSDAY 5/8– 5/6 Boys– Menslink Workshop 🧑

Koalas Preschool Day

FRIDAY 6/8–

1/2 Assembly @ 2.15pm– COVID restrictions apply

Koalas Preschool Day

Preschool to Kindergarten Transitions

At Theodore Primary School and Preschool, we provide transitions for our preschool students to visit the Kindergarten unit called 'Chipala'. Here, they will meet and engage with the current Kindergarten teachers and students. They will have new experiences and learn some new expectations and routines. These planned visits assist in developing each child's confidence and sense of belonging in the primary school setting.

In term 3, the students will be attending Kindergarten twice to participate in their afternoon investigations. The dates of these transitions are as follows:

Koalas: Weeks 3 and 7, Friday afternoons

Bilbies and Possums: Weeks 4 and 8, Monday afternoons

In term 4, the students will attend three Kindergarten literacy morning sessions as well as a special session at the end of the term where they will swap classes with the Kindergarten students:

Koalas: Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9 – Friday mornings

Bilbies and Possums: Weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10 – Monday mornings

This will be a very exciting time for the students and we look forward to having some rich conversations with them in preparation for Kindergarten next year.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Victoria Barbaro and Melonie Lloyd



Important Reminders

COVID

Please locate a QR code and check in.

You can also check in with the app using the unique six-digit code for our school, which is

959473



Book week is coming.....



Friday Week 7

Look out for more information in the coming weeks

SUPA CLUB AT THEODORE PRIMARY

(A Scripture Union lunchtime fun club, committed to teaching children what is in the Bible, run by volunteers from local churches).

*SUPA club is taking a break in term 3, but will be back in term 4
with a special focus on the first Christmas.*

New faces are always welcome, once permission notes have been filled out.

(Permission notes available from the front office).

Enquiries welcome - email: sherna.walters@gmail.com

PBL Awards



Congratulations to the students who will be awarded PBL Awards.

Bronze Awards	SAFE		RESPECTFUL		LEARners	
Yr 1/2	Peyton L Charley H Areesh C	Yuna O Aaliyah W	Caitlin S Naomi C William P	Felix J Yuna O	Jackson M Trishna P Elsie L	Lucas S Lachlan B
Yr 3/4					Tyler L	
Yr 5/6	Savannah V Jordyn O Chimmi L Maddie F	Zara S Emilia M Gracee K Jessica D	Madison G Kobey M Gracee K	Thomas W Aneesha C	Edward B Connor S Tim H	Ryan S Malakai F

Silver Awards	SAFE	RESPECTFUL	LEARners
Yr 1/2		Sophie M	Finlay F Sophie M
Yr 5/6			Nathan Y Adelaide L



Theo's Thursday PBL Update

It has been amazing to see students using respectful language during games at break times over the last 3 weeks.

Over the next 3 weeks teachers will be looking out for students who are following instructions and playing games by the agreed rules.

Keep up the good work Theodore students!

Theo



PBL/SEL Survey

We would love to know if families would be interested in learning more about Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Please follow the link to fill in the short survey.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWBZ5CUffxLH0rwpCYZ-70REE_jgOr_uNqMVyZdYkfhlZUdg/viewform?usp=sf_link

ALL FAMILIES WHO ENTER WILL GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A \$30 DOMINOS GIFTCARD.

Please email me your name and contact number once you have completed the survey to go into the draw. Aimee.shires@ed.act.edu.au

Environment Centre – Brita Menzies

Welcome to 2021 at the Environment Centre. The year has kicked off to a great start with plenty of rain, although this had brought some work with plenty of weeds. With the collaboration of all the classes we have regained our garden to begin planting new plants and seedlings. Students were happy to find potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, and celery still growing after the holidays. We will be cooking with potatoes this week.



We will be continuing with the Fresh Tastes program as well as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program behind the activities and sustainability lessons students will undertake with me this year. We will build on the learning from last year, focusing on fresh food is best, reducing packaged foods which are often high in sugar and high in salt. Waste free Wednesday, fresh food cooking and examples of lunch box ideas will be a focus this term.

An increase in recycling will also be a focus for the school. We will be continuing our 10cent Return it program, collecting soft plastics for recycling at Woolworth's. The Earth Savers group of student representatives will be active in organising, promoting, and monitoring the reduction of landfill going into our waste systems.

We are always looking for donations of ingredients for cooking, surplus tools and materials, plants, pots, and anything else that you may think might be useful at the Environment Centre.

Looking forward to a great year of sustainability!



P.E - Tracey Kennedy

We are very fortunate to have Little Athletics coming to our school later in the term. Kindergarten through to Year 6 will get to participate in a variety of activities related to Little Athletics in the hall Wednesday and Thursday Week 9.



In Lacrosse clinics late last term, the Year 3,4,5 & 6 students had a lot of fun learning how to use the lacrosse stick to carry, pass, catch and shoot the ball. They enjoyed learning these new skills and playing a whole team game on the oval.



In Teeball clinics late last term, the junior students from Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2 enjoyed learning how to hit the ball off the tee using a two-handed strike and fielding. They have had a go at playing a Teeball game this term and have had a lot of fun.

In Week 6 last term the whole school participated in the Athletics Carnival. The students were involved in activities such as discus, shotput, long jump, novelty events and running events such as 70m,100m and 200m races. It was a great day and students positively and happily participated in all activities. The Tuggeranong Region Carnival will be held on Wednesday 25 August. I will send out notes to students who qualified to compete in events.

A big thank you to the families that have linked their rebel membership to Theodore Primary School. When you make a purchase the school benefits and we get to buy more sporting equipment for the students.



Looking forward to a fun and busy term with the students learning different skills and enjoying moving and playing team games and sports.

STEM - Kathy Barry

Year 1/2 students have been learning to use Bee-Bots. The Bee-Bots are programmable floor robots that are ideal for teaching direction as well as programming skills.

Last term they investigated what materials would be best for winter clothing.

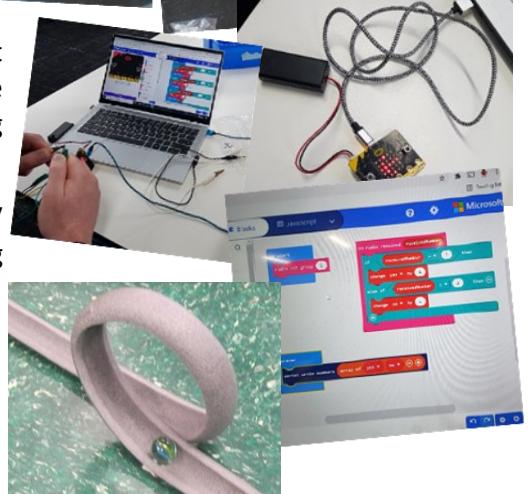


Last Term students in year 3 and 4 students investigated friction. They used this information to design, and make, chariots for the spheros. They tested their chariots and then reflected on their results.

I asked Ms Menzies what she would like for the garden and she said that she would like an easier way to get rid of weeds. So, this term the students have been researching tools to remove weeds. They are making a model of their chosen design.

Last Term the year 6 and 5 students learnt about electronic voting. They used block code to program Micro-bits and then tested them by asking 'Yes/No' questions.

This term they are designing and making a model of a roller coaster. Through this they are learning about the physics involved in making a roller coaster work successfully.



Art News



Exciting news!

At the beginning of next term as part of the MusicaViva educational music program, we are having a visit from a musical group named Zeeko.

Zeeko are a fun and interactive group who demonstrate that music is an adventure. An adventure that is almost like riding a bike.... tricky at first with lots of skills to be learnt, but then sooooo easy once you know how!



So, this term, we are getting into the "groove" and learning all the skills needed to create our own music. We are extremely lucky to have a class set of djembe drums to create with, as well as a range of different percussion instruments. The MAD room is now a noisy place which is just overflowing with creativity and imagination. Keep your ears peeled for a taste of our creations!



Please ask your child to share in their learning with you at home and explain the following:
BEAT, ONE BA_NA_NA, RHYTHM, DJEMBE



Make Your Own Glitter Jar

You can use this activity to help teach students about how strong emotions can sometimes be overwhelming and how to calm down when these emotions occur.

Materials:

- Jar or bottle that will not leak liquid
- Glitter and/or other small objects to add such as LEGO or beads
- Food colouring
- Clear glue
- Hot (not boiling) water
- Spoon or stick to mix



Instructions

1. In the jar or bottle, mix the clear glue and hot water.
2. Add a very small amount of food colouring to the water and glue mixture.
3. Choose a glitter or object to add to the mixture. Imagine the object or glitter represents a feeling such as sadness, anger, fear, happiness, love, or anything else you feel.
4. Add that glitter or object to the mixture.
5. Keep adding glitter or objects and assigning feelings to them.
6. Fill the jar or bottle all the way to the top with the hot water.
7. Mix the contents together with the spoon or stick.
8. Make sure the lid is on tight!
9. Shake the jar or bottle and watch all the objects interact.

Questions to think about

What sorts of things or events make the glitter and objects (emotions) in the jar swirl? Say them out loud as you shake the jar.

Distressing events

- Losing a game
- Missing friends
- Getting frustrated with a parent or sibling
- Scary stories on the news
- Sick family members

Positive events

- Spending time with family
- Making a new friend
- Getting a good grade
- Learning a new skill
- Winning a game

Notice how it is hard to see through the jar with all these events going on. Now, watch what happens when you keep the jar still. Does the water begin to clear? The same thing happens in our mind when we stop for a little while and are mindful...bad or hard feelings start to go away and we can focus on other things that make us happy or calm.

Fresh Food Friday

In the FEAST program we have started doing some cooking, this week we made some fast fritters, which provided students with an opportunity to learn or practice cracking an egg. For steps on how to teach children to crack an egg please watch this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls5qnn2mjU> .

If you have a go at making a recipe that contains eggs over the next two weeks, please send in a picture of your egg recipe.



Community News



PLAY GROUP

Come and join our playgroup for children aged under 5, this is a great opportunity for little ones to socialize and play and for parents and carers to connect with others in their community.

When: Friday 9.10 am- 10.30am

Where: Theodore Preschool (Theodore Primary)

Runs in school terms only

Please bring a hat



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