



17 November 2022 – Term 4

## Acting Deputy News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the halfway point of the term, wow it has flown by, the holidays will be here before we know it!

It is so wonderful to be able to continue to see all the amazing work taking place in classrooms across the school, listening to students share their writing with me has been a highlight. I have also been lucky enough to spend some time working with the students in 1/2 AA on creating stories to entertain and wow we have so many outstanding writers in our school.

### Book Fair was a huge success!

Thank you to all the families and staff members who supported. The school will receive \$1642 from the total amount spent, so keep an eye out in the next newsletter to find out what this money will go towards. Thanks to Karen, Stacey and other members of staff that helped out at the Book fair, it would not have been as successful without you.

### Year 3/4 Camp

Mr Pepper and I ventured out to Birrigai to see our campers on Monday afternoon. The students were having such a great time and were eager to share with us the experiences they had. Some students had been busy making rock bridges in the small stream, while others had discovered an interesting blue and brown speckled egg when exploring the bush area. The students also shared with us the many times they had fallen over in the mud or 'accidentally' fell into the stream. It sounded like they were all having an amazing time!

### PBL School Expectation Reminder- We are Safe Respectful Learners

Just a reminder to all students of our PBL expectations of being Safe at school, including before and after the bell goes. Make sure you are not riding your bike on school grounds as we have many smaller children that may be accidentally hurt as a result.

Riding on the bike track after school is fine if there is parent or carer supervision, just remember when you're not riding on the bike track you need to walk your bike through the school.



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## Dates to Remember

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### Term 4 Calendar

#### NOVEMBER

- 18** P&C Mufti Day
- 21** Bilbies P&C Mufti Day
- 23** Crescendo Music Concert
- 23** Preschool Transition Visit
- 23** Preschool Warrigal Excursion
- 25** Market Day
- 28** PUPIL-FREE PLANNING DAY
- 30** Kinder 2023 Parent Info Session

#### DECEMBER

- 02** CEIS Christian Education Program
- 02** Koala's Xmas Concert
- 06** Bilbies Xmas Concert

## Notes sent home

K—Yr 6	Enrolment for 2023
Preschool	Warrigal Excursion
Koalas—Yr 6	Market Day & Sausage Sizzle
Pre—Yr 6	Yearbook Order Form
Yr 5	Year 5 Invite to Yr 6 Grad Disco
Yr 6	Year 6 Grad Ceremony & Dinner
Yr 4/5	2023 5/6 Camp at Borambola

## Notes due back

Friday 18 November
Tuesday 22 November
Wednesday 23rd November
Friday 25th November
Friday 9th December
Friday 9th December
Friday 16th December



*We are Safe,  
Respectful  
Learners*

# Term 4 | Week 7 @ Theodore



Clubs at Breaks

\*\* Library open every Break 2 \*\*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track	Chalk Club Mrs Hunt Art Room	Culture Club Ruby Shade Shelter	Choir Club Miss Birse Library	K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track
LIBRARY OPEN!	LIBRARY OPEN!	LIBRARY OPEN!	Handball Shade Shelter Mrs Castledine	Play Dough Club Mrs Sarbaro Library
			LIBRARY OPEN!	

MONDAY 21/11– 5/6 Band 🎵

Bilbies Preschool Day

TUESDAY 22/11–

Bilbies Preschool Day

WEDNESDAY 23/11–

Crescendo Music Concert 🎵 🎤

Bilbies & Koalas Preschool Day

THURSDAY 24/11– Calwell HS Year 7 2023 Disco

Koalas Preschool Day

FRIDAY 25/11–

K-6 Market Day 🍌 🍌 🎪

Koalas Preschool Day

## Important Reminders

### Student Pupil Free Day

The ACT Government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two staff planning days during term 4. These days will provide public school teachers with time to complete student reporting and curriculum planning.

Our school will hold our staff planning day on: **Monday 28th November**

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities.

Please confirm via phone on (02) 6142 3100 or email [theodoreps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:theodoreps@ed.act.edu.au) if your child will be attending school on this day.

### A Reminder to stay COVID Smart at School

As we experience new waves of the virus in our community, we need to remember to stay COVID Smart not only in the community but also at school. For the latest advice, watch the ACT COVID-19 update (November 2022) from Chief Health Officer, Kerryn Coleman.

If your child has COVID-19, you must keep them at home and let the school know. Telling us when your child has COVID-19 will also help us track if there is an increase in COVID-19 transmission at school and manage any high-risk exposures for our more vulnerable school community members.

#### Being COVID Smart is easy

- Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters.
- Stay away from schools if you are unwell.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Wear a mask in public indoor places if you can (12 years and over).
- Keep a distance from others when indoors, if possible.

And don't forget – if you have COVID-19 symptoms, make sure you get tested. You

can access a free rapid antigen test from your school's front office. Keep up to date at COVID-19 ([act.gov.au](http://act.gov.au)).



## Important Reminders

### RSPCA Christmas Giving Boxes—2022

As part of our end of year celebrations at Theodore Primary, we will once again be supporting the Canberra RSPCA with donations for the many animals who will be housed over the Christmas holiday break.

This year we will have Christmas boxes placed in the foyer of the Front Office area for the RSPCA where the children could leave generously donated items such as food, toys, bedding, etc. which will be for the many animals who are injured, lost or are without homes.

Currently, the RSPCA have many unwanted, surrendered, and neglected animals in their care and would be very grateful for the generosity and kindness for donations to help ease the need.

Donations can be left any day until the end of term.

**Thank you,  
Anne Sheehan**



## PBL Awards

**Congratulations to the students who will be awarded PBL Awards**



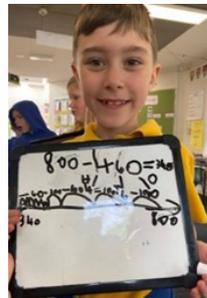
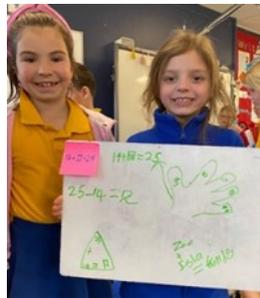
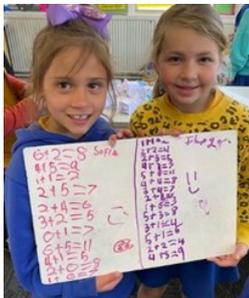
	<b>Bronze Award</b>
Kindy	Aafia Q Annabel S
	<b>Silver Awards</b>
Kindy	Charlotte FW Charli-rein VB Gavin J Eden C Darcy R Charlie T Kobe G Ariana L Savannah J Ariya S Ayesha S Easton W Harvey L Dylan C Mason D Abdur Rahman N Ruby F Aiden S Imogen L Madi G Sophia P Kallie S Riley G Preman K Chase P Noorah A Kaeden N Audrey O Luke TW Jake H Ella A
Yr 1/2	Stevan M Jaden VZ
Yr 5/6	Logan U
	<b>Gold Awards</b>
Kindy	Josephine M Toby H Cornelia T Georgia H Ollie L Reggie S Noah S Danica M Billy N Indi D
Yr 1/2	Wade R Jacob T Joshua P Zion T Caleb B Kayjana N Brendan P Imogen A Peyton L Oliver S
Yr 3/4	Charley H Luke E Gemma H
Yr 5/6	Alyssa A Aria M

# 1/2 News

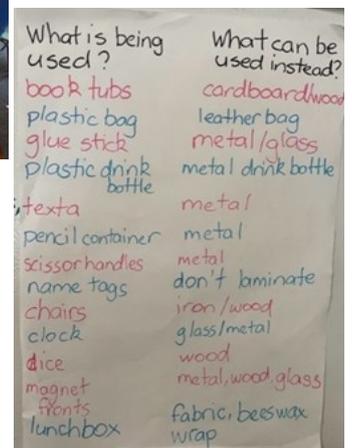
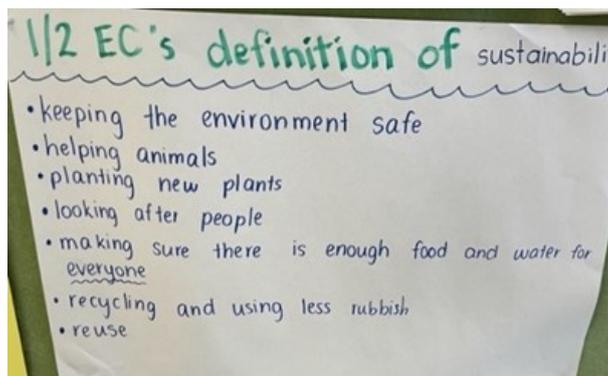
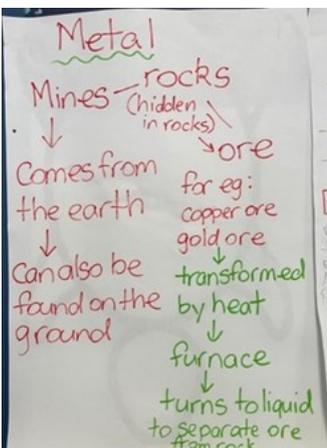
Yackatoo students have enjoyed a busy Term 4, working on their yearbook contributions, completing end of year assessment, and presenting at the assembly in Week 5. The focus for writing has been narrative writing. Students have been learning that narratives have a setting, characters, a problem and a solution and that authors often choose to use onomatopoeia – a word that imitates its sound - to engage the reader and help the reader understand the story. Students have been using Chromebooks and dictionaries to edit their writing.



Yackatoo students have been learning to use a range of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. Students have also been learning to recognise and name Australian coins and learn about the value of each coin.



During the term, Yackatoo students have been learning about the importance of sustainability during HASS in their unit of work Mass Extinction. Each class has developed a definition of sustainability and then researched ways in which they can be sustainable at an individual, community and global level. Students have learnt about the importance of reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose. They have learnt about the manufacturing process of resources such as paper, metal and plastic and engaged in discussions about whether the use of these resources is sustainable. To link this learning with science, students have been learning about the properties of paper and developing their critical thinking skills to make paper hats. Throughout the remainder of the term, this learning will continue with students making their own paper.



## Wellbeing Wednesday

### Christmas tips and supports

#### GORDON COMMUNITY CENTRE FOOD PANTRY

This year we are supporting Gordon Community Centre pantry appeal. Please leave any donations under the Christmas tree at the from office.

#### Christmas Shopping List



- » Hot Chocolate / Milo
- » Tea and Coffee
- » Gravy
- » Lollies and Chocolate
- » Juice
- » Chips
- » Christmas Pudding / Fruit Cake
- » Custard » Tinned Fruit
- » Pancake Mix
- » Relish/chutney
- » Savoury and Sweet Biscuits
- » Cordial
- » Nuts
- » Christmas Plates and Serviettes
- » Wrapping Paper
- » Bonbons
- » Gift Cards for Teens (\$20)

Your generosity makes such a big difference to families in need at Christmas time.

Aimee Shires  
Family & Community coordinator  
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#### WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY WINNERS

Congratulations to our waste free Wednesday winners this term.



### Grandparents Breakfast

To celebrate National Children’s week, we hosted a grandparent’s breakfast and reading morning at Theodore Primary, it was a wonderful morning enjoyed by all.



### Community News

#### National Bandanna Day 2022

In Week 4 this term, our 5/6 Ministry of Social Services held a National Bandanna Day fundraiser. All week they manned their stall (rain, hail or shine!) to sell bandannas. Then on Friday, the students organised and led a Mufti Day and Disco to help raise even more money for the charity Canteen.



To add to that, our 5/6 Parliament debated and held a vote to donate their prize money from their Camp Cooba earlier this year (\$124) to this great cause as well, rather than spend it on something for themselves. This brought us to a grand total of **\$1578** raised to support young people living with cancer.

We are so proud of our kids’ generosity and willingness to give to others. A huge thank you to all our student leaders and teachers for organising this event



## Stay and Play

Every **Thursday** afternoon from **3-3.30 pm** we invite all families to stay and play at the junior playground area.

- Play on the playground
- Bring bikes and scooters
- Meet other families
- Share stories/information
- Bring afternoon tea



## COFFEE VAN IS COMING



**When:** Fridays

**Time:** 8 – 10 am

**Where:** Theodore Primary carpark

Please bring cash or card



## PLAY GROUP

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

**When:** Fridays, 9.10 am - 10.30 am  
(during the school term only)

**Where:** Theodore Preschool  
(Theodore Primary)



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Out of School Hours Care  
(OSHC) services for 2023  
are now open!

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atWork**

Communities at Work provides fun, quality Out of School Hours Care across the Canberra region. We are proud to provide an OSHC service at your school to ensure your children are cared for and have access to the quality education that they deserve and need.

As well as being lots of fun, our service provides an environment that will encourage your child to meet new friends, try new things, and participate in excursions and incursions. We have areas for small group activities, a creative corner, a relaxation zone, and indoor/outdoor large physical group games.

Your children will enjoy a wide variety of fun, exciting and creative experiences including art and craft, cooking, drama, music, sport and outdoor play, science, construction, group games, cultural experiences, community connections, sustainability activities, mental wellbeing and leadership skills. Our educators take the time to invest in each student, understand their interests and who they are, so we can develop our programs designed upon each child's interests and needs.

Communities at Work is the largest provider of children's services in the ACT, managing early childhood services, before and after school care, school holiday programs, family day care and in-home care and a special assistance school for vulnerable high school students. That means when it comes to children, we know what we're doing!

To find out more about our OSHC services, visit our website or phone us.

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# 2023 Hockey ACT Schools Roadshow

**JAN 30<sup>TH</sup> - FEB 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

*Bring Hockey to your school in 2023 with the  
Hockey ACT Schools Roadshow!*

*Students will be introduced to the sport of field hockey through  
drills and skill-based games delivered in a fun, inclusive  
and safe environment.*

*Complimentary 30-60 minute sessions for schools.*

*All equipment provided!*

*For more information, and to book your school in,  
please contact the Hockey ACT office at  
E: [participation@hockeyact.org.au](mailto:participation@hockeyact.org.au)  
P: (02) 6189 0570.*

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# HOCKEY ACT PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAY

**THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2023 | 9AM - 3PM**

National Hockey Centre, Lyneham  
196 Mouat St Lyneham 2602

The day will consist of round robin J-Ball games.  
J-Ball is a modified version of hockey that  
allows participants to engage in a more  
inclusive and safer version of the game.

**REGISTRATION IS FREE!**

Team nominations close  
Monday 27th February 2023

For more information, and to register,  
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