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THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'A great place to grow up'

NEWSLETTER

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Executive News

Welcome back to school for term 4, 2020. We have had a great start with students very engaged in learning as well as enjoying time outside in this beautiful Spring weather. This is a great time to remind everyone that SunSmart hats must be worn for all outdoor activities, including break times and PE. Please ensure your child has a clearly named SunSmart (broad-brimmed or legionnaires style hat) at school every day. Caps are not considered SunSmart.

We have a busy term ahead and we will be sending out a calendar shortly. The ACT Education Directorate are checking all our end of year events to ensure they are COVID-19 safe. Once these have been approved, we will send out the term 4 calendar and details.

I will be taking some Long Service Leave this term and will be away for 4 weeks from week 3-7. During this time Nathan Pepper will be acting Principal and Jodie White will be acting Deputy Principal. I am very confident that Theodore Primary School will be in great hands whilst I am away.

Just a general reminder about driving safely in the school car park. The area in front of the school is for pick up and set down only. Cars should not be parked here as it blocks the flow of traffic. Based on parent suggestions we are also trialling the staff parking in the left hand bays as you enter the carpark, leaving the right hand bays for parents to park which will hopefully make access easier for everyone during the busy morning and afternoon pick up and drop off times.

School Photo day is next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing everyone at school in their school uniforms and happy smiles.

Debbie Martens

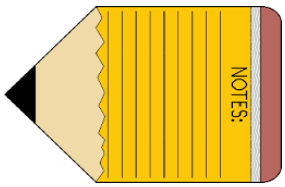
Principal

School News

Dates to Remember

19 Oct Kindergarten Zoo Excursion
21 Oct School Photos
21 Oct Pirate Pete Incursion – Preschool Only
21 Oct Preschool Art show from 12-2pm
21 Oct PRIDE: Menslink Program (every Wednesday for 8 weeks)
23 Oct Year 6: Passport to Success
27 Oct Fruit Salad Day fundraiser – Gold Coin Donation
27 Oct Botanical Gardens - Preschool (Possums)
27 Oct Rage Program (Selected year 5/6 Boys)
28 Oct PRIDE: Menslink Program (every Wednesday for 8 weeks)
29 Oct Botanical Gardens - Preschool (Koalas)
29 Oct Calwell High School Orientation Day – Year 6
29 Oct Calwell High School Parent Information Night for Year 7 2021

Notes sent out



15 Oct Pirate Pete Incursion – Preschool Only
15 Oct Scholastic Book Club – Oldest Student
15 Oct Enrolment for 2021 – All Students
15 Oct David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet – all 3/4 and 5/6 Students
15 Oct PRIDE: Menslink program – Year 5/6 Boys
15 Oct Fruit Salad Day fundraiser – Gold Coin Donation

Notes to be returned

19 Oct National Zoo & Aquarium Kindergarten – Note & Money
20 Oct David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet – all 3/4 and 5/6 Students – Note Only
20 Oct Pirate Pete Incursion – Preschool – Note & Money
23 Oct National Botanical Gardens – Preschool – Note & Money
15 Nov Enrolment for 2021 – Note Only

Students arriving after 9.15am and leaving school early

All students who arrive at school after 9:15am will need to be signed in late at the Front Office by their parent or guardians, students will take a ticket to their classroom teacher so they know that the student has been signed in by their parent or guardian at the office.

If students need to leave early throughout the day parents or guardians will need to attend the office to receive a ticket to take to the classroom teacher to advise that the student has been signed out via the Front Office prior to collecting their child/ren from class.

Student Injury

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

Privacy Notice

School Accidents/Incidents

[Name of School] collects information about injuries and incidents which occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the ACT Education Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the *Information Privacy Act 2014* and the *Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997*. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report or Notification of a Critical Incident together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes for which the information is collected include notifying the Territory's insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information may also be provided to WorkSafe ACT in accordance with the ACT *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may also ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.

Book Fair

BOOK FAIR 2020 Week 5 - 10th November – 13th November

Due to the current climate of social distancing this year we will require parents to make an appointment to view 2020 Bookfair.

Bookings will be at 15-minute time slots. Please phone the front office on 61423100 to book in a time to attend the book fair. Bookings open Week 3 October 19th and close on Monday 9 th November 2020.

Appointments will be available

Wednesday	11 November	Time 2.00 pm to 3.45pm
Thursday	12 November	Time 8.30 am to 3.45pm
Friday	13 November	Time 8.30 am to 3.15pm

We will also need to minimise the cash payments so online payments will be preferred and student collection of the items from the fair.

We look forward to a successful ***2020 BOOKFAIR all purchases will benefit OUR school.***

School Travel for 2021

2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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