



17 February 2022 – Term 1

From the Acting Principal

As I reflect on the first 3 weeks of the school year, I am immensely proud of the students at Theodore. No matter whether they have experienced changes caused by COVID or by the re-laying of carpet, all students have been resilient and focused on their learning. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible effort of the staff in the school to ensure that the year has begun as smoothly as possible for our students.



Parent- Teacher Interviews- Week 5

Parent- Teacher Interviews will be held online in week 5. Booking forms will be sent out shortly. Teachers will have varying availability across the week so it is important to check each booking form. Wednesday will be our later night option for families (last booking time at 5.45pm).

Inquiry Learning

I am excited to share with you that this year we have begun our journey in introducing an inquiry approach to learning at our school. Teachers have been reading and discussing *The Power of Inquiry* book by Kath Murdoch in the latter part of 2021 and engaged in professional learning led by Mel Lloyd in January.

To begin the year, students have been exploring the skills and dispositions (**Learning Assets**) that are important to have as learners. At Theodore, we are:

Researchers- curious, courageous, and resourceful

Collaborators- empathetic, compassionate, and reliable

Thinkers- open-minded, flexible, and persistent

Communicators- confident, responsive, and respectful

Self- Managers- resilient, responsible, and reflective

I have chosen to include some pictures of year 1/2 students working together to better understand our Learning Assets. As this journey continues, we will create opportunities for students' families to find out more and engage with their child in their learning.



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"A great place to grow up"

Dates to Remember

Term 1 Calendar See Website

FEB /MAR

25

Online Assembly—Yr 5/6

28–04

Online Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes sent home

Notes due back

Kinder Heath Check

25 February

Yr5/6 Camp Cooba

08 April

Yr6 Polos & Hoodies

07 March

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.

Theodore Primary School Board

2022 Position Vacant

School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the school's future directions.

The following positions have become vacant after the 31/3/2022.

- 1 x Parent Member
- 1 x P&C Association Member
- 1 x Staff Member

Nominations dates

Nominations Open: Week 2 Term 1 - Monday 7th February 2022 at 11.00am

Nominations Close: Week 4 Term 1 - Monday 21st February 2022 at 11.00am

If a vote is needed this will be considered for seven (7) days.

Voting will commence on Week 5 Term 1 - Monday 28 February 2022 at 11.00am

Voting will close on Week 6 Term 1 - Monday 7 March 2022 at 11.00am

The current Board meets twice a term. Parents or guardians of Theodore children are eligible to nominate. Nomination form attached to this notice.

Due to Covid restrictions nomination form can be found on the schools website Link

[2022 THDP School Board Nominations](#) please complete your nomination form return scan Email to **Assistant Returning Officer** rose.rodriquez@ed.act.edu OR

mail to Theodore Primary School 78 Lawrence Wackett Cres Theodore ACT 2905. Nominations will only be accepted within the dates stated above.



Week Ahead @ Theo

Term 1 | Week 4 @ Theodore



What's On This Week

MONDAY 21/2-

Bilbies Preschool Day

TUESDAY 22/2-

Bilbies Preschool Day

WEDNESDAY 23/2-

THURSDAY 24/2-

Koalas Preschool Day

FRIDAY 25/2- 5/6 Assembly (Online)

Koalas Preschool Day

PBL Awards

PBL update!



Welcome to a new school year of being safe, respectful learners! Teachers and students have been busy recapping our expectations for external settings to kick off the year. Students have also been collaborating with their peers to co construct individual expectations for each classroom.

This year also brings in a change to the acknowledgement system at Theodore Primary School. In order to make giving and receiving rewards manageable for teachers, the acknowledgement system has been simplified. Students still earn Theos for being safe, respectful learners, however they will earn a single reward for each milestone that is earned. Each year, the bronze, silver and gold awards start again. However, platinum and double platinum awards are ongoing and continue to grow . Below is a visual for the new acknowledgment system:

PBL Acknowledgement Rewards (THEOs)



Bronze award (75 theos) - students will be acknowledged in the newsletter, will receive a BRONZE award in class and will receive 20 house points.

Silver award (150 theos) - students will be acknowledged in the newsletter, will receive a SILVER award at the morning assembly in weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 and will receive 40 house points.

Gold (300 theos) - students will be acknowledged in the newsletter, will receive a GOLD award at the assembly and a book, and get to choose one of the rewards below.

Wear slippers in class all day	Read a story to your class	Move your desk for a day	50 house points	Special bike session 
Free choice activity at the end of the day	 Uniform free day	Movie session with other Gold award recipients (twice a term)	Staff vs student dodgeball	

PBL Acknowledgement Rewards (THEOs)

The awards below are ongoing and will continue to grow as long as the student is at Theodore Primary

Platinum (1000 theos) - students will be acknowledged in the newsletter, will receive a PLATINUM award and medal at the assembly and a book, and get to choose one of the rewards below

Wear slippers in class all day	Read a story to your class	Move your desk for a day	70 house points	20 minutes extra play
Free choice activity at the end of the day	Uniform free day	Go to the oval playground	Staff vs student dodgeball	Special bike session
		Be the teacher for a lesson 		

Double Platinum (2000 theos) - students will be acknowledged in the newsletter, will receive a DOUBLE PLATINUM award and medal at the assembly and a book, will attend a special lunch with the principal or deputy, and get to choose one of the rewards below

Wear slippers in class all day	Read a story to your class	Move your desk for a day	100 house points	20 minutes extra play
Free choice activity at the end of the day	Uniform free day	Movie session in class	Staff vs student dodgeball	Be the teacher for a lesson
	Special bike session	Go to the oval playground	Be the principal for a day 	

Kindergarten

What a wonderful start to the year! Kindergarten students and their teachers are having a great time settling into school.

We have been working on numbers in maths. We have started to use tally marks, pictures, ten frames and dominoes to represent numbers.



Kindergarten have begun to learn about the sounds that letters make. We particularly liked learning about the letter 'S'. We have also been doing a lot of reading, exploring what it is like to share our books with different audiences. Our Kindergarten students were very excited to borrow their first library books.



The Kindergarten students have had a great time observing some spiny leaf insects who are visiting for a few weeks.





Why is it important to develop resilience?

Resilience is very important for a child’s mental health but is also a skill that children carry into adolescence and then into adulthood. Building resilience in children helps them to overcome obstacles and challenges that are apart of daily life and reduces the chances of them suffering from anxiety, depression, or other stress related mental health conditions.

Fresh Food Friday

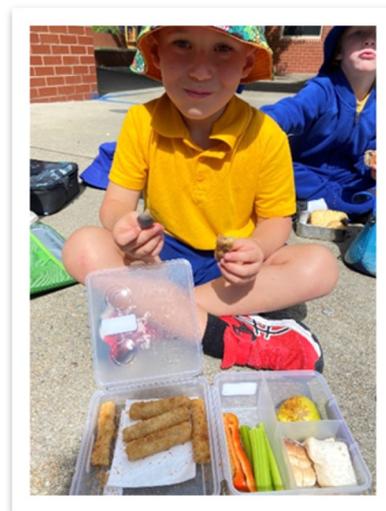


Last week we explored **GO**, **GROW** and **GLOW** foods. This week I would love for everyone to use these foods to create their own lunchbox online.

Visit:

https://healthylunchbox.com.au/builder/?utm_medium=website&utm_source=hlbweek-na&utm_campaign=nsw-hlbschool2019

Create a lunch box, take a picture of your lunch box, email it to me, and you will go into the DRAW to WIN a new lunchbox set.



School Student Travel

Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

*We are Safe,
Respectful
Learners*



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MOBILE & STUDIO LESSONS

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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

JOIN THE MURA LANYON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR A

Twilight garden party

Tuesday 8 March from 4.30 to 7pm
22 Sidney Nolan Street Conder

Free pizza, popcorn, fairy floss, music, activities and more!
All welcome.

