



04 August 2022– Term 3

## Acting Principal News

Earlier this week we held our School Board meeting. For the first time this year our Prime Ministers Gracee K and Nathan Y presented their prime minister's report. I was incredibly impressed, not only with the maturity in which these students spoke, but also the amount of student-led projects our student parliament have achieved in the first half of the year. Below are just some to name a few:



- New Acknowledgement of Country (Ministry of Indigenous Affairs)
- Waste & Recycling Bins in the Playground (Ministry of Environment)
- Community Library (Ministry of Education)
- Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser (*stay tuned!*) (Ministry of Social Services)

### Parent Portal Trial

Our school has been selected to be one of the first ACT public schools to trial the new Parent Portal being launched by the Education Directorate. The Parent Portal is an online communication tool being rolled out across all ACT Public Schools. It will enable you to:

- Access your child's academic reports
- View the school calendar
- Book parent-teacher interviews
- Report and explain absences
- Receive school news
- Message the school ... with features to come!



Parents and carers will have the opportunity to attend an information session at the upcoming *On the Same Page* reading evening on **Wednesday 24 August**. All parents and carers in each family will need to bring along valid photo identification such as a Driver's Licence or Passport to show school staff who will then double check your contact details and issue you with a sign-up Access Key to activate Parent Portal.

For those unable to attend the drop-in session, we will provide more details about how and when you can drop into the front office to show your proof of identity. This is an ACT Education Directorate requirement to ensure privacy of your child's personal information.

### 'On the Same Page'- Reading at Theodore Primary School

We are excited to invite all Theodore families to attend our 'On the Same Page'- Reading at Theodore Primary School event. The evening is designed to provide families with helpful tips and tricks for supporting their child/ren with reading at home. Following the information workshops, we will have the opportunity to share a book and hot chocolate in the library.

**Date:** Wednesday 24 August 2022

**Time:** 5pm- 6:30pm

We hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend!

Nathan Pepper

Acting Principal

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## Dates to Remember

### Term 3 Calendar

#### AUGUST

- 05 Planning Day/Student Fee Day
- 12 Yr 3/4 Limelight Choir Rehearsal
- 12 Kindergarten Assembly
- 15 Yr 5 Combined Band
- 17 Yr 6 Combined Band
- 26 Book Week Dress Up Day



## Notes sent home

- P—Yr 6 Scholastic
- Yr 3/4 Camp
- Yr 1/2 Home Reading Program
- Yr 5/6 Health Unit

## Notes due back

- Friday 05 August
- Friday 23 September
- Information only
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## Week Ahead @ Theo

# Term 3 | Week 4 @ Theodore

### Clubs at Breaks

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track	Lego Club Mrs Sheehan Library	Culture Club Ruby Shade Shelter	Book Club Ms Lloyd Library Courtyard	K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track
Craft Club Mrs Sheehan Library		K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track	Just Dance Ms Olliers Library	Handball Shade Shelter Mrs Castledine
Art Club Mrs Hunt Art Room	Colouring Club Aimee Library	Art Club Mrs Hunt Art Room	Play Dough Club Mrs Barbara Library	Karaoke Club Shade Shelter Miss Birre
Senior Sports Senior Grass Miss B	Earth Savers Mrs Menzies Environment Centre	Culture Club Ruby Shade Shelter	Handball Shade Shelter Mrs Castledine	

MONDAY 8/8– 5/6 Band 🎵

Bilbies Preschool Day

TUESDAY 9/8–

Bilbies Preschool Day

WEDNESDAY 10/8– 5/6 Band 🎵

THURSDAY 11/8–

House Connection Day 🟠 🟡 🟢 🟠

Koalas Preschool Day

FRIDAY 12/8– 3/4 Limelight Choir Rehearsal 🎤

Kindergarten Assembly

Koalas Preschool Day



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

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Learners*



# Important Reminders

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## Student Pupil Free Day

The ACT Government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two staff planning days during term 2 to reduce teacher workload due to staff shortages. These days will provide public school teachers with time to complete student reporting and curriculum planning.

Our school will hold our second staff planning day on:

- **Friday 05<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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) 61423100 or email [theodoreps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:theodoreps@ed.act.edu.au) if your child will be attending school on this day.

If you have any further questions about our staff planning days, please reach out to our front office.

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## Coffee Van

Hi Theodore families,

We have some exciting news!!!!

We have secured a coffee van to come to the school on a trial basis. The van will first visit the school on Friday August 12 (week 4), between 8-10 am. All families are welcome to come down and enjoy a coffee or hot chocolate before school.

Thank you

Aimee Shires



## Youth Support Worker Update - Ruby

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Culture Club is on every Wednesday at break 1 and break 2. At Culture Club we have been playing indigenous games, Buroinjin and Chiba. Students in years 3-6 have been having a go and it's great to see new students coming each week!



Cooking is a much-loved activity within our 3/4 cohort. Some of our favourite things to cook (and eat 🍴) are spaghetti and meatballs, banana muffins, homemade pizzas, Anzac cookies and smoothies!

I am looking into some new programs to run here at Theodore.

**If you or someone you know has a special skill or talent that you would like to share with the students at Theodore Primary,** please contact me via email [ruby.christensen@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:ruby.christensen@ed.act.edu.au). We would love to learn new things from our school community whether it be cooking a specific dish, planting some vegetables, creating something with woodwork, arts and crafts etc.



# Kindergarten

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Wow! We are already halfway through the school year. All the Kindergarten students are developing and growing so much! We have been focusing on our high frequency words and getting excited about our reading. The start of Term 3 has begun with some very exciting events in Kindy.

In week 1 we all travelled by bus to the Canberra Theatre to watch *The Twits*. We had a fabulous time, and many laughs were had. After the excursion we had time to reflect on and share feelings and thoughts about the events and characters in the play.



Last week we celebrated spending 100 days at school. We had an exciting day filled with many events. We had the wonderful year 6 band come and play for us as well as a visit from Grandpa Pepper and Grandma Lloyd. The completed a scavenger hunt, finding 100 number cards and finished the day with a celebratory disco party. Well done Kindergarten!



## Wellbeing Wednesday

### Resilience building challenge/activity



Over the last semester lots of information has been shared in the newsletter about resilience in children. To help families practice some of the strategies shared, I am going to set fortnightly challenges or activities. I would love for families to share with me how they go with the challenge or activity each fortnight.

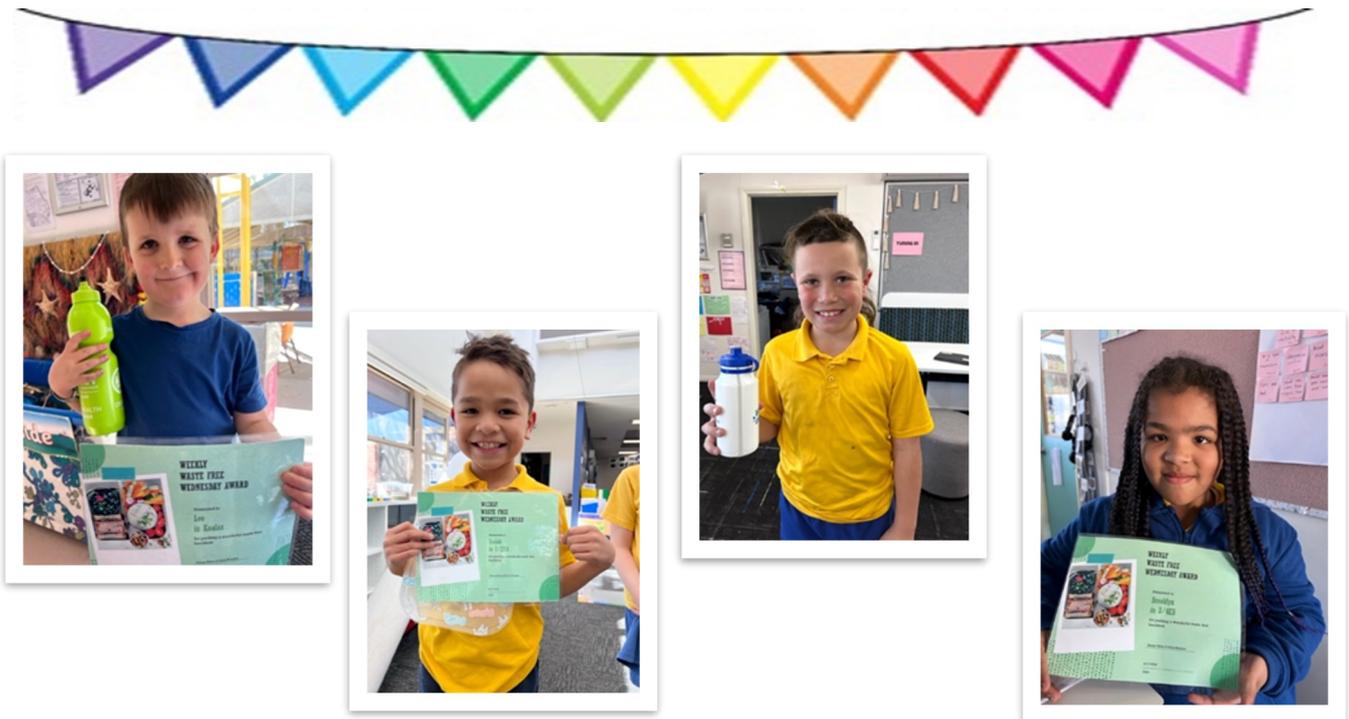
The first resilience building challenge is **THE HARD THING CHALLENGE**.

1. Each family member chooses a hard thing to learn, this could be the same thing for all family members or something different for each family member. For example: a sport, activity, instrument, language.
2. Everyone must finish what they start, family members must support each other to overcome any challenges they face when learning their hard thing and come up with a plan to learn their hard thing.
3. Celebrate your successes when learning your hard thing.
4. Send me an email of your hard thing and a picture of you doing the challenge with your family.



## Fresh Food Friday

A huge **congratulations** to our waste free Wednesday winners so far this term.



# 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



## 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 Starting June 3, 9.10 am - 10.30am  
(during the school term only)

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

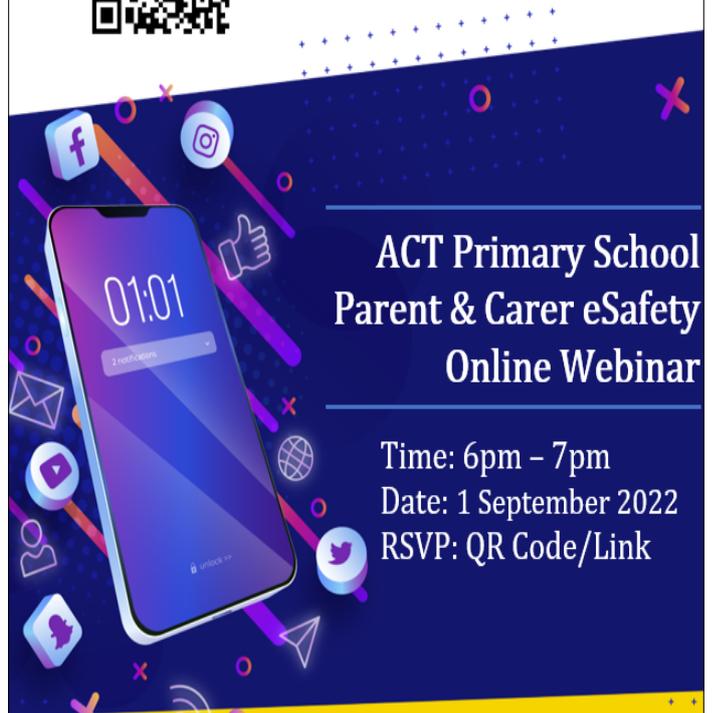
**RSVP:** Please RSVP each week to Aimee  
Text 0435 512 102

To ensure we are following the covid safety measures, I ask that parents and children stay home if they feel unwell, wear a mask if they are unable to physically distance and clean their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser.



RSVP using the QR Code or Link:

[bit.ly/3nIdMIP](https://bit.ly/3nIdMIP)



## ACT Primary School Parent & Carer eSafety Online Webinar

Time: 6pm – 7pm  
Date: 1 September 2022  
RSVP: QR Code/Link

### Topics:

- Understanding eSafety issues impacting young people
- Hard to have conversations with your child
- Where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- Current Trends and Updates





## Swimming lessons *at Lakeside*

Lakeside Leisure Centre runs a comprehensive Learn to Swim program for all ages and abilities!

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# PARENTING HELP WORKSHOPS

Join us for two free sessions at Tuggeranong Arts Centre, from 5.30pm – 7.30pm, on **Thursday 15th & Thursday 22nd September, 2022**. Facilitated by social workers & school counsellors, Sarah O'Sullivan and Maddison Kennedy, the seminars will cover:

- Understanding adolescent development
- Coping strategies
- Mental health concerns
- Positive communication
- Anxiety, depression and self-harm.



To register: email [messengers@tuggeranongarts.com](mailto:messengers@tuggeranongarts.com) or phone (02) 6293 1443. You can also visit [www.tuggeranongarts.com](http://www.tuggeranongarts.com) for more information.



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visual arts | ages 9-13

**SKETCHY**  
WEDNESDAYS, 12:30 - 2:30PM  
Tuggeranong Arts Centre  
visual arts | ages 14-18

**STUDIO M**  
WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 - 7:30PM  
Tuggeranong Arts Centre  
visual arts | ages 18-25

**ART LAB**  
THURSDAYS, 9:00 - 11:00AM  
Tuggeranong Arts Centre  
visual arts | ages 14-18

