

*'A great place to grow up'*

## NEWSLETTER

### Executive News – A Farewell with mixed feelings

A common question that I have been asked this year is, "Miss White, how long have you been at Theodore?" My answer? Seven years. I have been lucky enough to be part of the Theodore Community for seven years. When I arrived at Theodore, I was based up in Molonglo with the amazing team of Mrs Hogan, Mrs Kennedy, and Mrs Swift. At that time, three of us were new to the school and we were lucky to have Mrs Hogan lead the way.

One thing that has always stood out to me is that Theodore has been fortunate to have so many passionate teachers who have worked hard to build positive relationships with students. We have had a teacher dance with joy on a chair whenever a student reached a personal best. We have had a teacher encourage their class to add the phrase FAN-BLOOMING-TASTIC to their vocabulary to celebrate great things. We have had teachers with loud, joyful laughter, encourage their students to thoroughly investigate with curiosity the world around them. We have had teachers dress as pirates, bananas, blind mice, King Pig, crayons, and other costumes to encourage a love of reading.

Some of my real special memories feature the leaders of our school, including a fundraiser that the P&C held to tape the principal to the wall and the opportunity to throw sponges or cream pies at the same principal at the fete. Another special memory is watching a news report this year where Debbie Martens spoke about how our teachers were supporting our students and families during online learning and how much our teachers missed seeing their students everyday face to face.

The Theodore community is amazing. I have gotten to know many of you through Preschool Spring Fairs, fetes, colour runs, Pizza and Problem nights, PJ and Hot Chocolate evenings, P&C Meetings, community BBQs, sports carnivals, discos and out and about around the school. Through all these interactions, it is clear to see that the parents and the staff care immensely about the same thing...the kids.

We have had our ups and downs here at Theodore but through it all our motto has shone through the kids. Theodore IS a great place to grow up. This was very evident today as our students participated in various activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. They worked together in multi-age groups, helped, and supported each other and had fun! The Year 6 students did a fabulous job as our school leaders.

So, it is with mixed feelings that I write to inform you today that this year will be my last year at Theodore. After seven years it is time to move on. I started at Theodore the same year as our current Year 6 group and I will leave with them. Next year I will be moving to a School Leader position at Farrer Primary. I know that I leave Theodore with passionate school leaders at the helm and teachers who work so hard day in and day out to engage our students in their learning.

To the students and families who have been in my classes throughout the years, thank you for making me the teacher and school leader that I am today. You have taught me so much and I am so thankful.

To the fabulous and amazing teaching staff and support staff that I have worked with throughout the years, thank you for the laughs, the engaging professional conversations, and your support.

There are still five more weeks left of the school year with many exciting events coming up including some socially distanced community events, so please make sure to say goodbye and thank you so much for what you bring to the Theodore community.

***Thank you, Jodie***





## School News

### Dates to Remember

- 12 Nov** NAIDOC Cultural Day
- 13 Nov** Year 6 Passport to Success
- 13 Nov** Year 5/6 Disco Reward
- 17 Nov** Rage Program (Selected year 5/6 boys)
- 18 Nov** PRIDE – Menslink Program for year 5/6 boys
- 18 Nov** Preschool and Kindergarten Transition  
9.30am-11.00am
- 18 Nov** Preschool Art Show 12pm – 2pm
- 20 Nov** Year 6 Passport to Success
- 24 Nov** Rage Program (Selected year 5/6 boys)
- 25 Nov** PRIDE – Menslink Program for year 5/6 boys
- 25 Nov** Preschool and Kindergarten Transition  
9.30am-11.00am
- 26 Nov** Multi Colour Dress up day – Art Fundraiser
- 27 Nov** Market Day
- 27 Nov** Year 6 Passport to Success

### Notes sent out

- 9 Nov** Jerrabomberra Wetlands – Year 1/2
- 12 Nov** Book Club
- 12 Nov** Term Calendar
- 12 Nov** National Ride to School

### Notes to be returned

- 15 Nov** Enrolment for 2021 – Note Only
- 23 Nov** Jerrabomberra Wetlands – Year 1/2

## Environment Centre News

Theodore Primary School would like to thank Lis VanPapenrecht from Actsmart Schools ACT for donations to our sustainable schools' program. We were recipients of new vests and grippers for looking after litter in the playground and to collect stray 10 cent Return It refund items. We also received rulers, gardening gloves, promotion material, some really cool wrist bands incorporating a USB and a variety of books for all ages to put into our library.

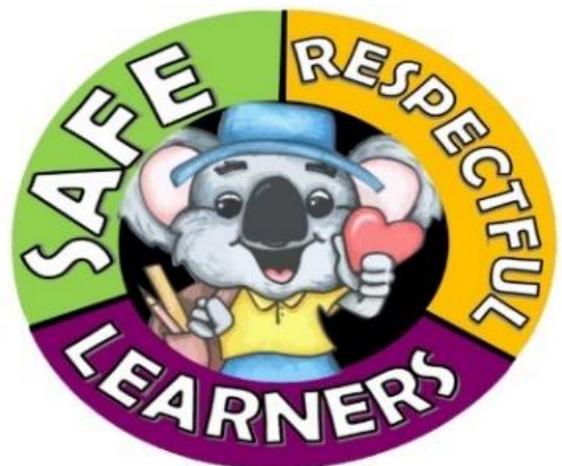


## PBL Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a BRONZE PBL Award.

Each student has received 50 PBL tokens in one of our expected areas (SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS).

Student First Name	Student Class	Bronze Award
Makaylee	1/2SB	LEARNER
Dixie-Lee	1/2SB	LEARNER
Matilda	1/2EB	LEARNER
Ruby	1/2SB	LEARNER
Ruby	1/2SB	RESPECTFUL
Ethan	5/6JM	LEARNER
Phillip	5/6SC	RESPECTFUL
Charlie	5/6CE	SAFE
Hayley	5/6CE	SAFE
Kayla	5/6CE	SAFE
Arijana	5/6CE	SAFE
Arijana	5/6CE	LEARNER
Hayley	5/6JM	SAFE
Hayley	5/6JM	LEARNER
Seren	1/2MP	SAFE
Evie	1/2SB	RESPECTFUL
Johanne	1/2SB	RESPECTFUL





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## Preschool News

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Here we are fast approaching the end of the year. The year seems to have flown by very fast and haven't all the children grown up. We are looking forward to our visits to Kindergarten.

In Week 2, we were lucky enough to have Pirate Pete perform for the Possums and Koalas. The children thoroughly enjoyed his music and humour. Sadly, Pirate Pete said it would be his last year of performing.

In Week 3, we had our Pizza Party to celebrate our successful Walkathon. A HUGE thank you to Dominoes at Calwell for donating the Pizzas. Thank you also to everyone for all your support and to the parents who participated in the Walkathon. We raised \$1671 which was amazing. The money raised will go towards the painting of the Preschool portable as it is in desperate need of a paint. Our highest fundraising students were: Harry (Koalas), Scarlet (Possums), Kohen (Koalas), Sam (Possums) and Jacob (Possums). Well done those families!

During Week 3, we were finally able to go on a bus to our excursion to the Botanical Gardens. We had a fantastic day participating in two programs at the Botanical Gardens. We learnt about seeds and plants and were shown how to pot a plant. We also went 'ponding' and learnt about different creatures that live in the water. We walked through the rainforest in the mist and visited the treehouse.

Our Art Show is on Wednesday 18 November in Week 6 from 11.50 am through to 2.45 pm. Please feel free to come anytime between those times to see the fantastic artwork that the children have working on throughout the year. Your child will take you on an art hunt around the Preschool. Once your child has found their artwork please feel free to take their art home with you. All monetary donations for the artwork will be used towards restocking our dwindling art resources for the Preschool. We hope you enjoy the children's artwork – they have worked extremely hard throughout the year.

In Week 8 (Thursday 3 December), the Possums and Koalas will be singing two songs at the whole school Christmas Concert and Picnic. If possible, we would love everyone to attend. Could you please let me know if you can't attend? After the Possums and Koalas have performed their songs, they will then join you on your Picnic rug.

The **Preschool Christmas Sing-along** is on Week 9, **Wednesday 9 December at 9.00 am** in the Preschool yard (weather permitting). Please bring a picnic blanket. We will sing for about 40 minutes and then we ask you to stay for a very short time to receive your Christmas present that the children have made for you. We would love it if you could join us. This is the children's main concert. Afterwards, the children will have their Christmas Party. The pick-up time will be at the normal time of 11.45 am.





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As we come to the end of the year there are some important jobs that still need to be done to prepare the Preschool for the next year's families. If you have a spare half hour and could help with some of these jobs could you put your name on the job list outside the Preschool room and talk to Jayne, Janene or Susie? Any help or assistance would be greatly appreciated. It is such a busy time for us.

Thank you to all those families who have supported us at the Preschool this year (coming on excursions, donating items, etc) making this a wonderful year for all the children. A HUGE THANK YOU also goes Lisa Davis, Amy Blyton and Mel Llewellyn for all their hard work this year and to the rest of Parent Fund-Raising Committee who have worked in the background throughout the year.

**Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday 18 December	Kindergarten Transition Visit 11.50 am – 2.45 pm -Art Show
Wednesday 25 November	Kindergarten Transition Visit
Wednesday 2 December	Kindergarten Transition Visit
Thursday 3 December	5.30 pm - Whole School Concert & Christmas Picnic
Wednesday 9 December	9.00 am - Preschool Christmas Singalong Children's Christmas Party
Friday 11 December	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm - Preschool Disco

Jayne, Janene, Tracey, Tori and I have had a fantastic year. It has been wonderful getting to know all the different families. We wish the Koalas and the Possums all the very best for next year and all the best to everyone. Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

***Thanks, from  
Susie, Jayne, Janene, Tori and Tracey  
Merry Christmas***





## Preschool Photos





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## Kindergarten NEWS

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How time flies- we are already in Term 4 and the small, cute Kindy kids who started school this year now only have 30 days left! We have been reflecting on how much growth students have made over the year and are so proud of each and every one of them.

Kindergarten were very excited to start term 4 with our very first excursion of the year. We were lucky enough to go to the National Zoo and Aquarium and the excursion was a big success. Whilst at the zoo students learnt about animals, walking their way around the zoo, enjoying lunch together near the rhinos, playing in the playground and enjoying a game or two on the lawn. We were impressed with students displaying school values and being safe, respectful learners. A special thanks to all our wonderful parent helpers! Since the excursion, students have been researching different animals and using the interesting facts they found to write an information text.

Recently the students have been involved in completing their final BASE assessment for the year, to assist us with gathering further information ready for next year. Each student deserves a big pat on the back for the effort and maturity they have shown during this time. We congratulate them on their effort and focus during these assessments. Well done Kindy!

To support our health and wellbeing programs we have commenced weekly gross motor sessions every Thursday. Gross motor skills are large movements your child makes with his/her arms, legs, feet and entire body. Activities such as crawling, balancing on one leg, jumping, throwing and catching are some of the skills we practise during our gross motor sessions. The students have really enjoyed our gross motor sessions however with the weather getting warmer we ask that your child has a hat, water bottle and is wearing suitable shoes.

Congratulations to all of our little people who have received an award at our virtual Assemblies. It is wonderful to see so many of our Kindergarten students showing how they are safe, respectful learners at Theodore. We are very proud of their efforts and the quality of their work in the classroom is outstanding!

Week 5 will be the last time students will receive text rich bags for the year. After this, the bags will be organised in preparation for 2021 kindergarten students. We extend our appreciation to the wonderful team who coordinate the bags as it would not be possible without them volunteering their time and expertise.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with NADOIC Day, Market Day, netball clinics, Kinder assembly and the Christmas picnic. Keep an eye on the newsletter, Seesaw and Theodore's Facebook page to check these important dates.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the year that is filled to the brim with exciting events!

***Kirsten, Cate, Annette and Tori***



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(Official Site)



## Kindergarten News





Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
get a new \$100  
Voucher

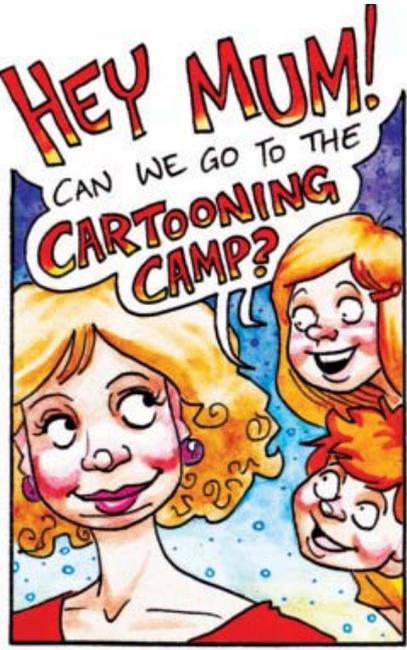


# Cartoon Camps



Canberra / Queanbeyan 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Jan / Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Jan / Eastern Suburbs 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Families can use their \$100 Creative Kids Vouchers at our camps. Contact Service NSW & get the Vouchers then call our office: 9343 0833



**\$45 Short Day / \$50 Long Day**  
**\$25 Thursday night camp**  
[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

### EARLY BIRD

Book all 5 Long Days before 5pm Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 for the Early Bird Special.



Book all 5 Long Days & we will give your child a set of 6 Cartooning Books

**Canberra / Queanbeyan**  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup> - Jan 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jerrabomberra Community Hall  
25-31 The Parkway,  
Jerrabomberra

**Newcastle**  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - Jan 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lambton Scout Hall  
8 Elder Street,  
Lambton

**Eastern Suburbs**  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Bondi Scout Hall  
Corner Wairoa Ave &  
Hastings Parade,  
Bondi

- Covid-Safe
- Working with Children Checks
- A professional Sydney cartoonist will be running the program
- All art materials included
- We accept Creative Kids vouchers valued at \$100.

No phone booking enquiries only: 9am - 5pm (EST)  
Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day.

**Enquiries: (02) 9343 0833**  
**bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au**  
**www.illustrating-man.com.au**

**Mail: Suite 2, 29 Newland Street, Bondi Junction 2022**



## \$100 Creative Kids Vouchers

contact service NSW. Each child aged 4 - 17 is allowed \$100 per year to attend our programs. Call our office with the vouchers: 9343 0833.

## Monday

- **Theme: Hawaiian.** Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 1.**
- **Draw:** A 3D tropical landscape.
- **Draw:** Guardians of the Galaxy™.
- **Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- **Coral reef:** Draw life under the sea.
- **Draw:** Animated fruit & vegetables.
- **Draw:** Australian reptiles.
- **Kids in the kitchen: Make mocktails & decorate & eat doughnuts.**
- **Science show:** With the mad Professor!
- **Make:** A squishy & play the fun squishy game.
- **Make:** A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- **Kite making:** Let your imaginations fly high.
- **Draw & design a plate or mug: (Long Day).**



## Tuesday

- **Theme: Messy clothes & hair.** Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- **Kids on wheels:** Bring your scooters.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 2.**
- **Enjoy: Delicious Skittle S'mores.**
- **Make:** The world's best paper plane.
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure in the park.
- **Slime:** Make fun green oobleck slime!
- **Competition: Make a candy monster!**
- **Draw:** Manga animals.
- **Recycled art:** Build a robot or make cool glasses.
- **Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want to!
- **Draw African animals:** A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- **Play:** Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- **Make:** Clay model miniature food. (Long Day activity).



## Wednesday

- **Theme: Wear dark clothes for the games.**
- **Challenge: Guess the Tim Tam™**
- **Draw:** Cartooning **Part 3.**
- **Play:** The custard challenge.
- **Draw:** Garfield™ & Snoopy™.
- **Emojis:** Draw the popular ones.
- **Draw:** Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- **Face painting & tattoos:** Have a lot of fun!
- **Lego™:** Make a spaceship. Prizes for best creations.
- **Design a baseball cap:** We'll supply the caps. (Long Day activity).
- **Play: Murder in the twilight!** An exciting game with balloons. (Long Day).
- **Pokémon™:** Draw popular characters & trade your cards.
- **Swap & trade:** Trade Pokémon cards, Squishies & Tree House books. (Long Day).
- **Nerf gun battle:** Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe play. Join in if you want to. (Long Day activity).



## Thursday

- **Theme: Backwards. Wear your clothes backwards.**
- **Secret code:** Decode the message to find the treasure.
- **Play:** Balloon Kingdom skirmish / rob the nest.
- **Draw:** Popular farm animals.
- **Play:** Hit the pinata.
- **Draw:** Unusual insects.
- **Draw:** The Simpsons™.
- **Make:** A pom pom creature.
- **Make: & eat an owl fruit platter.**
- **Play:** Tarp tennis & cat & mouse.
- **Painting:** Create with paint.
- **Crowns:** The royal & rebel teams will be chosen.
- **Enjoy:** The bubble bath waterslide. Bring swimmers.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling water fight style. Bring water guns.



## Thursday night camp 6pm - 9pm

- **Play:** Murder in the Dark.
- **Play:** Water fight at night.
- **Draw:** Australian animals.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling & space jump.
- **Make:** An icecream sundae & eat it.



## Friday Market Day

- **Theme: Computer games.** Prizes for best gaming costumes.
- **Computer gaming:** Bring in your devices for a gaming session. (Long day).
- **T-Shirt Art:** Design a T-Shirt. We will supply the T.Shirts.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 5.**
- **Draw:** Anime & Manga.
- **Draw:** 3D dinosaurs.
- **Kids in the Kitchen: Make & eat Pizza.**
- **Flour battle:** Join in the flour fight if you want to.
- **Draw:** Characters from Among Us™, Minecraft™ & Undertale™.
- **Draw:** Create your own tree house. An Andy Griffiths book will be awarded.
- **Waterfight:** Weather permitting & if you want to. Bring a watergun.
- **Kingdom Markets:** Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. Make cookies, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned over the week. We'll also give the children \$100 Kingdom dollars.
- **Greatest Showman™ Talent Show:** Perform if you want to - singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy, acting, etc...prizes for best acts.





With over 90 items to bid on, the [Conservation Council ACT Region's Christmas auction](#) has something for everyone including wonderful gifts for the holiday season. Particular favourites for schools are workshops with [Jackie French](#) and [Mal Webb](#), plus there are a stash of Jackie French and other books.

We campaign to cut greenhouse emissions, protect biodiversity in our urban and natural areas, protect and enhance our waterways, reduce our waste and improve public and active transport in our city.

More than ever, the Conservation Council depends on fundraising auctions like this one. When you bid in the auction you are helping protect the environment.

For more information, see <https://conservationcouncil.org.au/christmas-auction-2020/>

