



Theodore Primary School Board Meeting

Attendance Principal Nathan Pepper, Annette Martens, Susan Hough, Jacinta Margaronis, Kim Jones, Sue Farrelly & Rose Rodriguez (Minutes)

Meeting Open 3.56 pm

Apologies Alison Yialelgrou & Emma Peel

Conflict Interest Nil

Student Leaders Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting 15 May 2025

Pass Jacinta Margaronis

Second Kim Jones

Business Arising **Capital upgrades | Junior playground**

Open Action The Junior Playground is currently under the planning stage with Capital Upgrades.

Discussion Follow up on progress

Outcome Capital Upgrades is progressing with draft planning. Commencement of work is planned for next financial year

Business Arising **School Hall Airconditioning**

Open Action Procurement in process

Discussion Evaluation team met on 5 June 2025

Outcome KING Air provided detailed scope of works including price breakdown & addressed Statement of requirement (SOR). Total price of procurement \$62,200 including GST

Finance

Month Ending MAY 2025	
Operating Results	\$16,547.12
GST & OTHER Liabilities	(\$146.97)
Reserves	(\$75,000)
Provisions	(\$43,809.53)
Accumulated Funds	(\$360,590.68)
Total summary accounts	(\$463,000.06)
Bank account	\$463,000.06

- Out of session- approved budget adjustments
- Review and compare Voluntary Contributions over past 5 years with funds raised by P&C for the same period

Pass Kim Jones

Second

Sue Farrelly



Teacher report

- Classroom teachers in the process of completing end of semester assessment and writing reports
- Preschool attended a Birrigai excursion last Wednesday
- Athletics carnival
- PERKS Speech Workshop week 1 next term. Parent info session and three speech assessment for identified students
- Four preservice teachers commenced on Tuesday this week from Uni of Canberra
- Students Reconciliation Day Walk

Parent/ P&C Report

Preschool Sub Committee of P&C has suggested various fundraising ideas. Walkathon, Plates, Preschool to join disco at main school. Further discussions with committee will confirm fundraising for remainder of 2025. Parent P&C is focusing on community involvement and one fundraiser per term.

Preschool teachers wish list includes outdoor prams and outdoor dramatic play equipment.

Principal's Report

School Improvement- Improve growth in spelling for all students & Strong Foundations Update

In late 2024, the school received a grant for the early stages of Strong Foundations implementation. This money was used at our school to increase our library of decodable readers, which align with the Sounds Write program being implemented from K-6 and also to invest in Numicon, which is a concrete resource to support student's understanding of number concepts.

In June 2025, we have been informed that schools will receive additional grant funding to go towards Strong Foundations. We are awaiting further guidance on how the money is to be used. Additionally, the Directorate's implementation team have finished conducting a quality assurance audit on phonics programs available and have determined that Sounds Write, against the criteria, is the leading resource for schools to use. In 2025, we are using Sounds Write as:

- a universal program in our K-2 classes,
- for streamed classes in 3/4 classes, and;
- as a targeted intervention for 5/6 students.

Teaching staff will engage in the next module of Strong Foundations training on the Pupil Free day in term 3.

Theodore in the news

During Reconciliation Week (27 May- 3 June), our school was featured on the ACT Public Schools' Facebook page as their 'Photo of the Week'. This story captured the school's very first reconciliation walk around the local neighbourhood. I was immensely proud to see the banners each class had taken the time to create and was equally as excited to see our school walk as one to emphasize that our school is a place of learning that respects First Nations people, including the Ngunnawal land in which the school is on. Everyone belongs and has a place at Theodore Primary School.

In addition to this news, the school also featured in an internal publication celebrating the school's new mural and signage, featuring the new unit names. Our students, Isla M and Jacob T spoke confidently with the media representative and shared the school's journey.



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Clubs

Lunch time clubs have been a staple of life as a Theodore student over the past six years. This year we have a range of clubs that are enjoyed by students. They provide them with an opportunity to have a structured break time, meet new friends and learn new skills. Our clubs are run by our teachers and Youth Support Workers. One club we are particularly proud of is our Brekky and Lunch Clubs. Brekky Club is proudly supported by Woolworths Calwell and is open to all students, every morning, regardless of whether they have had breakfast. It supports our students to have a healthy start to the day and fuel their brains for learning. Lunch Club is proudly sponsored by our P&C, via fundraising events from 2024, such as the Colour Fun Run, Disco and Readathon. Once again, this provides students with the opportunity to learn about healthy eating and have a meal which supports their learning during the day. Once again, all students are welcome. Thank you to our P&C and to Stacy and Ellie, who run the club every Tuesday and Thursday.

Family & Community Engagement- Semester 2

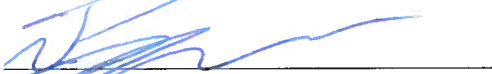
In late term 1, Aimee Shires returned from maternity leave. During term 2, Aimee has been re-connecting with the community and supporting students with their engagement with school. Aimee has identified some potential areas of need which present as an opportunity for some community engagement and parent learning in the second semester of 2025. Aimee intends to attend the P&C meeting in early term 3 to share some of these ideas with the P&C for input and feedback.

Meeting Closed

5.19pm

Principal **Nathan Pepper**

School Board Chair **Jacinta Margaritis**



Date 4/9/25

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