

'A great place to grow up'

NEWSLETTER

Executive News

Happy week 5 to all our families! Amazingly we are halfway through term 1 at the end of this week. There has been a lot happening and we are pleased that the start to 2021 is so much brighter than 2020. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers back into the hall for our Friday assembly last week. It was a time to celebrate the school leaders in our school parliament and sports houses as well as the many students who received awards for outstanding achievement. Congratulations everyone!

Goal Setting Interviews

Thanks to all the families who were able to come into school to set goals for their children and meet the teachers last week. We are committed to working together as a team with home and school so this is a great way to start the conversations that will support your children.

Public Holiday & Swimming Carnival

Remember that next Monday March 8th is the Canberra Day holiday and on Friday 12th March we will be holding our school swimming carnival. Many thanks to Tracey Kennedy for her enthusiastic organisation of this event. I'm sure it will be a very successful and fun day.

Cultural Integrity Club

This week we had our first meeting of the Cultural Integrity Club at Break 1 on Wednesday. This was well attended, and the students had lots of great ideas about what they wanted to do this year as part of the club. Lachie Eveston our Youth Support Worker (Tues & Wed) led the group with Zuzette Fahey, our Cultural Integrity Coordinator. We are looking forward to learning more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history through some exciting hands-on learning. This group will be student leaders within the school and provide student agency into how we embed Cultural Integrity into all classrooms.

Sunsmart

I would like to remind families of the need for all students to wear Sun Smart hats to school every day. A Sun Smart hat is required for playing outside during breaks and for outdoor PE. Please ensure your child has a clearly named Sun Smart hat for school each day.

Debbie Martens

Principal



Dates to Remember 2021

Parent Term 1 Calendar

Link THDP Website [Term 1 Calendar](#)

4 March	Legends Shield Rugby Carnival	Years 3/4 & 5/6
5 March	School Clean-up Day	Kindergarten to Year 6
8 March	Canberra Day Public Holiday	
9 March	Netball Clinics	Year 5/6
10 March	Basketball Clinics	Kindergarten, Year 1/2 & 3/4
12 March	Swimming Carnival CISAC	Kindy to Year 6
15 -17 March	Borambola Camp	Year 5/6
17 March	Basketball Clinics	Kindergarten, Year 1/2 & 3/4
18 March	School Board Meeting	
19 March	Ride & Walk to School Day	
19 March	House Connection Afternoon	

Notes sent home

Notes due back

4 Mar	NAPLAN Information note Year 3 & Year 5		
11 Feb	Year 3/4 & 5/6 Legends Shield Rugby Carnival	19 March	Note only
11 Feb	Year 6 Uniform Polo & Hoodie	5 March	Note & Money
18 Feb	Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) Kindergarten only	19 March	Note Only
18 Feb	Borambola Camp 2021 Years 5/6	04 March	Note & Money

School News

Death Cap Mushrooms

The Death Cap mushroom (*Amanita Phalloides*) is a deadly poisonous fungus. They often grow near established oak trees, and are found when there is warm, wet weather. In Canberra this usually occurs in autumn but there is no specific mushroom season. There have been multiple incidents and fatalities associated with Death Cap mushrooms.



It can be extremely difficult for even experienced collectors to distinguish Death Cap mushrooms from an edible mushroom. **People should not pick or eat wild mushrooms**, and should talk to their families, friends and neighbours about the dangers of Death Cap mushrooms. Cooking Death Cap mushrooms does not make them safe.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/population-health/fact-sheets>



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The Week Ahead

Term 1 | Week 6 @ Theodore



Breaktime Clubs

- Monday Break 1- Handball 🏐 (Shade Shelter)
 Monday Break 2- Environment Club 🌍 (E.C)
 Tech Time 🖥️ (Library)
 Artsy Fun Club 🎨 (Art Room)
- Tuesday Break 1- Kulture Break (10:30am Hall)
 Handball 🏐 (Shade Shelter)
 Tuesday Break 2- Senior Soccer ⚽ (Grass)
 Drawing 🎨 (Library)
- Wednesday Break 1- Cultural Integrity Club (Library)
 SUPA Club (Chipala)
 Wednesday Break 2- Tech Time 🖥️ (Library)
- Thursday Break 2- K-4 Bikes 🚲 (Court)
 Handball 🏐 (Shade Shelter)
 Origami 🎒 (Library)
- Friday Break 1- Handball 🏐 (Shade Shelter)
 Friday Break 2- Junior Soccer ⚽ (Grass)
 5/6 Bikes 🚲 (Court)

What's On This Week

MONDAY 8/3- CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 9/3- Netball clinics (5/6) 🏐

Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day

WEDNESDAY 10/3- Basketball Clinics (K-4) 🏀

Koalas Preschool Day

THURSDAY 11/3-

Koalas Preschool Day

FRIDAY 12/3- K-6 Swimming Carnival 🏊

Koalas Preschool Day

Term 1 | Week 7 @ Theodore



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MONDAY 15/3- 5/6 BORAMBOLA CAMP

Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day

TUESDAY 16/3- 5/6 BORAMBOLA CAMP

Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day

WEDNESDAY 17/3- 5/6 BORAMBOLA CAMP

Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day

THURSDAY 18/3-

Koalas Preschool Day

FRIDAY 19/3- House Connection Day

Ride & Walk to School Day

Koalas Preschool Day



Preschool News

What a great time we've had settling into Preschool for 2021!

We've been so impressed with how quickly our classes – the Bilbies, Possums and Koalas, have settled in and formed some great friendships together.

In our Investigations we've been exploring different letters – S, A, T and P so far! The Preschoolers have had a great time being letter detectives and hunting for words and signs containing those letters in both the indoor and outdoor environments. We've also been using this time to develop understanding of different numbers, so far – 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5!



Art has been a great interest for many of our Pre-schoolers, we've painted sunflowers, made letter collages, marble painting, painted using brushes, tubes, fingers and more! It's been fantastic to see the different approaches our students have to art.

We've spent time outside each day, always starting this time with our obstacle course. This changes every few weeks and focuses on a fundamental movement skill. The obstacle course has been popular, we've often seen children going back to it again and again, eager to master those movements.

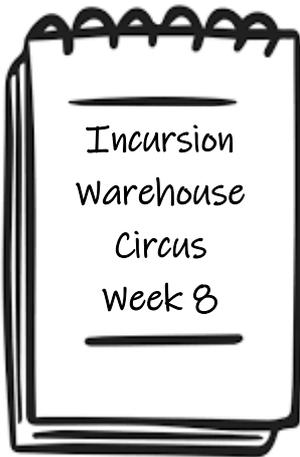
Each class has also begun the Bilby, Possum or Koala of the Day – this student has the special role of being the line leader and spending some individual learning time with the teacher. The classes have loved this role, they enjoy the responsibility and it's a great way to help the Pre-schoolers learn one another's names!



Preschool News



We're so excited for a great term of learning, we already have a heap of posts up on Seesaw showing some examples of what we've been up to each day.



We also have an exciting Incursion coming up in Week 8 – Warehouse Circus! A note has gone home and been emailed regarding this incursion.

Thanks for a fantastic few week, it's so hard to believe we're already halfway through Term 1 of Preschool!

Tori, Cate, Heidi, Janene and Amanda





Kindergarten News



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

Chipala students have been working on numbers and patterns in maths. We have used tally marks, pictures, ten frames and dominoes to represent numbers. We discovered that you can use many different objects to create patterns.

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.

The wonderful Mrs Kennedy organised an Oztag clinic for all of us to participate in, we had so much fun!

To help us understand what it means to be a good friend, we all read a big book called 'Meanies'. We discussed what a 'meanie' acts like and looks like. We then wrote and drew pictures about what 'Friendlies' act like and look like and created an amazing class book full of our ideas.





Raiders Assembly

On Monday this week our Years 3-6 students attended a community assembly hosted by some of the Canberra Raiders.

Students heard about the importance of **respect**, **resilience**, and **support** when working as part of a school, club, or sports team. Some lucky students also participated in some teamwork activities and won prizes for responding to questions.



PBL Signs @ Theodore PS

This week you may have noticed our new permanent PBL signage being put up by Laurie around the school. It looks fantastic!

Clearly displayed in various locations we have our 'Everywhere' (blue) signs which reminds us of our expectations no matter where we are in the school. Alongside these we also have our 'settings' (yellow) signs. These signs remind us of expectations for that specific location.

We are looking forward to seeing the remainder of the signs put up in the coming weeks.

