



26 May 2022– Term 2

## Acting Principal News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the halfway point of term 2! I have been extremely impressed with how students have been focused on their learning and take great joy in sharing students' achievements.



### Assessment and Reporting

As we quickly approach the end of semester one, teachers are busy working on conducting student assessments to support their grading and report writing. It is important to remember that Semester One reports are designed to outline how your child is progressing against their individual learning goals and the achievement standards of their given year level. This is a good opportunity for families and teachers to touch base about their child's progress and identify goals for semester two.

### Kindergarten Assembly

Well done to our amazing kindergarten students and teachers for hosting our first in-person assembly since term 3, 2021! Considering these students hadn't attended an assembly before, they did a fantastic job hosting, sharing their learning, running a fun quiz show and sharing their singing. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the rest of the students and teachers alike.

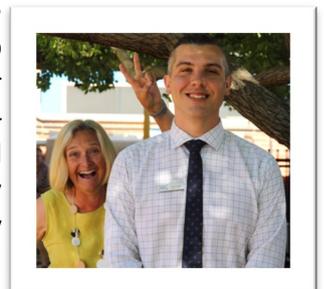
### Theodore Community Library



This week you will have noticed that our Theodore Community Library was installed at the front of the school. We hope that everyone in our community can benefit from this initiative by borrowing and/or donating a book. Congratulations to Octavia V and Gracee K for having their designs incorporated onto the library and well done to Rachel D, Mrs Castledine and the Education Ministry for their hard work in seeing this project through in order to contribute to our community. I am pleased to share with you that the Canberra Times visited our school on Thursday 26 May to take photos and interview these students. I expect to see the final article in Sunday's edition of the Canberra Times.

### Farewell Mrs Martens

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I bid farewell to Mrs Martens from Theodore Primary School. Over the past 3 years, Mrs Martens has provided exemplary leadership for the staff of Theodore Primary School which has inspired us all to become better educators. Mrs Martens has had the students of Theodore at the centre of her decision-making and has tirelessly worked to improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students. Some key achievements for Mrs Martens during her time at Theodore Primary School have been the introduction of the Reading Café intervention program, library furniture renewal, Preschool grounds upgrade, acquisition of the school bikes and installation of the bike track. In 2021 she was recognised for outstanding leadership by being awarded the Public Education Awards- School Leader of the Year.



Students will have the opportunity to farewell Mrs Martens when she returns for our week 8 assembly hosted by our 3/4 students. Please join me in wishing Mrs Martens all the best as she begins her new role as School Improvement Leader in the Education Directorate.

Enjoy the long weekend  
Nathan Pepper  
Acting Principal

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"A great place to grow up"

## Dates to Remember

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### Term 2 Calendar

#### MAY

**30** RECONCILIATION DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**31** Bilbies School Photos

#### JUN

**01** Preschool Come & Try Day/Parent Info Session

**02** Koalas, K to Yr6 School Photos

**03** Yr 5/6 Assembly

**07** Athletics Carnival

**08** PUPIL FREE DAY /Teacher Planning Day

## Notes sent home

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Bilbies	School Photos
Koalas, K—Yr 6	School Photos
K—Yr 6	Athletics Carnival
Preschool	Declan the Music Man

## Notes due back

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Tuesday 31 May 2022
Thursday 02 June 2022
Friday 03 June 2022
Friday 17 June 2022

## Important Reminders

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### Photo Permissions

Have you given permission for your child to be photographed  
**Reminder that your previous consent decision will be relied on  
and that you can change your decision by contacting the  
school.**

# Term 2 | Week 6 @ Theodore



## Clubs at Breaks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 1	K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track	Earth Savers Mrs Meszies Environment Centre	Colouring Club Aimee Library	Book Club Ms Lloyd Library	K-6 Bikes Mr Muir Bike Track
		Lego Club Mrs Sheehan Library	5/6 Culture Club Lachie Shade Shelter	Just Dance Mrs Gillies Library	
Break 2	Craft Club Mrs Sheehan Library	Colouring Club Aimee Library	Art Club Mrs Hunt Art Room	Play Dough Club Mrs Barbaro Library	Karaoke Club Shade Shelter Miss Biese
	Senior Sports Senior Grass Miss B	Handball Shade Shelter Mrs Castledine	3/4 Culture Club Lachie Shade Shelter	Handball Shade Shelter Mrs Castledine	

**MONDAY 30/5- RECONCILIATION DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**TUESDAY 31/5- School Photos- Bilbies Only 📷**  
Bilbies Preschool Day

**WEDNESDAY 1/6- 5/6 Band 🎵**

**THURSDAY 2/6- School Photo Day- P-6 📷**  
Koalas Preschool Day

**FRIDAY 3/6- 5/6 Assembly**  
Koalas Preschool Day

## PBL Awards

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



	Silver Awards	
Yr 1/2		
Yr 3/4	Evelyn P Matilda M	Naphavanh T McKaylee K
Yr 5/6		



*We are Safe,  
Respectful  
Learners*

The Theodore Primary School P&C would like to thank you (and the school staff) for your support in either volunteering or the purchasing of items at our election day BBQ this past Saturday. The event was very successful, and the funds raised from this event will go directly towards the school.

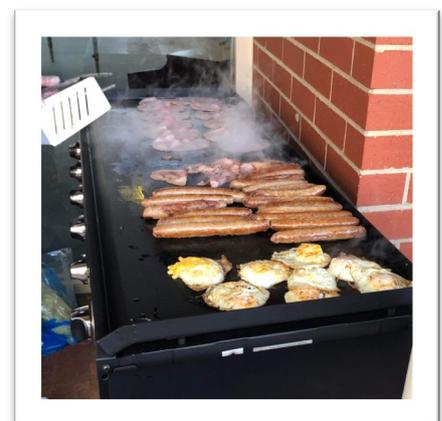
We would also love to share and profusely thank **BUNNINGS** Tuggeranong who made a very generous donation of a brand new BBQ for the school! We were lucky to be able to use this on Saturday and hope that the school gets great use of the new BBQ. Thank you very much again Bunnings!



The school Athletics carnival is coming up soon on June the 7th, so please keep your eyes out for notes coming home about pre ordering Subway for lunch. There will also be a P&C run canteen to purchase some yummy snacks at throughout the day. We would absolutely love some parent helpers to assist with the running of the canteen, even if it is just for a short amount of time we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school if you can assist us on the day.

Our next P&C meeting  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm**  
at Theodore Primary School

All are welcome to come along, listen, raise concerns and find out more about what is happening in our school (we promise you won't be locked into anything!).



# 1/2 News

## What have we been learning about in Yackatoon?

Year 1/2 have had a fantastic time learning about living things, time, seasons and writing recounts and information reports. We have been learning and asking fantastic questions about the things we see, think and wonder about inside and outside of the classroom.

In maths we have been focussing on time. 1/2EC made paper plate clocks that helped them learn how to read the different times.

1/2AA made special ANZAC day poppy crafts as they learned about the courage and bravery of the ANZACs and the meaning behind 'Lest we forget'.



We have been working hard in literacy while we listen and look for sounds in the books we are reading. We have discovered that one sound can be represented by lots of different letters and made a 'sounds' wall to show that.

## Inquiry

In Yackatoon we have been building our inquiry room with all sorts of interesting artefacts about living things including animal habitats, shells, skins, books and artworks. We would like to thank those families who have brought in interesting objects to share in the Inquiry room. If you would like to bring in something to share with 1/2 for our studies on living things, please let your teacher know.

1/2HS are focussing on spiders and recently made artworks showing the lifecycle of a spider.



## Cross-country

Last week 1/2 had so much fun running such a long way around the oval with their classmates! It was a challenge but we are so proud of each of the students for trying their absolute best and congratulations to our award recipients.



## Wellbeing Wednesday

### What builds resilience? Focus on managing emotions

Having resilience is not about feeling better or having less emotional reactions, it is about managing and responding to emotions in a healthy way. Adults in a child's life play an important role in helping children articulate, respond to and manage emotions.

To help children articulate, respond to and manage their emotions you might:

- Use open ended questions when talking to your child
- Encourage your child to talk about feelings
- Acknowledge your child's feelings and when they are feeling distressed
- Help your child regulate their emotions
- Talk to your child about upcoming events to help them prepare
- Support your child through difficult times

Next fortnight we will look into each of the above areas in more details.

*Information from Beyond Blue healthy families*



## Fresh Food Friday

### Waste Free Wednesday



#### Waste Free Wednesday Winners

Congratulations to our waste free Wednesday winners this fortnight: Jaxyn, Koby, Hunter and Harper!



### How to talk to kids about fruit and veg

Vegetables are healthy



Green foods can help our bodies fight off colds

Apples are good for you



Red food helps your heart stay strong

Berries are a better choice than lollies



Blue and purple foods help your brain grow and learn



## 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.



### Theodore Preschool Come and Try Day

Where Theodore Preschool

Date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Time 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Who Parent and child

#### Information session

Where Theodore Preschool

Date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Time 3:00pm to 3:45pm

Who Parent Only

### 2023 Theodore Preschool Enrolments now OPEN

2023 First round enrolments

OPEN 26 April 2022

Closes 3 June 2022

Enrol online: [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)

#### Preschool groups

Billbies Mon, Tues & Wed (Odd weeks)

Koalas Thur, Fri & Wed (Odd weeks)

Hours 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Before & After School Care facilities on school  
premises contact Communities @ Work**

Email [enrolments@commsatwork.org](mailto:enrolments@commsatwork.org)

Phone 1300 212 272

When your placement at Theodore Preschool is officially confirmed, a letter of offer will be sent out to you.



*Join us for the Calwell High School*

# OPEN NIGHT

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**TUESDAY 24TH MAY**  
**5.30PM**

111 Casey Crescent, Calwell



## Women Returning to Work

ACT Office for Women

### ***The ACT Women's Return to Work Grants Program***

*The ACT Women's Return to Work (RTW) Grants Program supports women, who have been out of the workforce for an extended period of time, to find pathways to meaningful employment. Successful applicants can **access a \$1,000 grant** which can be used for a range of activities and resources including:*

- *education and training fees;*
- *educational expenses like textbooks computers/software and transport to courses/study; or work-related expenses like clothing, uniforms and equipment, and childcare.*

*<https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/grants>*

*to find out more and apply online!*

### ***Free Workshops for Women Exploring Pathways and Relationships to Self-Employment***

*Have you thought about starting your own business but don't know where to start?*

*The Exploring Pathways and Relationships to Self-Employment workshop will cover the knowledge and steps required to register and maintain a small business, as well as develop relationship and networking skills. These workshops will run once a week for three weeks beginning Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.*

*To register for the workshop or if you have a question about the Return to Work Program, contact:*

**Phone:** 6205 2885 (Women's Return to Work Grants Coordinator)

**Email:** [RTW@act.gov.au](mailto:RTW@act.gov.au)