



'A great place to grow up'

NEWSLETTER

Executive News

What a fantastic day we had last Friday at our school swimming carnival! After missing out in 2020 due to COVID, it was wonderful seeing students doing their best and competing in races, chanting proudly for their houses and having fun. Thank you, Mrs Kennedy, for organising our carnival, thank you staff for your support during the day and thank you parents for assisting with jobs.

This week has been a big week for our year 5/6 students and teachers who had their camp at Borambola. Teachers reported that students represented Theodore Primary School proudly and displayed our PBL expectations of being **Safe, Respectful Learners**. Thank you, Miss Crilly, Mrs Scarr, Mr Muir, Mrs Castledine and Miss Enriquez, for providing this great opportunity for students to attend this camp.

Tomorrow we are excited to have our Ride and Walk to School Day. Thank you, Aimee, for organising the bacon and egg rolls as well as the prizes! During the day we will also be having 'House Connect' time. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with students of all ages in their house and work together.

Over the last few weeks, there has been extensive media and political coverage as well as discussions in the community about sexual harassment and sexual assault. The ACT Education Directorate recognises that this can be a distressing and uncomfortable subject for some of our students.

Our school is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment for our students. Bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault have no place in our schools and broader community.

Students impacted by any of these issues can access support through their Student Wellbeing team and/or school psychologist.

There are also ACT Government and community organisations that provide support outside of school hours. You can find a full list of services on the ACT Education Directorate website.

Services include:

- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14 [Lifeline crisis support chat](#)
- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 [Beyond Blue online chat](#)
- [Youth Beyond Blue](#)
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467 [Suicide Call Back Service online chat and video chat counselling](#)
- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 [Kids Helpline WebChat counselling](#)
- MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99 78
- Canberra Health Services Access Mental Health: 1800 629 354 or 02 6205 1065
- [1800 Respect](#)
- [Canberra Rape Crisis Centre](#)

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Nathan Pepper

Deputy Principal



Dates to Remember 2021

Parent Term 1 Calendar

Link THDP Website [Term 1 Calendar](#)

- 18 March** School Board Meeting
- 19 March** Ride & Walk to School Day
- 19 March** House Connection Afternoon

Notes sent home

- 11 Feb** Year 3/4 & 5/6 Legends Shield Rugby Carnival
- 18 Feb** Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) Kindergarten only
- 19 Mar** Mungga-iri Jingee Centre Years 5/6AC & 5/6CE
- 18 Mar** Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser P&C Preschool – Year 6
- 16 Mar** Tuggeranong 12 & under regional swimming carnival (select students)

Notes due back

- 19 March** Note only
- 19 March** Note Only
- 1 April** Note Only
- 26 Mar** Note & Money
- 19 Mar** Note & Money

Farwell from Nicole

Dear Theodore Families,

I will be moving on next term to a new position at Namadgi School. I have absolutely loved being part of the Theodore School community and it is with mixed emotions that I head off to my next job which starts next term.

I have been so grateful for the welcome, laughs, warmth, generosity, and enthusiasm of the Theodore community in my time at the school. There are so many things that I will miss especially all the people who have become such a part of my life since I have been here.

I wish you all the best for the years to come and am sure I will see you around in the community.

From Nicole





The Week Ahead

Term 1 | Week 8 @ 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 22/3-** Olympic Athlete Visit (3-6) 🏅
 Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day
- TUESDAY 23/3-** Netball Clinics (5/6) 🏐
 Warehouse Circus Preschool Incursion 🎪
 Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day
- WEDNESDAY 24/3-** Basketball Clinics (K-4) 🏀
 Koalas Preschool Day
- THURSDAY 25/3-** NAPLAN Practice Test (3&5) 🖥️
 Warehouse Circus Preschool Incursion 🎪
 Koalas Preschool Day
- FRIDAY 26/3-**
 3/4 Assembly @ 2.15pm- COVID restrictions apply
 Koalas Preschool Day

Term 1 | Week 9 @ Theodore



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What's On This Week

- MONDAY 29/3-**
 Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day
- TUESDAY 30/3-** Netball Clinics (5/6) 🏐
 Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day
- WEDNESDAY 31/3-**
 Bilbies and Possums Preschool Day
- THURSDAY 1/4-** Kindergarten Health Checks
 Koalas Preschool Day
- HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY & HAPPY EASTER BREAK!**



Facebook School News

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 19 March 2021



Join more than 350,000 students across Australia who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school. Register your school at ride2school.com.au



National Ride2School Day

On Friday March 19 - National Ride2School Day - we encourage students and their families to kick start new healthy habits by walking, riding, scooting or skating to school. To help celebrate the day and raise money to support our bike program, families can pre purchase bacon and eggs sandwiches for \$5 - please return this note by Tuesday March 9. There are also some great prizes to be won for children who participate in the colouring in competition - so be sure to get your entries in before the day.

Legends Shield Rugby League Gala Day

LEGENDS SHIELD RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

Last week, selected students from years 3,4,5 and 6 participated in the Legends Shield Rugby League Gala Day. The two teams showed great sportsmanship and played 4 games against other primary schools. They

passed, tackled and ran hard every game! Great job everyone- you should be proud of your effort today!

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came and watched and supported the students. A big thank you also goes out to Mrs Kennedy for organising the day. [ACT Public Schools](#)



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Year 5/6 Camp

Day 1

We have arrived, unpacked our gear in our lodges, and are enjoying wraps for lunch before heading off into our activity groups for the afternoon!

Day 2

Last week was another stunning, sunny day at Borambola. We had (a huge) breakfast before heading off into our activity groups. Some of the challenges we completed so far are kayaking, BMX track, low ropes course, circus skills, orienteering, and team initiatives. We have some free time (and cabin inspections!) now before dinner and our night activity.





Olympics Unleashed

Louise Dobson will be connecting with Year 3-6 students on Monday 22nd March as part of Olympics Unleashed, presented by Optus. Louise competed in the Australian women's hockey team and won a gold medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Louise competed in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.

The students will learn from Louise's Olympic journey how to build resilience, the importance of setting goals and how to find what you are passionate about.

Students will hear firsthand from Louise about how she overcame challenges to compete in her chosen sport at the very highest level, and how some lessons she has learned in sport can help students to be the best they can be – whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

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

Each student has received 25 PBL tokens in one of our expected areas (SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS).

Bronze Learner Award

Bronze Learner

Elena H
Isabelle H
Jenny D
Xander S
Joshua P
Jax D
Oliver S

Bronze Respectful

Elena H
Jenny D
Abby D
Oliver S
Haajrah S
Xander S
Matilda M
Jax D
Sophie M

Bronze Safe

Abby D
Matilda M
McKaylee K
Dixie-Lee H

PBL SIGNAGE

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. [ACT Public Schools](http://www.actpublicschools.net)





House Connection Afternoon

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WHEN- Friday 19th March (middle session)

WHY- To build a sense of community and belonging across the school, and to grow positive relationships with students in other year levels

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Mingari News

What a start to the year it has been! Mingari students have been very busy, not only with learning in the classroom, but also with all the extra sporting opportunities Mrs Kennedy has organised. We have participated in Netball, Basketball and Oztag clinics, we have had so much fun!

We have also been creating artworks using watercolour and exploring how using different amounts of water creates different paint effects.

Thanks, from Courtney and Renee





Yakatoon News



Yackatoon is bursting with energy, fun and amazing learning this term! There have been many exciting things going on around the school. All the 1/2 classes have had Oztag and basketball clinics happening nearly every week. We have enjoyed learning new skills and working as a team during activities. In preparation for the swimming carnival, we held house meetings where elected house leaders guided us through house chants. We had the swimming carnival on Friday, and had a wonderful time going in races, and doing rotation activities around the pool – the biggest hit is always the slide! There will be more opportunities to work in our house groups this Friday (19th March) when we have House Connection Day. It will be a chance for students to connect with others around the school and learn how to earn house points other than just in sporting events. This day is also Ride and Walk to School



Day, so please remember to bring your bike/scooter to school on this day or walk. On Friday the 5th of March, we participated in Clean Up Australia Day. We went around the school picking up any rubbish we could find. We are working hard to ensure that our school and the environment is being cared for.

The students in 1/2 have started a unit of inquiry titled “What On Earth?”. We have been learning about the Earth and how it changes. Some of the topics we are investigating are seasons, environments, night and day, weather, Indigenous astronomy, and resources. This unit will support the students in writing their information reports. Some of the classes are writing information reports about seasons. Students have been reading informative texts to support their writing and are able to identify important text features of non-fiction books. They are also working on questioning and summarising while reading. Questioning helps the students to engage with the text better and supports them to clarify what they are reading and to better their understanding of the text. Summarising is an important strategy to use while reading in this unit because students will need to read texts and summarise information, they have found so that they can use it in their information reports. In maths, we are working modelling, representing, ordering, and recognising numbers to 1000. Students are working hard on their understanding of place value and have participated in a variety of fun maths activities to support their learning.





Something new and exciting that the 1/2 students have been doing, is participating in gross motor activities every 2-3 weeks as a whole unit. Students get to spend time with teachers and peers from other 1/2 classes and work through a variety of activities. Some of the things we do are practicing jumping and landing on the trampoline and mats, walking on the balance beams, throwing, and catching balls, different ways to roll and skipping.

It has been a fun and busy term and we are ready to keep up this momentum into the next term.

Melonie Lloyd, Susan Hough, Eliza Birse, Savannah Burge and Ashlea Anderson
Yackatooon Teachers





Community News

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



WEST CANBERRA WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

STELLAR CUP

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

West Canberra Wanderers are very excited to announce the Stellar Cup is going ahead in 2021!

Stellar Cup is the biggest pre-season soccer tournament in Canberra, with Cup and Shield competitions for 8-18 year olds of all levels and abilities.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
EVENTS@WWFC.ORG.AU

U8-U9 Teams \$300
U10-U11 Teams \$375
U12-U18 Teams \$400

Register more than 8 teams per club for a 10% discount

Stellar
CANBERRA



Vikings
TUGGERANONG JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

REGISTER NOW FOR 2021

We are looking for more players Aged 11, 12 & 13

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Registration is now open for training and 2021 season!
Registration is required to attend training.
Training commences from 1 March 2021.

For more info or to register call 0434 031 175.

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