

Thurgoona News



Excellence, innovation, opportunity – student success in a caring environment

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Term 4 - Week 8

29 November 2016

Highly experienced and enthusiastic teaching and support staff.

Monday 21 November to 2 December	Year 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday 2 December	Assemblies – S2 & S3 – Banksia– 1.50pm Kinder & S1 – Kindergarten– 2.20pm
Monday 5 December	Student Leader Speeches – from 10.15am P & C Meeting – 7.00pm
Wednesday 7 December	AECG Meeting – 1.30pm
Friday 9 December	Reports home
Monday 12 December	Presentation Day – 10.00am
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 14 December	Class Parties Christmas Carols – 9.30am P & C raffle drawn
Friday 16 December	Last day of school for students
Monday 30 January 2017	Students Years 1-6 return to school

Congratulations to the staff and students directly involved in organising the 'Have a Go Day'. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to have fun with friends while raising money to allow the Year 6 students to purchase a gift for the school.



Congratulations Year 6!! You raised a fabulous \$1240.00

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Yesterday students in stage 2 sang Christmas carols at the Thurgoona Plaza. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends watching the performance.



The end of the 2016 year is quickly approaching and there are a number of special events on the school calendar. Please join us to celebrate student achievement on Presentation Day and farewell year 6 on their formal evening.

School Newsletter Survey

We are currently reviewing the newsletter and are seeking feedback in an endeavour to improve the newsletter. Please return the survey to the school office by Friday 9th December.

Theresa Kane
Principal

Newsletter Survey
What sections of the newsletter are you most interested in?
Do you have suggestions to enhance the newsletter?
Do you read the entire newsletter? YES / NO
Is there information in the newsletter that you believe is not necessary?
Additional comments
<i>We appreciate your feedback.</i>

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NOTES HOME

Stage 1 Movie Day – end of year party – money & note due – Wednesday 30 November	Kindergarten – Rumble Tumbles – end of year party – note & money due Tuesday 29 November
Stage 2 Bowling – end of year party – note & money due – Tuesday 8 December	2017 Swimming Carnival – for Years 2-5 only – money & note due 16 December

Notes are also available on the website – www.thurgoona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au under TPS – Communication.

RAINBOW MERIT AWARDS

Taylor Furze	Banksia	White
Taz Harrison	Banksia	Yellow
Dakota McAndrew	Banksia	Yellow
Jake McNaughton	Banksia	White
Celina Moore	Banksia	Yellow
Sandy Morunga	Banksia	Yellow
Seanna Nichols	Banksia	Yellow
Rylee Russell	Banksia	Yellow
Ricky Tonks	Banksia	Yellow
Blake Tracey	Banksia	Yellow
Jed Vagg	Banksia	Yellow
Carson Way	Banksia	Yellow
Grace Alexander	Banksia	White
Harry Barber	Banksia	White
Taylah Bosse	Banksia	White
Cianna Cautela	Banksia	White
Bryson Daley	Banksia	White
Makayla Dickson	Banksia	Green
Jodi Guy	Banksia	White
Bernie Hobbs	Banksia	Green
Joe Horsburgh	Banksia	White
Alex Owers	Banksia	White
Jack Waite	Banksia	White
Maisie Whitbourn	Banksia	White
Harvey Yates	Banksia	White
Bella Browne	Bluegum	White
Alex Ang	Bluegum	White
Jesse Beeson	Bluegum	White
Zachary Cook	Bluegum	White
Cienna Hallows	Bluegum	White
Henry Tainton	Calytrix	Blue
Holly Obbink	Calytrix	Red
Morgan Lee	Calytrix	Red
Isabelle Lawrence	Calytrix	Red
Bryden Hunkin	Calytrix	Blue
Ammar Syed	Calytrix	Red

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Madeline Marsden	Calytrix	Blue
Georgina Grant	Calytrix	Blue
Izaak Golet	Calytrix	Red
Summer McNaughton	Calytrix	Blue
Joel McLean	Dryandra	White
Ethan Martin	Dryandra	White
Jackson Coughlan	Dryandra	White
Abigail Power	Gimlet Gum	Red
Riley Bosse	Gimlet Gum	Red
Alyssa Cockerell	Hibiscus	Blue
Carly O'Neill	Hibiscus	Blue
Cruz Michelin	Kangaroo Paw	Blue
Joshua Nichols	Kangaroo Paw	Red
Leo Pamatangi	Kangaroo Paw	Red
Stefan Phillips	Kangaroo Paw	Blue
Josh Nichols	Kangaroo Paw	Red
Tahlia Gillespie	Kangaroo Paw	Blue
Hunter Allen	Lomandra	Red
Angel Rangi	Lomandra	Blue
Mack Chant	Lomandra	Red
Evelyn Hankin	Lomandra	Blue
Jacob Watson	Lomandra	Blue
Matilda Clapham	Lomandra	Blue
Ryan Armstrong	Lomandra	Blue
Seth Connelly	Lomandra	Blue
Keith McLean	Violet	Yellow
Matilda Neal	Violet	Yellow
Seth Beer	Violet	White
Abigail Carney	Violet	Green
Lachlan Carney	Violet	Green
Ruby Kreuzberger	Violet	White
Jarvis Pamatangi	Violet	White
Tahlee Tracey	Waratah	White
Shaley Tickell	Waratah	White
Sharni Cardona	Waratah	Purple
Steph Cooper	Waratah	White
Alex Roach	Waratah	Purple
Amelia Spinks	Waratah	White
Bianca Whymark	Waratah	White
Grace Armstrong	Waratah	White
Jorge Bevan	Waratah	White
Josh Huggard	Waratah	White
Rhyanon Kelly	Waratah	White

LIBRARY NEWS

Class library borrowing for this year has now finished.

All library books need to be returned as soon as possible for stock take. So look under those beds, in bookcases and in classrooms for all library books. Reminder notices will be sent home next week for all outstanding books.



Some of the Lions Club Peace Poster Entries







09/11/2016 18:20

Name: Alex Bouché
Date: 11/09/2016



09/11/2016 18:19

Name: Bianca Whyte
Class: 53W



Banksia

"We
are
our
choices."

- J.P. Sartre





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Dear Families,

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 3rd February 2017. Generally this is a year 3-6 carnival; however, students who turn eight this year are eligible to compete.

Your child is invited to attend if:

- He/she turns eight
- Is a member of a swimming club
or
- **Is a competitive swimmer.**

Please note – The purpose of this carnival for 8 year olds is to determine our representatives to go to district competition.

If you feel your child will be competitive and you would like he/she to attend, please return the permission slip below to **Mr Burgess** by Friday the 16th December, 2016

Regards,

Callan Burgess

Carnival co-ordinator

Please return this note to Mr Burgess.

Thurgoona Public School Swimming Carnival, Friday the 3rd February 2017

I confirm that my child.....in class
is a competent swimmer and can swim 50m.

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

Date



Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

Frequently asked questions

Which will be better for me – PVC or School Drive Subsidy?

It depends on:

- How many children you have on the scheme.
- The type of school they attend (boarding school, day school or mini-school).
- The distance you need to drive.
- If you have children to add to your school trips in the future.

You should consider staying on the PVC subsidy if you're receiving a PVC subsidy for more than one child.

We suggest you check which scheme is better for your individual circumstances by using the online comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What are the School Drive Subsidy rates?

You can find the latest rates for the School Drive Subsidy and the PVC at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is 20 December 2016.

Keep in mind, if you stay on the current PVC subsidy, you won't be able to add new students after 17 January 2017 without switching **all** the existing PVC students to the new School Drive Subsidy.

Need more information?

Find out more, including examples of school trips, at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive or call **131 500**.

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SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES

What's happening?

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced with the new School Drive Subsidy.

This change will make it fairer for everyone who drives their children to school or to the nearest public transport location.

If you're a parent or guardian currently receiving the PVC subsidy, you can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after 17 January 2017.

What are the main changes?

If you're driving one or more eligible students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to school, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid 'per trip' (for the complete school trip). This 'per trip' payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid 'per student'.

Other differences include:

- A flat per kilometre rate (indexed annually to the cost of living) will apply under the School Drive Subsidy, unlike the flat payment per distance band in the current PVC subsidy.
- The requirement to do a special return trip each morning and afternoon will be removed.
- The 300km per trip payment cap will be removed.
- The limit of eight trips per year for distance education students to attend mini-schools during term time will be removed.
- The PVC subsidy rates will remain at 2017 levels in 2018 and beyond.
- Payments to third parties will stop (e.g. payments to a bus operator hired by parents from pooled PVC subsidy payments).

Note, you can't be on two schemes at the same time.

If you add new students after 17 January 2017, **all** eligible students will automatically go onto the new School Drive Subsidy, including existing PVC subsidy students.

How do I check which scheme is better for me?

Check the comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What do I need to do?

If you want to stay on the existing PVC subsidy, you don't need to do anything.

Assuming the school trip doesn't change, your payments will continue for all existing students until they leave school or until you need to re-apply because a student is moving up to Year 7 at high school.

If the school trip changes because you move homes or the student changes schools, you will need to re-apply under the new School Drive Subsidy.

Remember, you can't re-apply for the PVC subsidy after 20 December 2016, but you can switch to the new School Drive Subsidy at any time after 17 January 2017.

If you want to switch to the new School Drive Subsidy, apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Just like the PVC subsidy, payments will be made twice a year, around August and February, based on the student's school attendance for the preceding semester.

The online application process only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you don't have access to the internet, feel free to call **131 500** for assistance.

After you've applied and been approved for the School Drive Subsidy, payments will be made automatically into your bank account twice a year.

You won't have to re-apply until a student reaches the end of Year 6, or until you next update any details — such as a change of school, school trip or address.

What happens if I stay on PVC now but want to add a new child later?

For new eligible students, you can either:

- Add the new student into the new School Drive Subsidy and also switch the existing students to the new scheme, or:
- Stay on the current PVC subsidy where existing students are covered, but not add any new students and not receive any additional subsidy.

What are the distance requirements under the School Drive Subsidy?

School year band	Minimum distance to school/TAFE		Minimum distance to the nearest public transport pick up point (where available)
Infants and Primary students (Years K-6)	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance	AND	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance
Secondary students (Years 7-12)	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance		More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance
TAFE	More than 3.2km walking distance		More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance

You can read about these changes in more detail at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

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P & C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting – Monday 5 December at 7.00pm in the P&C Room – All welcome

Our final P&C Meeting for the year will be Monday 5 December. This will be a very brief meeting, followed by some festive refreshments. Hope to see you there.



ALERT ALERT ALERT

Draw date is looming! Have YOU returned your Gold Coast Raffle tickets yet?

Please ensure your books are returned to the office ASAP. We require that ALL books be returned. If you are unable to participate in this raffle we need your book back now.

(Giving us time to maximise our fundraising efforts and sell it for you.)



COMMUNITY NEWS

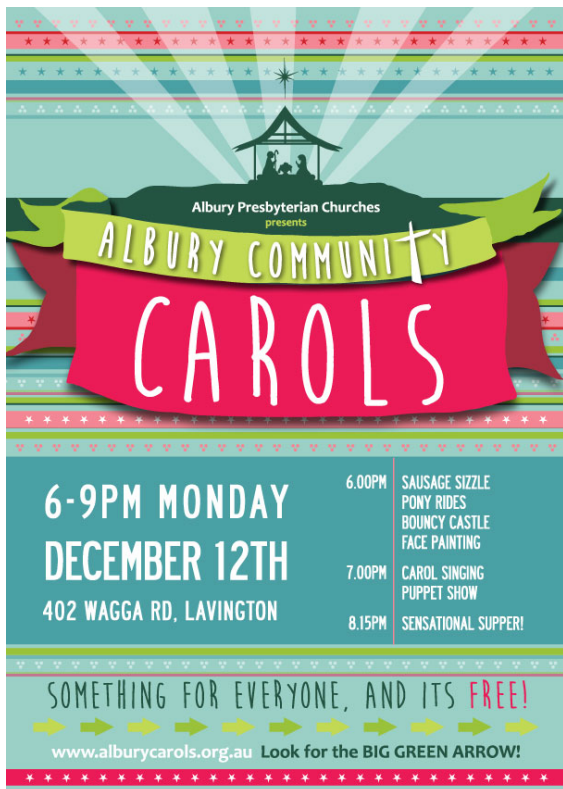


KIDS ON KEYBOARDS ENROLMENTS 2017



Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school? Fees are low (\$120.00 a term) and there are no hidden costs (Book and CD included). Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music and have fun in a familiar environment. Numbers are limited to one class, which is on Tuesday at 11.00am (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on 0406 238 465 or (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.

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Albury Presbyterian Churches presents

ALBURY COMMUNITY CAROLS

**6-9PM MONDAY
DECEMBER 12TH**
402 WAGGA RD, LAVINGTON

6.00PM	SAUSAGE SIZZLE PONY RIDES BOUNCY CASTLE FACE PAINTING
7.00PM	CAROL SINGING PUPPET SHOW
8.15PM	SENSATIONAL SUPPER!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND ITS FREE!

www.alburycarols.org.au Look for the BIG GREEN ARROW!



BASKETBALL

WANTED COACHES & PLAYERS!!!!

Want to play or coach in 2017 for a fun family club then SS&A BASKETBALL CLUB is for YOU!

Register your details for the 2017 season either by contacting us through our Facebook page or drop us an email ssabasketballclub@gmail.com

OR

Sharon Kirby on 0419-374-454
Cheri Cunningham 0424-511-109



www.discover sailing.org.au/tackers

KIDS LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAMS

Tackers is an Australian Sailing program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

Each program includes 20 hours tuition from qualified AS Instructors & Assistant Instructors, fun on-water & off-water games and a Tackers Kit & Certificate.

Where: Albury Wodonga Yacht Club – Lake Hume

When: 16th – 20th January 2017, 1:30pm – 5:30pm

Contact us now! Ph:0467 355 258
Email: training@awyc.org.au

Bunnings Albury Christmas Family night will be held on Thursday 8th December 6pm – 8pm. Santa will be making a special guest appearance as well as entertainment including pony rides, animal nursery, jumping castle, face painting, balloonists, photo booth and Christmas craft to mention a few. Dinner and drinks will be provided. Bookings are essential and can be made online, instore or via phone.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT **FREE**

Image showing a family sitting around a table with Santa Claus, with Bunnings banners in the background.

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December	8	28 <i>Kinder Orientation - 11:30-1:15</i>	29 <i>Have-a-go day 9:00-11:00</i>	30 <i>Gymnastics 52/3</i>	1 <i>ConunDrum</i>	2 <i>ConunDrum Assembly - Banksia & All Kinder</i>	3	4
	9	5 <i>Student leader election speeches from 10:15am P & C Meeting - 7:00pm</i>	6	7 <i>AECG meeting - 1:30pm</i>	8	9 <i>REPORT HOME</i>	10	11
	10	12 <i>PRESENTATION DAY - 10:00am</i> <i>Raffle tickets returned to school</i>	13 <i>YEAR 6 FAREWELL</i>	14 <i>CLASS PARTIES CAROLS - 9:30am</i> <i>P & C Raffle Drawn</i>	15	16 <i>Last day of school for students</i>	17	18
	11	19 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	20 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
JANUARY 2017		<i>JANUARY 2017- Students Year 1-6 return Monday 30th January NOTE CORRECT DATE</i>	<i>Kindergarten Best Start 31st Jan to 2nd Feb Kinder students commence Friday 3rd Feb</i>					