

Thurgoona News



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Term 1 Week 10

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Valued partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Wednesday 30 March	Athletics Carnival – Yrs 3-6
Thursday 31 March	S2 Wirrimina excursion
Friday 1 April	Easter Scripture Service Assemblies: K/Stage 1 - Lomandra – 1.50pm to 2.20pm Stage 2/3 - Acacia – 2.25pm to 2.55pm
Tuesday 5 April	Estia visit – Lomandra
Wednesday 6 April	School Photos – full school summer uniform
Thursday 7 April	Stage 2 Wirrimina excursion
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day March – full school winter uniform
Wednesday 27 April	Students return Term 2 – winter uniform
Thursday 28 April	Stage 1 Gymnastics

I hope everyone had a lovely break over Easter and rested up for the remaining two weeks of Term One.

A very warm welcome to Mr Brad Russell who has been appointed as our Director of Public Schools, Albury. Mr Russell commenced in this position today. Mr Russell is replacing Mr Peter Smith. I will look forward to showing him around our lovely school.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs White (that's Mrs Amelia White) on the birth of their daughter *Ava Olivia*. Ava was born on Thursday. Both are doing well.

Tomorrow Stages 2 and 3 will be participating in our annual Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park. I hope you will be able to come and cheer our students along as they race, jump, throw discus and show their talents in shot put. Once again we thank Brett and Patricia Schofield for their assistance as starter and timing official for our carnival, and to Miss Vallentin and her team for their organisation of the day. Bring your sunscreen, water and best voices for cheering!! Don't forget to wear your house colours as well to add to the colour and spirit of the day.



Next week our school photos will be taken. All children will need to return their photo envelopes – this can be either prior to the day or on the day. If you need family photos or copies of group photos, forms are available from the office. All children will need to be in full school summer uniform – no added colours, ribbons etc. please.

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On Friday our Scripture teachers will be holding their Easter Service. It is a little belated, but our calendar was so full we couldn't fit it in any earlier. You are invited to attend between lunch and recess. Our Assemblies will be as normal after recess.

Joan Courtney
Relieving Principal

HOW2Learn Colours Day

On Wednesday, students traded school uniforms to come dressed in blue, purple, green and orange coloured clothing to celebrate our learning philosophy, HOW2Learn. The money raised from all of the gold coins donated will go towards the purchase of four large boulders for the school grounds. The boulders will be painted in the HOW2Learn colours to remind us about the four rocks:-

- Creating a powerful learning culture
- Learning about learners
- Habits worth developing
- Practices that accelerate learning

Thank you to all of the families who supported this worthy endeavour.



NOTES HOME

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

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How 2 Learn in Lomandra

A-Alice, Angel, Angus and Ava... active, able and absorbed
B-Bailey... brilliant and behaving beautifully
C-C... confident, connected and working collaboratively
D-Deep thinking and determined doers
E-Ethan... enthusiastic and empathetic
F-Fun, fit and friendly
G-Gemma and Georgia... gentle, giving and gleeful
H-Hunter... helpful, higher order thinking and hungry for facts
I-Isabella...innovative and imaginative
J-Jake and Jacob...jolly and jumping into learning
K-knowing what to do when you don't know what to do
L-Lily and Lillian...logical with lovely listening
M-Mack and Matilda... methodically making links
N-Nash and Nate... nicely noticing what needs to be noticed
O-Open minded, observant and original
P-Pratham... peaceful, positive and persevering
Q- Quick, questioning, quirky and quiet when queuing
R-Ryan...resilient, responsible and reasoning
S-Seth...smiling, smart and strategizing
T-T.....thoughtful, tough and a team player
U-Unique and united
V-Vigilant, versatile and virtuous
W-Welcoming, wonderful, well - behaved, wise and willing
X-eXtraordinary and eXcited about learning
Y-Youthful and a "you can do it" attitude
Z-Zany and zealous

Fern visit ESTIA Health

On the 22nd March Fern visited the residents of ESTIA Health. The residents loved the visit and listening to the poems students in Fern had to share with them. Some students were kind enough to give their artworks to residents to hang in their rooms. It was a great experience for both the students, teachers, staff and the residents. ESTIA are looking forward to our next visit. We are very proud of the way students conducted themselves throughout the visit as safe, respectful learners of Thurgoona Public School.



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

*'The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is available to all NSW students in Kindergarten –Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.'*¹(<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Challenge has begun and runs until 26th August 2016.

K-2 Challenge

Students in Kinder to Year 2 will undertake the Challenge in a whole class setting through sharing the reading or listening to someone else read the books. Students at these levels are expected to listen and view or read 25 books on the Premier's Reading Booklists and 5 books of their own choosing. Students are also encouraged to read independently books from the K-2 PRC booklist.

Students in K-2 who are able to read simple chapter books with little help are encouraged to attempt books on the PRC Year 3-4 booklist.

3-4 Challenge

To complete the Challenge students in Year 3-4 are required to read 20 books; 15 from the PRC booklist and 5 of their own choosing.

Students in Years 3 & 4 may select books from the PRC booklist Year 3-4 or PRC Booklist Year 5-6, or the booklist for Years 7-9.

Only 2 books from any particular series will be validated as a PRC book.

5-6 Challenge

Students in Years 5 or 6 are required to read 20 books; 15 from the PRC booklists and 5 of their own choosing.

Students in Year 5 & 6 may select books from the PRC Booklist Years 5-6 or PRC Booklist Years 7-9.

Only 2 books from any particular series will be validated as a PRC book.

RECORDING WHAT IS READ

Every week, during library session or at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday students will be given the opportunity to borrow books on the PRC book lists. Once the student has read the book they will record the book title, author, PRC number and if it belongs to a series on a paper record. After they have read ten books they go on line to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>, login using their school username and password and follow instructions on how to record the books read.

COMPLETION OF CHALLENGE

All students successfully completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names will appear on the online PRC Honor Roll. The certificate shows the student's name and school and these certificates will be presented to the students at the end of the year. Only the student's name will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors.



If you don't want your child to receive a certificate or their name to appear on the Honour Roll inform the school to ensure they are not registered officially. Please note the student may participate in the challenge unofficially if they so choose by reading books from the PRC booklists, recording their reads on a paper copy but not logging books read online.

Students who complete the Challenge for four years receive a Gold Certificate. Those completing the Challenge for seven years receive a Platinum certificate. Students who complete the Challenge from Year 3 to 9 inclusive receive a PRC medal. Happy Reading

Community News

School Holiday Clinics

Murray United are once again hosting school holiday Football clinics for kids aged 5-12 years. These clinics are a great way to keep your kids active these Easter school holidays while being coached by experienced Football coaches. All the information for these clinics is below and would love as many kids as possible involved.



MUFC SOCCER SKILLS CLINICS

VIC – TUE 5, WED 6, THU 7 APRIL –
LATROBE WODONGA
NSW – TUE 12, WED 13, THU 14 APRIL –
ALBURY HOCKEY CENTRE
Time: 9am-1pm daily
Cost: \$40 per day / \$100 for 3 days

INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP
COACHING WITH SENIOR COACH
JAMES COUTTS (AGES 12-16 YRS)
(max 4 participants – by appointment only)
Time: 2-4pm daily Cost: \$20 per hour

Booking or enquiries: M 0402 421 297
E admin@murrayunitedfc.com.au

School Holiday Fun - @ Albury Library Museum and Lavington Library

- Augmented Reality Street Art
- Storybites
- KidsPlay
- Google Virtual Reality workshop
- Learn to Knit
- Family Fun Night
- Recycled Bead Jewellery
- Create your own book
- Arty Bookmarks
- Google Cardboard Virtual Reality workshop
- Tissue Box Monster
- Family Fun Night
- Games tournament for the whole family! Come along for some family friendly games, competition and pizza.
- Get Hooked - Beginner Crochet
- Paper Pilots



Check out all the details at - <http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/libraries/april-school-holidays-at-the-librarymuseum> or <http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/libraries/april-school-holidays-at-lavington-library>

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Term 1 2016

Items in red are new additions to the calendar

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April	10	28 Easter Monday	29 Estia Visit Acacia	30 Thurgoona Public Athletics Carnival	31 St 2 Wirrimina Excursion	1 Easter Scripture Service Assembly 1:50 pm E51/ S1 - Lomandra 2:25 pm S2/ S3 - Acacia	2	3
	11	4	5 Estia visit Lomandra	6 SCHOOL PHOTOS	7 St 2 Wirrimina Excursion	8 Last day of Term	9	10
		11 Holidays	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18 Holidays	19	20	21	22	23	24
Term 2	1	25 ANZAC Day March	26 Staff Development Day	27 Students return Term 2	28 Stage 1 Gymnastics	29	30	1
May	2	2	3	4 K Gym	5 K-2 Fun Day	6 Thurgoona Public Cross Country Assembly 11:45 am E51/ S1 - Calytrix 12:20 pm S2/ S3 - Waratah	7	8
	3	9	10 NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5	11 K Gym NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5	12 St 1 Gym NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5	13	14	15