

Thurgoona News



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Term 3 Week 4

9 August 2016

Valued partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Tuesday 9 August	Parent Writing Evening -7.00pm
Wednesday 10 August	Pre-loved uniform shop open – 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Friday 12 August	Assembly – 11.45 – S2/S3 – Waratah - 12.20pm – ES1/S1 - Wattle
Monday 15 August	Kinder & Stage 1 Educational Performance - 'Sticks & Stones' P & C Fundraising meeting – 9.00am in P & C Room
Wednesday 17 August	Stage 2/3 Educational Performance - 'Cyber Wise'
Monday 22 August	Book Week



Education Week Breakfast

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Thank you to the parents who visited the school on Thursday for the cooked breakfast and open classrooms. The children were very excited about sharing their work and explaining classroom activities. I would like to personally thank the staff for organising and cooking breakfast.

Please join us for the **Writing Evening for Parents** tonight at 7.00pm. The evening is planned to assist parents to understand how students develop the complex skill of communication through writing.

To assist with school planning, parents are asked to inform the office of all children commencing **Kindergarten in 2017**. This information will enable all necessary families to receive transition to school information and assist in the formation of classes.

As reported last week, Mrs Broomfield has accepted a position as Relieving Principal at Burrumbuttock, for the remainder of the year. Mrs Shuttleworth will be the classroom teacher in Boronia. We thank you for your understanding in the transition process. Mrs Shuttleworth will provide a stable end of the year for students in Boronia.

The drop-off and pick-up area is extremely busy and all parents are asked to practice extreme caution. If your child is not at the pick-up area you **MUST** drive on and return to the area via the roundabout. This assists in keeping the line of traffic moving at a slow pace. No children are to walk into the car park area without a parent.

Parents are also reminded that the car park at the front of the school is a staff only park. Please don't use this car park as a drop off area.

Theresa Kane
Principal

Voluntary Contribution

Voluntary Contributions of \$45 per student may be paid anytime, either at the front office or online.

This contribution is not a fee – it is a voluntary contribution and it assists the school to provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students e.g. additional readers, paper including stencils and art paper, equipment for maths, art, craft materials, science equipment and sporting equipment and many other things.

Thank you to the families who have made payment - \$4605 to date.
Student Statement of Accounts will be issued and sent home in coming weeks.

Second Hand Clothing – Sick Bay

We would appreciate any donations of small second hand clothing for the sick bay. Alternatively, if your child has borrowed clothing from sick bay, could the items please be washed and returned as soon as possible. *Thanks*

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Enrolments for Kindergarten 2017 are now being taken.
Please call into the school office to collect an enrolment form.

Notes Home

Sticks & Stones K-2 – money & note due tomorrow Wednesday 10 August	Cyber Wise 3-6 – money and note due by Friday 12 August
Excursion to Thurgoona Plaza – Kinder- due Friday 19 August	

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

(Just a reminder that all payments using POP need to be made by 6.00pm, otherwise they will not be processed by the bank until the following day. This is important for cut off dates for excursions.)

Parent Information Night

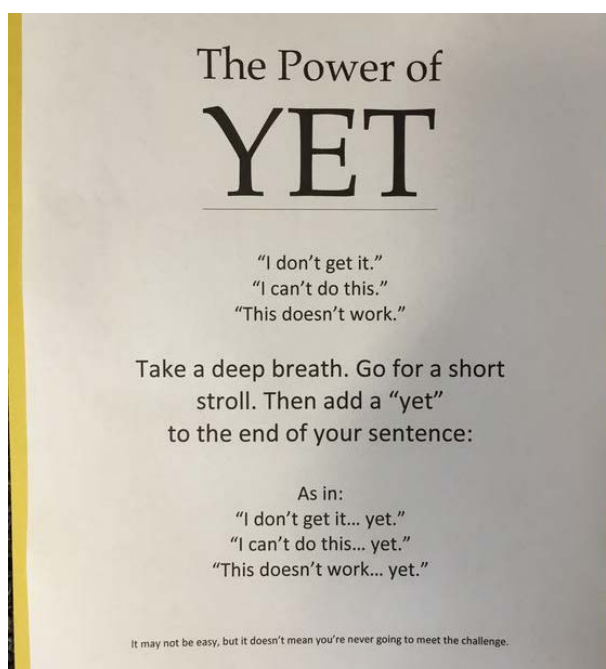
Tonight the staff at Thurgoona Public School invite all parents and caregivers to come and join us to learn about writing and how it is implemented across the school.

We will start in the library at 7.00pm with an opportunity to meet Mrs Theresa Kane, our Relieving Principal, and then move into groups and rotate around the school. Each workshop will look at a different element of writing and give an overview of how this is implemented K-6. The night will conclude back in the library. There will be opportunities to ask questions so please start thinking and bring them with you. We hope to see you there.

HOW2LEARN



**at Thurgoona
Public School**





What's news in Wattle!



K Wattle have started Term 3 off and racing! This semester we have begun to use our handwriting books, write longer sentences, really challenge our brains in mathematics, put together our art work for the art auction, prepare for our assembly this Friday AND lots of other great learning in between!

Wow have we been busy little bees!

Take a look at our latest self-portraits created in Visual Arts - aren't they fabulous!



Stage 3 Waratah News

In Waratah, we have been **sewing autumn leaves**, **reading classic novels** such as Bridge to Terabithia, Goodnight Mister Tom and this term The Giver. The Giver is an absorbing read and it has us all thinking about life, order, rules and what a perfect world would be like.

During Education week, we organised a special day where everyone could dress in red and white or come as a super hero to raise money for the **Save the Children Foundation** and the whole school was very generous. We were able to raise \$450.

Members of our class have been involved in public speaking, debating, chess competitions and the National Tree Planting Day. Also, everyone is very keen to present their chosen **PROCEDURE** to the class. So far we have learnt how to make **SUSHI** from Jake and **ICE-CREAM SPIDERS** from Jorge. DELICIOUS!!!!

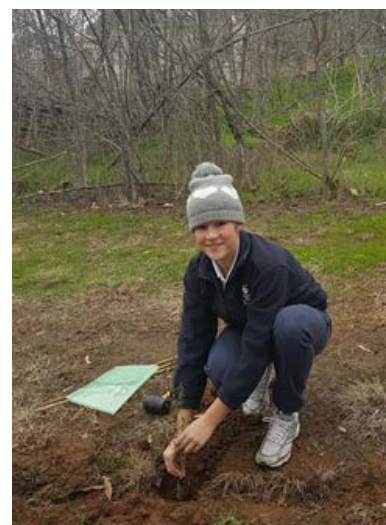
The students became movie directors, editors, producers, script writers and actors last term. They produced **original short film clips** and had a great time learning together to produce a film which they then shared with the class. The **BLOOPERS** were very funny!!!

The **Lions Club Peace Poster** is a major, long term focus for the students and they have been adding to their detailed art work since Term One. Term Four will see the culmination of their efforts and one will be selected to represent the school at the next stage of judging.

Last term learning about the endangered species in the Thurgoona area at the Equestrian Centre was interesting and we even created a human mosaic of the **Sloane's Froglet** with students from other schools in the area. A helicopter hovered above us so that a bird's eyes view photograph could be taken. *We have put together a sample of snapshots for you.*



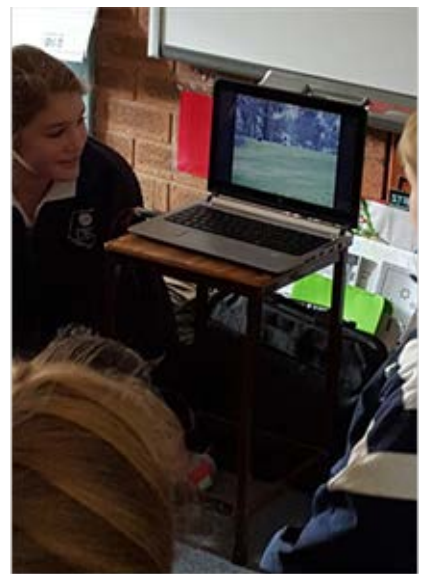
Creating art with a leaf and thread. So absorbing!!!



National Tree Planting Day.



Blake and Tine helping the environment.



MOVIE MAKING



Learning
about the
Sloane's
Froglet at the
Equestrian
Centre.



Procedures



Sushi and ice-cream spiders



Chef Jake



Chef Jorge

Save the Children fund raiser



Flash aka Aaron



Tine - Costume maker extraordinaire



Champion Chess team captain - Joshua



Save the Children super heroes

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

On Friday of week three, approximately 40 students from Thurgoona Public School participated in the National Tree Planting Day and made significant inroads in the goal of planting trees on the elevated section of **Ernest Grant Park** bordering the **Mercy Centre** grounds. They were very keen and followed directions carefully. It would appear that the more mud they had on themselves, the more trees they planted!!!!

The children also had the opportunity to listen to experts talk about the nesting boxes, watch two boxes being erected AND actually look inside them using a specialised viewing camera to see if anything was 'at home'! **They were in luck.** In one of the boxes, cuddled together were at least **four or more feather tailed gliders**. This was an exciting conclusion to their community support afternoon.







A fun afternoon, learning how to plant trees, being involved in a community project and discovering that the nesting boxes are providing safe and cosy homes for the endangered feather tailed glider..... **learning can happen anywhere!**

LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING



Junior speakers, Bryson Daley(aka FAST BOY), Taylor Furze(aka INVISIBLE GIRL) and Sophie Lawrence(aka Super Sophie) were excited to be representing Thurgoona Public School at the Thurgoona Golf Club on Monday 25th July. Mrs Courtney our past principal came to support the speakers.



Composed, ready and waiting to present to the judges and the audience their impressive speaking skills and explain what a day as a **SUPER HERO** is like for them.



The **senior speakers** were Caitlyn Martin , Joshua Huggard and Emily Cogdell. Their formal speech required them to **research a career choice**. Joshua spoke about a day in the life of a surgeon, Caitlyn focused on being a Forensic Scientist and Emily, an Apple Software Engineer. The students revealed extensive research skills in their speeches which were delivered in an **upbeat, expressive and engaging manner**.



CONGRATULATIONS

Emily Cogdell was chosen as the Thurgoona Lions Club representative to speak at the next level of competition. Emily competed against three speakers from Trinity and two speakers from Thurgoona. As well as presenting their formal speech which had been prepared and practised over several weeks, each speaker was required to present an impromptu speech on a topic decided by the Lions Club committee. Each speaker was given only ten minutes preparation time. **Emily demonstrated outstanding public speaking skills to earn this representative honour.**

Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod

Debating Competition - years 5 & 6



In preparation for the Eisteddfod, students in stage 3 accepted the challenge to prepare the opposing argument to debate the Eisteddfod teams to help them with their preparation. This proved to be a very worthwhile exercise, not only for the Eisteddfod teams, but also gave other students the opportunity to experience a debate.

TPS has a promising and keen group of students for the 2017 debating competitions!



The TPS 2016 Eisteddfod debating team members:(L to R) Patrick Gallagher, Sophie Cooper, Zoe Golet, Bianca Honeyman, Caitlyn Martin, Mia Pearson, Danielle Marks, Isabella Power, Alissa Rahaley, Grace Armstrong, Rhyanon Kelly and Liam Plunkett.

2016 CHAMPION DEBATING TEAM



THE 2016 CHAMPION EISTEDDFOD DEBATING TEAM with the adjudicator Malcolm Ross and Eisteddfod organiser Linda Martin. (L to R) Bianca Honeyman(2nd speaker), Caitlyn Martin(1st speaker), Rhyanon Kelly(Team Advisor) and Grace Armstrong(3rd speaker). The girls' efforts won \$100 for the school and each debater received a gold medal. Their topic was "That winter is better than summer for playing sport." **CONGRATULATIONS!**



The first team to debate at the Eisteddfod included Alissa Rahaley(Team Adviser), Mia Pearson(3rd speaker), Isabella Power(2nd speaker) and Sophie Cooper(1st speaker). Rhyanon Kelly was the chair person for this debate. This team argued that **BEACHES MAKE THE BEST HOLIDAY SPOT**. They put up an excellent case, using great rebuttal skills and team work, however the adjudicator placed their opponents in front by a whisker. **Great effort girls!**



Mia Pearson, Alissa Rahaley and Zoe Golet do a sound check before competition began.

As well as debating, some of our students were chairperson or chief timer for the debates. It is the chairperson's responsibility to enter the names of each team's debaters onto the forms for the officials. Rhyanon and Caitlyn are making sure this happens.



The second team of Patrick Gallagher(1ST Speaker), Liam Plunkett(3RD Speaker), Zoe Golet(Team Advisor) and Danielle Marks(2nd Speaker) presented a very strong argument and won their debate. Their topic was "That children play too many electronic games." **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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Albury PSSA now have an app.

Follow this link <http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php> and type in Albury PSSA for our school. Keep up to date with the latest draws, ground changes and cancellations. This will be a handy tool for quick reference on Fridays.



LIBRARY NEWS

- ❖ Just a reminder that students can come to the library before school if they wish to borrow library books.
- ❖ All classes have been entered into the Scholastic Loop Online Ordering, so please try searching for your child's class before selecting the "No class found" option. If you cannot find your class, please don't create a new class, just order under the "Library".
- ❖ *Thanks.*

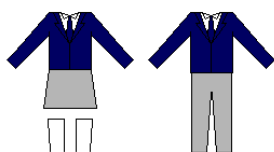


Book Fair
Tuesday 30 August to Tuesday
6 September in the Library.

P & C News

Our next P&C Fundraising meeting will be held Monday 15 August at 9.00am in the P&C Room. Come and join us.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP:



The Uniform shop will be open tomorrow (Wednesday 10 August) from 2.45pm – 3.00pm.

We are in need of donations of 2nd hand clothing – could you please check your cupboards for items to donate. *Thanks.*

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Canteen News

The canteen is celebrating the Olympics!!

Come and check out some of the green and gold treats including jelly, cupcakes, tiny teddies and fairy bread. So get racing to the canteen now !!



Community Programs and Events

You're Invited
Thurgoona Community Planting Day

 **ALBURY ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS**  **Department of Industry Lands**

WHEN Sunday 14th August, 10.00am – 1.00pm
WHERE Six Mile Creek, St John's Road, Thurgoona (Next to Charles Sturt University)

Help protect Albury's woodlands

- **PLANT** locally native Shrubs and Trees
- **LEARN** about local wildlife and how the Albury Environmental Lands network is managed for conservation
- **MEET** the people helping the community look after Thurgoona's bushland
- **FREE BBQ Lunch, Giveaways and more!**



 Please register for catering purposes
www.ecoportal.net.au



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Term 3 2016

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August	4	8	9 Parent Writing Information Night 7:00pm	10 Stage 2/3 Performance 'Cyber Wise'	11	12	13	14
	5	15 K-2 Performance 'Sticks & Stones'	16	17	18	19	20	21
	6	22 Book Week	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7	29 Albury PSSA Girls Cricket trials	30 Book Fair Opens	31	1	2 Riverina Primary Athletics	3	4
September	8	5	6 Book Fair closes	7	8	9 Tennis Gala Day	10	11
	9	12	13	14	15	16 Cinema Under The Stars	17	18
	10	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
October		26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		3 Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8	9