

Thurgoona News



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

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Term 3 Week 7

30 August 2016

Valued partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Tuesday 30 August – Tuesday 6 September	Book Fair in Library – 8:30am -9:00am & 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Friday 9 September	Assemblies – S2 & S3 - Acacia – 11:50am Kinder & S1- Calytrix – 12:25pm
Monday 12 September	P & C Meeting – 7:00pm – P & C Room – All welcome
Friday 16 September	Riverina Athletics Carnival – NEW DATE Cinema Under the Stars
Friday 23 September	Assemblies – S2 & S3 - Violet – 11:50am Kinder & S1- Lomandra – 12:25pm Last day Term 3
Monday 10 October	Students return Term 4



Some of our Book Week characters

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The school is in the final stages of the External Validation Process concluding with a panel validation meeting on Thursday. The meeting provides an opportunity for the school team to share their evidence with the panel members and engage in meaningful discussions about progress and achievements using the School Excellence Framework. Information about the process will be explained at the next P & C meeting.

A number of staff are participating in HOW2Learn Trainer Training at Narrandera. HOW2Learn is a strategy that allows schools to focus on what matters most in schools: **learning**. HOW2Learn has been developed in response to schools' desire to think differently and act bravely. It is not enough for teachers to simply know something different. We want teachers who can **do** things differently in their classrooms and students who can embrace their life confidently. All staff complete HOW2Learn training in dedicated staff development sessions at school.

Thank you to the generous parents who have already donated items for the P & C raffle. The basket will remain in the foyer area and all donations are appreciated. Please don't forget to purchase tickets for the ***Cinema Under the Stars***, a lovely evening for the school community.

Theresa Kane
Principal

Riverina Athletics Carnival - postponed

The Riverina Athletics Carnival has been postponed because of the predicted weather. The backup date for the carnival is Friday 16th September.

Notes Home

Stage 2 and 3 ConumDRUM Music Program – due Friday 2 September	
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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.)

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

We wish all the fathers a very special day on Sunday.

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The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

For additional information about the survey contact the school on 60431 244.

Maryanne Peachey - TTFM Coordinator



Congratulations to Sophie Lawrence who competed in the Year 3 & 4 Regional Public Speaking at Albury Public School this week. Sophie did an amazing job!! Special thanks to Mrs Ward for her dedication to Sophie's practise.

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MERIT AWARDS

K -BOTTLEBRUSH	Kira See, Baillie Cronin, Brodie Taylor, Sam Nicholls
K - DAISY	Aida Hamblin, Molly Hutchins, Kayla Sims
K - GREVILLEA	Chloe Baker, Toby Barton, James Waker, Cameron Gordon
K -WATTLE	Harry Anderson, Kayden Small
S1 -CALYTRIX	Lily Stockbridge-Reck, Georgina Grant, Max Willis, Claire Watson
S1 -GIMLET GUM	Jeremy Steele, Ava Walsh, Takeah Williams, Izack Daley
S1 -HIBISCUS	Liam Crane, Indianah Woodhead, Charlee Dubenko, Alyssa Cockerell
S1 -KANGAROO PAW	Isaac Bath, Lilly Black-Britton, Emmerson Laurien, Joshua Nichols
S1 - KURRAJONG	Jake Davys, Toby See, Jess Gray-Toussaint, Tiahni Gillespie
S1 -LOMANDRA	Lily Copland, Angus Friswell, Ethan Wong, Isabella Osipov
S2 - BANKSIA	Harry Barber, Taylah Bosse, Jake McNaughton, Lacey Michelini
S2- DRYANDRA	Jackson Coughlan, Terje Colley, Abbey Bowling, Drew Cowden
S2 - FERN	Quinton Jennings, Jonny Gillespie, Emily Gyoles, Holly Plunkett
S2 - VIOLET	Paige Fitzgerald, Tiara Webb, Addelyn Skahill
S3- ACACIA	Joe Hartshorn, Emily Cogdell, Jackson Maher, Lily Drew
S3- BLUEGUM	Zac Gigliotti, Nash Holden, James Deanshaw
S3-BORONIA	Lillee Grant-Broekman, Zoe Golet, Alex McCaffery
S3-WARATAH	Joshua Huggard, Amelia Spinks, Alex Roach, Rhyannon Kelly

HOW2LEARN



at Thurgoona Public School

promoting resilience

in the health promoting school

Resilience describes a person's capacity to cope with changes and challenges and to bounce back during difficult times

A person who is resilient is likely to

- recognise and manage their own feelings and understand the feelings of others
- have a sense of independence and self-worth
- form and maintain positive, mutually respectful relationships with others
- be able to solve problems and make informed decisions
- have a sense of purpose and goals for the future

A caring and supportive school environment can promote a sense of connection and belonging and help children, young people and staff become more resilient and confident to learn

Encourage the development of a positive attitude, self-belief and communication

- Provide positive feedback, encouragement and reassurance
- Help pupils learn to understand and express their feelings
- Communicate openly with all pupils

Increase support networks for pupils

- Someone to talk to
- One-to-one support
- Peer support/buddying/befriending
- Foster a culture of listening

Encourage the building of trusting and co-operative relationships between pupils and adults

- Foster mutual respect between everyone in school
- Recognise outside pressures/influences on pupils
- Activity days/residential trips

Increase pupils' engagement with learning

- Flexible use of teaching methods and styles
- Opportunities for performance
- Provide additional support for learning
- Formative assessment to plan learning experiences

Foster a positive and inclusive ethos

- Build a sense of belonging in school and class
- Involve pupils in decision making
- Celebrate diversity within the school community

Activities outwith the classroom

- Lunch time/after school clubs
- Development of safe social areas in school grounds
- Participation in eco schools/health promoting schools groups

Encourage a sense of fun

- Make time to have fun in class
- Opportunities for games, laughter, jokes and relaxation
- School dance/pantomime/carnival/fundraising

Develop life skills

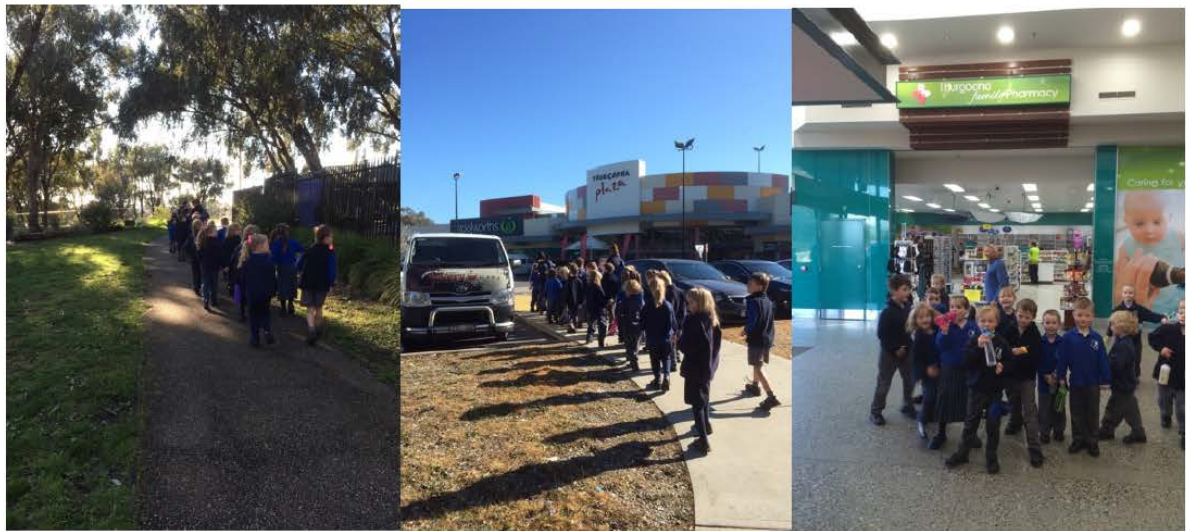
- Practical/project work
- Pupil involvement/responsibility for running tuck shop, looking after visitors etc
- Work experience/voluntary work
- Opportunities to think and act in enterprising ways
- Build literacy and numeracy skills

for resources and further information www.healthpromotingschools.co.uk

Adapted from 'A Bright Future for All', Mental Health Foundation, 2002 by the Schools Team, Directorate of Public Health, NHS Tyneside

Kinder Thurgoona Plaza Excursion

On Tuesday 23rd August, all Kindergarten classes walked to Thurgoona Plaza to experience how our local community can help to meet our needs. In class, we had learnt about our needs, wants, community helpers and goods and services. To complete the unit of learning we went out into our local community to find out which goods and services we have access to.



K Grevillea walking past the Pre School and arriving at Thurgoona Plaza

Each student in K Grevillea wrote a recount about our walking excursion to Thurgoona Plaza. Here are some samples of what they wrote.....

Hudson – We went to Thurgoona Plaza and we had some blueberries.

Chloe – On Tuesday we went to Thurgoona Plaza and we had a little look at the healthy food and we had a little look at the sometimes food. We went to the butcher and we had a little look at the Pharmacy and after we had a cheesy-mite scroll.

Conor – Yesterday I went to the Plaza and I ate watermelon and I went in the truck place. (Where the truck delivers food to Woolworths)

Tilly – Yesterday we walked to Thurgoona Plaza and we went to the place where the truck delivers (in Woolworths).

Kobe- Yesterday we went to Thurgoona Plaza for a cheesy-mite scroll and to learn about cold food and we learnt where the truck goes to.

James – On Tuesday we walked to Thurgoona Plaza and we go some tasty food.

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A big thank you to the following businesses for their support:

- **Woolworths Thurgoona** for allowing Jess to show us through the store and offering us healthy pieces of cut up fruit to snack on.
- Dean West from **Thurgoona Bakery** for organising a cheesy-mite scroll for all of our students who wanted to purchase one. He then donated the money we gave him for the scrolls to charity.
- **Thurgoona Butcher** for allowing us to look through the store.

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Fair

Started today in the Library–
8.30 am – 9.00am and 3.00pm –
3.30pm
(or other times by appointment)
Finishes Tuesday 6 September

Books from \$5.00 and pens, pencils from \$1.00.

We will be running a colouring competition and a guessing competition during the Book Fair. There will be book voucher prizes to be won which can be used at the book fair.

Colouring competition entries can be collected from the library now – so start colouring for your chance to win. Entries will be judged on Friday 2 September!!

Canteen News

The canteen, along with Sydney Markets, is running a fresh for kids promotion. Purchase any item with fruit or vegetable in it and receive an entry into the major draw plus a cool novelty pencil.

More information is on the poster at the canteen. Come and try some of our special fruity treats.

Thurgoona Public School

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P & C NEWS

As a result of the ongoing support of our school families and the wider Thurgoona community, this year the P&C have been able to purchase the following resources for the staff and students of Thurgoona Public School, totalling \$10,780:

- New Whiteboards for the Kinder classrooms
- Readers for Early Stage 1
- Smart TV for Stage 1
- Classroom allowance of \$150 per class towards additional teaching resources

We have also committed a further \$5,000 towards Readers for Stage 2 and 3 this year. Our ability to purchase such resources for the school is only possible due to your support of our various fundraising activities.

At our next P&C Meeting – Monday 12 September, we will be discussing and approving the joint funding of renovations to the School Library. These renovations will mean a largely, unused area (currently the AV Room) will be converted into an additional learning space for our children. If you'd like to be involved in this discussion or any future funding decisions by the P&C, please come along to our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

P & C News - fundraising



Cinema under the stars is coming – Friday 16th September

Thank you to those families who have already purchased their tickets. Keep them coming in. The \$20 payment for the family ticket can be left at the front office.

Payment can be in the form of cash or cheque made out to Thurgoona Public School P & C, **unfortunately payment cannot be made via the schools online system.**

Thank you also to those who have made a donation towards the hamper which will be raffled on the night. Donations of grocery items, stationery, gardening goods and gift ware etc. can be left in the basket in the front office. If you would like to volunteer some time to help on the night please be sure to complete the note that went home last week and return it to the front office.

THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C *presents*

★ *Cinema under the stars* ★

PAPER PLANES

calling all flyers

Friday 16th September 2016

From 4.30pm

with movie to screen

from 6 - 6.30 light pending

Paper plane competition - gold coin donation

HAMPER RAFFLE!

Bring your chair, bring your rug,

bring your whole family

and enjoy a great movie!!

Hot dog dinner \$3.00

Cold drinks \$2.00

Popcorn \$3.00

Fairy floss \$3.00

Face painting \$1.00

Animal nursery \$3.00

Lolly bags and glowsticks for sale!





The Athlete's Foot
SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

A PROUD SUPPORTER OF
THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL.



\$5 IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL
FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED*

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school.

This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes. Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details!

*See theathletesfoot.com.au/school-rewards for more details



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FREE
BBQ**



**KIDS
GAMES &
ACTIVITIES**

FAMILY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER | 10AM - 1PM | ALEXANDRA PARK

The East Albury Cricket Club welcomes your family to Alexandra Park for the opening of the 2016/17 cricket season.

Open to boys and girls of all ages and abilities, cricket is a fun way for kids to learn and develop their skills in an active and social setting and be part of the local community!



Register for:

- MILO in2 cricket (5-9yo)
- MILO T20 Blast (U/10s)
- U/12s
- U/14s
- U/16s

Contact:

John Milosta	0407 261 386
David Grant	0439 158 810
Stephen Hogan	0407 484 292
Blair Phillips	0408 070 178
Sean Barrett	0428 414 330







JOIN TODAY!



Can you swim 25 meters?
If the answer is **YES!**
You can play water polo

Northside Stingrays
is a family oriented club looking for players aged between 10-15 who are interested in trying the sport of water polo

Keep cool on those hot days and keep fit at the same time. And parents it doesn't take up your whole day!

For more information or to register

Contact Tony Remington: 0417 483 283



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