

Thurgoona News



Excellence, innovation, opportunity-student success in a caring environment.

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Term 1 Week 4

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Providing the foundations for life-long learning

Principal's Message

Congratulations to our Student Leadership team who were presented with their badges last Friday. The promises they made to our school community are large and will be hard to keep at times, but we have great faith in their ability to lead our school in a responsible, respectful way.

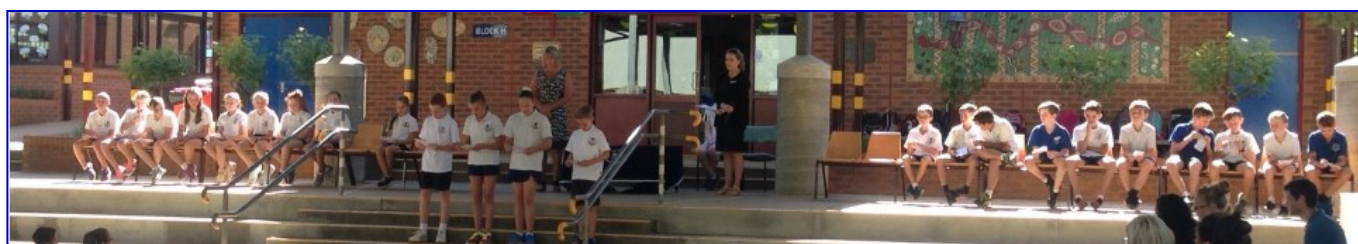
Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews this week. We trust that the time has been beneficial, producing a shared vision of the school year ahead for all concerned. Please feel free to contact the Office if you missed out and would still like to book an appointment with your child's classroom teacher.

Our Swimming team is off to the Albury Pool tomorrow, Thursday, to compete in the Albury District Swimming Carnival. I feel sure they will strive for their personal best times and represent our school well.

Good luck everyone!

Theresa Kane

Principal



2018 School Leaders Induction Assembly

Assembly: Week 6— 9 March 2018

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1–2)

Infants

Friday 11:50 am—12:20 pm

Stage 2 (Years 3–4) and Stage 3 (Years 5–6)

Primary

Friday 12:25 pm—12:55 pm

Notes Home This Week

Clean Up Australia Information Note

Important Dates 2018

District Swimming Carnival Thursday 22 February

Clean Up Australia Day Monday 5 March

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS— Term 1

This term students are reminded to wear their full sports uniform on the following days –

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) : Wednesday

Stage 1 (Years 1–2) : Thursday

Stage 2 (Years 3–4) : Friday



Reading Club

Dear Parents/ Carers,

To further promote the importance of reading widely and often, we would like to give students an opportunity to join a 'Reading Club' at Thurgoona Public School. From 8.30am–8.55am every Wednesday Wollemi Pine's classroom (Mrs White - Year 2) will be open to all children who wish to read.

This will begin on Wednesday 1st March (Week 5). Students may bring their home reader, library books or own books (with parental permission).

We are looking forward to seeing lots of students come together to experience the joy of reading.

Many thanks

Mrs White

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

– Dr. Seuss



Induction Assembly 2018

Thurgoona School Leaders



SRC—Induction 2018

Students are happier and participate in their education more effectively when their ideas are listened to and their opinions valued. A Student Representative Council (SRC) is one structure which can assist students and schools in achieving this ideal.

An SRC is a formal group of students, elected by their peers to represent them and their views. An SRC facilitates leadership and decision making by all students in the school. It is an important way in which schools can provide meaningful leadership opportunities for students.

The Thurgoona Public School SRC for Term 1 were inducted on Monday, 12th February. Congratulations to the following students:

Stage 1 – Melaleuca	Chloe Baker
Stage 1 – Wollomi Pine	Aleisha Warford
Stage 1 - Grevillea	Pippa Whitbourn
Stage 1 – Pandorea	Bailey Meredith
Stage 2 – Jacaranda	Mackenzie Ryan
Stage 2 – Kurrajong	Raine Bloomfield
Stage 2 – Snowgum	Toby Tangen-Slager
Stage 2- Violet	Jake Huggard
Stage 2- Hibiscus	Holly Obbink
Stage 3 - Waratah	Talia Whitbourn
Stage 3 – Banksia	Zoe Kentwell
Stage 3 - Acacia	Jodi Guy
Stage 3 – Steelwood	Martin Shepherd



Reinforcing safety in school zones

The NSW government have recently updated school zone offences by increasing fines and demerit points. These changes will help to create and enforce a safer road environment in school zones.

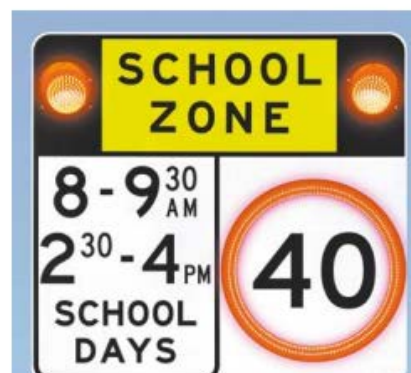
What are the new school zone offences? Go to our Road safety education webpage: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/road-safety-education/news/announcements/reinforcing-safety-in-school-zones>

Driving and parking safely near your school

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop your child off and pick them up on the **school side** of the road
- **never call out to them from across the road - it is very dangerous**
- always take extra care in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs - these help keep your child as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park - it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your child
- always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.



P&C News

Position Vacant.

Canteen Supervisor — 3 days per week.

After 14 years of service to our school Amanda is leaving her role as canteen supervisor at the end of this week. Nykarla McGrath will be filling in until we employ an applicant.

If you are interested in the position please send an email to thurgoonapublicschoolpandc@gmail.com or contact Tamara on 0431 161 101 asap

AGM

Thank you to all who attended our first meeting.

The next meeting is the AGM and it will be held on Monday 12 March at 7pm in the school library.

All positions will be declared vacant and all nominations considered.

Everyone is invited to attend and membership of \$1 allows you to vote.

The Uniform Shop will be open...

Friday 23 February 8:30 am—9:00 am

Wednesday 28 February 2:30 pm

Friday 8 March 8:30 am—9:00 am

Wednesday 14 March 2:30 pm

Wanted !! Canteen Volunteers

Anyone wishing to volunteer for canteen duty please fill out the below form and return to the canteen asap.

THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN HELPERS REPLY

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Child's Name and Class: _____

Preferred Day: WED THURS FRI (please circle)

School information can be accessed in several ways, including the school APP.

Below is information to assist you with accessing the APP

Welcome to the School Stream family!

We'd like to congratulate you and your school for taking the jump into a more convenient and engaging communication relationship with one another.

Rest assured, we are not a new app company, in fact we are now in our fifth year of operations having helped hundreds of school communities towards an easier way of life. It's never been so easy to be notified about news, events, emergencies, reminders and so much more, all in one place!

You would most likely have been directed to this page by your school, so without further ado, please follow the instructions below to begin your School Stream experience and we would love to hear your feedback on any of our social channels!

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2. Tap the **FREE/GET** button to the right of the School Stream listing
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4. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap **OK**
5. Wait for the install icon to change to **OPEN**
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7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select **OK**
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NSW School Student Transport Scheme

Bus Pass Information

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides subsidised travel for eligible school students on rail, bus, ferry and long distance coach services. A subsidy is also available for transport to and from school in private vehicles in areas where there is no public transport.

Transport for NSW manages the School Student Transport Scheme. Transport operators issue passes to eligible students, and schools play an important role in verifying students' eligibility and liaising with transport providers. [Download SSTS Brochure PDF \(176KB\)](#)

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) can only be used for:

- travel between home and the school campus at which the student is enrolled, and
- approved travel, Monday to Friday on school days.

The scheme **does not** extend to travel for activities such as:

- school excursions,
- sports events,
- work experience,
- attendance at Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools at a location away from the school/campus at which the student is enrolled,
- attendance at multi-campus high schools, Saturday schools, pre-schools, mini-schools (except for full-time geographically isolated distance education students),
- attendance at before and after school care or child minding premises.

To be eligible for the Scheme an applicant must be:

a resident of NSW

4 years and 6 months of age or older *and* enrolled as one of the following:

- an infant student (K-2) regardless of the distance between their home and school
- primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.3 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school
- secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.9 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school
 - a TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1st January of the year of application who is:
 - enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week
 - not employed
 - living more than 3.2 kms from the college by the most direct practical walking route and
 - attending the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

How to Apply

You will need an email address to complete the form.

Step 1. Parents (or students aged 16 or over) first fill in the [online application form](#).

Step 2. Print and sign the form and submit to the school for endorsement.

Step 3. The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. If the application is approved Martin's will be notified and a bus pass will be sent to the school for the student to collect.

If you have any questions about timetables or pick up points, please contact Martin's Albury on 02 6040 4400.

The application process may take approximately 2 weeks. You will be informed of the outcome of your application by email.

The previous (blue or green) paper application form is no longer used. However, you can use a new [paper application form \(pdf 52KB\)](#) for free travel if you don't have an email address or a computer, or your address isn't being recognised. This form must be filled out and submitted to the school/TAFE.

For any further questions regarding the School Students Transport Scheme or the application process, please [click here](#).

A new application must be completed when a student:

- enrolls in kindergarten
- progresses from Year 2 to be an eligible student in Year 3
- progresses from Year 6 to Year 7
- changes name, school and/or address
- applies for an additional travel pass in a joint/dual custody situation.

Unsuccessful Applications

Applicants can reapply for the Scheme through Transport NSW (TNSW) if the operator rejects their application. They should reapply in writing to the nearest TNSW regional office setting out the reasons why the student should have access to the Scheme. These may include safety or medical issues.

If the application is also rejected by TNSW, and the applicant believes there are special circumstances that should be taken into account (such as safety or hardship issues), they can appeal. The regional office will provide information at the time of rejection on how to appeal the decision.

Appeals are assessed by the School Student Transport Scheme Appeals Panel. Members of the Panel include representatives of the Department of Education and Training, the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW, the Council of Catholic School Parents or the NSW Parents' Council and a member with expertise in safety.

Joint / Dual Custody

In a shared parental responsibility situation, a student is eligible for subsidised travel from both the parents' addresses, subject to meeting the normal eligibility criteria. Applications for subsidised travel for Friday afternoons and Monday mornings only (to cover weekend access visits) are not eligible under the Scheme.

You do not in the first instance need to provide a court order or statutory declaration to TfNSW for shared parental responsibility situations. However, TfNSW in its discretion reserves the right to request these or further evidence documents if required for the purposes of determining eligibility for subsidised travel from both parents' addresses.

Each parent must submit an application form for subsidised travel, on behalf of a student under 16 years of age, stating that parent's address. Where a student is aged 16 years or over, they must submit a separate application form for each address.

2018 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 February	19	20 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interview s	21	22 District Swimming Carnival—Albury Pool	23
Week 5 February	26	27	28	1	2
Week 6 March	5 Clean Up Australia Day	6	7	8	9 Assembly
Week 7	12 P & C AGM School Library	13	14	15	16
Week 8	19	20	21	22	23 Assembly
Week 9	26	27 Athletics Carnival	28	29	30 Good Friday Holiday
Week 10 April	2 Easter Monday Holiday	3	4	5	6 Assembly
Week 11 April	9	10	11	12	13 Last Day Term 1

Thurgoona Public School is this year participating in the Coles Sports for Schools.

It's simple. For every \$10 spent you receive a voucher which can be dropped it in at school.

Vouchers can be collected and dropped off to the school office until 15 June 2018.



Community News

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Never played Hockey before, come along and give it a try!!

Never know; you could be the next star

This is a great and fun way to learn the basic skills of hockey with training provided by experienced coaches and players

6 week Program | \$85.00

REGISTER AT WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU

This includes your starter pack: Stick, Singlet, Backpack, Shin Pads & Ball
(Mouthguard not included)



27th Feb | 6th March | 13th March | 20th March | 27th March | 3rd April

Wodonga Catholic College | 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

Hedgerow Court, Wodonga – Enter via rear of Wodonga Leisure Centre (YMCA)

Craig Pontt – 0458 433 600 | 0438 235 395



Miniroos at Albury Hotspurs

Training starts on Tuesday 27th March, 2018

@ Aloysius Park, South Albury

5-6pm Every Tuesday after that,

except NSW school holidays. Notification on Team App

Miniroos competition starts on Saturday 7th April, 2018

@ Jelbart Park, Lavington

(Gala days – 12th May & 11th August)

Online registrations are open. www.alburyhotspurs.com.au/

Miniroos (5 to 10 years) \$100 (includes: bag, ball and drink bottle)

Shirt provided – will need to provide black shorts, boots, shin pads and yellow socks (available at Spurs canteen)

Commencing 31 January 2018 the NSW Government will provide a \$100 voucher to parents/guardians of school enrolled children. The \$100 voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities. For more information and how to obtain your voucher code/number, which you will need before registering your child to use in registration process please go here. <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

For more information please call Paul Kinning – 0400422805 or Wayne Davies – 0477 872410

