

Thurgoona News



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Term 4, Week 5

14 November 2019

Providing the foundations for life-long learning

Principal's Message

Spring Market

Don't forget that our annual Spring Market will be running this Saturday, 16 November from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you have donations for the P&C raffle please bring them into the front office by tomorrow. It should be an enjoyable event for everyone.

2020 School Enrolments

Planning for 2020 is underway, so if you are intending to enrol students next year or if your family is leaving Thurgoona Public School, now's the time to notify the office. It is important that our student enrolments are as precise as possible to ensure an accurate plan for 2020.

NSW Junior Chess League

Last Wednesday, students from Thurgoona Public School's chess club participated in the NSW Junior Chess League at Charles Sturt University. Thurgoona Public School was the only NSW public school in the competition and tied with Scots in third place. A big thank you to Mr Greg Darcy who has been our chess coach this year.



Presentation Day: Friday, 6 December 2019

Thurgoona Public School's annual Presentation Day is just a few weeks away. Once again the Albury Entertainment Centre will host years K to 2 from 10:15 to 11:15 am and Years 3 to 6 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. This is a very special day when we award students who have achieved excellence, consistent improvement, citizenship and sporting achievements. All Kindergarten students will receive a book prize to commemorate their graduation from Kindergarten and we invite all of their parents to attend.

Theresa Kane
Principal

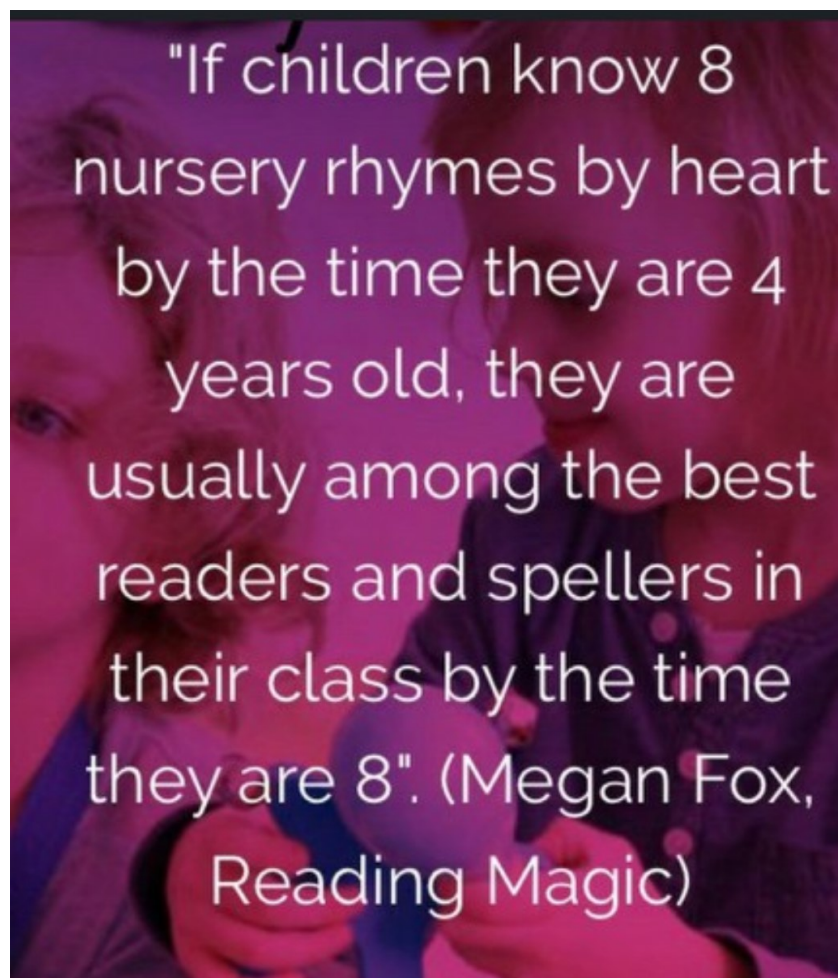
Shining a Light on K-2

Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year? Here some tips for fostering a love of reading:

- Make reading a part of your everyday practice, snuggle up and enjoy reading together;
- Join a local library and borrow a range of books;
- Engage in books that interest your child;
- Ask questions before, during and after reading to keep them interested in the story;
- Read favourite books over and over again;
- Enjoy a bedtime story to relax and prepare them for sleep;
- Read books that have lots of rhyme and repetition;
- Sing lots of nursery rhymes and learn the actions.

By reading and singing nursery rhymes everyday, you will be; bonding, fostering a love of books, developing their listening, vocabulary and comprehension which are all vital in preparation for school.

Kelly Grohmann





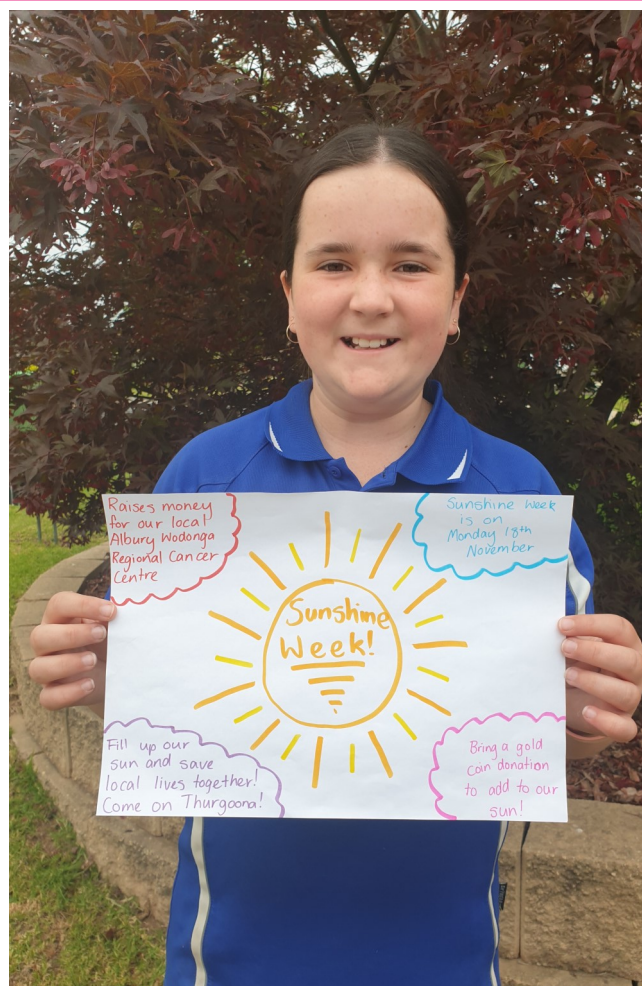
K-2 Merit Award recipients

2019 Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Friday, 6 December 2019. We cordially invite all parents and friends of our students to attend. At the presentation day we award students who have achieved excellence, consistent improvement, citizenship and sporting achievements. Each year the awards are sponsored by the local community. If you would like to make a donation towards the prizes this year it will be greatly appreciated. Your name will be listed in our presentation day program as recognition of your valuable contribution to our school. Donations can be sent to the office.



Next Monday, Taylor Furze of Year 6 is organising a Sunshine Week event at Thurgoona Public School. Sunshine Week raises much needed funds for our local Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre, supporting individuals and families dealing with this life changing disease. Every little bit helps, so on **Monday, bring your gold coins** to school to add to the large sun that will be created on the basketball court - creating the ray of hope that is needed by so many. Remember all money stays local and supports our community, so come on Thurgoona let's do our bit!



Science Excursion to Charles Sturt University (Frog Habitats) Years 3, 4 and Steelwood Year 5's

Students in Years 3, 4 and Year 5's from Steelwood will attend a science themed experience day at the Thurgoona Campus of Charles Sturt University. The sessions will run from 9:15 am, through to 2:45 pm.

Activities will include:

- Exploring frog habitats
- Identifying frog species
- Learning about different habitats
- Using scientific equipment such as microscopes
- Looking at energy saving technology

Venue: Charles Sturt University, Thurgoona.

Date: Thursday, 28 November 2019 (Term 4, Week 7)

Duration: Between 9:15 am and 2:45 pm

Transport: Bus departing from Thurgoona Public School at 9:15 am and returning at 2:45 pm.

Cost: There is no cost for the bus

Uniform: Students are to wear full school uniform

Requirements: Students will need to bring their school hat, school bag, pencil case, water bottle and packed recess and lunch.

Teacher in charge: Tim Shoard





Term 4 Primary Sport Days

Stage 2:

Wednesdays: Scribbly Gum and Wattle

Thursdays: Snow Gum, Violet, Needlewood, Steelwood (Yr 4)

Stage 3:

Thursdays: Banksia, Waratah, Steelwood (Yr 5), Atriplex and Kurrajong

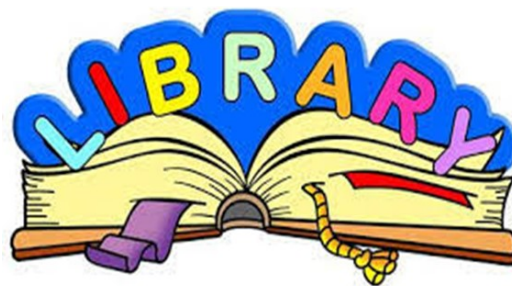
SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM



The Athlete's Foot Albury will support Thurgoona Public school with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased, donated back to our school.

LOWES

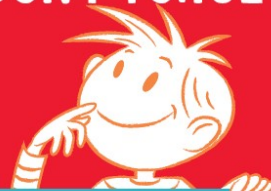
With purchases made throughout the year, Lowes Albury supports Thurgoona Public school by providing monetary rewards and gift cards.



This week is the last week of borrowing from our school library. All library books will need to be returned by the end of Week 7. Students who have borrowed books this year and do not have any overdue books by the end of Week 7 will go into a draw to win a book!

Overdue and/or borrow reminders will be sent home at the end of this week. Your child will receive one of these if they have overdue books OR currently have books borrowed.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

29 Nov by 9:00 am

Then we have to wait for them to arrive

Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

SCHOLASTIC

Wanted/Needed

Donations of pre-loved uniforms, especially short sleeved blue polo shirts. In good condition and clean would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen News

Meal Deal

Thursday, 21 November

Hawaiian muffin pizza and a drink

\$5.00

Term 4: Hours of operation

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



SHOP

Week	Date	Time
T4, Wk 5	Closed this week	8:30 am to 9:00 am
T4, Wk 6	Wednesday, 20 November	8:30 am to 9:00 am
T4, Wk 7	Wednesday, 27 November	8:30 am to 9:00 am
T4, Wk 8	Wednesday, 4 December	8:30 am to 9:00 am
T4, Wk 9	Monday, 9 December	8:30 am to 9:00 am
T4, Wk 10	Wednesday, 18 December	8:30 am to 9:00 am



EFTPOS has arrived at the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop! EFTPOS is also now available when purchasing new hats, new reader bags and new library bags. A 1.8% surcharge applies.



Thurgoona Public School P & C

Spring Market

Saturday

16th November 9am–2pm

Market Stalls including

Jewellery,
Woodwork,
Candles,
Clothing,
Make up,
Cards,

Party plan
and...
Handmade
Treasures

Food

BBQ, Sweet Treats, Icecream,
Donuts, Coffee van

Family Fun

Crazy Hair Booth
Farm Animals
Face Painting
Jumping Castle

Fabulous Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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Term 4 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	11 Remembrance Day ceremony 10:40 am	12	13	14 Year 6 James Fallon High School transition Cultural meeting 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Thurgoona PS)	15 Last day to borrow from the library
Week 6	18	19	20	21	22 K-2 Assembly 11:50 am Item: Daisy, Announcing: White Gum, Primary Assembly 12:25 pm Atriplex ICAS presentation at both assemblies
Week 7	25 P&C meeting at 7:00 pm in the library	26	27	28	29 Last day for all books to be returned to the library
Week 8 December	2	3 Year 6 James Fallon High School transition 9:00 am to 2:15 pm Year 6 Albury High School transition 9:30 am to 2:30 pm	4	5	6 Presentation Day
Week 9	9	10	11	12 K-2 Christmas concert Cultural meeting 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Thurgoona PS)	13 K-2 Assembly 11:50 am Item: Callista, Announcing: Rosewood Primary Assembly 12:25 pm Needlewood Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the Thurgoona Golf Club
Week 10	16 Reports sent home	17	18 Last day for students	19 Staff Development Day School closed	20 Staff Development Day School closed



save the date

*Mercy Connect
Community Garden
Official Opening*

**26 NOVEMBER, 2PM
ST JOHN'S, THURGOONA
(30 BOTTLEBRUSH STREET)**

Official opening | Bake sale | Handmade goodies for sale

For further information contact:
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02 6061 0403
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**THURGOONA PRESCHOOL
VACANCIES FOR 2020**

At Thurgoona Preschool we currently have vacancies in our 3 year old groups for the 2020 preschool year, attending on a Monday or a Friday between 8.45am and 12.45pm.

Please contact the preschool on 60431633 for further information or email admin@thurgoonapreschool.com.au

THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents' and Citizens' Association



Spring Market – Saturday 16th November 2019

Dear Parents,

On Saturday 16th November, the P & C will be hosting a Spring Market day. The day will consist of many market stalls, a BBQ, cupcake decorating stall, crazy hair stall, face painting, jumping castle and farm animal nursery. It should be a great community event!

We need your help. If you can spare some time and would like to be involved please complete the slip below and return to the front office ASAP. We will confirm a roster with you in the week before the market.

We are also seeking donations of items that can be used for the crazy hair / fancy fingernails stall and cupcake decorating stalls. These can be left in the basket in the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Fundraising committee.

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I would like to volunteer for the SPRING MARKET DAY

Name : _____ Childs name & class: _____

Contact phone: _____

BBQ/Other stalls

- ☐ 8.00am - 10.00am
- ☐ 10.00am - 12.00pm
- ☐ 12.00pm - 2.00pm

General Help

- ☐ 7.00am – 9.00am (Setup)
- ☐ 9.00am - 11.00am
- ☐ 1.00pm - 2.00pm
- ☐ 11.00am - 1.00pm
- ☐ 2.00pm – 3.00pm (Pack up)