Principal's Message

Last week, students, staff and volunteer parents in Years 5 and 6 travelled to Canberra for an extremely successful educational experience. I sincerely thank the following teachers; Jo Ward, Luke Adams, Nadene King, Callan Burgess and Alison Maguire, and parents; Tamara Finck, Andrew Nichols, Paula Bosse and Rachael Skahill for their dedication and energy. Excursions cannot occur and be as successful without additional support from staff and parents. The students are to be congratulated for their positive attitude and excellent behaviour.

Congratulations Angus McMillan and Byron Dicks. They have been selected to play in the Riverina team at the PSSA State Hockey Challenge in Grafton from the 4 to 6 June. This is an outstanding achievement!

As Thurgoona Public School is participating in this year’s NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge, each student and staff member is able to redeem up to 4 free tickets for the Hyundai A-League 2018/19 Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC. More detailed information is located within this newsletter.

All students are encouraged to lock their bikes to the bike racks at school. Bikes and scooters are the private property of their owners and no students or adults are to move or sit on bikes and scooters that they do not own. Unfortunately bikes are being damaged and bike seats are being adjusted.

Theresa Kane
Principal
Shining a Light on K-2

Wow, what a wonderful week it has been in classrooms. I have really enjoyed working with some of the Year 2 classes on developing reciprocal reading strategies. These strategies are supporting students to understand the purpose of the texts that they are reading and understand what the author is trying to tell them. Some strategies that we have introduced are...

![Roles of Reciprocal Reading](image)

During home reading, ask your child about some of these roles as this will help them to reinforce their ability to comprehend what they are reading.

It has been great to see the growth of students in just a few short weeks, in terms of their ability to read more complex books. Congratulations to the students and their teachers for the hard work they are putting in! It is fair to say that students have felt failure at times and giving opportunities to fail has allowed our students the chance to build social and emotional skills and qualities that will last a lifetime. Skills of persistence, problem-solving, resilience and determination. All powerful qualities that make successful, lifelong learners!

“Failure is part of life, and if our children don’t have the opportunity to fail or make mistakes, they’ll never realise they can bounce back. That’s what resilience is all about.”

- Michele Borba

Mrs. Amelia White
Assistant Principal
Medical Notes

If you haven’t already done so, please return your completed medical notes as soon as possible. The information you provide is vital in helping us deliver the best possible care to your child.

Library News

Next week, there will not be any library lessons due to staff planning days.

All books borrowed this week are due back in the first week of Term 2.

If you would like to return books before the holidays please place them in the returns chute.

Recognition of an incredible donation

to the
‘Variety-the Children’s Charity’
organisation by one of our very own students.

Caitlin Taylor-Daines, in class Steelwood, has donated her hair, a whopping 39cm of it, to Hair with Heart.

What a wonderful contribution to the wellbeing of children in need!

Don’t Forget!

School photos will be taken on Monday, 8 April. Please wear full school uniform.

Order envelopes are to be returned to the photographer on the day.

Please do not return orders to the office or teachers.
K-2 Easter Hat Parade!

Our 2019 K-2 Easter Hat Parade is coming up! Please ensure you read the details below so you do not miss out on parading your wonderful hat.

**When:** Friday, 12 April (the last day of Term 1)

**Who:** All Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students

**Time:** 1:50 pm (after recess for approx 1 hour)

**Where:** Quadrangle

**What to wear:** Full school uniform is to be worn

**Additional Information:**
- Please bring your Easter Hat to your classroom on Wednesday, 10 April
- Hats are to be made at home

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual, national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

A NAPLAN report will be issued to parents later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 14 to 16 May 2019. A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who miss a test on Friday, 17 May.

For more information about NAPLAN, visit the NAP website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**NAPLAN 2019 paper test**

Individual students are not permitted to sit the paper tests after Friday 17 May 2019.

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**REMINDER**

**Easter Fundraising at Thurgoona Public School**

Easter egg donations can be left in the basket provided at the office. Sold raffle books are to returned by Thursday, 11 April to the P&C box, also in the office. The raffle will be drawn at the K to 2 Easter hat parade on the last day of term.

In conjunction with Bakers Delight, Lavington, we are holding a hot cross bun drive. Order forms must be returned to school with your money by Friday, 5 April. You will receive a voucher which you take to Bakers Delight, Lavington prior to Tuesday, 16 April to redeem your hot cross buns. In turn, our school will receive $2 for each dozen sold.

**Girls Winter Uniform Information**

We are excited to confirm that the winter uniform for girls is being updated. After a great deal of planning, organisation and consultation with the school community. There will be a 3-year transition period for all girls to be wearing the updated uniform.

The updated winter uniform for girls will be navy blue trousers or a navy blue skirt. The trousers and the skirts will soon be available to purchase from Lowes and you will be notified once they arrive in the store. In the meantime, a big thank you to Lowes for kindly donating all of their old stock of plaid trousers and plaid skirts. If you would like to purchase these, they will be available from our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop at a cost of $25 each.

Thank you again for your patience and we look forward to soon announcing the arrival of the new girls winter uniform at Lowes.

**Canteen News**

**Term 2 open days:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Thermomix Demonstration:** A demonstration of the new Thermomix will take place at 2:30 pm Wednesday, 10 April in the canteen. Everyone is invited to attend.
Sunday, 7 April at 8:30 am

We have grand plans for beautifying our outdoor learning spaces. One project we are keen to get started on is the beautification of the garden area at the back of the library to make a sensory garden for students to enjoy – interesting plants and sensory art forms (examples below).

To make it safe for students to move around in and enjoy this space we need your help to get things under way. To that end, a working bee has been organised for Sunday, 7 April commencing at 8:30 am.

Many hands make light work and if you have the skills to help install sleepers to retain mulch, build steps, remove existing concrete pavers, paint benches and shovel gravel, we would love to hear from you. Once the infrastructure is in place we can then get onto the exciting part of planting out.

Names can be left at the front office or call Amanda on 0429 403 866 for more information.
## Term 1 Calendar

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## Community News

**PRESS RELEASE**

New book empowers girls to be creative & shine their light

Awake Asleep, a new children’s book by local author, Glory Violetta Chipman, At a time when girls are being bullied & barraged by negative messages, Awake Asleep brilliantly encourages girls to listen to their heart and express themselves creatively. So does your inner rebel shine?

Come on a magical journey, dangly arms girls look for girls of all ages, beautiful vibrant illustrations encourage girls to be creative, to love & trust themselves like they were inner voices, birds the highest on the world girls. Awake Asleep is the perfect gift for little (0-12) and teens (13+). Girls. Themes, creativity, self-love self-confidence and mindfulness.

**About the author**

Awake Asleep’s Illustrator, Glory Violetta Chipman is devoted to reawakening, healing & empowering girls & women. Working across multiple mediums(photography, painting, sculpture, embroidery & this book), she celebrates the lives she has spent a time. Created over 3 years, glory

**Press Details**

Awake Asleep, illustrated by Glory Violetta Chipman

Available now:

*Publication Date: 1 April 2023*

*January 2023*

Glory Violetta Chipman is a graphic designer at the University of W. Sydney. She currently lives in country NSW with her husband & young sons.

If you would like more information about Awake Asleep, or to schedule an interview with Glory please contact her on: info@awakeasleep.com or visit gloryviolettagraphic.com www.illustrations.com

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FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Hyundai A-League 2018/19
Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC
Saturday 13 April 2019 7:50pm
ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier’s Football Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year’s NSW Premier’s School Sport Challenge, up to four (4) FREE tickets are available for each student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of high energy. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the below easy steps:

2. Register details.
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to enter ANZ Stadium via the pre-loss on their vouchers to still gain general admission seating.

For further information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by clicking here.

Netball Registration

Team Nominations U11, U13, U15, U17
or wanting to play & join a team

Cost: $140 (inclusive VBA & ANA)
Active Kids vouches welcome.

Saturday 6th April 2019
10am - 11am
at JC King Park, David St Albury

For further information contact
albury.netball@bigpond.com

Out of School Hours

Nutella Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 13th April 2019
10:30am
At Thargoona Public School

See below for full details.

Bright Red Football Clinic

School Holiday Clinic

Ages: 5-10 years
Location: Wodonga 9am - 1pm

REGISTRATION:
Sara Swindall - info@brightredfootball.com.au

School Holiday Clinics

- Fun filled way for active children to spend the school holidays
- Different sports each day which include - football, soccer, basketball, badminton and more
- Designed for children aged 5-12 years
- DVD & quiet time in the afternoon

INCLUSIONS:
- Fun Instructors to lead the sports activities
- Morning tea, lunch and drinks provided
- Wodonga 9am, Thursday & Friday 9th, 16th & 23rd April
- COST: $40 per child/day or $45 for subsequent children
- REGISTRATION: https://www.sauerbrownvisualcentre.com.au

Gindaymanha Sports Carnival

Thursday 18th April

- 10am - 2pm
- Free entry to all!
- Refreshments
- Soft sports for all ages!