



# Thurgoona News

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Term 4, Week 7

Thursday, 26 November 2020

## Principal's Message

### 2021 Sport House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Sport House Captains for 2021.

	Boolganas	Wareens	Banjoras	Tamaroos
<b>Boy Captain</b>	Seth Morris	Jake Deanshaw	Jesse Gray-Toussaint	Charlie Miles
<b>Boy Vice-Captain</b>	Domenic Wright	Patrick Durant	Nate Lees	Caleb Honeyman
<b>Girl Captain</b>	Lillian Nichols	Isabelle Lawrence	Charlee Dubenko	Angel Rangi
<b>Girl Vice-Captain</b>	Raine Bloomfield	Ava Walsh	Kiera Allen	Darby Campbell

## The Strategic Improvement Plan

It is a requirement that all NSW government schools develop and publish a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). A SIP is a working document that details the steps schools will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the SIP reflects where your school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading.

The situational analysis is a key component of the School Excellence cycle and informs a school's improvement journey across learning, teaching and leading. Thurgoona Public School staff have been involved in reviewing the situational analysis and identifying key themes that will inform focus areas in the SIP. The SIP has up to 3 strategic directions and associated improvement measures which form the basis of each planning cycle. One of these strategic directions will be 'Student growth and attainment' for all schools. The remaining strategic directions are chosen by each school to reflect and respond to their unique context.

Following the development of a draft SIP, the school community will be invited to be actively involved in a consultation process prior to publishing the *2021-2024 School Improvement Plan*.

Theresa Kane  
Principal

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### School Presentation Days



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the format of our Presentation Day will be a little different this year. Years 1 and 2 will be held on Monday, 7 December and Years 3 to 6 will be held the following day on Tuesday, 8 December at school.

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, no external visitors can be invited to the Presentation Days. The award ceremony will be held in our school hall and we will produce a digital slideshow of the award recipients. This slideshow will then be shared with our community so that families can celebrate their child's achievements.

At the Presentation Days, we award students who have achieved excellence, consistent improvement, citizenship and sporting achievements. Some awards will not be awarded this year such as Junior and Senior Sportsperson, The Premier's Debating Challenge and the Chess King and Queen due to the cancellation of these competitions throughout the year.

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 newsletter as recognition of your valuable contribution to our school. Donations can be sent to the office.

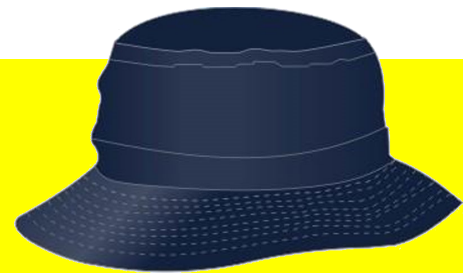
The Kindergarten and Year 6 Graduation events will be occurring separately. More information will be provided to families when available.

### School hats

It is now **compulsory** to wear school hats during Term 4. Please ensure that your child has a hat packed every day.

Our school supports a **NO HAT, STAY IN THE SHADE POLICY** which aims to make students aware of the severe damage that can be caused to skin without adequate protection.

This policy is enforced during Terms 1 and 4 when the weather is warm but is also encouraged during Terms 2 and 3.



### Year 6 Graduation Dinner and James Fallon High School Transition Day

Permission notes regarding the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and James Fallon High School Transition Day are due back into the school office by Monday, 30 November. Please contact the office to see if you have any credit remaining from cancelled events this year that could go towards payment for the graduation.

### Planning for Next Year

Please contact the office as soon as possible if your child will not be returning next year or if you are aware of additional enrolments. This will enable us to plan staffing and class structures more effectively.

Proudly Supporting



### **SRC fundraiser**

On Friday, 27 November, the Thurgoona Public School SRC will be hosting a charity fundraiser. Students are invited to wear **RED** for a gold coin donation to support "Red Nose".

Red Nose is Australia's leading authority on safe sleep and safe pregnancy, and bereavement support for families affected by the death of a child.

### **Absence correspondence**

When providing information regarding your child's absence, please ensure that you let us know the reason for the absence. This includes early departures and late arrivals.

It is Department policy that all absences must have a justified reason e.g., sickness (please specify the illness), unavoidable medical appointment, recognised religious holiday, exceptional or urgent family circumstances.

Parents/carers are required to notify the school of the reason within seven days of the absence.

It is important to note that the NSW Department of Education may be required to take further action where children have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

For more information please follow the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/compulsory-school-attendance-information-for-parents>

### **Drink bottles**

As the weather warms up, please ensure that your child brings a full water bottle with them to school everyday. It is important that children stay hydrated during warm weather.





## Kindergarten 2021



Enjoy some of the moments  
we captured across the three  
weeks of orientation!





# Kindergarten 2020 Graduation

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**Monday, 16 November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has certainly been a busy one and now with the end of term looming, we are organising our Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony. As you are aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold the traditional presentation day that we do together with Stage 1 with our parents and carers present. This year will look a little different, but we hope it will be just as special for our 2020 Kindergarten students.

The class teacher will formally present students in their class with their graduation certificate and a book. As families are unable to attend, this will be photographed and made into an iMovie for families to enjoy after the ceremony. We will put the iMovie onto the school app and email to families when finalised. If your child does not have media consent, photos will be forwarded individually to those families by the class teacher.

Afterwards, students will participate in a teddy bears' picnic with their peers across the stage, in the grounds of Thurgoona Public School.

The details are as follows:

## **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

**When:** Friday, 4 December

**Where:** Thurgoona Public School playground

### **What to bring:**

- packed lunch (as normal) or order from the canteen
- rug to sit on (not essential)
- your teddy bear
- drink bottle and hat

**What to wear:** Students to wear their full school uniform

We look forward to celebrating with your child and all they have achieved this year.

Kind Regards  
Kindergarten Teachers



## Stage One Merit award recipients



## Stage One ICAS Competition award recipients



## Class news from Rosewood and Jasmine

In Rosewood we have been busy creating our own fairy tale and linking in some art with the fairy tale of the week. This week we had the privilege of sharing our orientation with Year 2 Jasmine, who also shared their almost complete fairy tale.





### Book Fair 2020

Scholastic Book Fair will be held this year in Week 8 of this term.

Due to COVID-19, this year our fair will be different to other years.

Unfortunately, parents and carers **will not** be able to come to the fair. Therefore, if you are planning on giving your child/children money to purchase from the fair, please set boundaries as to

what book/s you would like them to purchase.

There will only be books for sale. Novelty items such as rubbers, posters and pencils **will not** be available this year. I will take photos of the books available at the fair with their cost prior to the Book Fair and upload this to the School Stream app. Hopefully this will help with discussions of good book choices for your child/ren and family. It may be advisable to have a couple of books as back up, just in case the first choice sells out. There will not be the opportunity for re orders as there are issues with supply. Only the books that are physically at the fair can be purchased.

Students will be able to look and purchase books during their usual library lesson time. Years 4, 5 and 6 will have time allocated during Week 8 to purchase books.

### Book Character Dress Up Day is ON Monday, 30 November

#### Book Character Dress Up Day!

Yes, we are having our annual Book Character Dress Up day! This will be held at school during our Book Fair in Week 8 on Monday, 30 November!



### Book Club

All orders for Issue 8 are due back at school by 9:00 a.m. Friday, 27 November. This is the last Book Club for 2020.

### Library Borrowing and Returning

All library books need to be returned to the library by Friday, 27 November.

Overdue book reminders will be sent out to students. If you receive a reminder and your child has brought back book/books I can check the shelves for you to see if they are here. If books have been lost or damaged they will need to be paid for or replaced with the same titled book.

Prior to leaving our school, Year 6 students are expected to return all library books.

Mrs Maryanne Peachey  
Librarian







Thurgoona  
Public School P&C



# Christmas Raffle

Thurgoona Public School's P&C is holding a Christmas raffle, and we are seeking donations to create festive hampers as prizes.

We would appreciate it if every family would kindly donate a non-perishable item, such as lollies, biscuits, chips, bottles of soft drink, box of Christmas crackers etc. to contribute to the Christmas hampers and please place them in the collection tubs located in the front office.

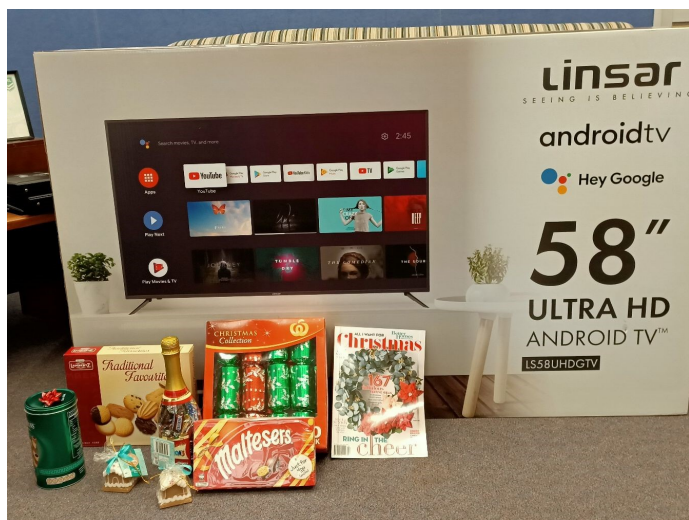
Donations received by: **Friday, 4 December 2020**

A book of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home for students to sell at \$1 per ticket.

Raffle tickets and money are to be returned to the office by: **Friday, 4 December 2020**

**The raffle will be drawn on Monday, 7 December 2020**

**All funds raised from this Christmas raffle contribute towards new resources/equipment for the students of Thurgoona Public School.**



The first prize for our raffle is a 58 inch television, kindly donated by The Good Guys Albury.

Thanks so much to The Good Guys for this fabulous prize!

## Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

The pre-loved uniform shop will continue to operate this term but will be by appointment only. Please call the school office for an appointment time.

School hats, reader and library bags can be purchased from the school canteen on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The cost is \$15.00 each.

EFTPOS is the preferred method of payment for items purchased for the canteen and the uniform shop.

# School Calendar

## TERM 4 - 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7 Nov	23	24	25	26	27
		Kinder orientation	Kinder orientation Year 3 and 4 cricket clinics	Kinder Bluearth lessons Year 3 and 4 Murray Conservatorium lessons	Scripture classes conclude All library books due back SRC 'Red Nose' fundraiser
Week 8 Dec	30	1	2	3	4
	Book Fair Book character dress up day	Book Fair Year 6 Transition at James Fallon High School 9.30am to 2.30pm	Book Fair	Book Fair Year 3 and 4 Murray Conservatorium lessons	Book Fair Kinder Teddy Bear Picnic at school
Week 9 Dec	7	8	9	10	11
	Year 1 and 2 Presentation Day at school P and C Christmas raffle drawn	Year 3 to 6 Presentation Day at school		Kinder Bluearth lessons	
Week 10 Dec	14	15	16	17	18
	Reports go home Year 6 Graduation Dinner at James Fallon High School		Term 4 ends	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day

## TERM 1 - 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Jan	25	26	27	28	29
	School holidays	School holidays	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day	Year 1 to 6 begin school Kindergarten Best Start assessments
Week 2 Feb	1	2	3	4	5
	Kindergarten Best Start assessments	Kindergarten Best Start assessments	Kindergarten begin school		