



Thurgoona News

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

Term 3, Week 9

Thursday, 17 September 2020

Principal's Message

Kindergarten orientation and transition

As a result of current restrictions due to COVID-19 schools have been advised that Kindergarten orientation and transition to school activities remain on hold until further notice. The Early Stage 1 team at Thurgoona Public School have created a virtual tour of our school, sharing information that support you and your child as you prepare for such a special occasion. This information will be distributed to families very soon. If, after receiving the information, parents and carers have additional questions, they are encouraged to contact the school office.



2021 enrolments

If you are aware of students intending to enrol in 2021 or transfer to another school please contact the school office and share this information. A clear understanding of student enrolments for the following year assists with planning and a smooth transition for all students.

School hats

Due to the increased daily temperatures and in line with school procedures, all students are required to wear their school hats when they are in the playground. If students do not have their hats, they will be required to sit in the shade. It is important that we work together for the 'sun safety' of your children, our students.



Holiday break

As this is the last newsletter prior to the Term 3 school holidays, I hope that you all have an enjoyable holiday break with family and friends. Students and staff commence Term 4 on Monday, 12 October.

Theresa Kane
Principal

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Dates to remember

- **Thursday, 20 August to Friday, 25 September**
Tell Them From Me Parent/Carer Survey access window
- **Friday, 25 September:**
Footy Colours Day
- **Friday, 25 September:**
Last day of Term 3
- **Monday, 12 October:**
First day of Term 4



Thurgoona Public School

Now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021



For information contact the school on
Ph: 6043 1244

Email: thurgoona-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Online Enrolment System

Don't forget that we are now accepting online enrolments!

Online enrolments provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online, via the school website and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

School hats


With the warmer weather predicted until the end of term, please pack your child's school broad-brimmed hat in their bag.

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, especially as the weather warms up.

Sunsmart Snippet

Create good habits




Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

- Slip on sun-protective clothing
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
- Slap on a sun smart hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

Creating good sun protection habits from childhood helps reduce exposure to UV and the risk of skin cancer and eye damage.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Fruit reminder

We are unable to receive any fruit at the moment due to COVID restrictions so please remember to pack a piece of fruit for your child each day.

Lost Property

As the end of term approaches please advise your children to check the lost property as it is always overflowing!

Please remember to label all belongings.

Year 6 Fundraiser Footy Finals Fever

Friday, 25 September (last day of term)



Wear your favourite **footy team colours** and bring a **gold coin** donation to help Year 6 celebrate their final year at Thurgoona Public School.



James Fallon High School Year 6 to 7 Transition Program

Due to the current non-predictable environment and uncertainty regarding restrictions that are imposed on our schools at present, the following changes have been made to the Year 6 to 7 Transition program at James Fallon High School. With this in mind, unfortunately the following changes will apply:

Term 3

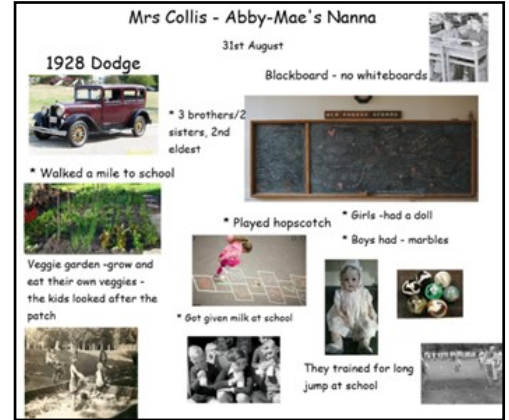
There will be no transition visits.

Term 4

- **Orientation Day (Week 1) Wednesday, 14 October cancelled**
- Primary school visits by the James Fallon High School transition team to speak with Year 6 teachers will be organised in Week 1 for **Weeks 3 and 4** (rescheduled from Term 3).
- Extra transition visits for selected students will be on Thursday, 12 November.
- **Parent Information night (Tuesday, 10 November): Cancelled.** This information will be delivered in another format
- Orientation Day Tuesday, 1 December to continue (at this point)

Gimlet Gum News

In Gimlet Gum this term we have been studying personal and family histories. As part of this unit, we have been interviewing our parents and grandparents to find out a little bit about the similarities and differences between our lives and the lives of our grandparents/parents. We spent some time researching some of the things that were brought up in the interviews and then compared to our own experiences. Below are some photos of our research from our investigations.



Old fashioned games

We also learnt some old fashioned school games like: hopscotch, marbles and elastics.



Family research

We also carried out some research on our family origins using Google Earth and discovered some similarities with the origins of our ancestors. We had a few of our ancestors originating from Scotland and England, which we found interesting.

We are still enjoying our unit and now looking at items from the past.

Dad - Kyabram
Livy - Thurgoona
Livy's family



Early Stage One merit award winners



Stage One merit award winners



House Captain

Congratulations to Chloe Nielsen who will be our Tamaroo Vice-Captain for the remainder of the year. She takes over from Izaak Golet who recently changed schools. Chloe takes the position as a result of the voting that occurred in Term 1 of 2020.

Mr Shoard



Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**

1

Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

2

Help your child find appropriate reading and word games online.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words.

3

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

4

Movie version coming out?

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

5

Set aside a time and place for your child to read -

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

6

Visit your public library regularly.

Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

7

Encourage your child to write -

letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

8

Ask your child questions about what her or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important people in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think that person made that choice?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

9

Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.

Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same



Tell Them From Me

Parent Survey

2020 Tell Them From Me Parent/Carer Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent/carers 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/carers 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 on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted in Term 3. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

The survey window opened Thursday, 20 August and will close at 5:00 p.m. Friday, 25 September.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/4m9cm>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

Jessica Brooker

Deputy Principal

2020 Representative sport program

The NSW Primary Schools and Combined High Schools Sports Association executive, in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education, made the difficult decision to suspend the representative school sport program for 2020; this includes Riverina activities. A number of factors were taken into account when deciding to suspend the program: the ongoing uncertainty of the consequences to daily life of the COVID-19 pandemic; the associated health risks for participants, including students, teachers, officials, family members and friends who may have wished to attend the events; the timeframes to select teams and the logistics of conducting the championships in an uncertain environment.



It is our intention to commence the representative school sport pathway at the beginning of the 2021 school year, when all schools, students and families can participate in a safe environment.

The Riverina SSA advises that the following State Championships will not proceed:

- NSWPSSA Boys' Cricket
- NSWPSSA Girls' Cricket
- NSWPSSA Athletics

Scooter and bike locks

Does your child ride a bike or scooter to school?

If so, all bikes and scooters must be secured with a lock in the bike rack. This is for the safety and security of the bike/scooter and other children.



Bell times

This is a reminder to all about our daily bell times.

School starts: 8:55 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Recess: 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

School ends: 3:00 p.m.

How do I get home today?

To minimise disruptions during learning time, please ensure that your children know how they are getting home each day. We understand that on occasion, your plans may change and you will need us to get a message to your child advising such.

In this instance, please ring the office **before 2:30 p.m.** The office can get very busy in the afternoons, so we cannot guarantee that we will be able to get a message to your child if we receive a call from you after 2:30 p.m.

Junior and Master Blasters—We Want You !!

Junior Blasters

- Recommended for kids aged 5-7
- 60 minutes of fun each session
- Participate in skill development activities and modified games
- Make new friends and learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- All kids get their own Blasters Pack and wear the colours of their favourite Big Bash heroes
- All equipment supplied

Master Blasters

- Recommended for kids aged 7-10
- 90 minutes of action each session
- At least six weeks of fast-paced cricket games
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- All equipment supplied



New City Cricket Club

Where: Urana Rd Oval, Lavington

When: Wednesdays starting at 5pm

Contact : Nigel 0439 417 941

Cost: \$99 or free if you use an Active Kids Voucher

Register online at www.playcricket.com.au then search New City Cricket Club
All boys and girls aged 5-10 years of age welcome



Albury Tennis Association

Albury Tennis Association is anticipating a start date of Saturday, 17 October for the Saturday afternoon Summer Pennant competition with all standards catered for.

Junior coaching is also commencing that morning from 9:30 a.m. for players aged 7 to 14 years. All enquiries please phone 0418 437 313 or email: alburytennis1@bigpond.com



School Holiday Program

Tennis camps running as usual implementing the Tennis Australia guidelines for COVID-19.
See website for more information

4- 9 year olds- Development of stroke production & hand-eye coordination
The program is designed for children with an emphasis on fun, enjoyment and maximum participation. Children are encouraged, educated and entertained with a range of fun activities.

10-14 year olds- Serving, stroke technical development & match play
Step it up a notch and refine your game. We will cover basic fundamentals of stroke production, court etiquette, tactics and a thorough understanding of the rules.

Program Details

- 9am- 12noon
- BYO snacks due to COVID-19
- Maximum of 8 people per group!
- Bookings Essential: Cost \$130 for 4 day or \$35 per day

Albury Tennis Club: Mitchell Street, Albury

*** Tuesday 6th October to Friday 9th October 2020**

Contact Kate to secure a place
0418 572 626
kate@getagripontennis.com
w: getagripontennis.com

Private bookings
available



Calling all Girls & Boys to come and play cricket

Albury Cricket Club located at Billson Park in Central Albury invites you to join our great family club for the upcoming season!

- Catering to ages 8 - 16 years, Girls and Boys.

- Top level coaching.

- Now home to MASH Cricket Academy with Level 2 Coach Mahesh Kodamullage.

**Contact: Nathan Odgers 0467 928 138
albury@club.cricketvictoria.com.au
to find out more...**



Holiday activity for Primary Students

Looking to keep your kids active during the next holidays? On the Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each of the two weeks (28 September to 9 October), Albury Wodonga Table Tennis Association (AWTTA) will be conducting Spinneroos sessions from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Spinneroos is a fun way to learn basic skills for table tennis and these are useful for other sports as well. It is set up for kids up to 10 years and AWTTA's five session leaders will also offer more advanced play and learning if older kids wish to attend.

Find out more at <https://www.spinneroos.com.au/home/> and you can book by clicking on the CURRENT PROGRAMS icon.

The cost includes a T-shirt and some equipment. AWTTA is a provider for the Active Kids Voucher, so one or two \$100 vouchers can be applied to this program, club registration and further sessions.

We are looking forward to helping your kids enjoy their holidays with this fun activity, when so many other exercise opportunities are not available.

