



THORNDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Diary Dates		
22 Sep	Fri	2018 Class Placement due Sausage Sizzle lunch— no bakery orders
22 Sep	Fri	Premier's Be Active forms due
27 Sept	Wed	Wine orders pick up from office
29 Sep	Fri	End of Term 3 Early Dismissal 2.10
18-22 Sep	Mon-Fri	Parents in Education Week
16 Oct	Mon	Term 4 Commences
Governing Council and Sub Committee Meetings		
17 Oct	Tues	6 pm Parents and Friends
31 Oct	Tues	7 pm Governing Council

Canteen Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 Jason Hedda Alison	19 Tania C Stella	20 Adriana Nicole	21 Daniella Anna Stella	22 Stacey Andrea Jenny
23 Jason Anna Stella	26 Anna Daniela Tania C	27 Andi F Anna	28 Stella Daniella Eleanor M	29 Narelle Anna Nicole

From the Principal Ms Dora

As Term 3 draws to a close we congratulate the efforts of our powerful learners as evidenced in the diverse activities during Book Week, Science Week, Dragon Returns Melodrama and ceramic art lessons. Our Rec-7 students are working towards achieving their Literacy and Numeracy goals and have made pleasing progress across all learning areas. Our staff personalise and target teaching for increased student engagement and success. We thank parents for their support with reading, diaries and homework. On behalf of our staff, we wish all of our families an enjoyable and safe holiday break. See you all in term 4.

STEM Works has commenced in the Thiele Building. Please note the restricted and safety areas. We have included a floor plan of the proposed renovations and are investigating STEM initiatives to inform our site's projects.

Our Nature Mural featuring our students' ideas and their ceramic artwork will soon be displayed on the outer Thiele Building wall. We thank our Artist in Residence Connie for her creative artistic program to commemorate our Mud Brick Hut and to showcase our students' artistic nature scene.

Asbestos Removal Alert!

The removal of asbestos in the Thiele Building will take place on Saturday 23 September. DECD WHS regulations state that only workers are to be on the school grounds. Please remind members of the school community to stay safe and not to be on site on this day.

Thank you to the members of Governing Council and sub-committees for their time, commitment and hard work to help drive our school vision, values, fundraising and the diverse programs for our students and their families. We would love more members of our school community to join our committees! Please contact Dora or the Front Office staff.



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Child Development

Nut free school

A number of students in our school have a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. It is important that there

is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking for your help to provide the students with a safe school environment.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child that will be eaten in the classroom. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure their hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.



2018 Class placement

A friendly reminder to fill out the class placement form and return it to the Front Office by 22nd September. The information provided by parents, staff, students and data sets will help us to organise classes for next year. Staffing will be finalised next term along with classes, locations and transition sessions. Please advise as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to our site next year.

Online testing

Our Reception to Year 7 students have engaged in PAT testing in English and Mathematics over these past weeks and are to be commended for their efforts. PAT and NAPLAN results and questions will be analysed to inform teaching practices as well as our site improvement plan priorities. Student achievement data is recorded on an electronic data management system (Scorelink) and is used by teachers to monitor each student's progress and to share with parents and their children in interviews. Personalised Literacy and Numeracy goals are reviewed regularly along with student success.

A note from OSHC...

OSHC closure dates over the Christmas period will be from Monday 25th December 2017 - Friday 5th January 2018 (inclusive).

There will be one week of vacation care before Christmas (18th - 22nd December 2017) and 3 weeks of vacation care after (Monday 8th - Thursday 25th January 2018).

Working Bee

A huge thank you to all of the families and staff who helped out at our recent Working Bee. We completed a long list of jobs including spreading mulch in a number of areas, irrigation, planting some new fruit trees and other plants, creating a new Circle Time area and a general clean up. Our grounds are something that we are very proud of at Thorndon Park and to have a community that actively assists in maintaining them and supports us with these projects, allows us to keep making improvements for our students to enjoy. We are going to schedule another Working Bee during term 4 and look forward to lots of involvement again.



Volunteers make a difference

When you volunteer at our school, you're doing good, feeling good and making a difference. We appreciate what you do for our school.

To volunteer at our site, please ensure your DCSI clearance is up to date, you have completed the RAN training and signed the TPPS volunteer agreement to ensure our children's safety and well-being. We look forward to building positive partnerships. Please contact your child's class teacher or the front office to register your interest to help.

We thank the Canteen committee members and Tim Wells our Pastoral Care Worker for organising a sausage sizzle lunch!



Our Secret Library

Did you know that our library is in our play pod until we move back into the Thiele Building?

Can you find it on our STEM Works floor plan?

All school staff are able to access the pod and each classroom has a selection of library books for student use.

It is encouraging that so many members of our school community are also visiting and borrowing resources from the Campbelltown Library.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge participation results have increased at our school each year since 2014.

A fantastic effort by students, staff and parents! A special thank you to Denise Fitzpatrick for co-ordinating this challenge to promote reading and comprehension across our site.

Participation rates:

2014	62%
2015	69%
2016	88%
2017	90%



Premiers' Be Active Challenge

Students completing the challenge at home are reminded to return their forms by Friday

Competition

The Student Journalists are seeking design ideas for the cover of our 2017 Year Book. More information to come.

Torrens River Athletics Carnival



29 Primary students competed successfully in Athletics against students from other schools from the Torrens River zone on Tues 5 September at Santos Stadium.

Our students participated in the events of discus, shot put, long jump, high jump, 100m sprint, 200m sprint and 800m run. Our students practised and qualified for their events in PE lessons and lunchtime try outs. Our competitors were:

Yr 4—Mayank, Xavier, Jennia, Grace, Joshua

Yr 5— Jack, Tarik, Grace, Cartia, Christian, Jay, Alessia

Yr 6 —Daina, Kara, Ty, Tara, Ravtej, Johnny

Yr 7—Ashleigh, Francesco, Delaynie, Oscar,

Isabella, Gift, Jordan, Jenae, Dhirren, Baily, and Shyan.

All of our students displayed excellence, resilience and dedication at the carnival and leading up to it.

Julian Leak, Physical Education teacher.

Student Talent Show

Congratulations to the R-2 and 3-7 winners of our talent show-

1st—Viktoriya and Jasmine D

2nd— Stefan— Marc and Daina C

3rd—Cooper D and Amira P

These performers were poised, confident and entertaining vocalists at our Assembly.

Please be advised that we will be hosting another disco in Term 4, week 7 Friday 1st December. Theme: casual, glow in the dark

Parents and Friends—Kids' Art Works Fundraiser

During Term 4, parents and caregivers have the opportunity to order calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads featuring their child's artwork on the front cover. These items will make great Christmas presents for grandparents, family members and friends. More information next term.

Year 5/6 Trevor Swain —

Mr. Swain's year 5/6 class have been studying many forms of poetry over the past term.

Friendship...

I feel so grey today,
As grey as the clouds up
high,
It's raining hard today,
Like the tears I feel inside,
My true love has left,
And I'm truly lost with pain,
I miss her so much,
My soul mate is gone,
I feel dead inside,
Why did she do it,
I want her back so bad,
Please mum give my HD
cords back.

by Cameron

Busy Day

Went to the shops
Bought some chops
Then I went to buy some crocs
Oh, and also some tops

Went to the mechanic
They told me not to panic
My car can't blow up, can it?
If it did, my budget couldn't handle it

Home now, dog just died
My car got fried
My crocs are gone, so are my tops
Looked in my drawer, I had no jocks

by Bowan

Friendship Poem

I only come to school to be with my school
friends, and I'm very sad when the school day
ends. My friends and I play dodgeball all day
like there's no other game to play. So grab
your bottle and bottle flip because nothing is
better than having friendship.

by Alessia

The man from Toronto

By Craig

Just won the Lotto
He wants to buy a house
Preferably in the south
He needs a car
One that can go far
He needs some clothes
And tissues for his nose
So he won one mil
It was a thrill
He told his friends
Unfortunately, they were just hens
He's a farmer
Now he's won, he is calmer
No more hens to stress about
Or needing to clean the horse's
snout
He will sell his cattle
probably somewhere is Seattle
all the hens will go to his "friends"
or he will make them a den.
All the horses will leave, which
gives the famer relief
The farmer is happy now, he's shut
his mouth
because he's moved down south

How we came to be

Once there was a big big bang,
Although it's just a theory.
It made the universe as we know it,
That's how we came to be.

Once the world was all rock and
lava,
It's part of prehistory.
Then water came and made it sane,
That's how we came to be.

Once there were some organisms,
Living in the sea.
Although simple they kept alive,
That's how we came to be.

Once there were some monkey-
apes,
Living in the trees.
They were weird but they evolved,
That's how we came to be.

by Max

Dear Life

You are the sun you are the sky
You are the one who made us cry
You caused the war and so much more
Please keep us safe that's what you're for
Stop hurting us stop hurting them
You know that this just has to end
It's very hard to stand up tall
When people think your gonna fall
I'm proud of all my family proud of all my
friends
And that hope will never descend
Stay true to who we are
And we will shine like a bright star
keep the light shining trough
let us do what we want too
keep us safe
we do have faith
no matter how good or bad the weather
we stick together for ever and ever
we won't listen to those lies
we will try to stay up high
sometimes the time will come
when you lose someone and it's not fun

by Sienna

Tearful Memories

My tears fall down across my face just like
the windows with rain. I trip I cry with water
down can't you feel the pain? I hear a tick
of water drop whenever I'm alone. I'm feel-
ing pale I want to wail my heart is made of
stone. Running past my thoughts and
dreams it's not what it all seems. Falling
down all around that's what people want to
see. Now I'm down Flat on the ground
bending on my knees. Oh why, oh why
can't I think past these foolish memories?

by Ruby Zang

Untitled

My family, my people, my friends
All came to an end
They ran out the door
And walked to the shore They
stopped I followed
with everything turning black
my life, my soul had a big crack
I tried to stop it with my head
I saw a light a bright light
Everyone came back to me
Sorry to you, sorry to them I didn't
mean to offend

by Jack

I don't wanna write poetry,
I just wanna be real free,
I just wanna climb a tree,
I just wanna eat some brie,
I love chips that are crispee,
I'm gonna turn eighteen,
Don't do this to meeeeeeeeeeeee.

By Ravtej

Slow day
I wake all happy, I hope I'm not crappy
I hope this poem is in your sight. I hope
it makes your day bright
I make a coffee and o have a lollie

by Callum

Shadow to your heart
I am a shadow to your heart.
And you are good at art.
I feel like I am there,
Even though you don't care

By Daina