



THORNDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Learning today for the future"

- ◆ *Respect*
- ◆ *Creativity*
- ◆ *Excellence*
- ◆ *Resilience*

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From the Leadership Team - Dora, Anita and Lindy

We welcome our new students, families and staff to our collaborative learning community and we hope that you all experienced an enjoyable holiday break.

This term our focus is for our powerful learners to strive for *Excellence* and to achieve their personal best and SMART goals. We thank our parents/carers for their support with student learning at home, especially with reading, comprehension and mathematics.

Together, we are supporting our students to develop their communication and social skills in order to problem-solve and to build positive and mutually respectful relationships. We encourage responsible reporting through various strategies and to follow our school's grievance procedure to address concerns.

Taking time to listen, ask questions, investigate and understand issues helps individuals to clarify situations and to distinguish between a disagreement, difference of opinion, harassment or 'bullying.'

Filling each other's buckets with respect, smiles, kindness, compromise and patience will support our students to be the best they can possibly be and to promote their resilience and well-being.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and to celebrate Book Week—*Find Your Treasure* with great stories and literature. Now to find a suitable costume for the parade! More news to come.



Diary Dates		
Fri	3/8	Pupil Free Day
Fri	10/8	9.00am Assembly Host—Yr 3/ 4 class Presenting Yr 1/2, Yr 2 Kate, Yr 5/6, Yr 6/7
Mon	20/8	Parent Tour
Wk 5	20/8	Book Week (Fri 24/8 Parade)
Sat	25/8	Quiz Night

Governing Council Sub-committee meetings		
Mon	30/7	8.00am Canteen
Mon	6/8	3.30pm Parents and Friends
Wed	8/8	3.30pm Asset and Landscape
Thurs	9/8	8.00am Sports 3.30pm Finance
Tues	14/8	7.00pm Governing Council

Friday 3 August—Pupil Free Day

Canteen Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday
30/7 Jason R Tania C	31/7 Anna Yr 7	1/8 Severina Stella	2/8 Penny Eleanor M	3/8 Pupil Free Day
6/8 Jason R Alison Hedda	7/8 Anna Yr 7	8/8 Stella Jason H	9/8 Kerri M Nikala	10/8 Stacey Andrea Maria C
13/8 Jason R Tania C	14/8 Beck R Yr 7	15/8 Stella Yr 7	16/8 Eleanor M Yr 7	17/8 Narelle Adriana



STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to introduce Robina Coventry as our new full time permanent Finance Officer.



Hi, my name is Robina Coventry and I'm looking forward to working with the TPPS team, and getting to know all the students and families in the school community in the role of Finance Officer.

In the past 25 years I have enjoyed working in the Library, supporting students in intervention programs, administration, facilities and finance. I have three children, two grandchildren and I love spending time with my family. I adore German Shepherd dogs. I like learning new things and enjoy walking outdoors, reading and cake decorating.

We wish Vera and Rosalie all the best at their new sites and warmly acknowledge their contributions.

From Tim Wells – Pastoral Care Worker

Welcome back to school for Term 3. As we move from the Winter gloom towards sunny Spring there is promise of new growth and good times ahead. Our children come to school to learn – to be educated in preparation for secondary school and beyond. My role at Thorndon Park is to support our students, staff and families to overcome barriers and hurdles with a fresh and positive outlook in order to enjoy their happy and healthy journey in school life.

I will continue to work with students to develop their social skills through *What's the Buzz Program*; Father's Day will be celebrated with a breakfast and we are in the process of organising our Quiz Night. It will be a fantastic opportunity for family and friends to come together in the spirit of community to test our general knowledge skills and fundraise for more Library resources.

I look forward to facilitating structured activities during play time – especially to support students who struggle with friendship and appropriate play. I am also nurturing students' personal and emotional capabilities by focussing on preventative strategies and anti-bullying programs.

Please catch up with me on Tuesdays and Fridays for a chat.

Our Nature Play and outdoor classroom

We will have access to our new Nature Play next week and our students have suggested some safety tips to show respect when playing in this creative space:



- Keep off the lawns, garden beds and take care of the plants until they become more established
- No ball games
- Sand area is not for sandpit play
- Take turns to play on the equipment
- Share the space with adults and children
- Have fun and enjoy!

We are really looking forward to using our space for learning and as a play area during recess and lunchtimes. The sheltered areas will make fabulous outdoor learning spaces and our students are very excited about exploring the different areas as they develop.



International Dance Project

Congratulations to our students who participated in the International Dance Project—Panpapanpalya Dance Congress, co-hosted by UniSA. We recognise and applaud the hard work and passionate efforts of Cassandra Giannone. Australia hosted the event from 8-13 July 2018 where dancers, dance educators and artists of all ages met to share ideas for dance learning and teaching. We sincerely thank our teachers Cassandra, Anella, Daniella and Kelsea who worked with our students.

In the first week of school holidays, six students from Thorndon Park Primary School, along with 800 students and teachers from 29 different countries around the world, participated in the Panpapanpalya Dance Congress here in Adelaide. This congress happens in a different country once every three years and our students represented our school and Australia. They spent the week learning different traditional dances in dance flavours, discussing the importance of dance during youth gathering sessions, visiting CirKidz and the MOD museum, as well as making friendships with students from all over the world. In the lead up to the congress, our students collaborated with an orphanage in Uganda (Peace Africa Children's Ensemble) through photos and videos. They developed a clapping and rhythm performance that represented both cultures. Unfortunately, the students from Uganda could not attend the congress, but we were able to showcase their involvement through video footage. We are looking forward to continuing our dance project with Uganda and maintaining our friendships. Our students had a memorable week and represented our school with pride.



Library News

If you haven't visited our library, you are welcome to call in before school from 8:30am or after school.

Scholastic Book Orders for Issue 6 are due by Wednesday 8 August 2018. To order please visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app. No cash orders will be accepted.

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Thiele Building, from Monday 27th August until Friday 31st August.

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Sept 7th, so please encourage your children to keep reading. So far almost 25% of our students have completed this year's challenge. We are hoping to improve on last year's participation rate of 90%.



Thorndon Park PS SAPSASA Calendar 2018

Athletics – Tuesday 4 Sept Week 7

Thanks to our parent and staff volunteers for:
Soccer team—Wednesday afternoon practice
Football skills sessions—Thursday after school

QUIZ NIGHT 25 AUGUST 2018 - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a fun night with family and friends at our Quiz Night to be held in the Gym on Saturday 25

August 2018 at

7 pm .



Tim Wells will be hosting our fund raising event as the Quiz Master who will test your trivia knowledge in a fun way.

Donations for our Silent Auction are warmly appreciated. Funds raised will purchase more resources for the Library, STEM and teaching and learning programs.

More information on ticket sales will be sent home next week.



Mr C's Year 1/2 class, along with Mrs McLoughlin's and Mrs Caon's Year 1 class, held a Grand Prix at the end of Term 2 to celebrate and wrap up all the exciting STEM learning that took place during the term around our topic 'Transport'. Many classes came to the gym to watch the students put their spectacular cars to the test. It was an exciting and adrenaline fuelled afternoon with lots of racing and cheering that was enjoyed by everyone!

A note from OHSC...

This winter OHSC is supporting all the people in need of warm clothes or food by running the annual Vinnies Winter Appeal. There is a donation bin located in the gym and any kind of donation big or small would make the world of difference to someone in need. We look forward to seeing you drop in!

We are now taking bookings for the Pupil Free Day on Friday the 3rd of August. Please contact OHSC staff on 0421 618 856..