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THORNDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Learning today for the future"

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Diary Dates		
Tues	5/2	Parent teacher Acquaintance Night Session 1 R-7 classes 6.00-6.30pm Repeat of Session1 in classes 6.35-7.05pm AGM 7.15—8.00pm in Gallery Thiele Building Specialist teachers by appointment
Fri	8/2	9.00am Assembly Yr 6/7 Host intro Receptions

From the Leadership Team - Dora, Anita and Lindy

We warmly welcome our new and existing students, parents, families and staff to Thorndon Park Primary School for 2019. To help us to get to know all of our students and how they learn, we encourage parents and carers to communicate regularly with teachers so that we can personalise and target teaching.

What goals and expectations do you have for your child/ren this year? How can we work together so that each child achieves their personal SMART learning goals in Literacy and Numeracy?

Our student achievement data and survey information from 2018 has informed our 2019 Site Improvement Plan priorities and interventions. The areas of focus for us are:

Literacy—Oral Language, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension
Numeracy—Number and problem-solving.

Students' progress will be discussed at 3-way interviews in week 10 this term. A term 1 planner is included in this newsletter to help you remember important dates.

Well Being and Learning for Life

To help create safe, supportive learning environments and a sense of belonging, we not only teach the Australian Curriculum and General Capabilities but also the Child Protection Curriculum, Restorative Circle time with daily opportunities for students to develop their powerful learner dispositions. Anita our Deputy Principal and Tim our Pastoral Care Worker will be working collaboratively with teachers and students this term to focus on our school value of Respect as well as promoting strategies to better understand their emotions and social interactions both in and out of the classroom. *What's the Buzz*, *Program Achieve*, *Play is the Way* and *Strength cards* are useful resources to support proactive behaviour education programs. We aim for individuals to build effective relationships and friendship groups through **Buddy Classes**.

Rec Ms Kelsea/Ms Sandra and Yr 3 Ms Pas

Rec Ms Cassandra and Yr 3/4 Ms Ali

Yr 1 Mr C and Yr 4/5 Mrs Ly

Yr 1/2 Mrs Anstey and Yr 4 Ms Genna

Yr 2 Ms Williams and Yr 5/6 Mr Spence

Yr 2/3 Mrs Caon and Mrs McLoughlin and Yr 6/7 Ms Anella

Governing Council Sub-committee meetings		
Tues	20/2	7.00pm Governing Council Meeting
Term Dates for 2019 Term 1 29 January—12 April Term 2 29 April— 5 July Term 3 22 July—27 September Term 4 14 October—13 December		

Canteen Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Public Holiday	29/01 Anna Sam	30/1 Stella Yr 7s	31/1 Daniela R Beck R	1/2 Maria C Narelle
4/2 Closed	5/2 Anna Sam	06/2 Jason H Yr 7 students	07/2 Beck R Daniela R	08/2 Narelle Yr 7 students
11/2 Closed	12/2 Daniela R Yr 7	13/2 Stella Yr 7	14/2 Beck R Nikala H	15/2 Maria C Narelle

Crossing Monitors 2019		
Wk 1	Tues 29/1 - Fri 1/2	Cristian F, Koby W, Bianca G
Wk 2	Mon 4/2 - Fri 8/2	Ebony L, Bianca R, Dante B
Wk 3	Mon 11/2 - Fri 15/2	Lauren D, Oscar S, Gemma S



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Welcome to our new staff members



Hi, my name is Adam Antrobus or Mr. A for short. I have been teaching for 5 years, specialising in Health and Physical Education.

I have a background in Early Years learning and have a degree in Early Childhood

Education. I have played various sports for over 30 years and coached a number of junior and senior teams for Australian Rules football and cricket. My interests include traveling, reading, music and of course sports.

I look forward to being a member of the Thorndon Park Primary School community and I would love the opportunity to meet families throughout the year.

My name is Jason Spence. I am glad to be teaching at Thorndon Park Primary School. I have been a teacher for 8 years now, working mainly in the local area and teaching predominantly from years 4 to 7. I love teaching as it allows me to share some of the amazing things around the world, listen to the great ideas of students and help students work in teams, build their confidence and be successful. Some things about me that make me unique is that I have giant dogs-a few Great Danes. I am also known for wearing interesting and colourful clothing, including my socks and I have travelled to some places many people haven't like Azerbaijan, Iran, Kuwait and Cambodia, plus several more. I have received a lovely warm welcome from the Thorndon Park community already, and I look forward to getting to know you all.



Ciao, mi chiamo Ida Capozzi. I have a BA Degree (majoring in English and Italian); Masters in Teaching and I completed a language and culture course at the University for Foreigners in Siena, Italy. I have worked in a range of roles and at various places which have brought a wealth of experience to the classroom, for example teaching French, Music and Drama, Resource Based Learning, as well as classroom teacher for years 2, 3 and 4. I recently taught at the International School of Siena, in Italy and I look forward to teaching your child about the Italian language and culture together with Ms Daniela. In my spare time, I love to cook, keep active, travel, go to the theatre and be with family and friends.



School Student Banking Program

Student Banking day is *Wednesday*. Please bring your Commonwealth Bank book to the school office for processing before 10am on Wednesdays. Our School Banking program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money and to join in a Rewards Program with interesting activities throughout the year. Please register your child online: commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Thorndon Park Primary School Staff

2019 Leadership team - Principal -Dora Iuliano, Deputy - Anita Becker - Wellbeing, Intervention Senior Leader - Lindy Kelvin - STEM

Classroom teachers

Early Years team

Reception - Cassandra Giannone
Reception - Kelsea Simpson and Sandra Scalzi
Yr 1 - Carlo Costanzo
Yr 1 /2 - Kate Anstey
Yr 2 - Ev Williams
Yr 2/3 Joanna Caon and Sarah McLoughlin

Primary Years team

Yr 3 - Pas Hirst
Yr 3/4 - Ali Parletta
Yr 4/5 - Samantha Ly
Yr 5/6 - Jason Spence
Yr 6/7 - Anella DiBiase

Specialist Teachers'—team

Performing Arts - Daniela Fontanarosa
Languages (Italian) - Daniela Fontanarosa and Ida Capozzi
PE and Health- Adam Antrobus
Technologies - Lindy Kelvin

Reading and EALD Intervention Support

Jacqui Edwards, Sandra Scalzi, Anita Becker

School Service Officers

Robina Coventry - Finance Officer
Julie Powell - Admin
Denise Fitzpatrick - Library
Sogna Delfino
Freddie Ashby-Weiss
Lidia Merullo
Michelle Page
Bianca Milanese

Groundsperson/Maintenance

Graeme Winders

IT technicians

Nick Webb
Anthony Puopolo

Pastoral Care Worker

Tim Wells

OSHC News

At the end of last year, we sought feedback from parents and are now opening OSHC each morning from 7:15am. Each afternoon, students who are in OSHC will now go straight to the gym to sign in and have a snack. Outside play will be offered after 3:30pm once the yard has been cleared.

Acquaintance Night Tuesday 5th February 2019

Parents and carers are invited to attend this year's Acquaintance Night. Teachers will offer 2 repeated presentations for parents of students in R-7 classes at the following times for increased flexibility as some parents may need to visit more than one classroom.

6.00 – 6.30pm Session 1

6.35–7.05 pm Session 2

7.15–8.00pm Annual General Meeting in Thiele Building—Gallery Area

Please book in an appointment time to meet with Specialist teachers, if required.

Following class presentation and outline of expectations, the Term 1 Overview and Parent Questionnaires will be distributed. To facilitate concentration on teacher information, students and younger siblings are not required to attend. Food and drink will not be available on the night.

You are encouraged to:

- Ask questions to support your understanding of current teaching and learning practices
- Negotiate effective communication with your child's teacher/s and network with parents
- Discover how best to support your child's learning throughout the year at home and at school
- Build a positive relationship with staff and consider volunteering at school in order to support learning.

Governing Council is a great way to get to know other

**Governing Council
Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm in
Thiele Building Gallery area**

parents and staff, and to have a say in the future direction of your children's schooling. We will:

- *Share with our community our 2018 Annual Report, learning achievements and school progress of site learning priorities over the year.*
- *Acknowledge the collaborative work of the Governing Council and school personnel.*
- *Elect a new Governing Council.*

We have some vacancies at this stage so please nominate to join GC or one of the committees or working parties.

Governing Council Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in Weeks 4 and 8 of each term from 7.00pm.

Please contact Natalie Johnson our GC Chairperson and/or Dora to discuss any queries.

We are keen to recruit parents for the following committees and these are the times for meetings:

- Finance and Canteen—Tuesdays 5.00pm Weeks 2 and 6
- OSHC—Tuesdays 6.15pm Weeks 2 and 6

Working Parties convene as the need arises:

- Landscaping—Anita
- After/School Sports—Adam
- Community Engagement (Parents and Friends)

Parent Volunteers—DCSI and RAN training

Your help and support is valued in classroom programs, excursions, canteen, Library, coaching sports, working with students and staff in kitchen and garden activities and a range of school initiatives. Our children really appreciate your input and enjoy having you participate in school activities.

Please see front office staff to obtain or renew **DCSI clearance** and details of online **RAN training**.

Notices and communication

We provide opportunities for effective communication between school and home in various ways—communication folders, diaries, Facebook, Seesaw app and newsletters. Please ensure the information is read and replies completed and returned to the school office by the required date. School newsletters and notices will be emailed to parents unless you request a hard copy.

Visit our school's Facebook page for more information or contact leadership and staff with any queries or feedback. We appreciate your support to ensure our school community's safety online and adhering to the Department for Education's social media guidelines to ensure responsible cyber-safety strategies. Please check the [Keeping your kids safe online](#) for further information.

Looking for Parent
Volunteers!

Help! We urgently need parent volunteers who have completed their RAN training and DCSI clearance to help in our Canteen at lunch time from 12.30—1.30pm. We thank Anna on behalf of our school community who has organised the canteen roster, mentored the year 7 students and chaired the Committee.

From Campbelltown Council

Council officers have observed a number of vehicles this week which have illegally parked in bike lanes etc and the fines related to these offences are quite large. As off next week Inspectors will patrol the areas and tickets will be issued as the restrictions are there to ensure the safety of students. This applies to No Stopping and No Parking zones also.

No Stopping

Drivers must NOT STOP during indicated times for any reason in an area marked No Stopping, No Standing, as a Bike Lane or a Bus Zone or anywhere marked with a solid yellow line.



Attendance tips

School lessons start at 8.50am daily and the roll is recorded by teachers at this time. Students who arrive later than 8.50am are required to collect a late card from the Front Office.

Visitors and parent volunteers are required to sign in electronically at the Front Office and to wear their name tags for safety and accountability at our site.

Materials and Services Fees

All students will bring home an invoice for the 2019 Materials and Services Fee this week. Refer to the School information sheet to determine whether you are eligible for school card assistance. Fill out an online application form or seek support from the Front Office staff if you think you qualify. Payments by instalment are also available.

Fees can be paid via QKR, direct debit, credit card or by logging on to our website and choosing pay school account. Please see Robina or Julie with any queries .

School Card Application

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools.

Check your eligibility at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

QKR by Mastercard - add the app! School Payments Application

The Qkr is a free app that enables mobile payment for school-based accounts like OSHC, school and excursion payments. After registering your email address, you will need to select our school and follow the prompts. use of the Qkr app please contact the office staff.

Health and Medication Management

Following recent Department for Education policy changes, over the next few weeks we will be reviewing our Health Care Plans, Medication Management forms and procedures. Further information and forms will be sent home in due course.

Electronic Front Gate

To assist us in providing a safer environment for our students, we have installed an electronic front gate on our driveway. These gates will be closed at all times with access for anyone with a disabled permit allowed by contacting the Front Office.

Parents picking up and dropping off children are asked to use the parking at the front of the school

School Uniform and Hot/Wet Weather Policies



School hats are to be worn in terms 1 and 4. The policy applies between 8:30am until the end of each day 3.30pm where any outdoor activity occurs. The school gold legionnaire-style hats are the only hats to be worn. Students not wearing these hats will sit outside in the shade during recess or lunch break. Hats must also be worn for outdoor sporting events excursions and practices and can be purchased from the front office.

Our school colours are gold and green. Plain tops in these colours can be worn as well as the striped polo available from JS Express. Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts must only be green or black in colour. Green and white checked dresses are also acceptable. Further information is available in our Uniform Policy.

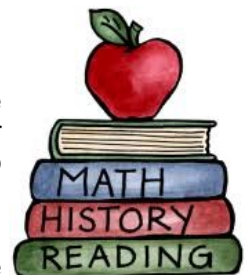
When it is 36 degrees or over, indoor play will be supervised by teachers.

Parents' guide to helping children with reading and writing at home

Reading and writing regularly sets the foundation for their reading success.

At Thorndon Park Primary School we encourage the love of reading through students' active participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge, Literacy Pro, borrowing fiction readers, non-fiction texts and reading levelled appropriate readers with guided reading experiences.

Students are encouraged to read daily, both out loud or silently and to respond to questions about the story or text to demonstrate their understanding. Hook your child into reading through their passions and interests.



As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and to build a child's: confidence to read to an audience; share stories with friends and family; increase their vocabulary, comprehension and descriptive writing; and to decode story problems in numeracy and literacy.

HOURS FOR JS XPRESS UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8am—12pm

Wednesday 1pm—6pm

Thursday 1pm—6pm

Saturday 9am—12pm

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