



THARBOGANG TIMES

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Relieving Principal – Cheryle Glyde
Week 6 Term 1 2018

Monday 5th March 2018

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6th March
P&C meeting and
AGM 7pm

Friday 9th March
Whole School
Assembly

Monday 12th March
Young Leaders
Conference in Sydney
Year 6 captains

Wednesday 14th March
Riverina PSSA
swimming carnival

Tuesday 20th March
School Counsellor
Visit

Wednesday 21st March
Harmony Day

Friday 23rd March
Jump Rope for Heart

Tuesday 27th March
School Counsellor

Friday 30th March
Good Friday

Monday 2nd April
Easter Monday

Friday 5th April
Whole School
Assembly

Principal's Message

Our pick up and drop off area has been very busy recently. We have no access through the front gate which has been fenced off in preparation for the removal of our beautiful but diseased Bottle Tree. Thank you to all parents and bus companies who have accommodated these changes and continue to prioritise student safety. Students have adjusted well to our new rules. With greatly increased traffic in the area, please do not ask children to come to you in the car. Student safety is our main priority. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Zone Schools Swimming Carnival

Tharbogang PS had 10 students representing the Griffith Small Schools at the Zone Swimming carnival last week. They all swam brilliantly and with great enthusiasm and effort. I was extremely proud of them all. Well done: **Harry and Jack Furner; Senna, Lorenzo and Julia Sergi; Darby, Fletcher and Harry Robertson; Riley and Ava Sillis.**



Congratulations to those students who qualified for the Riverina carnival in Albury on Wednesday, 14th March. We wish them all the very best.

Harry Robertson: Peter Dobson relay; 50m breaststroke

Fletcher Robertson: Peter Dobson relay; 50m freestyle

Julia Sergi: Peter Dobson relay

Jack Furner: Peter Dobson relay

Darby Robertson: 50m freestyle

Leeton-Narrandera-Griffith PSSA AFL Trials

Jack and Harry Furner attended AFL trials on the 28th February at Narrandera. Jack has been selected to go on to the Western Riverina PSSA Trials at the Leeton showground on the 22nd March 2018. Congratulations Jack!

Merit Award

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week.



Back: Henry Ah Kee, Lorenzo Sergi, Johnathan Catanzariti, Thomas Tatt, Fletcher Robertson, Harrison Robertson, Montana Norris

Front: Rudy Pepi, Thomas Cox, Grace Ah Kee, Senna Sergi, Benjamin Savage

Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday 23rd March, Tharbogang PS will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart during morning sport. All students will be participating in this program. It is an authorised program to raise funds for the Heart Foundation and show our commitment to making a difference to student health and wellbeing. Every student will receive a Sponsorship Form but fundraising is optional. Prizes are available for those students choosing to fundraise. Please return the permission note ASAP.



Best Start Reports

Last week, Mrs Nixon sent home Best Start Reports for every Kindergarten student. These are initial assessment results to inform parents of student readiness for school and provide starting points for teachers to provide personalised learning for each student. If you would like to discuss this report, please contact Mrs Nixon to arrange a suitable time.

Family BBQ

What a fantastic get together our school community had on Friday evening. It was wonderful seeing our students and their family and friends enjoying each other's company and sharing some food. It was great to get to know our new families a little better and help them feel a part of our great little school. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated food and helped welcome our whole community. It really was a terrific night. A very special thank you to our hardworking and generous P&C who organised the BBQ and the jumping castle, which was a huge success with the children.



Tell Them From Me – Student Surveys

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

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

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12 March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **09/03/18**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

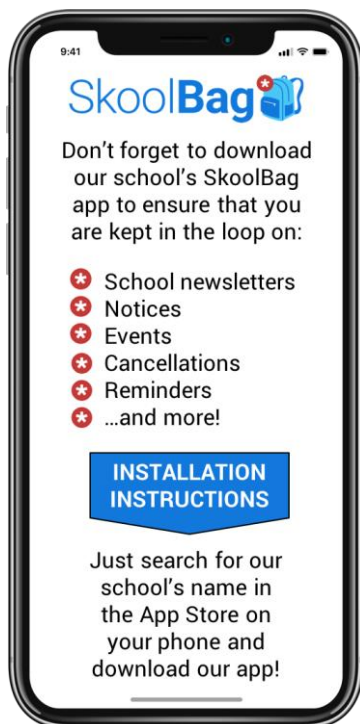
The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Parent Line

Parent Line NSW is a State Government funded telephone and online counselling service for parents and carers across NSW. Our professional, highly experienced Parenting Counsellors provide assistance to over 7,500 parents and carers every year who have children aged 0-18 years. Parent Line provides emotional support, evidence-based parenting strategies, information, advice and referrals for issues such as managing behaviour, parental stress and mental well-being, family trauma, child protection concerns, development concerns and difficulties with parenting after separation.

The service is accessible by phone and online via Facebook Messenger from 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends, which means our Parenting Counsellors are able to provide immediate support to families no matter where in NSW they reside. info@parentline.org.au or on 1300 1300 52.





Instructions for Skoolbag

Install on your phone and receive instant notifications and reminders from the school; give permission for your child to attend events; send in absent notes; and generally communicate easily with the school.

School Facebook Page Be sure to like Tharbogang Public School Facebook Page also.

Parent Helpers

If you can spare any time to assist in the classroom with listening to students read, helping small groups or individuals with Maths or English activities etc., please contact your child's teacher. Your assistance

would be greatly appreciated.



Moving into Year 7

Moving into Year 7 booklets and enrolment forms for Year 6 students enrolling in Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2019 have been distributed to our current year 6 students. Year 6 parents complete this to indicate their preference for the school in which they would like to enrol their child for Year 7 and return to school **no later than Friday 16 March 2018**.

Permission to Pick Up Students

If you have not returned a list of names for people authorised to pick up your students from school, please do so asap. Student safety is paramount. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated. Thanks to those who have returned this note already.

Don't forget our whole school assembly on Friday. It will commence at 2:45pm.

Keep Smiling and Be Happy,

Cheryle

Quote of the Week

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think"

- Benjamin Disraeli

Winter Uniforms

Orders for Winter uniforms will be taken soon (an order form will be sent home with the newsletter in the near future) so please have a think about what you may need to order for your child.

Coles Sports for Schools

The Coles Sports for Schools program is back for 2018. Tharbogang Public School has a collection box at Coles in Griffith and also one in the office at school. There will be a weekly tally recorded on the notice board in the foyer area so everyone can see out progress. Please remember to collect your vouchers and those of anyone else willing to donate, and either put them in the box, with our school name on it, at the front of the Coles supermarket or send them into school with your child. The more vouchers we collect, the more sports equipment we can receive. Thank you all for your support.



P&C Meeting/AGM

Tuesday 6th March

7pm

School Office

School Newsletter will now only be sent home fortnightly (even weeks). Please have anything you want included to school by Thursday of odd weeks.

Newsletter for
Parents with Children
Transitioning to
Primary School

Parent Line

NSW

find us on



We're a bit different!

We are open 7 days a week and our counsellors are talking to parents and carers long after most kids are in bed. We never get to 'meet' the lovely families who call Parent Line but that doesn't stop us building relationships with callers that last for years.

Parents can get in touch by calling Parent Line (for the cost of a local call from a landline) or, alternatively, you can send us a private message on facebook.



Who will answer my call?

We have a team of 30 highly trained, compassionate counsellors who have lots of experience in working with families. We know every family is different and so we take the time to find out what is important for each family.

Ask us a question ...

Parents and carers are welcome to contact us via facebook to ask a question or request a call back from a parenting counsellor.

Follow us on **facebook** to receive regular parenting tips and ideas.



Love in a lunch box

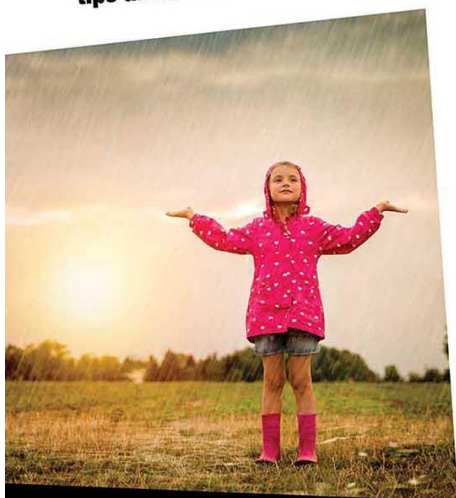
Simple tips to help at break times:

- * Pack familiar food
- * Provide food your child can easily open or unwrap
- * Add a personalised note that will brighten their day or make them laugh – it will let them know you are thinking about them
- * Have your child practice opening and closing their lunchbox, unwrapping plastic film and opening containers, packaging and zip-lock bags so it becomes second nature for them.

Working with emotions

Starting school will inevitably bring up a range of emotions for parents, carers and children. As parents and carers, we can support our children to manage these emotions by:

- 1 **Being aware that starting school brings lots of different emotions** such as, excitement, fear, curiosity and worry.
- 2 **Be brave enough to talk about these emotions with your child** – it will bring you closer.
- 3 **Really listen to your child and help them name these emotions.**
- 4 **Let your child know that it is normal to feel like this when things are new.** (You can give some examples of your own experience of starting something new.)
- 5 **Reassure your child that these feelings won't last.** Feelings are like the weather and change often throughout the day.



1300 1300 52

7 days a week
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Year 3-6

See Saw

Parents are invited to download the Seesaw app and see and comment on some of their child's learning. This is proving a popular interactive site for students, teachers and parents.

Classroom Learning Focus Areas

English- Writing

Write paragraphs that contain elaboration of the main idea. Use conjunctions and connectives to connect ideas. Use correct punctuation when drafting and publishing. Use different types of verbs eg. Action, thinking, seeing, feeling, relating.

Maths- Multiplication and Division

Stage 2: counting by 3s, 4s and 6s by using skip counting. Linking multiplication and division facts using groups or arrays. Using mental strategies to multiply a one-digit number by a multiple of 10 by repeated addition and place value.

Stage 3 : Also recognising and using different notations to indicate division; recording remainders as fractions or decimals; and multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by one or 2 digit numbers.

Creative Arts – Subject matter of insects and dragons. Students will have the opportunity to explore real and imagined creatures in their art making. They will experiment with different techniques and effects. In terms of appreciation, they will discuss reasons why artists make artworks focusing on who, where, when, why and how.

Physical Education – Morning fitness is developing gross motor skills, ball game skills and games to improve cardio fitness. Health continues to focus on the importance of healthy eating and exercise for overall physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Reminders – Home learning - when returned and completed, earns students a class dojo point. Students receive individual rewards for each 10 points they earn and whole class points earn whole class rewards.

K-2 News

English

K-2 have been studying 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox this past week. We have been looking at rhyming words, how the illustrator illustrates the story. We have been focusing on the retelling of the story. Last Friday we shared a picnic together to become 'visible'. Everyone enjoyed making their own mini pavlova.

Bavneet and Max brought in some special books from home last week to share with the class. The student initiated teaching and learning saw K-2 discussing many new words that we had not seen before. Thank you for sharing your special stories with us.

Math

This term we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We have made some of our own and discussed the properties of each shape. Our kindergartens have been working on their one to one correspondence and even using some art to show numeral amounts.

Home readers

Home reading is such an important tool. The home reading system has been a huge success so far with so many students reading, recording and being rewarded as encouragement.

Home readers are not meant to be challenging to read, as they are not meant for teaching your child to read but for fluency. Your child will be reading one or two levels above during guided reading with Mrs Nixon.

Kindergarten are only just beginning to read levelled readers throughout literacy rotations and they will be sent home with levelled home readers throughout the next two weeks. Please speak to myself (Mrs Nixon) if you have any questions about your child's reading.

Sport

K-2 loved having Doug from the soccer clinic share with us on Tuesday. We have now started playing soccer and practicing our soccer ball skills during weekly sport.

Seesaw

Seesaw invitations to parent were sent home last week. We have had eight families join our class, thank you. If you have not already joined, please do so, so you can see your teaching and learning experiences. This a great tool to be able to communicate with myself, as there is a chat function.

Assembly

K-2 will be running this week's assembly on Friday 9th March at 2:45pm. We would like to welcome all of our families to join us as we have a very special item to share with you.

