

# THARBOOGANG TIMES

LEARNING FOR LIFE

## FROM THE OFFICE

### July 24th Week Two

A reminder that parents are invited to give input into the draft NSW Education plan. You can do this by visiting the Department's plan for NSW public education webpage at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/campaigns-and-initiatives/draft-plan-for-nsw-public-education.html>

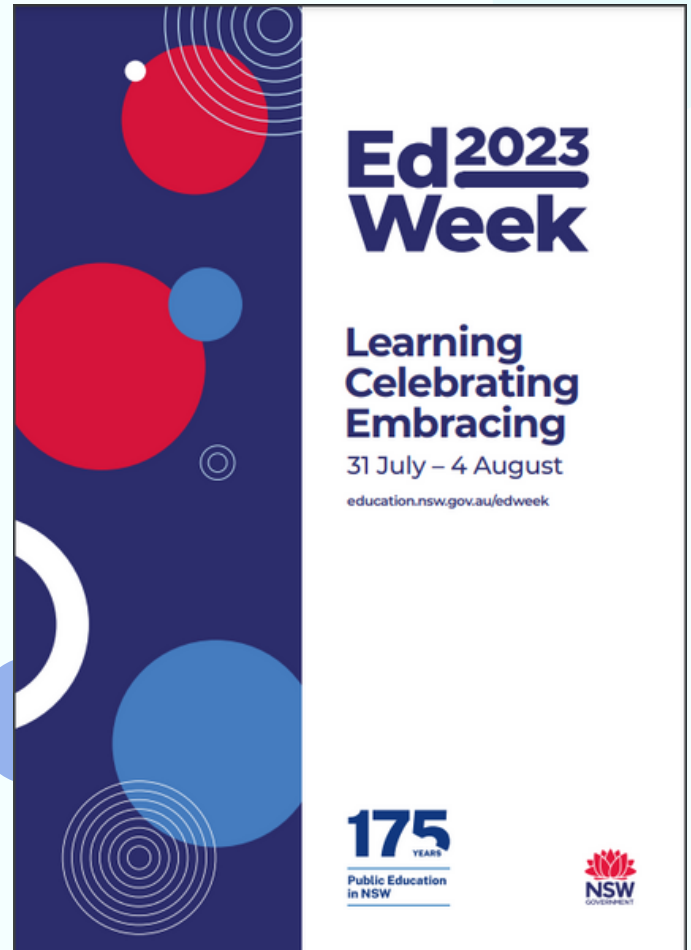
Students will be going to PCYC again this Friday for gymnastics for sport. A great time had by all and many thanks to Ella for organising. Ella will be heading overseas from next week and will return in week 7.

Next week on Friday we will be visiting residents at BUPA aged care, having been invited to do so. Students can have a chat and ask questions of the older generation and play some games like UNO or Snakes and Ladders. Social skills are an important part of the PD/D/PE syllabus. Notes for this will be sent home shortly.

Also coming up is EDUCATION WEEK in week 3. This year the theme is celebrating 175 years of public education in NSW. Details will be sent home soon on what our plans are to do this, as staff are meeting about it later today.

Would just like to again touch on attendance. Please ensure you contact the school if your child is absent and please provide medical certificates if sickness is ongoing. Kids can't learn if they are not at school and every day makes a difference as the following poster shows.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Gymnastics @ PCYC 11-12pm this Friday
- Visit to BUPA Friday July 4th
- EDUCATION WEEK-week 3
- Book Week-week 4
- Transition to high school Thursday August 10th
- Library visit Friday August 11th

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year

**5** mins per day = **3** days

**30** mins per day = **18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Our third and final game against Lake Wyangan/Darlington Point PS saw the Small Schools team have an outstanding win 4-1.

Each game was played with outstanding efforts from our boys, well done to all.



## GZPSSA BASKETBALL & SOCCER KNOCKOUTS

On Wednesday 19th July, Max.A. Dylan, Delano, Christian, Andrew and Trey participated in the Griffith Zone PSSA Football Knockout. Our first game was against Hanwood PS, always a tough school game to face, however our boys lead 1-0 in the first half. The second half proved equally as tough with the score locked at 2-2. With 2 minutes remaining, a late penalty saw Hanwood win 3-2.

Our second game was a consolation game against Beelbanger, with the Small Schools walking away with a win 2-1.

On Thursday 20th July, Trey, Andrew and Max.B. participated in the Small Schools Basketball team in the Griffith PSSA Basketball Knockout.

Regrettably, the boys suffered a defeat against GEPS, with a score of 34-9.

Despite the outcome the students had a great time.



MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 July	24	25 STEM virtual academy selected students	26 STEM virtual academy selected students	27	28 PCYC 11.00 later lunch 12.15
3 Aug EDUCATION WEEK	31	1	2	3	4 BUPA 10.30
4 Aug	7	8	9 ASSEMBLY	10 MRHS Transition	11 ZONE ATHLETICS Library bookweek visit 1.30
5 Aug	14	Principal network mtg	Principal network meeting	17	18
6 Aug	21	22	23	24	25
7 Aug	28 HEALTHY HAROLD	29	30 ASSEMBLY	31	1 PCYC 11.00 LATER LUNCH 12.15
8 Sept	4	5 CHILD SAFETY DAY	6	7 MRHS TRANSITION	8 PCYC 11.00 LATER LUNCH 12.15
9 Sept	11	12	12	12	15 PCYC 11.00 LATER LUNCH 12.15
10 Sept	18	19	20 ASSEMBLY	21	22 ROUND ROBIN RSPS

## **We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 1 August 2023!**

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

### **What this means for you**

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 25 July 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 26 July 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

### **What is the School Bytes portal**

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

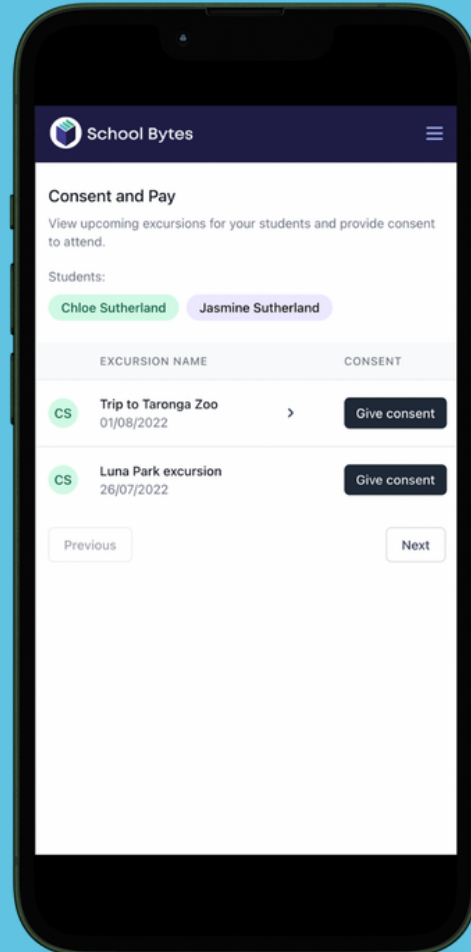
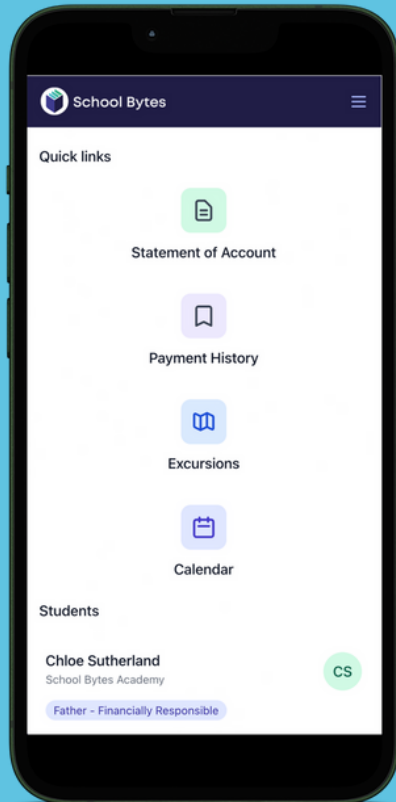
Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.



# AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



## The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

# TERM 3

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

