From the Principal

Dear Parents,

MORNING FITNESS
Our morning fitness that we have introduced is going great guns!! What a wonderful way to get the blood pumping and it’s great to see so many children bringing along a piece of fruit or veg for their before school snack. Monday and Tuesday mornings are an obstacle course that students navigate and try to ‘beat’ their own lap amounts on the Tuesday morning. Thursday and Friday are ball games practice so that our skills are honed in time for our Ball Games Carnival on Friday 28th August.

CHANGE OF FIRST BREAK
In case parents haven’t heard, our first break has changed. We now go straight out to play at 10:15am and then start eating time at 10:45 – 11:00am. That is why a before school HEALTHY snack is essential. Thanks for already supporting this change so well. Student engagement and playground behaviour are improving due to the change.

SPELLING
Our whole school focus has continued in Spelling with all children assessed at the end of term 2 and some moving groups. Ask your child where they are up to with spelling. Whole school DEAR is continuing this term and students manage that efficiently and are improving in their confidence with reading.

LAIDLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY
This Friday will see the year 5 and 6 students attend the Laidley State High School for a transition day. This event will provide students and parents with the opportunity to learn about the expectations and school operational processes of secondary schools. All students will attend this event irrespective of what high school they will be attending in 2016.

EKKA EXCURSION
Our excursion to the Ekka last Tuesday was a great day. I would like to thank the staff and parents for your support throughout the day in making it such an enjoyable experience. Congratulations to the students for their wonderful behaviour, which makes me proud to be apart of Thornton State School.
P-3 CLASSROOM NEWS

As you can see in the pictures our vegetables are growing and we are getting much better at remembering to water them. During health lessons we learnt that our body is made up of 70% water and in particular that our blood is 83% water. Realising how important water is to maintain good health we explored the water content of food and how some foods (cakes and lollies) actually dehydrate us.

4-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

This semester the senior students are looking at the Earth and it’s relationship to other planets in our solar system. They are all completing projects that explains about the part of the solar system they opted to look at. Students were given the task in week 2 and have been working during class time to investigate and research the information that is relevant to them. Some are discovering more than they realised about their chosen topic! Keep up the great work guys.

In reading this term, all students in the class have been put into groups to do shared and guided reading. They have been provided with a novel for them to read at home and bring with them each day to school. It is important that your child is reminded to do his or her reading before their next reading rotation. If they do not read the prescribed chapters, they are not going to be able to keep up and read with the fluency that reading an already read text allows them. Please encourage your child to be reading ahead each night.

Homework this term has changed and is more child/class task driven. So far we have had a writing task that was due last Friday as part of our homework, along with the Science project and nightly reading. Other tasks sent home included some Economics and Business homework that was required to be completed before the following Friday. Please ask your child if they have any homework and if they say no, remind them to read!!!

Thanks in advance for your support.
NEWS FROM MRS O

Dear Parents,

The Years 4-6 students have been working hard in their Poetry Language and have written and published fantastic poems of their own. Noah Emerson has included his Bio-Poem in our newsletter this week.

In Art Media, the students have designed excellent posters on upcoming events at our school. The Ball Games posters by Layla and Hayley are in our newsletter this week. The students are also completing digital representations of their posters on a program called Glogster.

This week we are commencing our Poetry Slam poster design. We will also commence filming and talking about our designs using the Ipads as a preparation for our Poetry Slam.

In Geography we are commencing our assessment work on poverty around the world. The students will design a Power Point presentation for the assessment.

The Years P-3 students have also worked hard in their Chance and Data and we are learning about the language of chance and how to gather data using graphs and tally marks.

In Geography the students are studying all about maps and Australia. The students are learning that maps use keys or legends to make representations of man-made and natural features. Darcy has presented some excellent examples of man-made features on maps. The students will draw their own maps of the school playground for their assessment this term.

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Bio Poem

Noah
Sporty, athletic, energetic, intelligent
Brother of Flash and Jettison
Lover of cricket, dogs and cats
Who feels happy and excited playing cricket and annoyed with his brother
Who needs water, food and clothes
Who fears snakes, heights and tsunamis
Who would like to play cricket for Australia, be a billionaire and famous
Who believes in god the father all mighty creator of heaven and earth
Who says cricket is awesome
Emmerson
Ball Games:

Order of Events for Ball Games Carnival

10.00am  Schools arrive and set up. Principals welcome.
10.15am  Captain Ball
          Prep/1
          Juniors
          Intermediate
          Seniors
10.45am  Leader Ball
          Prep/1
          Juniors
          Intermediate
          Seniors
11.15am  Morning Tea
11.45am  Under/Over
          Prep/1
          Juniors
          Intermediate
          Seniors
12.15pm  Tunnel Ball
          Prep/1
          Juniors
          Intermediate
          Seniors
12.45pm  File Gap Pass
          Juniors
          Intermediate
          Seniors
          Parent/Teacher
1.15pm   Lunch and Clean Up
1.45pm   Presentations of trophies.
2.00pm   Leave for home.

Ball Games this year will be held next Friday 28 August.
Grandchester, Kentville and Lockrose schools will be joining us for the day.

Listed on this page is an order of events for the day.
The games begin at 10am and finish at approximately 2pm. (Our school day still begins at 8.25am and finishes at 2.30pm).
Tuckshop orders have been processed. Assorted chips, drinks, lollies and extra sausage on bread will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Please ensure your child/ren have their morning tea, lunch and water-bottle.

We would welcome and appreciate any helpers to assist with the running of the day.

Our P&C really need your support to ensure everything is organised for the day—help needed prior to the day and on the day.

Please contact Kerri Tydd (P&C President) to offer your support—04059 369 859 (text is fine).
NEWS CONT.:

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Please continue to drop your stickers into the office or our collection box at Plainland Woolworths. Every sticker helps us to purchase equipment for our school. There is still a few weeks left of the program. We appreciate your help.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library

This week the senior students were able to use their new knowledge of the Dewey system to locate topics or subjects in the non fiction area of our library. The students were confident to search for their topic on the computer then locate the book in the library. Impressive!

Our junior students are continuing to learn about parts of books and types of books. This week we looked at various books by Pamela Allen. Our junior students already knew about this author as we used a few of her books in the school Readers Cup. Nice one juniors!

Book Club

Book Club has been sent home this week. Please have all orders back at school no later than 2nd September.

Thank you

Mel Sutherland

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 1st September

2.45pm—Straight after school!

Please feel welcome to stay after school to attend this afternoon meeting.
OFFICE NEWS

You can now pay your bills by Bpoint. Access via ANY computer or smart phone. This allows you to make payments from a MasterCard or VISA.

Attached to this newsletter is instructions to show you how to use this new service if it is convenient for you to use.

Thank you
Lisa Crack, Admin Officer

LAIDLEY SHS – HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

2016 YEAR 7 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

Date: **Friday 21st August**
Time: 9.30 am to 2.00 pm
Venue: Clarice Ferrari Hall, Laidley SHS
Catering: BBQ Lunch provided, Drinks and snacks available.

All Year 6 students from Laidley cluster schools are attending this high school transition program at Laidley SHS on this day. **Parents welcome and encouraged to attend** with their child/school until morning tea or for the full day.

Students and parents from other schools are also welcome to attend. RSVP preferred on 5466 8922

**Program**

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LAIDLEY SHS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Date: **Wednesday 26th August**
Time: 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Venue: Clarice Ferrari Hall, Laidley SHS

All parents and students commencing high school in 2016 (or future years) are invited to attend this evening to learn about our school, the enrolment procedures and how we will provide a high quality and supportive learning environment for your child.

NB. If you attended the student program on **21 August**, it is not necessary to attend this evening information session as well.
NOTICES:

Sign On Day
29th August 2015
11am – 2pm

www.lla.org.au

Trivia Night

SATURDAY 12th September

Mulgowie Hall, Mulgowie  6:30pm for 8:30pm start

10 people per table

$50 / table / pre-paid  or  $75 / table / at the door

‘Quirky Black Tie’ Theme  Prizes for best dressed person and best dressed table

BYO drinks  Fruit, cheese and cracker and hot finger food platters available

Pre orders only  $40 per platter

Bookings phone Thornton State School  5468 7141
School Awards: Week 4 and 5

**JUNIOR:**

Student of the Week: Shaniah Boyes (4) Darcy Kelly (5)
English: Phoebe Millard (4) Simone Tydd (4) Jack Moss (5)
Maths: Joanah Millard (5) Spence Marshall (5)
Science: Jack Moss (4) Jett Emmerson (5)
Geography: Shaniah Boyes (5) Darcy Kelly (5) Joanah Millard (5)
Library: Joe Foxlee (4)
Other: Patrick Tydd (4)

**SENIOR:**

Student of the Week: Archer Moss (4) Damien Jones (5)
Music: Layla Millard (5)
Maths: Noah Boyes (4) Ashley Taber (5)
Literacy/Poetry: Jamal Selimich (4) Lachlan Litfin (5) Hayley Craig (5)
Art/Media: Hayley Craig (4)
Library: Hayley Craig (4)