Dear Parents,

ANZAC Day
Thank you for your support at this year’s ANZAC Day march through the main street of Laidley. We all looked great in our red uniform and here were only a handful of students who could not make it due to various reasons. Great effort guys and thank you to Roy for laying the wreath on behalf of our school.

Year 7 and 8 Transition for 2015
Laidley State High School is continuing planning for the new Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2015. As Year 7 in high schools is new, parents will no doubt want to find out how Laidley SHS will be structuring this Year Level in our school.

A Year 7 & 8 Parent Information Evening will be held at Laidley SHS on Monday 12th May from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm to outline in detail how the school will cater for the learning needs of Year 7 and 8 students in 2015.

A high school induction program will be held later in Term 2 for all Year 6 and 7 students in cluster primary schools to assist students to better understand how high schools operate and what to expect at whatever school they choose to attend. This program will include our normal Cluster Primary Challenge activities. The date for this event will be confirmed.

Camp 2014 (Chocolate Drive Fundraiser)
A big thank you to the families who supported the chocolate drive fundraiser and brought in their money. It was a fantastic effort!!! The profit each family made from their order will come off of the cost of their Camp. Invoices for Camp will be coming home shortly to allow families to start paying it off. The option for a second fundraising order is possible if we have enough interest and it is supported by the families.

Art Auction
This term in art, the students will be producing works of art that will be put up for auction in a fundraising night on Wednesday June 6th. Further details will be made available as the date gets closer, but please make a note in your calendar to keep this evening free for this event.

NAPLAN
Years 3, 5 and 7 will be sitting the National testing in Writing, Spelling, Reading, Punctuation & Grammar and Numeracy on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Please ensure your child has good breakfast on these days and a solid nights sleep the night before.
From the Principal con’t:

Welcome back Mrs Blackwood!

We want to welcome back to our school Mrs Blackwood, who will work in our Junior classroom on Monday and Tuesday. It was sad to see Mrs Crabbe move on, but the void was filled with a familiar, friendly face of Mrs Blackwood who knows our routines and is part of the Thornton family. Welcome back!

Jump Rope for Heart

This year, we are again going to be jumping for a good cause.

On the last day of this term, Friday June 27th, our students will be participating in the ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ raising funds for the Heart Foundation.

Students will be learning skipping skills during their smartmoves times and will be happy to show them off on this day with our doors open for the ‘jump off’ with a morning tea to follow.

Keep a look out in newsletters later in the term for more details.

School Photos

Second last day of term 2, Thursday 26th June will be our school photos. You will receive the information around how to order your photos shortly.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

That time of year again. Our small schools athletics carnival will be held at Laidley District SS on Friday 20th June. Please keep an eye out for permission forms.

Discipline Audit

Next Thursday 8th May, Thornton SS will have their first ever Discipline Audit.

There are five areas of how we manage and facilitate behaviour in our school that will be looked at. On this day, there will be a Principal from another school visiting us to perform the audit. She will speak with the staff, some students and some members of our parent community.

The results of this audit will be made available for your information.

Please read the leaflet insert for more information and feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Until next fortnight,

Erika

Readers Cup

Our Readers Cup Challenge is fast approaching. Our team has only 6 weeks left in which time they need to read and study the books chosen for the event. Thank you to our dedicated team for using their spare time to be prepared for the challenge. Good luck team!
Other News:

Chappy Corner

On my last visit to Thornton, I was accompanied by Chappy Ruth who assisted me in running a problem solving activity for the senior students, during first break. The activity was an egg dropping challenge in which students were asked to form small groups to discuss and design a package which would protect an egg breaking when dropped from about a height of 1.5 meters onto concrete.

Students were given only: twelve plastic straws, a raw egg, some strips of sticky tape and about twenty minutes in which to design and construct their protective packages. During the first drop, six teams were formed and each team were able to create unique packages. Designs included: box type cages, cylinder or tube constructions, spikey shock absorber type designs or circular binding of the precious egg.

Of the six drops, four eggs went splat as their packages did not quite perform as well as hoped much to the delight of the students. Much discussion followed as to how the designs could be improved to ensure the egg’s survival.

During second break, senior students were asked if they would be willing to assist Years 2 & 3 students in their egg dropping challenge. Again, six eggs were dropped but with only one surviving the drop!

As it turned out, this activity fitted in perfectly with what the students are studying at the moment with the use and properties of different packaging materials. The egg drop challenge clearly demonstrated how good packaging ensures that a valuable item can be delivered in perfect condition.

Thanks to all participating students for your sense of fun and having a go. Thanks also to Roy who was the official cameraman as some of his photos are included in this article.

Regards,
Chaplain Phil

From the P-3 Classroom:

We wish to welcome our four new students to our class and our school.

Welcome to Chad and Rick (grade 2 and Prep) and Patrick and Connor (grade 2 and Prep). We are very happy to have you in our school and hope you enjoy your Thornton experience.
**Sport News:**

Congratulations to Noah Emmerson for qualifying for 2 days of football with the Met West Rugby League Selection Trials. We wish him all the best with his future efforts in the sport of football.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Cross Country last week. Well done to Elise Brooks who has made it to the next level of Cross country and will compete on May 16. Well done!!

**School Awards:**

**Week 2**

**Junior:**

Student of the Week: Darcy Kelly
English: Paxton Woodward
Maths: Damien Jones
Music: Patrick Tydd
PE: Jett Emmerson
Geography: Darcy Kelly
Science: Blaze Moran

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Roy Williams
English: Layla Millard
Maths: Georgia Skelton
Music: Ashley Taber
PE: Elise Brooks
Geography: Angus Kelly

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