From the Principal

Dear Parents,
Welcome back! It was wonderful to see our returning students and our five new students last week ready and rearing to go.

As of this morning, I can tell you that we have 24 students this year. This means that the full time second teacher will not be continuing this year (unless we have a major influx which means I can apply for special circumstances).

So this means for staffing in 2016 we have:

- Myself—teaching Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Mrs O—teaching Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and working with supporting students in Literacy and Numeracy on Friday.
- Mr Pickwell—PE teacher on Wednesday.
- Mrs McCormick—Music teacher on Wednesday.

Teacher aide hours will be assessed over the coming week and hours adjusted according to our new student number. A reduction in teacher aide hours is possible, but I will be creative with budgeting to hopefully maximise hours where I can.

P&C Meeting

For a full run down on the staff for 2016, please feel free to come along to our first P&C Meeting next Tuesday night with a free sausage sizzle MEET AND GREET from 5:30pm. P&C AGM at 6:30pm with a short general meeting to follow. Items to be discussed at the general meeting include staffing, camp options and potential working bees. It would be great to see every family represented.

Assessment

So far, we have been collecting data on where your children are sitting and starting next week they will be in groups for some of their literacy and numeracy. As the class structure will be as one, the students are going to be working in groups across the whole school. This gives the extra support to those students who require it, while allowing us to extend the students who are working beyond their year level.

Pink Stumps Day

We are very excited to inform you that we have booked a Pink Stumps Day fundraising event for our school on Friday 11th March. As more details come to hand, please keep an eye out about how you can help raise funds and what cool ‘pink things’ you can wear to support the day. Please feel free to invite your family and friends along to the day, as it is sure to be a great deal of fun for everyone.
Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and a very exciting Term 1! I am so thrilled to be the team teacher with Miss Hassett.

The school will be working on all subject areas in the Australian Curriculum and each subject area is as follows for Term One.

English: We will be studying both narrative and persuasive text structures, year level grammar and creating imaginative texts in our writing using print and digital media. We will also be performing many poems and songs using rhythm and rhyme and reading stories. In Reading we will work on Year level readers and the reading program called STARS. In Spelling we will follow a new program called LEM Phonics along with the Words Their Way program.

History: In History, we will be looking at the days and weeks commemorated in Australia and around the world and also the importance of symbols and Emblems.

Science: Science lessons will cover the strand of Biological Sciences about Living and non-living things.

Civics and Citizenship: We will look at Australian citizenship awards and the importance of community in our lives.

Mathematics: Maths will be taught at age appropriate levels using text books, Mathletics, the Mathematics program STAMS along with Chance and Data, measurement and Maths Mentals lessons.

Art: In the Arts this term we will be exploring visual arts along with Music being delivered by Mrs Kylie McCormick on a Wednesday.

Please contact me at any time to discuss any issues or subject area information, I will look forward to seeing you.

Sandy O'Sullivan
Classroom Teacher/STLaN

Fire Ant presentation

Last Friday we had a special visitor to the school. Aka and Amanda from Biosecurity Queensland were out to speak to our students about Fire ants. Please ask your child something that they learned about being able to identify fire ants at home.
OFFICE NEWS:

Welcome back to the start of the 2016 school year. I hope everyone had a lovely break. I enjoyed a great break with my family. Again, I am excited to be given the opportunity to be in the office this year.

◊ Invoices went home earlier in the week for your child’s book pack. If you have any queries with regard to this, please do not hesitate to contact me;
◊ Just a reminder that if you are sending in money to the school it needs to be in a sealed and labelled envelope or bag. As we are a small school, there is no money kept on the premises and therefore no change can be given, so please ensure you enclose the correct money. Money needs to be placed in the correct ‘money box’ in the office and not handed to a staff member. There are two money boxes in the office, one is for school money and the other is for P&C money;
◊ The BPAY, credit card (via Bpoint) and direct transfer to the school account is an option as well and the details can be found on the bottom of your invoice. Our direct debit details are as follows:-

Thornton State School General Account

BSB No. 064-419
A/C No. 00090031
Ref: Your surname

◊ I will be in the office on Monday’s, Tuesday’s and Thursday’s from 8:30am.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with the above details.

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting is Tuesday 9 February, 2016 at 6:30pm
ALL WELCOME
Free Sausage sizzle—Meet and Greet from 5:30pm
AGM at 6:30pm followed by General Meeting.
LIBRARY NEWS:

Welcome back to the 2016 school year.

Library borrowing has commenced for both classes. Thank you to all the students who remembered their library bags. Library borrowing will be every Tuesday this term.

Book Fair
Our book fair will be held here in the school library from the 7th of March for approximately a week and a half. This event is such a favourite for our students! We are fortunate here at T.S.S that we have enthusiastic readers. Novelty stationery items will be available again (always a favourite) We welcome our parents and families to come and have a look after school each day from 2.30pm. There will be a variety of books that would make great possible Easter presents. More details be be available as the event nears.

Book club
Issue 1 of book club has been sent home. This is due back not later than the 16 February. Please do not send cash. We cannot accept any money on behalf of Scholastic. A cheque made out to Scholastic Australia or a credit card payment is preferable. There are instructions on how to pay by credit card on the catalogue. If you are having trouble please come and see me or give me a call.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland
Welcome to 2016 Netball Season.

Please find details below regarding our sign on dates and our meet and greet for our Junior season kick off.

If you have any enquiries regarding playing netball, please contact one of our executive on the above email or phone number.

See you on the courts!

**Monday 1st February** – Sign on at the clubhouse from 4pm to 6pm.

**Thursday 4th February** – Sign on at the clubhouse from 4pm to 6pm.

**Thursday 11th February** – Meet and Greet at the courts from 5pm – 6pm (all Juniors and Nettas meet each other and Juniors get their shirts).

**Thursday 18th February** – Junior and Netta competition begins.
Learn how to: * Pamper yourself and your loved ones with Essential oils * Feel EMPOWERED with nature's aromas * Being kinder to the plant for a chemical free home.

* Learn 4 fabulous, fun recipes that we will make up at the class
* And learn so much more from Artemis and Chantel in a fun class/Showcase of therapeutic-grade essential oils.

Price $15.00 per person this includes a $5.00 donation to the Wildlife Warriors
Morning tea Products for you to try on the day When:
Saturday, 13 February 2016 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Where:
Laidley Bowls Club - 73 John Street Laidley, QLD 4341


If you have any questions please contact Chantel Jackson Young Living Independent Distributor # 3217843 Mobile - 0401 346 833
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