THORNTON STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter 3 March 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

PINK STUMPS DAY is just around the corner. Please mark your diary for next Friday 11th March to come along to school between 9:30 – 12:00. We will have a fun game of cricket (students, teachers and parents all involved), some other games for our younger students and a BBQ lunch to purchase at the conclusion. All money raised from the sale of the sausage sizzle ($2 each) and chips, drinks, etc for sale, will go to the McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day fundraiser. Students are encouraged to gain donations PRIOR to the day using the online link below. Please send this on to family members to help us reach our target of $100! It would be fantastic if we made more money than that for such a needy cause. Students are also encouraged to bring a gold coin donation on the day, to go towards this fundraiser.

Your Fundraising Page link

Thank you in advance for your support for the day. We look forward to seeing you and our extended community up here for this event (and some helpers on the BBQ and selling drinks etc would be appreciated). Thank you.

BOOK FAIR

Next week is our annual book fair. Students have been through the book fair to generate their ‘wish list’ and this list has been sent home – ask your child for it if you have not seen it as yet. Parents and families are invited to have a look through our book fair after school each day next week from 2:30 – 3:30. Alternatively, on Friday for our PINK STUMPS DAY, we will make some time for you to have a look with your child then.

The money raised from the sale of books at the book fair, goes directly back to our school library by way of credit to purchase more books. The students love to read and Mrs Sutherland loves nothing more than ensuring we have new books of interest for them to do so.

Please come along and support our Book Fair!

CHOCOLATE ORDERS

Boxes of chocolates went home Monday this week for families who have opted to sell them to raise funds for our school camp. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser and have fun selling / eating those chocolates. Money needs to be back by 22 April.
GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE for our school leader/s is in Week 8 (Tuesday 15th March). Permission forms for those students who will be attending are attached in this newsletter.

PARENT HELPERS
We have had a great response from you around coming in and helping out at school. Thank you to those mums who have donated their time to come along and work with all of our students. Extra bodies means extra support. Thank you for helping out.

P&C
The next P&C meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday 8th March (book fair week – next week).
We had such an amazing turn out at our last meeting, with almost every family represented. It would be wonderful to see such support for next week’s meeting.

19TH MARCH ELECTION
There seems to be a little confusion over the upcoming election to be held on 19th March.
There will be a polling booth here at Thornton SS on Saturday 19th March to vote on the State Referendum question regarding four year fixed terms for the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.
The Local Government elections for the Lockyer Valley have been postponed until Saturday 16th April and this will be by postal vote.

I hope this clarifies some confusion around this issue.

Have a great fortnight.
Erika
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Fair

We are fortunate enough to be able to host a Book Fair in our school library again this year. This event will take place from the 7th March for approximately a week and a half. We welcome family and community members to visit our Book Fair each afternoon from 2.30-3.30 pm Monday to Friday. I apologise I am unable to run the Book Fair before school begins. Students will have an opportunity to write a wish list to bring home. If you approve of any of their choices, please send the total purchase amount to the school. A credit card option is available or a cheque to Scholastic Australia is acceptable.

There will be books on sale as well as the favourite novelty stationery items. A colour in competition will be attached to this newsletter for the students to complete at home. All of the completed pictures will be hung in the library. A $10 voucher to spend at Book Fair will be awarded to 6 lucky students who return their colour ins to be judged.

All purchases will go towards reward dollars to spend at Book Fair for our library. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Library Borrowing

Thank you to the students who bring their library books back each week. Library borrowing for all students will remain on Tuesdays. We encourage your child to read their books and return them to school in a library bag. This prevents damage and the expense of having to replace ruined books.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

Mother's Day money due by 9 March. No late orders accepted. Thank you to those families who have already brought their money in!!
Notices:

Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

*Information sessions* are being held on:

*Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 6:00pm*
Department of Health & Human Services
43-47 Rowan Street, Wangaratta

*Thursday 17th March 2016 at 6:00pm*
Department of Health & Human Services
163-167 Welsford Street, Shepparton

For further information please contact:
Adoption & Permanent Care Program
Ph: 5832 1500
PARENTING CORNER

4 key habits of the mind for student leaders

There are four key habits of mind you can reinforce to maximise student leadership effectiveness and get kids thinking like leaders.

Before you can develop habits of the mind you need to develop the necessary vocabulary to anchor their learning.

For instance, to develop a leadership mindset you should encourage kids to ‘think like a leader’. This cues them into leadership thinking as opposed to viewing a situation from an individual’s perspective.

Here are four terms you can use to encourage habits of the mind in four essential leadership areas:

1. Presentation skills
   “Speak out” becomes the habit of the mind that triggers behaviours such as speaking clearly, standing strong & making eye contact when they speak.

2. Responsibility
   “Be accountable” is the habit of the mind that reminds students to become accountable for themselves, their group and their belongings.

3. Organisation
   “Plan ahead” is the habit to remind students to think ahead, plan ahead and make time for plans to happen.

4. Teamwork
   “Work together” is the trigger to remind students to think about cooperating with others, encouraging those who struggle and accepting the contribution of all team members.

Focus on establishing leadership mindsets (‘think like a leader’) as well as developing various skills needed to become effective and respected leaders.
School Awards: Weeks 4 and 5

Junior:

Student of the Week: Simone Tydd (4) Dylan Podham (5)
Maths: Connor Tydd (4) Phoebe Millard (5)
Art: Phoebe Millard (4) Jennifer Beezley (5)
Science: Zoe Bould (4)
History: Joe Foxlee (4) Paxton Woodward (5)
Music: Jennifer Beezley (4)
Spelling: Darcy Kelly (5)
Reading: Connor Tydd (5)
Writing: Jennifer Beezley (4) Simone Tydd (5)
Library: Connor Tydd (5)
Act of Kindness: Belle Roebig (4) Joe Foxlee (5)

Senior:

Student of the Week: Lachlan Litfin (4) Spence Marshall (5)
Maths: Isaiah Bould (4) Jett Emmerson (5)
Music: Jada Phillips (4) Ashley Taber (5)
PE: Damien Jones (4)
German: Jett Emmerson (4)
History: Damien Jones (4) Lachlan Litfin (5)
Science: Isaiah Bould (5)
Spelling: Cheyanne Podham (5)
Reading: Charlotte Moss (4) Lachlan Litfin (5)
Library: Ashley Taber (5)