From the Principal

Dear Parents,

**Pink Stumps Day** was very successful, being the very first year that we held the event.

All the students loved the game of cricket, although we were unable to play out our full 2\textsuperscript{nd} innings due to inclement weather. Thank you to the great sportsmanship of all our students with no declared winner for the day. Thank you also to Mrs Emmerson for coming down and scoring for us, and our band of dedicated parents who cooked our sausage sizzle, sold the drinks and helped with the general running of the day.

The staff and students all had a great time and we were pleased to have raised approximately $180 for the McGrath Foundation on the day through students providing a gold coin donation when wearing pink to school and from the sausage sizzle and food sold on the day.

A great effort for a little school. Our online target of $100 to be raised was definitely surpassed. Thank you to all for your support.

**Two teachers**

Your children may have come home and told you that we are now operating our school with two classrooms, five days a week. This is correct at the moment. We had two students come back to our school, which took our numbers back up to 26 in total. We were ‘temporarily’ approved to have Mrs O extend her time here, so she now works on a Monday as well. Miss Morgan comes in on Thursday’s to take the senior class for my principal admin day. This temporary increase in staffing is still to be confirmed for next term. As soon as I know what the teaching structure, and therefore the class set up will be, I will let you all know.

Thank you for your continued support and interest of how our school runs.

**Miss Hassett on leave**

A reminder that I will be taking the first two weeks of next term off and Mrs Sandy O’Sullivan will be acting principal during those two weeks.
From the principal cont.:  

**Grip Leadership conference**
On Tuesday, we went to Toowoomba for the Grip Leadership conference. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. We learned how to use ‘traffic light leadership’. To stop some things, slow some things down or to go through with things and support them. It was a great day to learn about leadership and to spend some time with other students from other schools. We are looking forward to showing others here at Thornton what we learned about traffic light leadership. We will be speaking to the school about Bye Bye Bullying tomorrow as it is Anti-Bullying day.

**ANZAC Day march**
Next term, week 3, is ANZAC Day and there will be a march held through the main street of Laidley that we ask all students to attend. It has been a fantastically supported event by our students and families and I am looking forward to seeing you all there this year. The march will commence outside of the council office on Spicer Street (the same as in previous years) at 10:15am. The formal service will commence at 11:00am and parents are to remain with their child if they wish to stay for the service. (staff will not be supervising students at the service, only through the parade down the main street) Thank you for your understanding and support of this special day to pay tribute to our armed services.
Mrs O will get a letter out early next term reminding parents of these details.
Please see attached flyer of other ANZAC Day services in our local community.

**Survey 4341**
In this newsletter, you will find a Together 4 4341 survey. This is the survey that was discussed with Rhonda Noyes from Lockyer Valley Regional Council at our last P&C meeting. The survey is asking information about what you like about our area and what you see as being areas for improvement. Together 4 4341 is a project aimed at linking the community so that everyone knows exactly what support is available and hopefully filling any gaps that the community make aware exist.
Please take the time to complete this very short survey and return to the school box. I will forward the responses to Rhonda on your behalf. Alternatively, you can return it yourself via her email details at the top of the form.
Thank you in advance for supporting our local community with your feedback.

**School holidays**
School finishes for term 1 next Thursday. As Friday is ‘Good Friday’, there is no school on this day. Please be safe over the Easter break and enjoy some R&R with your family. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 11th March.

Take care,
Erika
Dear Parents
It’s Week 4 already and, although we have had a few disruptions and a lot of re organising, we are now focussing on our Australian Curriculum subjects.
On Tuesday and Wednesday I have been taking the Junior class as a separate group. On these days we are concentrating on English, Maths and Science. In English we are looking at writing narratives and the grammar and language associated with this style of writing. Students will be writing their own narratives by the end of Term one.
In Maths the students are learning all about the language of chance and how to record data, measurement using centimetres and metres, shape work and a great deal of Maths Mental activities.

In Science we are learning about living and non-living things. We are studying life cycles of butterflies and plant life cycles.
The students will also have the specialist teachers in on Wednesday for their Physical Education and Music classes.

On Thursday I will take the whole school. The morning sessions will comprise group work in Reading and Spelling. Our spelling is based on a new program called LEM Phonics which concentrates initially on the sounds and writing and reading words. Therefore the students will not be given an actual spelling list until later in the term when they have learnt a lot of the spelling rules.

Maths will also be taught in groups using the STAMS and CAMS Mathematics program which covers a great deal of the Australian Curriculum Maths for each year level. Alternate groups will be on the Mathletics program on the computers.
In the afternoon session we will do History integrated with Art, literacy and technology. The main theme will be Aboriginal History and artefacts for the Junior and Senior groups along with special celebrations throughout the term, eg Australia day, Chinese New Year, St Patrick’s Day and Easter.

Mrs O’Sullivan

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting is 19th April, 2016
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month)
ALL WELCOME
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Fair

Another fantastic Book Fair has come to an end. What an amazing amount of support we received this year. Thank you to all the families who supported this event. Many thanks to Mulgowie Hotel and community for raising $225.00 for us to purchase books. Thank you to our P&C for purchasing $133.50 worth of non-fiction books. We were able to sell $1,193.50 worth of books which gave us a 30% ($358.00) commission to spend on books for our library.

Congratulations to Phoebe, Isaiah, Boe, Spence, Dylan and Ashley for winning a $10 voucher to spend at Book Fair for their fantastic colouring ins.

Our next Book Fair is booked in for the same time 2017.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing will commence as usual next Tuesday. I apologise for the muck up in borrowing due to our Book Fair filling our library.

Thank you

Mel Sutherland
School Awards: Weeks 6 and 7

Junior:

Student of the Week: Belle Roebig (6) Joe Foxlee (7)

English: Jennifer Beezley (6) Phoebe Millard (6)
Maths: Jack Moss (6)
Art: Isaiah Bould (7)
Science: Jack Moss (6) Paxton Woodward (6)
        Darcy Kelly (7)
History: Dylan Podham (7)
Reading: Jennifer Beezley (6) Phoebe Millard (6)
Other: Simone Tydd (7)

Senior:

Student of the Week: Joanah Millard (6) Cheyanne Podham (7)

Maths: Charlotte Moss (6)
Music: Spence Marshall (6)
PE: Cheyanne Podham (6)
German: Penny Taber (6)