Dear Parents

Welcome back to a very exciting eleven weeks of Term 2! Erika is away on leave, as you all know, and I am the acting principal for the next two weeks and I am thrilled to be in this position.

In our first week this term the Thornton students have been broadcasting the weather every morning on River 949. It was great to have this opportunity for students to not only understand how radio announcing works, but to also to learn about the weather every day. We have assembled every morning to listen to the students do a fantastic job. Our thanks to Damien, Jett, Spence, Belle and Darcy for their great reading, their speech clarity and being so engaging and polite with the radio announcers. Thanks also to all the students for their attention and interest listening to the radio every morning.

Cross Country - New Date

A note went home on Monday this week regarding the change of date for our cross country. The new date is now Thursday 28th of April which will be held at Blenheim. All other details for the day remain the same as indicted on the original note that was sent home last term.

ANZAC Day Parade

In week 3 we are commemorating ANZAC Day on Monday the 25th April and there will be an ANZAC march in the main street of Laidley.

We hope all our students participate in the march, it is a very proud moment for us all to see all the students, in full uniform, marching through the main street.

The march will commence outside the council office on Spicer Street (the same as 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 forces.
School Photos

Also in Week 2 we have our school photo day on **Friday 29th of April**. Please ensure you have read all the information about payment options and details for the school photos and that the payment envelopes are returned to the school office no later than **Thursday 28th of April**.

P & C Meeting

Tuesday night, 19th April is our first P&C meeting for this term at 6pm and I am looking forward to seeing you all here at the school.

Classroom News

Students from Years 1 to Year 6 are studying Maths, Spelling and Reading in their appropriate groups. We are using the STARS Reading Program, The CAMS Maths program and Words Their Way and LEM phonics for Spelling.

In Science this term we are all studying The Physical Sciences. The junior class are looking at different sources and effects of heat and how it is produced. We will also study the weather and temperatures.

In History we are looking at the commemoration of ANZAC day and the importance of emblems and symbols and completing our work on our Aboriginal studies.

In English all classes are learning to understand that different types of texts have identifiable text structures. This term we are studying persuasive text and procedural text.

Thank you for all your support

Sandy O'Sullivan
Office News - New Staffing Arrangements

We would like to congratulate Mrs Lisa Crack on her new position at St. Marys Primary School. She has been a huge asset to us all at Thornton State School during her position as our administration officer and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

We welcome Miss Samantha Harch into the position of administration officer. Her admin days are Mondays and Fridays. Whilst Sam takes on this new role she will still be our teacher aide on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We would like to welcome Miss Peta Hart into the position as a teacher aide. At this stage Peta will be at the school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays up until week 7.

P & C News

Please note that all chocolate monies need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday the 22nd of April. Thank you to all the families who have already returned their money.

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting is 19th April, 2016 at 6:00pm
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month)
ALL WELCOME
LIBRARY NEWS:

**Book Club**
Issue 3 of Book Club has been sent home. Please have all orders and payment details returned to the office no later than Thursday 28th April.

**Library Borrowing**
Over the holidays our library received a lovely fresh paint job. Our books have all been put back in the right places so we can resume our regular borrowing on Tuesdays. Thank you to all the students who regularly return their books and remember their library bags.

**Library Lessons**
This term we have resumed our library lessons. The junior class has been introduced to a character named Bobbie the Bookworm. This character will help support the children to learn about the library and books in a fun way.

The senior class has been looking at Fiction books and what information they can find out from the spine label. The students enjoyed the activity sharing great information they had learnt.

**School Readers Cup**
Again this year we will be hosting a Readers Cup here at the school for the students. There will be a variety of books they will be asked to read before the quiz day. The event is a lot of fun and really tests out the children's memory. More details will be available in future newsletters.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

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**Vacancies exist on the Volunteer Team of the Laidley Second Chance Opp-Shop**
Great opportunities exist to give support to the Community facility to recycle valuable items.
Volunteers receive valuable experience in retail system and merchandising.
Proceeds from the Shop help to support School Chaplains, Crisis Care and Accommodation and Laidley and Hatton Vale Uniting Church community projects.
Direct all applications to the Coordinator Rachel McRitchie at 149 Patrick Street Laidley – [Telephone 0754652870]
**School Awards: Weeks 8 (Term 1)**

**Junior:**

Student of the Week: Jack Moss  
Art: Darcy Kelly  
Science: Connor Tydd  
History: Isaiah Bould  
Act of Kindness: Zoe Bould

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Patrick Tydd  
English: Chad Pollock  
Maths: Damien Jones  
Reading: Penny Taber  
Music: Charlotte Moss  
PE: Joanah Millard  
Other: Chad Pollock
Interested in Squash?
Want to give it a go?

New season Starting soon (after the school holidays)
Beginners to established squash players are welcome
Juniors welcome!

Where – Laidley Squash courts at the Laidley Cultural Centre, Laidley-Plainlunds Road, Laidley North.

When – Thursday Nights from 5pm

Dates – Thursday the 14 Apr to Thursday 15 Sep

Cost – Adults - $100, Students $55 for the season (approx. two school terms)
Play one match best of 5 games each week

Times allocated each week

Nominations by the 12 Apr 2016

All Enquiries / nominations, please call Mark Newton 0413382817 or Steve Luck 0407036572

Or join the Laidley Squash Club Group on Face Book for more information

Good fitness for life!

All Welcome

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What’s On at

Laidley Heritage Weekend
16th & 17th April

Das Neumann Haus

Patrick Street, Laidley
FREE ENTRY! 9am-3pm daily

• Experience the German heritage of the Valley
• Delicious homemade treats from Annie's Place
• Coffee Shoppe
• Special pancake menu for the weekend

Saturday
• Market stalls
• Museum open
• Live music
• Horse & carriage rides 9am-1pm (Fee applies)

Sunday (9am - 3pm) KIDS DAY!
• Clydesdale horse display
• Face painting
• Jumping Castle
• Lockyer Valley Circus Arts workshops
• Model train display
• Soap making workshop
• Highland Dancer 11.30am & 12.30pm

Contact: (07) 5465 3241

Laidey Pioneer Village & Museum

Cnr Drayton and Pioneer Streets, Laidley
6am-9pm daily, entry by donation

Saturday
• Musician's breakfast from 6am
• Lockyer Valley Circus Arts workshops
• Animal farm
• 2nd Lockyer Light Horse Troop
• Plus soap making, highland dances, vintage car rides, activities for the kids, small engine display and more

Sunday
• Musician’s breakfast from 6am
• Horse & carriage rides 9am-1pm (Fee applies)
• Entertainment from 10am
• Plus vintage car rides, activities for the kids, small engine display and more

Contact: (07) 5465 2516

For more information visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au and go to What’s On
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