From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We are already steaming ahead in week 2, with all students settling back in very well.

Staffing this term has remained the same, with the addition of Miss Harch (Monday) and Miss Hart (Wednesday and Thursday) to support students with a social skilling program and then small group intervention for Reading and Numeracy. Based on the testing which took place at the end of term 2, some students were identified as needing some ‘gaps’ filled. These students will be picked up for extra support designed by our STLaN Miss Morgan (our Literacy and Numeracy support teacher) and implemented by Miss Harch and Miss Hart. In addition to this, students who are mid or high ability range will be picked up for extension activities. This support is made possible through the I4S (previously CRG) funding that is paid to the school in order to support improved student outcomes. We look forward to seeing the results of this intervention.

We are pleased with how well our students are currently reading and now we can keep moving forward especially in retelling the information. Our school region (Darling Downs South West) have benchmarks of where they believe our students should be achieving academically by the end of their school year. Currently, we have 59% of our students at or above where our regional benchmarks say our students should be in reading levels AT THE END OF THE YEAR! That is a great effort and we want to make sure that everyone is hitting their year level benchmark by the end of the year. Congratulations to the 54% of our students who have already passed their benchmark and are reading ABOVE their expected level – LET’S KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!!!

This Friday, 6 students will compete at the Laidley Cluster Athletics Carnival to be held at Laidley District State School. Best of luck to our competitors for the day.

Our Ball Games carnival is fast approaching. Please see Miss Harch’s information regarding returning your tuckshop order form on time. Our P&C will need helpers on the day to make the lunches up, so please clear your calendar for this day and come along and support our P&C.

At our P&C meeting on Tuesday evening, school uniforms were discussed again. This is a reminder that last year it was voted that students could wear a red polo shirt to school for normal school days (at a much cheaper cost for families as you can buy these from Big W or K Mart for a small amount of money) but the ‘school’ shirt MUST BE WORN for school events such as photos, carnival days and excursions. Please feel free to take this opportunity if the cost of school shirts is causing drain on your family. We understand the pressure and are happy to accommodate with the alternate shirt option.

The annual School Opinion Survey form for your family is inserted in this newsletter. It is an ONLINE survey and will take around 10-15 mins. PLEASE take the time to have your say about our school. Last year, unfortunately, there were only around 3 participants for this survey. If you feel we do a good job in some areas, but need to improve in others, this survey provides us, our region and the department of education this feedback. Please read each question carefully and answer as honestly as you like. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you require access to a computer to participate, please feel free to come up to the school and utilise our school computers and laptops.

Also enclosed in this newsletter is an expression of interest form from the P&C regarding the selling of raffle tickets for meat trays at the local Mulgowie Hotel on Friday evenings. This fundraising venture has been whole heartedly supported by Mulgowie Hotel and Laidley Butchery. Please indicate your interest to support this fundraising.

Have a great fortnight,

Erika
News from the Junior Room

Dear Parents

We are already busy coming in to Term 3 with a lot of exciting events happening.

We are continuing with our group work in Reading and Mathematics and finding this very successful especially seeing the improvement in all the student's work.

In History this term we will be following the Olympic Games including the history of the games, the symbols and mascots used throughout the games and the history of past and present athletes. We will also look at South America and Rio de Janeiro in relation to the rest of the world and study mapping.

In Science we are continuing the Physical Sciences and studying different types of forces in water and on land and also including gravity.

In Art Media this term we are entering two competitions and designing posters. The first competition is for the yearly workplace health and safety calendar for QLD which concentrates on farm safety. The students are working on this at the moment and doing a fantastic job. The second competition will be for the Laidley Garden club and the theme for this poster is 'We are Australian'. Both competitions are offering prize money as an incentive.

We also plan to teach the students how to code on the computers. Coding is a computer program that works a little like our robots but we use characters on a computer screen. I am sure the students will enjoy this.

In English this term we are studying Poetry and the language and grammar associated with the many styles of poetry. We are planning a Poetry Slam for the end of this term where the students perform a poem for an audience.

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations for our Jump Rope for Heart day at the end of last term. It was great to see all the parents who came to watch our jump rope activities and make our day such a success. We raised $845.00 (a great effort for such a small school), and this has been sent to the Heart Foundation.

We are also commencing training for our ball games carnival which will be held here at Thornton on 26th August.

Once again thank you all for your support,

Sandy O'Sullivan
P-3 Classroom Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Club
Issue 5 has been sent home with your children. Please return all orders and payment details to the school no later than the 28th of July.

Library Lessons
Library lessons will continue this term. The students are learning so much about their library and the way books can not only entertain us but help us also with information. The junior class and senior class will be learning more about non fiction books. They will also learn about how the books are shelved in the library so they can find what they want easily.

Hope you all had a fantastic break.

Mel Sutherland

UNIFORMS
Good news! New uniforms are in. There are plenty of sizes available in readiness for our new preps in 2017 and old students wishing to purchase. An increase in purchase price for shirts and hats has occurred, but the P&C has kindly agreed to wear that cost and shirts will remain at $30 each. Hats however do need to rise to $15 each. Please remember new enrolments still receive a free hat kindly donated by our generous P&C. Thankyou.

Parent Riddle
Q Acting on an anonymous phone call, the police raid a house to arrest a suspected murderer. They don’t know what he looks like but they know his name is John and that he is inside the house. The police bust in on a carpenter, a truck driver, a mechanic and a fireman all playing poker. Without any hesitation or communication of any kind, they immediately arrest the fireman. How did they know they’ve got their man?

A Every month has at least 28 days.
GERMAN NEWS—TIPP KICK
Tipp Kick is a team game which involves two people in a team playing a game which is similar to soccer, but is like a board game.
This year, like other years the German class undertook a class competition with the winners heading to Gatton for the Lockyer Valley competition. After a hotly contested competition in which every student put in their best effort, our congratulations go to Jettison Emmerson and Lachlan Litfin. The boys are practising hard and will head to Gatton on Wednesday 3rd August.

Alles beste,
Frau Chapman

Ball Games Carnival—Tuckshop
There is a tuckshop order form attached to this newsletter. Could all who wish to purchase tuckshop on the day please return order forms accompanied with the correct monies.

Please ensure that these are returned on later then Friday 12th August.

Thank you
Samantha Harch

PINK STUMPS DAY
McGRATH FOUNDATION
Thank you for your support towards our Pink Stumps Day which was held at the start of the year. Together we raised a total of $187.61 to be donated to this amazing foundation.

P&C Meetings:
Next Meeting 16th August 2016
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
ALL WELCOME
School Awards: Term 3 - Week 1

**Junior:**

Student of the Week: Darcy Kelly
PE: Isaiah Bould
Music: Jennifer Beezley
History: Rick Pollock
Science: Isaiah Bould
Art: Jack Moss
Reading: Zoe Bould
Library: Jack Moss
Bus: Joe Foxlee
Act of Kindness: Jack Moss

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Joanah Millard
PE: Lachlan Litfin
Music: Jada Phillips
Math: Penny Taber
Reading: Cheyanne Podham
Library: Jada Phillips
German: Damien Jones
SHORT STORY

WRITING COMPETITION

THEME: Me, My Home, My Story

FREE ENTRY

Entries Close Thursday August 11th, 2016
Winners announced Thursday August 25th, 2016

WHAT TO DO
1) Write a story to tell others about you, where you live and what you do, that’s between 300 to 500 words.
2) Fill in the entry form.
3) Enter the competition.
4) Maybe WIN a cool prize.

The theme for CBCA Book Week 2016 is "AUSTRALIA, STORY COUNTRY". Australia is a big country made up of many different stories. Here is your chance to tell your story about who you are, where you live and what you do.

For an ENTRY FORM AND COMPETITION DETAILS go to www.juniorwritersclub.com.au
or Email: ian@ianmcintosh.com.au or call 0402 907 333
Thornton State School
Ball Games Carnival
Tuckshop Order Form

Return to your school by **Friday 12th August – NO LATE ORDERS SORRY!**

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Please use this form to *pre-order* for the ball games carnival. Only ONE order delivery for this day (not two, as in the past).

**Assorted soft drink cans (adults only) along with limited numbers of the above items**, available for purchase on the day.
Thursday 21st July 2016.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be able to share with you that we have a regular fundraiser arrangement for our school. As we no longer have the funds from the cattle sale canteen, a regular income is extremely helpful to support our P&C in their endeavours to support every student in the school.

This new fundraiser is in the form of raffle ticket sales for meat trays at the Mulgowie Hotel.

The arrangement is for the sale to take place on Friday afternoons from 5pm until sold (usually around 6:30-7:00pm).

This is also a great opportunity for our school community to be involved with the local community who support our fundraisers such as trivia nights and come along to our end of year concerts.

We are asking for every family to show their expression of interest for coming down on a roster and selling tickets on a Friday night. We understand that this is not everyone’s cup of tea, but appreciate that the more people we have offering to help, the less often you may be called on to do the job.

Please fill in the slip below and return to the school by next Thursday 28th July for the P&C to arrange a roster.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Erika Hassett
On behalf of the P&C.

I _____________________ am / am not prepared to help out with the selling of raffle tickets at the Mulgowie Hotel on a Friday night to raise funds for Thornton SS P&C Association.

Contact No: __________________________________________________

Known dates I am not available to be rostered: ______________________

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