Dear Parents,

Week 6 has come around quickly, and soon the end of term will be upon us.

**Staffing**

The question was raised at the P&C meeting around our Administration Officer position at the school. Sadly, Mrs Mylee Ladynski, who is substantively our permanent admin officer, has decided (due to personal circumstances) to not return to work at Thornton SS. This means that Miss Samantha Harch will continue in the role of admin officer for the remainder of the year as the process is undertaken to fill the position on a permanent basis. Great to have you continuing with us Sam and best of luck to you Mylee, for whatever your future holds.

**Parent Computer Workshop on offer!**

Next term, I will be offering FREE workshops on the use of computers, Microsoft Office Suit items such as Word, PowerPoint and Publisher. If you have an interest in learning more about these ICT’s, please fill in the parent slip attached in this newsletter to express your level of interest. I envisage the sessions will run on an agreed afternoon / evening over a period of 4 or 5 weeks. You won’t need to come to all sessions, unless you want to, just the ones that are of interest to you.

It’s a great way to get to know the technology that your children are using and build your capacity in using it.

**Parent helpers for ball games next week.**

Our P&C are collating the tuckshop orders for next Friday’s ball games carnival held here at our school. They will ensure that all the ordering and prep work is done for the day. We are seeking support from our families by way of helpers on the day. From 8:30am (school start time) we will need helpers to make the rolls up and prepare the packs that have been ordered. We will also need helpers to sell items on the day from our make shift canteen. If you are available to help on the day, for either part or all of it, please indicate on the page inserted in this newsletter. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**P&C Raffle at the Mulgowie Hotel.**

You would remember that your support was called for regarding selling raffle tickets for the P&C at the Mulgowie Hotel on a Friday night. Thank you for those families that have returned the note. We appreciate that the pub is not for every family, but we also acknowledge that there are many patrons of the pub who are excited and more than happy to support our small school to achieve the best outcomes for our students. This raffle provides a means for this support.

The P&C voted at the meeting on Tuesday night around the proposed expenditure for the raffle money. It was agreed that the funds raised from this on-going fundraiser would support EVERY student in the school through paying for camp in it’s entirety. From 2017, and as long as the raffles are still providing enough income to cover the cost, student cost for annual school camp will be NIL. This is a wonderful support for all of our families to ensure that every child goes on school camp. The P&C know that this will make a difference for all of our families and appreciate what ever support you are able to provide them to make this initiative possible.

Thanks,

Erika
News from the Junior Room

Dear Parents

It is now week 6 and we are practising for the Small School’s Ball games carnival to be held on Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} August. The carnival will be held at Thornton State School. Grandchester, Kentville and Lockrose schools will be joining us. Please come and join us for the day to cheer the Thornton students on.

The students are working hard on their poetry and practising for their poetry slam in the last week of school this term. We have been writing acrostic poems, bio poems and this week we made up our own cinquain poem. I have included some examples of the cinquain poems for you.

We are also following the Olympics in Rio and we are integrating our work with the games. We are keeping a medal count using tally marks as a part of our Chance and Data, we have looked at the history of the games and now we are studying Brazil as a country in Geography. In art, we also made the Olympic Games mascot called Vinicius and wrote an acrostic poem about the Olympics!

Thank you again for all your support

Sandy O'Sullivan

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 18th October 2016
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
ALL WELCOME
News: Junior Photos

Paxton Woodward

Cinquain

Title

Dogs

Playful, funny
Biting, playing, jumping, Always barking loudly

Matty

Phoebe Millard

Cinquain

Title

Cows

Horned, Sleepy
Buck, drinking, eating, always fun to ride

Booing

Belle Roebig

Cinquain

Title

Guinea pigs

Sleepy, fluffy
Eating, playing, training
Always fun to tame

Rodent

Jack Moss

2016 Rio Olympics

Olympics did opening
Long Jump, boxing
Tennis, basketball
Rowing, swimming

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LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Club
Issue 6 of Book Club has been sent home. Please have all orders and payment details back to the office by Tuesday 30 August. This will allow time for the books to be here before the holidays.

Library Lessons
Our senior students learnt about the history of books and book keeping. The first record of written work was discovered by archaeologists near the great rivers of Egypt and Mesopotamia. Their method was to write on clay tablets using a series of wedges and lines to make up sounds and words. Later on the Egyptians used papyrus reed to make rolled up scrolls (books).

Our junior students were able to look at a picture of an animal and describe its features. They drew a picture and discuss their work.
We also shared a book together on problem solving. The title was Hedgehog Hugs. Its great to read with the students and get their ideas and feedback of the books in our library.

Mel Sutherland

Parent Riddle

Q A farmer is trying to cross a river. He is taking with him a rabbit, carrots and a fox and he only has a small raft. He can only bring one item across with him at a time on the raft. He cannot leave the fox and the rabbit alone together. He cannot leave the rabbit and the carrots alone together. How can he get everything across the river?

Last week’s A
An Egg
School Awards: Term 3 - Week 4 & 5

Junior:

Student of the Week: Zoe Bould (4) & Belle Roebig (5)
PE: Joe Foxlee (4) & Phoebe Millard (5)
Music: Rick Pollock (5)
Science: Belle Roebig (5)
Art: Darcy Kelly (4) & Zoe Bould (5)
Reading: Joe Foxlee (4)
Library: Jennifer Beezley (4)
Handwriting: Paxton Woodward (4) & Jennifer Beezley (4)
Typing: Jack Moss (5) & Rick Pollock (5)
Bus: Jack Moss (4) & Charlotte (5)
Act of Kindness: Paxton Woodward (5)

Senior:

Student of the Week: Cheyanne Podham (4) & Jett Emmerson (5)
PE: Penny Taber (4)
Math: Boe Millard (5)
History: Jett Emmerson (4)
Geography: Boe Millard (5)
Art: Joanah Millard (5)
Spelling: Jada Phillips (5)
Reading: Jett Emmerson (4), Boe Millard (4) & Lachlan Litfin (5)
Library: Lachlan Litfin (4)
Act of Kindness: Ashley Taber (4)
Laidley District Cricket Club

Junior Sign On

Saturday 20th August
11am
or
Wednesday 24th August
4.15pm
Bichel Oval, Laidley

Teams will be nominated in U10, U12, U14 & U16
Training to commence on Wednesday 24th August
For more details email mnrdean@bigpond.com
or phone Matt 0448168019

Sign On Day

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016

11am – 2pm
LAIDLEY RECREATION GROUNDS
WHITES RD, LAIDLEY

WEBSITE www.la.org.au
LOWOOD SOFTBALL CLUB

2016-2017 SEASON SIGN-ON

SIGN-ON DAYS:
Thursday 18th & 25th Aug-4.30p.m.
Thursday 1st Sept-4.30p.m.
Lowood Primary School Oval

Sunday 28th August 8.00a.m. to 12p.m.
Supa IGA Lowood
AGES 4 & UP

Upon sign-on please bring copy of birth certificate for anyone under 19.

Season Commences:
October 2016-March 2017