From the Principal

Dear parents,

Education Week

Celebrating Education Week at Thornton State School this week saw us open our doors to our whole community on Tuesday.

We had the third of our five ‘pre-prep’ days and our World Grandparents Day morning tea. What a lovely day!

Our students were very excited to show their grandparents and older relatives their fantastic work. I heard some great feedback from the older generation regarding the technology our students use so fluently as part of their everyday education. Very different to the times at school for our visitors!

It was great to see such a strong turn out from our families with close to 20 mums, dads, grandparents and great-grandparents visiting our small school. With our energetic pre-preps running around, Thornton State School was a very busy place on Tuesday. Our guests saw our work, watched our Jump Rope for Heart routine and shared a fabulous morning tea with us. The day saw our students enjoy being young with a jumping castle on hand and even a birthday cake for Elizabeth Steinhardt (Happy 4th birthday Elizabeth!!!). It is so nice to see a community of people engaging and sharing their stories about education. Thank you once again for sharing the day (see photos on page 4).

Workplace Health & Safety Award Winners

Tuesday was also special for our students who participated in a Queensland wide competition run by Workplace Health and Safety.

Mrs O had the students complete a drawing regarding farm safety, which had to tell an important message as well as be aesthetically pleasing – as the 12 winning entries from around the state would form a calendar for 2017.

We are so very proud to say that two of our students were judged by WH&S officers as winners, and their work is published in the calendar. Congratulations to Damien Jones and Jett Emmerson who both drew very creative and clever pictures with strong safety messages.

As a result of this win, the school will receive $1000 ($500 for each winning recipient) to be used at the school. The students each received a $250 gift card and a John Deere die cast model and John Deere cap (donated by John Deere).

Well done boys!!!
School Camp to THUNDERBIRD PARK

Next week is camp and in this newsletter you will find some information regarding our catering (all dietary requirements are being catered for), what to bring (in case you lost the last note we sent home) and what activities we will be doing.

Parents attending camp, you will be given a briefing while on the coach on the way down to the camp on Wednesday morning regarding our risk assessment for our activities. Mrs O or Miss Harch will run you through the risks and how the school and camp aim to minimise and manage them.

The bus for camp will depart the school next Wednesday (2nd November) at 8:30am promptly. Please be here no later than 8:15am so that we can get the bus packed and visit the bathrooms if necessary before getting on board.

The Mulgowie Hotel will be the second pick up point. If you live closer to the pub, you are welcome to meet the bus there. We will aim to depart from The Mulgowie Hotel at approximately 8:45am.

Please do not be late!

On Friday afternoon, we are aiming to have first drop off at The Mulgowie Hotel at approximately 3:45pm and 4:00pm at the school. If these times change dramatically, I will contact you via text message.

Report cards

As we are heading toward the end of the school year, we are getting ready for final assessments for our students. We are hoping to have reports out at the end of week 9 / beginning of week 10.

Until next fortnight,

Erika

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 15th November 2016
(Now changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)

ALL WELCOME
News from the Junior Room

Dear Parents

The term is certainly flying by and the students are now working hard to finish their assessment in each subject area.

Each student will need to be working on an outfit for their fairy tale character parade on Tuesday 8th November. The Years 1-3 students will come dressed for the day as their favourite fairy tale character and they will also present a written description and a talk about their character. The Pre Prep students will also come dressed up as a fairy tale character although they will not need to make a presentation. I will send a note out closer to the day with the times to enable parents to come and watch the parade.

Next Tuesday 1st November is Melbourne Cup day and we are celebrating the day by wearing a decorated, wide brim hat or alternatively, students can decorate their school hat. Please ensure students wear a wide brim hat! Pre Prep – Year 3 students will be decorating and designing racehorses throughout the day and we will have races with our horses on the oval in the afternoon.

Last Tuesday, Annelise, Anne and Margaret, from the RSPCA, came to share their knowledge about animals to the students. The students were very interested and enjoyed the visit.

We had a fantastic time on our Grandparent’s Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and Grandparents who came to visit.

Congratulations to all our students who received a certificate for entering the Farm Safety competition. Jett and Damien’s posters were chosen for the calendar which was a great effort. They received $250 each and $500 each for the school. Scott Munro, a senior inspector for Work Place Health and Safety Queensland, presented all the certificates and prizes on Grandparent’s Day.

Thank you all again for your support

Warm regards

Sandy O’Sullivan

Pre Prep students
RSPCA—Annelise, Anne & Margaret
Photos

Week 3 certificate holders

Rachel Regan & Grace Regan—Students of the Week

Grandparents Day:
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Fair
It was lovely to see our fantastic grandparents visit our book fair with their grandchil-dren. I hope everyone was happy with their purchases and enjoyed having the books available for purchase at our school. Special thanks to the kind people who donated books to our library.

Book Club
Book Club has been ordered this week. One last issue will be available this year before our Christmas holidays.

Pre Prep
Thank you to our lovely pre preps for returning their books each week. The children have enjoyed looking for books to take home to share with their families.

Stocktake
Next week while everyone is at camp I will be scanning every library book in the school for stocktake. As there is around 10,000 books in this little school, I would appreciate that all books from home be returned so the stocktake process runs easier. There will be no borrowing next Tuesday. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mel Sutherland

Pre Prep
Time is flying – we’re over half way through our Pre-Prep journey! Grandparent's day occurred concurrently with our Pre-Prep visiting day this week. We were all very excited to show off our work to these special peo-ple. If you ask your children, I’m sure the highlight of their day was the jumping castle! Many turns were had, along with other outside activities including the sandpit, threading, crayon drawing and water play. I’ve en-joyed getting to know these special people and what skills they can show me already. Next year is going to be exciting when they are all big Prep students!

Mrs Emmerson

Uniforms
At the last P&C meeting, it was decided that bucket hats would become part of our school uniform. These hats can be worn at school and on sports days. An exception to this is ANZAC Day and school excursions where our traditional slouch hat must be worn (when our school is on display and to show respect), which is still available as well. The expected delivery of these hats is in two weeks time, depending on postal delivery. Both the slouch hat and the bucket hat cost will be $15. Remaining unchanged is the gift of one free slouch hat upon enrolment, generously donated by our P&C. If this hat becomes lost or damaged, it is the responsibly of the parent to purchase another.

Thankyou,
Mrs Emmerson
School Awards: Term 4 - Week 2 & 3

**Junior:**

Student of the Week: Rachel Regan (3)
Geography: Darcy Kelly (3)
Science: Zoe Bould (3)
Drama: Belle Roebig (3)
Reading: Phoebe Millard (3)
Writing: Paxton Woodward (3)

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Grace Regan (3)
Math: Jada Phillips (3)
Art/Drama: Penny Taber (3)
Spelling: Ezra Vincent (3)
Writing: Damien Jones (3)
German: Jett Emmerson (2)
Bus: Penny Taber (3)

**Parent Riddle**

This week’s Q

I have two legs, but they only touch the ground when I am not moving.

What am I?

Last week’s A

A glove
Information for parents

Getting ready for camp

New skills, new friends and new experiences – school camp should be an exciting adventure. This information pack has been designed to help you prepare your child (and you) for a stress free and enjoyable camp experience at Camp Thunderbird.

Packing checklist:
- Pillow, sleeping bag, fitted sheet and single sheet
- Shorts and t-shirts (no singlets, sleeveless or midriff tops – sun safety)
- Jeans and/or pants - required to cover ankles if doing Laser skirmish.
- Jumpers and tracksuit pants
- Socks and underwear
- Raincoat
- Pyjamas
- Swimming costume and rash shirt
- Sunscreen, sunhat and sunglasses
- Toiletries, including soap (no aerosols)
- Two towels
- Day-backpack
- Insect repellent (no aerosols)
- Lip balm
- Two pairs of sneakers (one old pair to wear in the water/mud course)
- Thongs (for shower only)
- Paper, pens or pencils
- Plastic bags for dirty or wet clothes
- Medications (if required)
- Handkerchief or tissues
- Water bottle.
- Torch

Optional: Camera, stamped envelope for writing a letter, souvenir money.
Handy hint: Please label clothing, towels and sleeping bag with your child’s name

Mudcourse items:
- Throw away tee shirt, pants, shoes & socks (Just be prepared for these items not to come back home)
- An alternative is for the children to bring clothes home anyway and they can be washed and saved if need be.

What not to bring to camp:
- Aerosol cans (e.g. spray on deodorant or insect repellent)
- Ugh boots or slippers (these cannot be worn around the Centre or on activities)
- Ipods, MP3 players
- Computer/video games
- Mobile phones
- Lollies or chewing gum
- Jewellery
- Anything valuable
Luggage
One travelling case/bag and a sleeping bag is allowed per child and should be clearly marked with your child’s name, address and phone number. Remember, your child will have to carry their luggage, so make sure it’s not too big or too heavy. Something on wheels is a good idea.
Handy hint: Pack items needed on the trip in a smaller, light day-backpack.

Special Dietary Requirements
Please advise the School if your child has any special dietary requirements that the Camp Venue will be required to cater for. We cater for Vegetarians, Dairy and Gluten Free. Halal students will be treated as vegetarian. All students with dietary requirements are asked to BYO snacks for morning and afternoon tea. Fruit will always be served as well.

Medical information
Your child should bring enough medication for the duration of their stay. All medicines should be in original packaging and clearly marked with your child’s name, together with instructions on the prescribed dosage and frequency. You should discuss this with your child’s teacher, who will be responsible for making sure your child takes their medication.

Bed wetting
If your child is prone to bed wetting, please let the school or Centre staff know beforehand, so staff can deal with the situation in a discreet and caring manner. Laundry facilities are available, please provide a waterproof mattress protector if required.

Asthma and/or anaphylaxis
If your child has asthma and/or is at risk of anaphylaxis, it’s essential that you provide an asthma and/or anaphylaxis management plan so teachers know what action to take in the event of an attack. Children with asthma should bring their own peak flow meters and keep their inhalers with them at all times. Children at risk of anaphylaxis need to bring TWO adrenaline auto injectors.

Money and valuables
You might want to provide your child with some spending money so they can buy some camp souvenirs or items from the onsite Terrace Kiosk. We suggest that spending money is limited to $20 or $30 and is provided in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on it.
Camp Thunderbird – Gumnut Package

Breakfast

Cereal, toast, spreads, fruit juice and chefs choice of one of the following:

1. Scrambled eggs
2. Baked beans

Lunch

Chefs choose one of the following:

1. Burger buffet (pattie, cheese, tomato, lettuce and sauce on bun)
2. Wraps with assorted cold meats and salad
3. Sausage sizzle (roll, BBQ sausage, onion, cheese and sauce)

Dinner

Chefs choose one of the following:

1. Lasagne with garlic bread and fresh salad
2. Chicken with vegetables and potatoes
3. Spaghetti Bolognaise and garlic bread

Dessert

Chefs choose one of the following:

1. Ice cream and topping
2. Bread and Butter Pudding and ice cream
3. Hot desert and ice cream

Morning and Afternoon Teas

Fresh fruit and assorted muffins and cookies

Select the GUMNUT catering package and receive:

- TBP VIP Activity Pass - each student receives a year’s free entitlements to Thunderbird Park’s adventure activities. Conditions apply.