From the Principal

Dear parents,

The countdown is on and we are screaming to the end of yet another busy year.

Last week saw our 2016 small school swimming carnival held at Laidley Swimming Pool. Our students all behaved well and competed with great sportsmanship. Well done to you all. Your behaviour is always commented upon by other school staff and makes all of us proud to be at events such as this with you – thank you students!

Congratulations to Isaiah Bould who came away with an age champion medallion. It was a tough battle for the day, but he persevered and came through in the end. Well done Isaiah!

On Tuesday this week, we were very fortunate to have a special visitor come along to our school. Archaeologist and Geologist Dr Ian Moffat from Flinders University in South Australia came and spoke to our students about what an archaeologist and geologist does and how it got into that field of study. He shared some of his adventures and even some very recent discoveries about Neanderthal infant teeth and their stress lines!! (ask your children if they can tell you about it).

Dr Moffat then had a look at the students ‘thundereggs’ that they collected while on school camp recently. Some of the rocks were very interesting to look at and Dr Moffat was most impressed with our students understanding of how the ‘thundereggs’ was formed. Did you know that we can find ‘thundereggs’ in our valley?? They are a lot darker and heavier though, due to the minerals in this area.

Finally, Dr Moffat took our students on a technology journey by introducing them to 3D imagery that he uses on his archaeological dig sites. This technology allowed our students to take lots of photos of our Olympics mascot leaning on a rock to form a 3D image that we can see on the screen. As our school is heading down a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic) pathway, this introduction to such technology was well received by our students.

Thank you for visiting Dr Moffat and we hope you come back again soon!

Thank you also to Ann Young who provided the school with the connection to her son. A very proud mum indeed!!
Next Monday night (28th November) is the graduation dinner for our three graduating grade 6 students. The staff are looking forward to sharing a meal with to celebrate your time at primary school and to wish you the best of luck for your future.

Tuesday 6th December is our end of year concert and presentation evening. We will be holding this event at the MULGOWIE HALL as we have done in the past. A flyer with further information has been attached for each family. PLEASE BOOK YOUR MEAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES. A similar flyer is being dropped into our community’s letter boxes, but please pass on the word to your neighbours who like to attend our concert. We love seeing them there!

On the last day of this term, Friday 9th December, we have organised a 12m long double lane slip and slide for the students to have a fun break up day on. This has been made possible by our kind P&C who are also providing a sausage sizzle for each student on this day. There will be no cost to the students for this day and free dress (sun safe only and closed in shoes please) can be worn.

As we have 8 preps next year, we are opening the slip and slide and the fun day to our incoming students also. This will be a great way for them to connect again with our students before breaking up for summer holidays. Please note, parents of pre-prep students MUST stay to supervise their child on this day.
We look forward to celebrating our very busy year with our wonderful students on this day.

Until the last newsletter, take care,

Erika

P&C NEWS

BUCKET HATS ARE HERE!

$15 per hat.

Sizing – S / M or L / XL (they have adjustable toggle at the back)

Please see Mrs Emmerson, or one of the staff, to arrange your purchase.

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 14th February 2017
6:00pm Meet & Greet Sausage Sizzle
6:30pm AGM
7:00pm General P&C Meeting

ALL WELCOME

(General Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
**LIBRARY NEWS:**

**Book Club**
Book Club has been ordered for the last time this year. Thank you again to all our wonderful families for supporting our library with their purchases.

**Secret Santa**
Secret Santa will take place on the last Thursday of term, 8th December. The original letter said the 11th which is the Sunday. Oops! Presents are already accumulating under the tree.

Have a lovely day,
Mel Sutherland

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**Parent Riddle**

**This week’s Question**
A fully grown man shaves three times a day, yet still has a beard and full head of hair. How can this be?

**Last week’s Answer**
Time
School Awards: Term 4 - Week 6 & 7

**Junior:**

Student of the Week: Phoebe Millard (6) & Isaiah Bould (7)

Math: Paxton Woodward (6) & Rick Pollock (6)

Geography: Paxton Woodward (6) & Belle Roebig (7)

Science: Joe Foxlee (6) & Paxton Woodward (7)

Drama: Rachel Regan (6) & Rick Pollock (7)

Reading: Paxton Woodward (6), Belle Roebig (6), Jack Moss (7) & Phoebe Millard (7)

Acts of Kindness: Phoebe Millard (6)

Technology: Darcy Kelly (6)

Bus: Phoebe Millard (6)

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Penny Taber (6) & Jada Phillips (7)

Math: Damien Jones (7)

Science: Josh Regan (7)

Reading: Charlotte Moss (7)

Writing: Charlotte Moss (6)

German: Joanah Millard (7)

Bus: Joanah Millard (7)
THORNTON SCHOOL’S 2016 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER FROM 6:00PM

The students and staff of Thornton School would love your company at our annual Christmas Concert. We will begin our celebrations with dinner followed by entertainment provided by our students.

Venue: Mulgowie Hall

Dinner: Thornton SS P&C Association

- Burger and dessert $10.00 per person
- Burger Only $5.00 per person
- Sausage on bread & ice cream cone $5.00 per person

Soft drink and bottled water will be available on the night

RSVP: For catering purposes please have your RSVP and meal orders to the school by Thursday 1st December. For all enquiries contact Thornton State School on 54667 141

Please return the slip below to the school. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

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Family Name:__________________________________________

Number attending:_______________________________________

Amount of burger meals @ $10 each _______________________

Amount of burgers only @ $5 each _________________________

Amount of sausage meals @ $5 each ________________________

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