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Term 3 Week 3

Principals Message

Dear Parent/caregiver,

Firstly my apologies for the lateness of this newsletter which should have gone out last week.

As you all know we lost a dear friend and colleague last week with the sad passing of Roz Hristopanos. This unfortunately led to a number of things being placed on the back burner as we supported our staff and students through this tragic and difficult time. Roz or Mrs H as the kids called her was a lovely lady, a local to Thornton and her children attended our great school. She loved working at TPS, loved being around the kids and her passing is a huge loss to our school and our support staff. She has worked with us since 2010 and I know she has had a huge impact on the lives of those students and families she supported during this time. I would like to thank those parents who have spoken to staff and offered their condolences and to those families who have sent gifts and also supplied lunch to the staff last week for your caring and thoughtful gestures.

There have been a small number of isolated cases of Chickenpox at our school in recent days. None of the students are currently attending as they are all self-isolating at home. If your child has any symptoms that you are concerned about, skin rash, fever, runny nose and generally unwell then please keep them at home until you have sought medical advice.

In Term 3, we are still under strict guidelines in relation to Covid-19 which is a good thing given the situation in Victoria. I have had concerns raised by parents in relation to some community members not following social distancing outside the school grounds. Although I have no authority to police social distancing outside of school grounds I would encourage all community members collecting students to adhere to the 1.5m rule and follow good hygiene practices.

The following guidelines may help parents understand what it is schools and the education Department have in place to ensure compliance and safety for all attending TPS.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. Under this advice, schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or for anyone to wear masks.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents.

Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School attendance

Remember not to send students to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms. Schools will make appropriate

arrangements to return students home if they come to school unwell or becomes unwell at school.

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

School activities/school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes parents and carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

Enrolments 2020 - We are currently accepting kindergarten enrolments for 2021 and watching the Covid-19 restrictions in relation to when we are able to run Tadpoles. If you have a school-aged child who will start kindergarten next year please make contact with the office.

Stuart Wylie

Principal



Deputy Diaries

We would like to start by thanking our amazing community for the resilience and support that you have all demonstrate, during a very sad and challenging time. The devastating loss of Mrs H has rocked our school, but we take great comfort knowing that love and passion that she had for her work had significant impact on our children, staff and community. She will always be in our hearts.

Week 3 kicks off Education Week. Our Education Week 2020 theme, 'Learning together', reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response.

This Education Week, we embrace the whole NSW public education community, highlighting the achievements of local schools and the role of public schools as the cornerstone of their communities. This Thursday every student will be joining in their class 'Challenge Accepted' activities to showcase the positive relationships, team work and resilience that exists in our school! As much as we would love to celebrate this event face to face with you all the current circumstances make this tricky! We will be sharing our celebrations with you via video. This will be released on our Facebook and Schoolzine app, so please keep your eye out for the #TPSEdWeek20 film!

As part of Education Week, the Department of Education is releasing a series of virtual celebrations and events. Presented by the Federation of Parents and Citizens Association of NSW (the P&C) in partnership with the NSW Department of Education's Rural & Distance Education team, this one-hour

Zoom webinar at 7pm on Thursday 6th August has been specially created to give parents and carers a working understanding of the technology most commonly used in NSW public schools.

In this easy-to-access online event we will cover:

- the common technology platforms used in public schools
- the decisions schools make when they are selecting a technology product
- where you can access more information
- 'deep dives' into both GSuite for Education and Office 365, including how to check for your child's upcoming work and submitting work and
- general questions about GSuite for Education and Microsoft Office365.

This is a great opportunity for our community. If you are interested, please go to https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w-af-xBkSTyLn2x3mNJsMg and register your attendance.

Have a wonderful week!

Until next time,

Mr Collins and Mrs Wright

Early Stage One Report

Now that we are back at school we are getting stuck in to reading and writing. Don't forget to keep on reading at home by using the login for PM e-collection. The readers available are the same as the readers available at school so the students will be familiar with the characters, layout and design. If you are unable to log on to the website or access the app please contact your child's teacher for help.

Jumpers, scarves, gloves and other personal items have been left behind by students in every Kindergarten classroom. Most of these items have no names on them so we are unable to know who to return them to. Please make sure your child has their name on any item that they bring to school-it makes it much easier for us to return things! If you are missing something in particular, please contact your child's teacher and we will try to locate it.

If you have any concerns at all about how your child is going at school, please contact your child's teacher and they will be more than happy to discuss your concern.

Stay safe and stay warm,

Mrs Eleanor Roberts

Assistant Principal

Stage One Report

Welcome back to Term 3. It is great to see so many smiling faces back at school. We hope you had a relaxing break and have kept yourself dry during this wet and windy week.

Term 3 Learning

This term, some of the topics students in Stage One will be exploring include:

Maths- Whole number, Addition/Subtraction, Multiplication/Division, 2D shapes, 3D shapes, Time, Capacity, Mass.

Science/History/Geography- Light and Sound. This term the connected MAPPEN themed unit of work has a strong science focus. Students will explore light and sound and have the opportunity to design and produce some simple items.

PE- Being an Athlete & Dance

Learning Goals

This term, all students in Stage One will have their own personal writing goals. This will help students to think about learning, reflect on their skills and identify areas they can work on to help them continue to make progress.

Students will be encouraged to share their goals with their families.

Home Reading

We are continuing to encourage students to try and find at least 10 minutes a night for home reading. Your child can access the great PM readers online using their log in details, select their own books from home or read books from the school library.

Students can fill in their reading logs and to celebrate their reading efforts they can collect their home reading certificates when they reach 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 nights of reading!

Lost Property

The collection of lost property is rapidly growing. There are food containers, drink bottles and a selection of jumpers and jackets. To help ensure these items can be returned **please clearly label** all your child's hats, jumpers, and food containers with their name and class. Don't forget as items are washed the labels often become less clear and items need to be relabelled.

Kelly Rutherford

Assistant Principal

Stage Three Report

Stage 3 students have started off Term 3 with a positive and enthusiastic attitude toward their learning. We have commenced our Literacy sessions and will be focusing on the concept of characterisation through reading texts by Roald

Dahl. Students are enjoying the activities and are using their imagination through writing descriptive texts. The use of visual images is also assisting students to be more creative with their writing.

We will be making a final decision in the coming weeks regarding the Year 6 Canberra excursion. At this point in time, the Department of Education has notified schools that excursions will remain on hold and will be reconsidered during Term 3.. We remain positive that we will have some indication soon if we proceed with the excursion. Information will be sent out as soon as we have any new directives.

Our leaders have commenced sessions that look at the roles and responsibilities of being a school leader. These have been timetabled for each Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm. I'm sure our leaders will enjoy these sessions and take away valuable information that will assist them in their leadership journey for the remainder of 2020.

A reminder that years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in the 2020 ICAS tests. These tests are optional only and must be paid online via the parent platform by this Sunday. Details regarding these tests is further on in this newsletter.

2020 ICAS Tests

A note was sent home last week to students in years 3-6 to participate in this years ICAS tests. Please note that these tests are optional only and must be paid via the parent payment system by **this Sunday 2nd August, 2020**. Tests will be administered on school grounds in last August. Information regarding the dates for each of the tests will be sent home next week. Details for access to the log in page are below:

Access details for Parents

Our school access code is ZSD615

Our parent page link is <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Meegan Kavanagh

Assistant Principal

ICAS Testing

Please find attached information for ICAS testing.

Please note the correct details below to make payment as the attached was supplied with the incorrect information.

[ICAS_TPS_note_2020.pdf](#)

Friday Treat Day



Congratulations

Our Year 6 students put on a K-2 Disco at the end of last term and we wish to congratulate all who participated. Everyone had a great time at the disco including the teachers and Year 6 raised \$370.25 to go toward their Year 6 Shirts.



Are your contact numbers and emergency contacts up to date?

Dear parents and carers,

We are ensuring we have all of our parents and carers and emergency contact details up to date.

If you have changed your mobile number or emergency contacts could you please advise Thornton Public School via email thornton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten Orientation Postponed

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION POSTPONED

Please be advised that our Kindergarten orientation program TADPOLES was due to commence in week 5, however due to COVID-19 it will not be able to go ahead at this time. We are awaiting further information from the NSW Department of Education as to when we can recommence this program. Enrolment packs can be collected at our school office.

PBL Rewards Day

Thornton Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. Our universal values are Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Twice per term, in weeks 5 & 10, we have an afternoon of fun and games to celebrate the success of our students who consistently demonstrate our values. To be eligible to attend our rewards days students must not, in any five-week period, be referred to planning room for poor behaviour or receive a letter (behaviour letter, suspension or warning of suspension) describing inappropriate behaviour. After each five-week period all students get a clean slate and are eligible to attend the next celebration by showing Respect, Responsibility and Resilience at all times. We look forward to celebrating the achievement of our students.

Regards
PBL Team

Virtual Book Fair

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/564/virtual_book_fair.pdf

Birthday Bucket

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A...

Birthday BUCKET

Is your child having a birthday at school? Then why not let them celebrate with their friends and classmates by organising a bucket full of iceblocks for them to enjoy!

All you need to do is:

- Choose which ice blocks you would like us to serve
- Tell us how many children are in your child's class
- Fill in the birthday bucket order form and hand it to the office with payment
- Please give us 3 DAYS NOTICE to ensure we have enough stock!

We will then have your bucket of ice blocks ready for the birthday boy or girl to collect at lunch time on their special day!

Price list:
Ice cream cone: \$1.20ea
Ice cream cup: \$1.20ea
Ice cream bar: \$1.00ea
Ice cream sandwich: \$1.00ea
Ice cream cake: \$0.50ea

Rotary Rutherford Tisbury

Rotary Rutherford Tisbury CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A...

Birthday BUCKET

Name: _____
Class: _____ Date of birthday bucket: _____
Number of ice blocks: _____
Type of ice block: (Please circle)
\$0.50ea \$1.00ea \$1.00ea \$1.20ea \$1.20ea
Cost \$ _____ Paid: YES / NO

Please give us 3 DAYS NOTICE to ensure we have enough stock!

We will then have your bucket of ice blocks ready for the birthday boy or girl to collect at lunch time on their special day!

Canteen Winter Menu

[THORNTON_Winter_Canteen_Menu_2020_UPDATED.pdf](#)

Cancer Council



Good for Kids

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/561/term_3_good_for_kids_snippets.pdf

Road safety around our school

Friendly Warning that Police are patrolling around our School to help maintain safety of our children and to ensure we are all following the road rules.

There are still people double parking along Government Road during pick up time in the afternoon please note this is against the law. There are plenty of parking spots available in the adjacent street if you can come to the school gate and collect your child and go across the pedestrian crossing. By Double Parking you are blocking visibility which forces other cars to go around you which puts our students in danger.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who keep our kids safe by obeying the road rules around the school for pick up and drop off. Please remember that patience is vitally important to the safety of our students and please consider parking a littler further away and walking to collect your child.

DRIVE SAFE

	<p>DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.</p>	<p>Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.</p>	<p>EXCEEDS \$344</p>	<p>(School Zone) 2</p>
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LOWES Sale

Upcoming Lowes 20% off Sale which includes Schoolwear and everything in the store on *Thursday 6th & Friday 7th of August 2020.*

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/565/lowes.pdf