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Newsletter: Term 2, Week 11

Friday, 28 June 2024

Term 3 Planner

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	15 JUL	16 JUL	17 JUL	18 JUL	19 JUL
	Pupil Free Day Students do not attend	First day of Term 3 for students	Senior Choir Practice 8-8.20am Junior Choir Practice 1.10pm	Ukulele Group 8-8.20am Y5&6 Senior Robotics Club 2.30-3.45pm Community Room	Kindy 2025 Applications due

Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers, welcome to the week 11 newsletter edition. It is hard to believe we are half way through the 2024 school year already! Thank you to all our wonderful staff for the hard work and dedication they put into each and every day teaching and guiding our students. Thanks also goes to our P&C members, volunteers, university students, parents, caregivers and community members for all their support this term. Our students thrive when the whole school community comes together like ours does. So thank you!



Term 3 Events



Term 3 planning is well under way and the term is going to be a busy one indeed. We are looking forward to many exciting events with our Open Night, Year 6 camp, PP-Y6 swimming lessons, Faction Athletics Carnival, Science Week, Book Week and dress up day and our annual Scholastic Book Fair just to name a few! A Term 3 planner will go home with families early next term. Keep an eye out for the most up to date event information in our newsletters.

Semester 1 Reports

Students in Kindy to Year 6 should have received their semester 1 reports this week. Student reports contain information about your childs academic achievements, attitude, behaviour and effort. It is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to read reports with their children and celebrate their accomplishments.

Students who are away will be able to collect their reports when they return for Term 3. Reports are also accessible on Connect. Information on how to access your child's report via Connect has been communicated to families. It is recommended that you download and save a copy of your child's report for future reference, particularly for our Year 6 students who may require a copy for high school applications. If you are not able to log into Connect, please contact the office and our friendly staff will assist.

Pink Enrolment Information Request Forms

Last week, pink enrolment information request forms for 2025 were sent home. All families are requested to return these slips to enable us to organise classes for next year. Please return to the office no later than Friday, 26 July 2024. Spare forms are available in the office.



WELL Values

Our week 11 raffle winner was Divleen K from A3. Well done!

Happy Holidays

We will welcome students for Term 3 on Tuesday, 16 July 2024. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy school holiday break. See you all next term!

Jacqueline Bell Acting Principal



Week 11 Honour Certificates Awarded –Well done!

ECC1	Ayvah K		B2	Sohrab M	Sami I
ECC2	Lucy G	Freya I	B3	Nevaeh F	Lawson V
A1	Alexander D	Lakyn B	B4	Mia F	Jolance A
А3	Chloe C	Elliot F	B5	Ruby C	Cattaleya P
A4	Bailee B	Amber D	C2	Alex B	Kyzaiah K
A5	Coby-Jay R	Zayn F	C3	Lihan A	Titan K
A6	Hayley G	Benji P	C4	Angelo E	Emmett D
B1	Sophie C	Haki L	C5	Scarlett W	Elijah R

DION DRUMMOND NAIDOC INCURSION

On Monday, 24 June 2024, students from South Thornlie Primary School attended an incursion by Dion Drummond, one of Australia's most experienced Indigenous performers. He entertained the students with a performance that included a mix of dancing, singing, and storytelling. Dion shared insightful stories, language, and artifacts from his cultures, before inviting the students to participate in the performance by learning actions, songs, and dances.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about Indigenous culture and begin NAIDOC week at South Thornlie Primary School.

Dorinda Truscott Deputy Principal





PE NEWS

Faction Cross Country

Last Wednesday we held our annual Faction Cross Country Carnival. The weather was beautiful and students were eager to demonstrate their skills. This term we have been completing our 10 minute running program in preparation for the big event. The students were amazing and the competition was fierce. Students who finished 1-4 will compete at the Interschool Cross Country event on Friday, 9 August 2024 (pending final organisation).

Final results were: 1st - Green Pythons 2nd - Blue Roos 3rd - Redbacks 4th - Gold Geckoes

Year 3 Boys Lawson V Year 4 Girls Rachel L Year 4 Boys Quade W		Owen F Lillian W Nate M	Year 6 Boys	Hunter D	Mohammed A
Year 3 Girls	Lyla G	Carly H	Year 6 Girls	Ceanna L	Mylee F
Year 2 Boys	Benji P	George K	Year 5 Boys	Harvey V	Aaron J
Year 2 Girls	Maylani W	Keerat M	Year 5 Girls	Ellyssa G	Charlize P
Division	Champion	Runner Up	Division	Champion	Runner Up

Winter Interschool Carnival

Last Friday we competed in the Southern River Sports Association Interschool Winter Carnival. Students had the opportunity to try out for AFL, Soccer, Hockey and Netball. Our selected students were brilliant and despite not winning any shields this year, competed at an outstanding level. A huge thanks to Mr Vince, Mr Hunt and Mrs Learmont who all helped coach on the day. Thank you to our teachers who attended too.

Chris Mattock

Physical Education Teacher

WELLBEING GARDENING

Term 2 welcomed students from B2, B3, B4, B5, C4 & C5 bringing to life a vegetable garden with the Wellbeing Gardening Program. Students worked hard through ground preparation, planting, watering, weeding and watching the plants grow from seeds. Carrots, radishes, potatoes and corn were planted. We can't wait to see how these grow!

Well done everyone!

Lesley Winter Wellbeing Officer







CLASS NEWS

Cooking in ECC1

Students enjoyed learning how to cook corn fritters during their cooking lesson last week. They did an amazing job as junior chefs!











Janhwi Tiwari **ECC1** Teacher

B4 Art Lessons

In B4, students have spent the past few weeks learning about the artwork of Roy Lichtenstein. Lichtenstein was known for using ben-day dots in his pop art to create comic like images. He also used onomatopoeia in his famous 'Whamm!' piece. Students then used this piece to inspire their own onomatopoeia collages. Well done B4!









Tegan Compson **B4** Teacher

C5 Teamwork Tuesdays

Year 6 students in C5 are looking at ways they can help their 'Team' in class. Teamwork Tuesdays are one strategy implemented in the classroom helping students to think about ways they can accomplish goals as a 'Team'.



C5 Teacher



LIFECYCLE OF SEEDS PROGRAM



South Thornlie Primary School have been fortunate to receive a WasteSorted grant this year. This grant is to assist our students to reduce the amount of waste they produce and educate our students on recycling and reusing waste. This grant will enable us to buy collection boxes, garden beds, fertiliser, and gardening tools ready for our exciting new project.

Our project for the second half of this year is for students to learn how seeds from our food can be regrown into edible food once again. We will achieve this by asking students to bring in seeds from home, from the food their parents cook. This means if you cut up a pumpkin, capsicum, tomatoes, cucumber, avocado, broad beans, melons etc. we request that you put the seeds into a small snap lock bag and write on the front of bag what fruit or vegetable the seeds are from.

Each classroom will have a seed collection box for students to put their seeds in. Classes will all take turns in planting and growing the seeds in our community garden in 3 week blocks over the last 2 terms of this year. This will teach us all that instead of putting some scraps into the bin we can use the seeds to grow into new foods to eat, the lifecycle of seeds. They will assist in germinating, planting, watch seeds growing into small plants and measure the growth, see the plants flowering and eventually regrowing fruit/vegetables.

This new project will commence in Term 3 and the boxes will be located in each classroom. If you want to collect over the holidays, make sure you dry out the seeds before putting into a bag, to prevent them developing mould spores.

Thank you for your support in teaching our community to reduce their waste and recycle their seeds to enable us to reuse the new food that we can grow!

We hope this may encourage our students to grow their own vegie patch at home and give them a life skill to use in their future.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 9232 3600.

Lisa HarbronManager of Corporate Services



A Waste Authority Program

HIGH SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKER

This week, Year 12 student, Tyler Petersen came to speak to the Year 6 group about the demands of high school and the various pathways that are available to build skills for further study or gaining employment.

Tyler offered lots of suggestions and experiences that he has had during work experience and explained the requirements to complete high school work, apply yourself to study, and attain your goals.

Our students asked many questions and were appreciative of Tyler taking the time to speak to them.

Ms Murray Year 6 Teacher







PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – LETTERS FROM CHINA

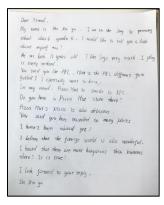
South Thornlie Primary School has been part of a partnership program with several primary schools in China, Hangzhou since 2019. This year students in C2 and C5 participated in the program, writing exchange letters to their penpals in two different schools from the city of Hangzhou. Recently Jinghe Primary School has corresponded with C2. This program helps students learn about different cultures and diversity. It also promotes student to learn the art of letter writing and it's use as an important form of communication in society. See some of the wonderful letters below.

Jiapei Hoe

Teacher / Program Coordinator









POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

How to Help Your Child

Handle Unkind Behavior

When your child faces unkind behavior from others, it can be a deeply distressing experience. As a parent, your response can greatly influence how your child copes with these situations and learns from them.





Listen Attentivelu

Start by giving your child your full attention. Listen to their account of the incident without interrupting, which shows that you take their concerns seriously.

After they have shared their story, guide them to think about the situation from the other person's perspective. A key question you can ask is: "What do you think this might tell us about the other kid?"

Explore Possible Reasons:

Encourage your child to think about reasons why someone might behave in a hurtful way. For instance, the other child might be dealing with personal issues, such as family problems or feeling left out. Discuss these possibilities with your child to help them understand that often, unkind behavior reflects the other person's struggles, not a flaw in your child.

Teach Empathy and Understanding:

Use this as an opportunity to discuss empathy. Understanding others' feelings and situations can help us respond more compassionately and less defensively.

Reinforce the idea that recognizing the personal challenges others face can be a way to protect ourselves from being hurt by their actions. It's like having an emotional shield that builds our ability to empathize and forgive.

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50 Phrases to Make Your Child

- 1. I love you always.
- 2. You are important.
- 3. I'm so glad you were born.
- 5. I believe you.
- 6. You are so special to me.
- 7. I cherish every moment with you.
- 8. You are a gift to our familu. 9. I'm here for you, no matter what.
- 10. You light up my world.
- 11. I'm grateful to be your parent.
- 12. You are brave and courageous.
- 13. I love spending time with you.
- 14. You are the best part of my day.
- 15. You are so kind and caring.
- 16. I trust you.
- 17. You have a beautiful heart.
- 18. You are capable of anything.
- 19. I love your creativity.
- 21. You mean the world to me.
- 22. I admire your determination.
- 23. You are the reason I wake up with a smile.
- 24. I'm lucky to have you in my life.
- 25. You are a good friend.

- 26. I love your sense of humor. 27. Thank you for being you.
- 28. I love the way you think.
- 4. You are loved just the way you are. 29. You're the star that shines so brightly.
 - 30. Your voice matters.
 - 31. You have great ideas.
 - 32. I love your laughter.
 - 33. You are enough just as you are.
 - 34. I'm always on your side.
 - 35. There's no one else like you on this planet.
 - 36. I love your hugs.
 - 37. You are important to me.
 - 38. You are loved more than words can describe.
 - **39.** You are a helper.
 - 40.1 love the way you express yourself.
 - 41. I love you more than all the hairs on all the bears.
 - 42. I'm amazed by your growth.
 - 43. You are always worthy of love.
 - 44-I love the way you see the world.
 - 45. You inspire me.
 - 46.1 love your curiosity.
 - 47.1 love learning from you
 - 48. Thank you for shining your light.
 - **49.** Nothing will change my love for you. 50. You are always in my heart.

Your child may know you love them, but sometimes, they still need to hear you say the words out loud. By communicating how much you



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care in different ways, you are also filling up their emotional cup.

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE NEWS

School Holiday Closure

South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Monday, 1 to Friday, 12 July 2024. Should you require emergency care, please contact the following clinic:

Bannister Creek Dental Therapy Centre - 9451 1761 South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will re-open on Monday, 15 July 2024.





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