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**Term Dates for 2016**

Term 3: 11th July to 16th September  
Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

**LUNCH ORDERS AT THORNBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**We have a school app**

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Acting Principal’s Report

NAIDOC Day Celebrations
The NAIDOC Day was a great success. It was a wonderful mix of learning and fun. Our special guests, Uncle Ian Hunter, Aunty Doreen Garvey-Wandin and Rebecca Axford, added a great deal to the day (Rebecca is working with Terri in the language program). After an assembly and then the smoking ceremony, the students worked in groups throughout the school with 3 rotations for the day. Whether it was storytelling, art and craft, drama or the other activities, the students were fully engaged all through the day.

At the end of the day another assembly and this time with traditional dancing from Robert Bamblett and his two boys, RJ and Manarra was a perfect way to finish off the day.

I want to thank Terri Lee-Fitzpatrick and the NAIDOC team for all of their hard work in organising the day and to the rest of the staff for getting behind it and supporting it so well.

Election BBQ Thanks
I want to thank Tim, Alex and Mark (and everyone else who contributed or helped) for their wonderful effort with the election BBQ. They raised just short of $2,000 on the day which is an amazing effort.

Pupil Free Day
On July 11th we had a pupil free day where we worked on the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum. This curriculum takes the place of the current AusVELS being used now and is not dramatically different. The staff looked at our English and Mathematics programs to ensure that they will be compliant with the new curriculum by the beginning of 2017.

Anaphylaxis Training
All staff are currently working on anaphylaxis training. This involves a rather detailed online series of modules and then a practical component which will be held in the next couple of weeks. All staff are updated twice per year to ensure that we are as prepared as possible in the event of a student or an adult having an anaphylactic response to food or an insect sting.

Enrolments for 2017
We are taking enrolments for 2017 and I would ask any parents/carers who intend to enrol their child’s sibling, to please do so as soon as possible. It is now term 3 and we will be starting to plan for next year later in the term

Parent Opinion Survey
The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from July 25 to 29.

The survey is an important part of every school’s parent/carer engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement.

Parents/carers from our community are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey, which is confidential and anonymous.

If you are contacted to complete the survey, please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by Friday, July 29. For any queries, please contact the school.

Kind Regards,
Phillip Banks
**NAIDOC Celebrations**

NAIDOC is all about celebrating Aboriginal and Islander people, their culture and their achievements. This year, TPS held another very successful NAIDOC Day.

Students and their families, and staff, were able to start the day with a yummy, healthy breakfast which included muffins, yoghurt, fruit salad, fruit pieces, apple and orange juice. A coffee van was organised for the adults.

After the Telstra funded breakfast, there was a special assembly where two senior Wurundjeri elders, Uncle Ian Hunter and Aunty Doreen Garvey-Wandin, as well as another Wurundjeri woman, Rebecca Axford, were introduced to the whole school. Aunty Doreen has accepted the invitation to be the school’s Wurundjeri Patron. We look forward to developing a long and close relationship with Aunty Doreen, and learning lots about Wurundjeri people, culture and history, from her.

At the assembly, we also celebrated the wonderful achievements of the grade 3/4 Koorie students, as they graduated from the MALPA Bubup (Young) Doctors Program. Young Doctors is a health leadership program through which these students learned about leadership, hygiene, health literacy, nutrition and environmental health. After the assembly, Uncle Ian Hunter performed a smoking ceremony.

Throughout the rest of the day, all of the students were involved in lots of fun activities, such as, fence weaving (check out the huge Aboriginal flag on the back fence), games, dance, storytelling, drama, and some art activities.

To end the day, we were treated to a dance performance by Robert Bamblett and his two sons, RJ and Manarra, both of whom are students at our school.

Many thanks to all who were involved in the preparations and the smooth running of the whole event.

It was a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

*Indigenous Events Committee*
NAIDOC Celebrations

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Absences

Absences via Tiqbiz
You can now easily notify the office of any absences via Tiqbiz. Once you have downloaded Tiqbiz and selected Thornbury P.S, you simply select ‘Absences’, fill in and submit the form.

Working Bee

T.P.S Working Bee!

When: Sunday 24th July, 9:30am—12:30pm
Where: Meeting near the garden shed

It would be terrific to see some new faces at the working bee! If you haven’t been to a working bee this year, we are asking you to come to this one if possible, children are certainly welcome to come along too.

There are many different ways you can help out – you don’t need to have any expertise and if gardening isn’t your thing, you could help prepare lunch or participate in fence crafting in the front corner.

Some things we need to do on Sunday are:
Weed in the front gardens, the orchard, Indigenous garden and nature corner: **Gloves & weeding tools**
(school shed)
Plant and transplant the fruit trees from the nursery and pot up others into bigger pots.
Patch up a hole in the chook yard fence: **Wire crimping tool needed.**
General garden work including fixing up stakes, fallen fences in the “Tree Island”
Mulch and raking around compacted areas in playgrounds.
Also:
- Prepare morning tea and lunch: **Soups, bread and a healthy snack.**
- Crafting in the front corner: **Old bike wheels, wool, fabric...**
  Hope to see you there!
- Environment Committee

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All parents/carers should have received by now a Student Family Occupation/Education information package.
Please read this important information carefully, complete the required form and return it to your child’s class teacher or office as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.
We can then provide the Department of Education with accurate information to ensure that our students are not disadvantaged when it comes to equity funding for the annual student resource budget. We are required to submit this information for August Census Day.

Thank you!

Sport News

The coaches of English Premier League Tottenham Hotspur are coming to Thornbury P.S on the 29th of July! The coaches will be spending the day doing sessions with the kids. That night the club will be playing at the MCG in the International Champions Cup against Atletico Madrid!

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The 2016 Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open! All T.P.S. students are encouraged to participate in the Challenge, inspiring them to read more widely, more often and to develop a love of reading.

What is the Premiers’ Reading Challenge?
For students from Foundation to Year 2 the challenge is to read or experience 30 books (including 20 books from the PRC book list) and for students in Years 3 to 6 the challenge is to read 15 books (including 10 books from the PRC book list). The Challenge finishes on 2 September so there is plenty of time to enjoy reading!

How do we get started?
Collect a consent form from outside the Office, sign and return it to the Office.
Craft Group

In our two most recent sessions the craft group has enjoyed working with hand-sewing and felt to create 'pencil topper' animals and embroidered brooches. Both of these cute projects will add to our stock of lovely handmade items to be sold at the annual Arts Festival in November - but we need much more! Come and join in the making, share a cuppa and connect with the school community at the upcoming sessions for this term. All sessions are in the Aftercare room, and all levels of crafty experience are welcome.

**When:** Friday 12 August, 9am - 11am: fabric button hairclips  
Friday 9 September, 9am - 11am: To be confirmed

**Friday's no good?** We welcome craft items you have made at home for sale at the Arts Festival stall. Completed items and/or messages (for Cathy or Anabel) can be left at the school office.

OSHC News

Welcome back, from the OSHC team!

We hope you all enjoyed your holiday break and are happy to be back.

We had a fun two curriculum days at the end of Term 2 and start of Term 3, with lots of games, activities and cooking to ease us back in to the school term.

Some of you may have heard that we have news to announce at OSHC. After starting at TPS as a student attending the OSHC program, then returning to become an educator in the program and progressing to the assistant earlier this year, we will be very sad to say goodbye to Beth after 6 years of working with us. Beth is moving on to do some early childhood work in North Melbourne. We wish her all the best and know she will continue to do amazing work on her new adventure.

The position for the new assistant is now being advertised, so if anyone is interested, or knows of someone who might be, please pass on the information. We are excited to see who will be joining our team.

Thanks,

Andi and everyone in the OSHC room.
TRIVIA NIGHT - HELP NEEDED

The TPS trivia night is only a few weeks away. We have a hard-working team focused on making this a fun night for parents/carers and friends in the TPS community and a successful fundraiser for our Garden Dreaming Project.

We are looking for more items for the silent auction and raffle. Can you help? Here are some ideas:

- Are you lucky enough to own a holiday house somewhere great? Perhaps you can offer a weekend away.
- Are you a yoga teacher, personal trainer? What about a one-on-one session?
- Are you an artist, sculptor, potter, designer? Perhaps you can offer a small artwork or handmade home-wares.
- Are you a massage therapist, natural therapist? Can you offer a massage voucher or similar?

We are looking for creative ideas that will get people bidding so that we can raise enough money to improve the outdoor spaces at TPS for our kids.

A number of parents/carers have already stepped forward with donations, along with a number of local businesses.

A BIG THANK YOU to:

- Scott Fry from Loving Earth for the huge box of YUM chocolates
- Naabi Methe for the very generous Northcote Natural Therapies gift voucher
- Kylie Ely from The European for the amazing dinner voucher
- Aunty Terri for the beautiful handmade jewellery
- Jack and Alex Burmeister’s Grandma for the gorgeous handmade cushions

And local businesses:
Nest Coworking, The Goodness Bureau, Elk Accessories, Obus Clothing, Westgarth Cinema, Nanchybird Accessories, Lightworker Institute, El Patio Spanish School, Phil’s Bakehouse, Danny’s Dry Cleaning, Northcote Picture Framing, Bamboo Vietnamese Restaurant and Melbourne Writer’s Festival

There will be more details soon on how to bid in the silent auction, even if you can’t come to the trivia night! Please contact elissa.wilson@gmail.com if you can help.
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HELLO NEIGHBOUR,

We are a small group of friends and housemates on Hutton St Thornbury, interested in organising events to support local arts and getting to know our community.

On the evening of August the 6th we are opening the doors of a couple of houses on our street for a pop-up exhibition of local art and acoustic music. We’ve called the event Open House Thornbury, and we invite you to join us in making the night a success!

Is your household interested in hosting? Are you a local artist, musician, cook, lighting designer, graphic designer, organiser extraordinaire, or just interested in attending a free and fun event? Whatever your level of interest, we’d love to connect with you through our Facebook page, to stay in touch about this and other possible future events!

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You’re invited to our Garden Party every Friday from 3.00 to 4.30 pm in the school food garden.

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