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**Term Dates for 2016**

- **Term 1:** 29th January to 24th March
- **Term 2:** 11th April to 24th June
- **Term 3:** 11th July to 16th September
- **Term 4:** 3rd October to 20th December

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**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

**Are you eligible and have you applied for the CSEF?**

See page 3 for more info!

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Acting Principal’s Report

Open Morning
A reminder that on Tuesday, May 17th we will be having an “Open Morning” where parents, carers and any other important people in the children’s lives are welcome to come into the school and work with their children. It will run from 9:15am until 11:15am and then morning tea will be served in the multi-purpose room.

NAPLAN
Our year 3 and 5 students have been busy completing their NAPLAN tests this week. With writing and language conventions on Tuesday, reading yesterday and mathematics today they have been very busy. Thanks to the teachers who have got the students ready for the tests.

School Times
There have been a number of latecomers to school lately. This is disruptive to their learning as well as other children’s. I understand that there are mornings when it cannot be helped but I would ask parents/carers to try to have their children here ready to line up at 8:55am. Being on time is a lifelong habit that children can establish at this early age.

Working Bee
Thanks to the parents/carers who came along on Saturday morning to the working bee. The results of the work are obvious with the area near the garden shed cleaned up.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Thanks also to the wonderful parents and carers who assisted with the Mothers’ Day stall on Friday morning and indeed everyone who was able to contribute to the stall. The students were very excited to be able to buy fantastic gifts for their mums and make last Sunday a bit more special.

School Council Meeting
Our next school council meeting will be held next Thursday, May 19th at 6pm. The 2015 Annual Report will be presented at this meeting. The report will also be available on the school’s website in the next couple of days.

School Bushdance
The Bushdance will be held at 5:45pm on May 28th in the multi-purpose Room, please see the information on page 8.

Kind Regards,

Phillip Banks
**PREP Camps, Excursion Sport Fund (CSEF) Uniform Support**
**State Schools’ Relief (SSR)**

As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program every Prep Government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher.

What uniform support will SSR provide?
A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants, supplied by SSR (size will be required)
OR one of the following:
A bomber jacket or rugby top, supplied by our Uniform Shop

The school will make applications on behalf of the parent/carer. Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to PSW, our uniform supplier, and the school will provide the voucher to the parent/carer to present at our Uniform Shop.

Maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered and should the value of items be less than $57, the difference will not be credit towards other items.

If you have already applied for CSEF and wish to take up this offer, please contact the office before applications close.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 3rd June, 2016.**

**HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THE CSEF?**
Parents and carers are reminded to check their eligibility for the CSEF.
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term 1 (27th January 2016) or Term 2 (11th April 2016).

The allowance of $125 is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions/incursions or sporting activities for your child.

The primary school student rate for Camps, Excursion/Incursion and Sport Fund is $125.

**Applications forms are available at the office.**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 3rd June, 2016**

**Uniform Shop**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPEN ON THURSDAYS FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS**

8.30am-10.00am

or


Due to staffing issues with our supplier PSW, the Uniform Shop will be open on a THURSDAY for the next three weeks: 19th May, 26th May & 2nd June.

From the 9th of June, the Uniform Shop will revert to being open every Wednesday.

The hours will stay as 8:30am—10am.

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Mother's Day Stall

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who helped make and collect items for the Mother's Day Stall last Friday. We could not have pulled it together without your help and generosity.

And big thanks also to those who helped on the stalls on the day including grade 5/6 helpers. We hope all the TPS mums and carers out there had a great day and enjoyed their gifts.

T.I.M.E News

Steiner String Solos 18th May in the Babajen
5pm Class 4
6pm Class 5 and 6

Senior Ensembles Concert 31st May at Coburg Junior High School
Alva Grove Coburg
6.30pm
Gold coin donation
Bring a plate to share

Students need to be at concerts in time to tune and get ready, in order to start on time.

Thank you!

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Kids Matter

Hello from the Kids Matter team!

Last year the teachers worked on a special project, making welcome plaques. The plaques are located around the doorway at the foyer entrance on Hutton Street. Each plaque has welcome or hello in lots of languages. Currently represented are languages of families who included home languages in their enrolment information. Since our handy man, David, installed the plaques, lots of community members have suggested other languages to add.

If you have a home language to add, please write it down along with "Welcome" in the language or script and give it to Anna or Richard. This is a long-term project will continue to grow along with the school community. Thank you to Antoinette, for her amazing efforts for the firing and finishing processes. Thank you to all teachers involved.

The plaques are spectacular!

OSHC News

Hello from the OSHC room,

It’s starting to get colder outside so we are planning more indoor activities to keep us occupied through the colder months including holding a cosy movie night with popcorn.

We also have some new friends in our room now to help keep us company indoors, as we have added a stick insect enclosure to the room, so feel free to come say hi and meet them. Over the next few weeks we will be learning how to care for them and will have information on display. The children are currently thinking of names to call our two new friends and are putting their suggestions into a box, the two names will be selected next week.

Thanks,

Andi and the OSHC team.

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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.

Indigenous Events Committee

National Sorry Day is on Thursday, 26\textsuperscript{th} May. We will be commemorating this day with a whole school morning assembly, starting at 9.00am, and would love all parents/carers/family members to join students and staff, for this special event.

Indigenous Events Committee

NAIDOC Day

We are selling our amazing NAIDOC T-shirts again this year. The design is the same as previous years, the cost is $20 per T-shirt and must be purchased using the order form. If you need another order form please see Kate C or Lauren in the office.

Orders and payments need to be in by the 20\textsuperscript{th} May 2016. You will not be able to purchase or order T-shirts after this date as this is a strictly order and buy service again this year.

You can pay via CASH, ONLINE or EFTPOS at the office. Please ensure you return the YELLOW order form to your child’s class teacher by 20\textsuperscript{th} May 2016.

2016 Indigenous Events Committee
Festival News

2016 Arts Festival Update

The date for our 2016 Arts Festival is Saturday November the 12th, 11am to 4pm.

Thank you to our three parent/care helpers who are again assisting with coordinating the class stalls—Adele Harris, Anna Spicer and Terese Willems. This year we are also looking for another parent/carer to assist, possibly someone who has a child in the 2/3/4 classes. It would be fantastic if we could have a parent/carer from the Steiner steam to join our committee.

We are also looking for a parent/carer to assist/coordinate the setup of all the student art and craft works that are displayed in the Babajen. It would be great if this parent/carer had an art/craft background but this is not absolutely essential. Please come and see me in the art and craft room or you can email me if you are able to help in any way.

We are further looking for parents/carers to assist with the design and execution of our art and sound installation that will be installed on the external wall facing the prep play area. The theme of this art work is “Belonging.”

Our Arts Festival is only made possible by the many parents and carers who help on the day and the lead up to the Festival. The Arts Festival is one of our main events that bring parents/carers, teachers and students together.

Thank you and I look forward to working with many of you on our 5th year Celebration of our Arts Festival.

- Antoinette Vaiano
vaiano.antoinette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Thornbury Primary School Annual Winter Festival is coming!

Thursday June 16

Every year at T.P.S. we hold a Winter Festival near the shortest day of the year. On this day we celebrate light and warmth, family and friendship through a twinkling lantern procession and the sharing of hearty winter soups.

We are calling for parents/carers to help with this beautiful festival. If you would like to join the Winter Festival Committee our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May at 3.45pm in Room 12 (1/2M).

We will also need lots of helpers on the evening so look out for information about the festival in the Newsletter and on Tiqbiz closer to the event.

Warm Regards,
Winter Festival Committee
School News

Back by popular demand...
You are invited to Thornbury Primary’s

School Bushdance!

Saturday, 28 May 5.45 pm—8.00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Thornbury Primary

Featuring
The Caller from the famous Bushwhackers!
The TPS Parent-Teacher Bushdance Muso Crew!
Double bass, ukulele, guitar, banjo, fiddle, vocals
Student performance between sets!

BBQ sausages and vego options
Cake and tea in the chill-out café

It’s a fun-filled, reel-packed event for kids and parents with an energetic live bush band and caller to show the way.

No experience needed! Get your tickets now!

Tickets $9 Adult $5 Child
Tickets on TryBooking or at the door
Search TPS Bushdance on Trybooking website
Or copy and paste this link:
https://www.trybooking.com/196571
Small surcharge for TryBooking tickets, but it makes things easier for us if you have booked ahead.

Please lend a Hand!
This is run by volunteers—please put in to take off the pressure!

• Sign up in the foyer for an hour: BBQ, Cakes, Set Up, Door, Pack Up
• Bring a cake/biscuits/decent veggie burgers

If you'd like to offer help organizing the cake or barbie or room set-up or pack-up, please give us a call.

Or any bush dance questions:
Janoel 0408 664 919 or Emily 0422 579 024.

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Open Morning Details:

Tuesday, May 17th
9:15am – 11:15am

All Parents, Carers and Friends are welcome at Thornbury Primary School to work with your children in the classrooms with hands-on activities.

If you are considering enrolment, please join us for school tours at 9:30am and 10:15am.
To book, please contact the office on (03) 9484 3254

Tea and Coffee will be available in the Multi-purpose room at 11:15am.

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You’re invited to our Garden Party

3.00 to 4.30 pm every Friday in the school food garden