Thornbury Primary School Newsletter
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A Creative and Diverse Community Growing Together

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Staffing Change
Debbie Showers will be heading off to Fitzroy Primary School as their acting Principal for 6 weeks starting next Monday. This is a great opportunity for Debbie and shows the faith that the department has in her abilities to give her this role. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Debbie all the best while she is at Fitzroy.

I expect Debbie back at Thornbury on the first day of term 4. If there are issues that you would usually speak to Debbie about then please ask for me instead. Debbie’s role will be shared around several staff for this period.

NAPLAN Results
There has been some media attention about this year’s NAPLAN results in the media over the past couple of days. If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 then you can expect your reports sometime after the week beginning August 15th.

Local History Grant
We had some really great news last week with the announcement that the school had received a grant for $3,480 from the Public Records Department. This was a grant applied for by the Centenary Committee for cupboard space to hold the records and other materials so painstakingly put together by the Committee. It means that we now have a permanent space to hold these records and ensure that they are protected for the future.

I also want to mention that we had a visit last week by a former principal of Thornbury Primary, David Crickmore. David was principal at Thornbury from 1987 to 1990. He now lives in the warmer north and had assisted the Centenary Committee last year with the gathering of information for the book. However, he was not able to get to the actual celebrations.

David was given a tour of the school by Centenary Committee members Carolyn Flegg, Steven Brown, Karen Smith and Cathy Dodson where he was able to see how the school had changed and indeed stayed the same. I found him very engaging as he told stories about Thornbury Primary back when he was principal. The only thing that he didn’t like was the weather, it was freezing cold that day and David is now used to the sunny temperatures in Queensland.

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 has now been conducted. The survey was sent to 43 families randomly selected using the school’s administration system. I want to thank everyone who has been able to complete the survey and return it.

We still do not have all surveys returned. If you received one and have yet to return it could you please do so by tomorrow. The information is valuable to the school.

Kind Regards,
Phillip Banks
**Tottenham Hotspurs Visit!**

A big thank you to Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Tottenham Football Club, for providing some excellent soccer coaching on Henderson Park opposite the school. It was professionally run and the kids were really engaged in the lessons. The club also provided the whole school with Tottenham t-shirts. The school was awash in white if you didn’t notice. Thank you to all the teachers who helped out and participated with the kids in the clinic. It was a lot of fun!

Thanks, Leigh

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**Welcome Back, Mr Crickmore!**

Thornbury Primary was pleased to welcome back former school principal David Crickmore for a visit on Tuesday 26th July.

Mr Crickmore became Thornbury’s principal in 1987 and he was shocked to find the school to be in a severely dilapidated state. During his visit he shared his memories of when he first arrived, including seeing galvanised iron sheets nailed over rotting floor boards in some sections of the building. There were window frames that were so rotten that he could put his hand right through them, and there were so many leaks in the roof that they were numbered. Students and staff still used the original outdoor toilets built in 1915 and the external fire escape was deemed unsafe by OH&S representatives of the Education Department. With the canny use of some media attention, and the support of a new Education Minister in Joan Kirner, Mr Crickmore set about repairing and upgrading the building and its facilities over the next two and a half years. A good relationship with a dynamic and committed School Council and broader parent/carer community were vital to his success. By his retirement in 1990, Mr Crickmore had delivered a major overhaul to the main school building worth approx $740 000. They including the provision of indoor toilets, a new fire escape, repairs to the windows, gutters and floors, and the re-modelling and upgrade of the current reception and administration areas. It was a lot of hard work that stands our school community in good stead today, nearly 30 years on.

For more information about the history of our school see “School Days: Memories of Thornbury Primary, 1915-2015” available for purchase at the office.
UPCOMING EVENTS

A 'SHADY' TRIVIA NIGHT - NEXT SATURDAY 13 AUGUST

Book a babysitter and buy your tickets now for the social night of the year! We have two of Melbourne's best Trivia Masters, a wonderful house band led by Finley Francois and a huge bundle of amazing prizes.

Buy your Tickets at www.trybooking.com/MANI

If you can't make it on the night you won't miss out! You can start bidding now on the silent auction at www.32auctions.com/Shady
The auction will close online at 10am on Saturday 13 August and reopen at the Trivia night for live bidding.

Many thanks to the following prize donors from the TPS community:
- Jesse Hull for the amazing CERES Fair Food voucher
- Neville Pilven (Rosie from F1/K's grandad) for the beautiful Signed landscape print and Gen Cizevskis for framing the work
- 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 jewelry
- Jack and Alex Burmeister's Grandma for the gorgeous handmade cushions

And these very generous local businesses:

Contact elissa.wilson@gmail.com if you have any questions about bookings or prizes.
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

As most of you would know we said goodbye to Beth, our assistant coordinator last week. For her send off we threw her a party, we baked marble going away cupcakes, had bit of a dance, played circus games in the multi and said our goodbyes. The process is now in place to find out who will come along to fill Beth’s shoes and we are all excited to find out who our new assistant coordinator will be.

The weather hasn’t been too kind lately with lots of cold and rainy days, but that hasn’t stopped us from having fun. One of our favourite activities has returned and Hama beads are back, the children have already been quite busy making lots of great creations.

Just a reminder if you have booked your child/children to attend the program & need to cancel that session, you need to notify us of the cancelation in advance or by 9.00am on the day of the booked session to avoid being charged and allow us to arrange to correct staffing.

Thanks,
Andi and the OSHC team

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!

Collect a consent form from outside the Office, sign and return it to the Office.

Students will then be issued with a username and password in order to access the Premiers’ Reading Challenge website and enter books online.
WHAT’S ON AT TPS

TPS Enviro News

The results are in for the second phase of the Garden Dreaming Project! After surveying all classes on their preferred projects:
The majority of the senior school voted on the Green Corridor - a living corridor weaving through the whole school, removing asphalt to connect all of the current gardens, providing shade in summer and reducing the ‘heat islands’, increasing the biodiversity of the school, providing habitat for birds and other animals as well as increasing the edible foods for students.
The junior classes mostly voted on extending the chicken run - bringing the chooks out into the existing orchard near the Babajen Willam and making them more central and visible. Following closely behind was developing the Nature Play (Garden Party) corner up the front of the school.

Establishing the Green (shade) Corridor will be the major focus project for raising funds at the upcoming Trivia Night. The grade 5/6’s have begun designing their visions for a green corridor and their designs will be incorporated into the school garden map by our wonderful resident Landscape Architect, Kate Pospisil (updates on this soon).

Term 3 Working Bee (July 24th)
A very big thank you to all the families that came to our Term 3 Working Bee:
- Jo Kummary, Sam & Hugo Siekris - Ian, Isaac, Eleanor & Rohan Adams
- Kate Pospisil - Renee Wierzbicki
- Phillip & Ollie Gleeson - Anne Hampton
- Michael Keane & Jooll Stephens-Keane - Meg Testro & Ruby Williams
- Simone & Greta - Marcia Wight
- Mokit & Moksh - Finley and Margaret!

Extra thanks also to Sam Siekris for fixing some gates, locks, taps & drains

We had a really productive day. We:
- Got the fruit trees planted out in the front orchard, the front corner, the garden teaching area and the inside orchard near the chook run (the fruit trees were donated last year)
- Removed asphalt in the front corner (thanks Phillip & Ollie)
- Fixed tree protectors in Tree Island
- Raked playground mulch
- Weeded in the gardens
- Fixed the rolly play thing in the big playground (thanks Anne)
- Revamped the compost bins
- Refreshed the chicken run and fixed the fence

Garden Parties

We’ve been hibernating a bit over winter but Garden Parties will be back next week, to welcome in early spring! This term we will meet on Tuesdays which coincides with the Garden Program. Margaret, our Garden Educator, is around on Tuesdays so we could get the propagation club up and running. Please let us know if you have any other project suggestions for Garden Parties or just come along...

TUESDAYS, 3-4PM, FOOD GARDEN

In other news...

We’re working with Darebin Council to establish a community garden and composting hub at Henderson Park (across the road). Ian Adams submitted a successful grant application for a ‘Big Pig’ composter (right). Thanks Ian! We’ll be working with students, teachers, Margaret, Darebin Council and the local residents to develop ongoing community collaboration in this shared new food space.
MALPA

Wominjeka Everyone,

We are getting ready to begin our new lot of MALPA sessions with some of our grade 5/6 students. Aunty Shara & I are very excited to be working with our students on such an exciting project.

Our second project is set to begin this Friday (5/8/16) & we can’t wait!!

We’d like to take this time to thank our many supporters including Uncle Daryl Smith, VAHS Healthy Lifestyle Team (Laura, Sarah & Team), VACCHO (Uncle Keith Morgan and Aunty Mikaela Egan), Aunty Lidia Thorpe, Uncle Michael Graham, Aunty Shelley Chapman, Djarran Graham and Aunty Michelle Crilly.

We’d also like to thank the MALPA staff - Sammi, Don & David for your support, guidance & assistance.

We are keen to have more elders & family members take part in our program. If you feel you know someone (in particular, an elder) who may like to be a part & sit in on a few of our sessions we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Aunty Mel/Aunty Shara ASAP on: 9484 3254

Triganin,
Aunty Shara (Manager) & Aunty Mel (Leader).
STUDENT FAMILY OCCUPATION/EDUCATION

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.

Pre-order your lunch order here!

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