## Thornbury Primary School

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### NEWSLETTER

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<td>Community Barbeque — Organised by F/1K &amp; 2/3T</td>
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### SUNSMART®

**Until end of April**  
**NO HAT NO PLAY**

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

**Are you eligible and have you applied for the CSEF?**  
*See page 3 for more info!*

### 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

### LUNCH ORDERS AT THORNBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Classroom Cuisine.com.au**

### Our School Values:

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**Open Morning**
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 9:15 until 11:15am and then morning tea will be served in the multi-purpose room. You will be getting your own invitation soon.

**Darebin First People’s Curriculum**
Last Friday afternoon I met with members of VAEAI and Darebin City Council to have a discussion about the development of a Darebin First People’s Curriculum. There was much discussion about what this would look like and how it would be taught in our schools. I know that they are certainly looking for input into the development of the curriculum.

**NAPLAN**
A reminder to parents who have students in Year 3 or Year 5 that this year’s NAPLAN testing will be carried out on May 10th, 11th, and 12th. If you have any concerns about the testing then please see your child’s teacher.

**School Council Report**
At our last school council meeting on April 21st there were many discussions about a wide range of topics. Our councillors this year are Tim Bennett (President), Finley Francois (Vice President and Treasurer), Alicia Flynn, Andrew Edwards and Alex Stol as parent representatives with Vaso Elefsiniotis as a community member. James Ilia, Kate O’Halloran and myself represent the Department of Education and Training.

We discussed the school’s open morning which will be held on Tuesday, May 17th. This will be an opportunity for new and existing parents and carers to come and see what wonderful things are happening at Thornbury. We are going to be sure to promote the morning in the area and the local press.

Council approved Monday, July 11th as a pupil free day so that staff could be trained in Inquiry Learning. This is the first day of term 3.

We had great news that our Outside School Hours Care received notification that it met all of the National Quality Standards (and exceeded one) in its recent review. This is a great effort and an enormous amount of work has gone into achieving this.

Several fundraising suggestions were discussed with ideas to be submitted by sub committees by the next meeting so that a priority list can be finalised. The fundraising group will advertise to the community what they are raising money for.

The Environment Sub Committee is organising a working bee for Saturday, May 7th and the Friday Garden party is being held each Friday between 3 and 4pm. The Darebin Council is upgrading Henderson’s Park and as part of that are working with the school to install raised planter beds.

The Communications and Marketing Committee will be looking at Information Technology in the classrooms, Cyber safety sessions for students and parents/carers as well as the development of a Class Carer policy.

Our school council committees are always looking for new members either in a permanent capacity or to assist with various working parties. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19th where the 2015 Annual Report will be presented. All school community members are welcome.

Kind Regards,

*Phillip Banks*
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/carers concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term 1 (27\textsuperscript{th} January 2016) or Term 2 (11\textsuperscript{th} 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.

Applications forms are available at the office.

REQUEST TO PARENTS/CARERS:
As you are probably aware our school office is a busy place. The staff try to assist with questions and information when requested.
We are inundated with phone calls from parents/carers at the end of the day wishing to get various messages and organising “play dates” for their children.
We also have many requests for calling students over PA system 10-15 minutes even after bell time. We ask that parents/carers plan ahead and inform children of arrangements for after school.
Messages to be conveyed to students should only be for very important or emergency situations.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UPTO DATE?
Please make sure that your contact details are up to date and ensure your emergency contacts are available if you are not able to be contacted.
It is important that we have all contact details up to date, as when a student is presented to sick bay with illnesses/injuries, we may need to urgently contact a parent/carer or an emergency contact.
**New School Website & Logo**

**NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE**
The redesigned school website is now live! We hope you enjoy the new design and find the site easy to navigate. Please have a look around - there’s new and updated information and photography and it should be easy to find key information.

I would like to give a big thanks to the following people involved in the site’s redesign. Working party: Thomas Bollinger (parent), Sylwiap Przybyla (parent), Richard Garcia (teacher), Jo Missen (teacher); Photographer Kynan O’Meara (parent); and school council rep Tim Bennett. I would also like to make special mention of and thanks to parent Lucinda Gifford who put in extra time to streamline the process.

**NEW LOGO DESIGN**
The recent school community survey found that a change to the school logo would be a welcome development to go with our new website. We are opening this process up to the whole community and are now inviting design submissions for the new school logo. The new TPS logo would be introduced incrementally - thus avoiding additional cost to the school community.

We encourage parents with Graphic Design experience to participate, but also invite designs from anyone in the community with an idea to share. The Design Brief for the logo will soon be available online and from the school office. Please make sure you read the brief before submitting a logo. The closing date for logo designs is May 30.

**NAIDOC Day**

We will be selling our amazing NAIDOC T-shirts again this year. The design is the same as previous years, the cost will be $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\(^{th}\) 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\(^{th}\) May 2016.

2016 NAIDOC Committee
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**UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN**

**OPEN ON FRIDAYS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS**

8.30am-10.30am

or


**Indigenous Events Committee**

**National Sorry Day** is on **Thursday, 26th 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

**OSHC News**

As most of you would know early last term the OSHC program had its rating and assessment visit and I’m pleased to report our results have come back with a great result. The process rates the service on 7 national quality areas and we achieved meeting in all of them and exceeding in one (collaborative partnerships with families and communities).

With ANZAC day just passed you can still see the display of respect the children have made in our room with poppies. Also mother’s day is just around the corner so without giving too much away I know the children are busy creating some special things for mum carers.

With our numbers growing in the afternoon, so have our staff numbers so I’d like to welcome our newest face to the program Tyne. On that note to ensure spaces are available please notify us as soon as possible for your requests and please see that accounts are paid up to date.

Thank you from all the OSHC team,

Andi.

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Festival News

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

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.
Thornbury Primary School Open Morning!

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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Darebin Falcons Girls AUSKICK information 2016

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

The Darebin Falcons Girls Auskick starts Friday 15th April and run for a 3-month season with breaks during school holidays. The sessions are held at our home ground at the Darebin Women’s Sports Club, AH Capp Reserve, Halwyn Crescent, West Preston.

Auskick clinics will be held on Friday afternoons running from 5-6pm prior to our Youth & Senior AFL training. It costs $90 to register for the season. The program will be coached by several of the female AFL players at our club.

A local Law firm Kerdo legal have come on board as our sole sponsor of the inaugural Auskick program at our club! This sponsorship will help us purchase tops, new equipment, cover the cost of coaching courses and refreshments for the girls during the program. A big thanks to Kerdo legal for supporting our club provide opportunities for girls to play sport.

REGISTER HERE!

1) Go to: http://www.aflauskick.com.au
2) Type in 'Darebin' in the locator
3) ‘Darebin Falcons Girls AUSKICK’ will come up
4) REGISTER!
5) You will receive more information by email about the start date & an information kit

For further information go to:
AFL Auskick
http://www.aflauskick.com.au
Darebin Women’s Sports Club
http://www.falcons.org.au/

Or contact us on auskick@falcons.org.au for more information. Look forward to seeing you there!

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Garden Party

You’re invited to our

Garden Party

3.00 to 4.30 pm every Friday

in the school food garden

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