Principal’s Message

New Beginnings

On Monday 17 November our school community celebrated Year 12 Student – Kyle Ball’s Graduation. Kyle has completed all of his education at Theodore SS P-10. Kyle has held a very special place in our school and our community. We wish Kyle every success for the future.

On Thursday 28 November we will be hosting our Annual Awards Night. Invitations for Award recipients were posted home last week. We invite all members of the school and wider community to come and join with us to recognise the achievements of our students in 2013. Each family has been asked to supply a plate for our supper after the Awards Presentation. The Staff and students of Theodore SS look forward to sharing this evening with you.

Our Year 10 students will graduate from Theodore SS P-10 on Friday 29 November. Some of our students will travel to Moura to complete their senior education and some will be entering the workforce. We wish them all the best and every success for the future.

As we head towards the end of the year can I remind parents about the need for students to be in attendance every day. The school year finishes on Friday 13 December and all children should be in attendance until this time. Students may work a modified timetable/curriculum in the last few days of the year.

Donna Drinkwater – Principal
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THEODORE STATE SCHOOL 54TH AWARDS NIGHT
6.30PM, 28TH NOVEMBER 2013
THEODORE RSL HALL
P & C HAPPENINGS – NOVEMBER

The final meeting of TSS P&C was held on Monday, 11th November.

Our current acting principal, Donna Drinkwater, was welcomed. In her principal’s report, Donna discussed staffing changes (Suzanne Bushell replacing Erin Bleisner, Chris Durkin on sick leave until the end of term) and updated the current maintenance issues. She discussed “Club 95” and the rewards activities for students who have been in attendance for 95% of the term or better. She highlighted the potential for the school face book page which still has not been officially launched. The school prospectus is being reviewed and changes will be made to the wording of the uniform policy, so that this can be more easily enforced in future.

The tuckshop still has some electrical wiring issues, and will need to replace one of the ovens which is no longer working. Monica has made 13 aprons for tuckshop volunteers to wear as identification instead of the visitor tags.

Swimming lessons and squad training are progressing well, with over 30 children participating.

A working bee to cement the posts for the Ag block fence will be advertised and held, once a suitable date can be arranged with the gentleman who has volunteered to dig the holes. Any help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

The P & C is dedicated to the expansion of the music program within the school. This will require the purchase of 7 – 9 instruments, with the school paying $2000 and P&C contributing approximately $3500 for this to occur. We would also like to advertise for donations or sale of second hand instruments from previous students/families to help kick start this valuable program.

Awards night is to be held on Thursday, 28th November. The P&C provides supper after the formalities. Any donations of biscuits, slices, cakes etc towards supper would be greatly appreciated. The P&C has again donated $1000 towards the purchase of awards etc for the night.

The P&C is also looking into the replacement of the current sports tents (which are showing significant wear).

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in February, 2014. We would encourage all parents and interested community members to support P&C in 2014, so that we can start the New Year with the enthusiasm and momentum required to help the staff of TSS move the school in a positive and rewarding direction.

Country Kids Speech & Drama Performance

Wed 4th December 2013 - 1.30pm under B Block
Parents & Community all welcome to attend!
PREP 2014
ORIENTATION DAY

3rd DECEMBER 2013
9am -10:15am

Come and get set for prep!

Interviews: 5 December 2013

Hope to see you there!
“O.K, let’s start this camp out right. Everyone, classroom creed, 3,2,1”

“Guys, it’s been a long day. The judges need to be bribed!”

Year 4/5 Camp 2013
The Year 4/5 students of 2013 recently returned from their tour of Rockhampton having had a fantastic time. From the Heritage Village to Capricorn Caves to Koorana Crocodile Farm and the Rockpool Water Park, the students enjoyed a variety of experiences while away. This year’s tour proved to be a great success due to a great team of teachers and parents. A HUGE thank you goes to Toni for keeping us on track on what we needed to do. Thank you Mrs. Olsson for providing food, guidance and music. Last but certainly not least, thank you Mr. Stuart Cluff for volunteering to assist with the driving of the bus and keeping great time. Without the assistance of these great people, the camp could not have been possible.

“Thank you Toni!” Class 4/5

“Are we alright to go? Good, let’s go!”
Mr. Stuart “Fluffy Cluffy” Cluff
**Brief overview of 4/5 Camp 2013**

On Wednesday we went to the Heritage Village and saw all the olden day things. We had damper and poppers for morning tea. We saw the old school and went for a ride on a Cobb and Co carriage, fire truck, U.S. army jeep and an olden day car that the rich would have. They showed us old cottages and houses. They showed us the radio room and how to strengthen tea and weaken tea by swinging your arm round and round. I almost forgot my hat too.

On the first day at Capricorn caves, we did the first rotation of activities, which was wall climbing for group two and caving was for group one. That night, we went to the caves and looked around. We went to the cathedral, which was in the caves and we sung “The Fox Song” which Mr. P took a video of. After the night caving adventure, we had a game of lifesaver relay which the boys won.

On the second day we rotated so group one did wall climbing and group two did caving and we climbed a cave called “The Whale’s Belly” where Mr. P got stuck in. Then we had to find our way out of a cave which took a while. After our caving adventure, we went to the Crocodile farm where we saw them eat. We learned that, they (the crocodiles) eat their girlfriends when they don’t want them anymore. In the shop we saw big croc’s that had died so they placed the crocodiles on the ceiling. Most people bought souvenirs and ice-cream.

When we got to the rock pool, we got a whole rectangle of the pool with inflatables and an inflatable with an obstacle all to ourselves (you had to get from one end to the other). There were floating dogs, cows and a turtle. We had subway for lunch and after that and we came back to Theodore.

**Collaborated by Nicole Kucks and Christopher Mahony**

**Funny moments and memorable quotes from camp:**

Jack put his hands on the floor and he was wondering what it was. When the guide said that it was bat droppings, we started to tease him and laugh.

“Amazing! It was fun to be able to do the caving and climbing” Christopher Mahony

“Uh, guys, I’m, uh, stuck!” Mr. P (Stuck in the “Whale’s Belly” cave)

“Look out Mrs. Olsson, there’s a rock there!” Jack Williams (whilst adventure caving)

“Where’s my hat?” “Mr. P I lost my hat again!” Nicole Kucks

“Fun! Experienced how to be away from family” Shamiya Sauer

“Yay! No more Mr.p!” Nicole Kucks (rejoicing when they left Mr. P at the Singing Ship at Emu Park)

“Sssh! Quick...pretend to sleep!” Jamie Westwood

“Toni, I need to go to the toilet.” Zoe Norris

“Joyful! Camp was great!” Ryan Edwards

“Exciting, outdoor, schoolless, awesome, informative!” Piper Christensen (schoolless defined as “Everybody wants to be out of school” Piper Christensen Dictionary)

“It went too quickly! It was awesome and fun” Mia Moulton

“I liked camp because it was my first camp! And I got to get away from Nyssa!” Sygourney Ball

“Perfect! It was great to see what it was like without parents!” Morgan May

“Camp brought people together! ......Small vacation from parents (which was good)“. Jamie Westwood
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2013 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WHEN: Thursday 12 December 2013
9.15am start
WHERE: Under the Jacaranda Trees

Join us afterwards for a BBQ provided by Evolution Mining and visit your child’s classroom to look at classwork on display

Merry Christmas
AWARDS
TERM 4 WEEK 7

TERM 4 WEEK 8
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY ADVERTISMENTS AND INFORMATION
The address for community advertisements or information to be included in the school newsletter must be received by 3pm Monday prior to publication via e-mail to the school administration:
admin@theodoress.eq.edu.au
Our next newsletter will be published Wednesday 27th November

DATE CLAIMERS

Theodore State School Annual Awards Night - 28TH November 2013, 6.30pm
PREP 2014 ORIENTATION DAY – TUE 3rd DECEMBER 2013, 9am -10:15am
Country Kids Speech & Drama Performance - Wed 4th December 2013, 1.30pm
Theodore State School Annual Christmas Carols - 12TH December 2013, 9.30am

BOOK FAIR: Is still happening until Tuesday 3rd December 2013 in the Resource Centre. The Resource Centre will be open before and after school and at both breaks.
The MSHS P&C Asn. invites you to our

CENT $ALE

on SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2013
at the new "MOURA TAVERN"

DOORS OPEN 9AM

For a 10AM START

Lucky Door Prize, Games &

Loads of Prizes to Win

$5 entry with Morning Tea
provided!!!

(For more information contact: Rachel Theodore 0438 971 130; Annette Weier 0428 839 653 or Teresa Luhrs 0429 166 164)
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Below is a short questionnaire to establish waiting lists for next year. Please take the time to complete this and return to the centre or post (PO Box 289) to ensure your child gets a place for Kindy or Childcare in 2014.

At this stage it is likely that we may become an affiliated Kindergarten in 2014 and be able to offer Kindy on Mondays and Tuesdays. Parents will also be able to get a rebate on Kindy costs. We are not certain to start Term 1 but if you are interested please leave a comment below.

Interest for Kindy/Childcare in 2014

Child/ren Name/s: __________________________________________

Child/s Date of Birth: ________________________________________

Child/s Age/s (as of next year): ________________________________

Preferred days of care:

☐ Monday (Kindy)
☐ Tuesday (Kindy)
☐ Wednesday
☐ Friday

Parents Name/s: ____________________________________________

Contact Details: ____________________________________________

Comments: ________________________________________________

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Regards

Mel Anderson
Director - TECCA