No:2 – Week 4 Term 4
Wednesday, 29th October, 2014

Theodore State School acknowledges the traditional Willi Willi people, both past and present, on whose land it stands.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK
Respect, Responsible and a Learner

PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

Week Four is now upon us and we are approaching the serious part of the year with assessment occurring which will inform the end of year Report Cards.

Pupil Free Day

Last Monday, all teaching staff went to Banana to work with teachers from Baralaba around our Writing focus. There was a lot of quality discussion and sharing of ideas and resources. One of the tasks undertaken was that of moderation which required each teacher to present a sample of a student’s writing and ensure that the marks assigned to the text met with the required standards.

We will continue to strengthen both our Writing focus and our collaboration with Baralaba State School to ensure ‘Best Practice’.

 Educator’s Day

This Friday is World Teacher’s Day. It is a day to acknowledge the work teachers put into providing a quality education for their students. At Theodore State School we will be celebrating Educator’s Day on Tuesday 4 November where we will celebrate the fantastic work done by ALL members of the Theodore Staff. It makes sense that we all work together as a team so we should celebrate our achievements as a team.

Educator’s Day aims to acknowledge the sensational work our entire staff puts into ensuring Theodore State School is a GREAT school. Many of our staff from Cleaners, Groundsman, Office Staff, Teacher Aides, Teachers, Support Staff and Administration put a lot of their own time and money into ensuring our students can access a quality and safe education. I would like to thank each and every staff member for their dedication, effort and professionalism. We are certainly blessed to have such a caring staff!!

If you see one of our wonderful staff members on Tuesday 4 November please acknowledge the work they do to support the students of Theodore State School by wishing them a ‘Happy Educator’s Day’.

Warmer Weather

You no doubt noticed a change in temperature over the last few days. It is extremely important that our students stay hydrated during these warm days as well as having appropriate clothing.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a sun safe hat at school each day.
Classroom Visits

I am extremely proud to report that every classroom I have visited over the past few weeks have students who are 100% engaged in their lessons. The effort our teachers put into preparing interesting and rigorous lessons is resulting in a high level of success for our students. Our Whole School Focus this week is ‘I participate in classroom activities’ which fits under the expectation of being a Learner.

School Programs

This week sees a number of School Programs being rolled out around the school. We have the Life Education Van (without the van) working with our students in Prep to Year 7 around the topics of body, health and friendship.

We welcomed the Police to the school on Wednesday to work with students in Years 4-10 around social skills as part of our Wellbeing Program.
Planning for 2015

We are currently taking enrolments for Prep in 2015. If your child is born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 they are eligible to be enrolled in Prep. We will be holding a Prep Open Day on Wednesday 19 November which will provide information about the Prep program running here at Theodore State School.

When enrolling your child the school will ask you for a range of information, such as:

- Your child's name, date of birth, address, phone number, parents’ or carers’ contact details, and so on. Documentary evidence will be required for example, your child's birth certificate (which can be ordered from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages).
- Proof of your child's immunisation status.
- Information about any medical condition or medication your child has, together with your doctor's instructions and contact details.
- Any other information that will assist the school in providing for your child's education and welfare. This may include information from your child's previous education and care providers.

If you are moving from our school or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their children at our school next year, please advise the Office.

Steve Conner
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL TROPHIES NEED TO BE RETURNED

Our Awards night will be held on Thursday 28th November which is four weeks away. We are calling for all perpetual school trophies to be returned to the school as soon as possible so they can be engraved for this year’s winners. Please return them to the school office as soon as you can.

Junior Secondary

Our transition program is going strong this term, with our students gearing up for the 2015 full transition! Our Choice Curriculum program is continuing, with our first two weeks seeing much work completed! In Creative Cookery this term, students are learning to creatively bake from Miss Ogg, with much delight being taken by all! Local Decision-Making is our sixth and final principle for Junior Secondary. It’s where the needs of each school community are taken into account with how Junior Secondary is implemented at each school.

Gotchas

This week saw the first draw for Term 4 of the ‘Gotchas’ at Theodore State School. Our two winners this week were Olivia Hawkins in Prep and Sam Cock in Year 7. Congratulations! Remember, if your child receives a ‘Gotcha’, then they need to bring it home to be signed and then returned to school in order to go into the draw for the prizes.
Road Safety when crossing the road to attend the Youth Centre

It has come to my attention that some children are running across the road and not using the designated crossing when attending the Youth Centre.
Please ensure that you chat to your children about the dangers and the correct use of the crossing when attending the Youth Centre.

Please wear your scariest costume and join us on Friday 31st Oct when we will be celebrating Halloween at the Youth Centre. We will be having a Halloween party straight after school and after the party (weather permitting) we will walk to the Bullring for a Halloween treasure hunt. We will be back at the Youth Centre for you to pick up your children by 5pm.

If your children will be attending it would be much appreciated if you could please organise to provide a plate of food for our party. I am also looking for volunteers to help with the treasure hunt.
If you are able to help please give the office a call 4993 1025 or email youth@theodorelink.com

Also if your children do attend the youth centre at any time during the year it would be appreciated if you could become a member of Theodore Community Link. Membership is $15 a year for a family or $30 per year for a Business. This membership fee will help to contribute some of the cost to keep the Youth Centre going. Memberships are payable at the TCL Office or email coordinator@theodorelink.com

Amber Scott (Youth and Community Officer)
ALL PROSPECTIVE 2015 PREP FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THEODORE STATE SCHOOL’S

PREP OPEN DAY

Come along to attend a meet and greet, and parent information morning. 2015 Prep students welcome.

Where: Prep Room

When: 9am - 11am

Morning Tea will be provided.

For more information please call 4990 3333

Wednesday
19th November
2014
Invitation

Theodore SS Parents Morning Tea & Prayer

Join Chappy Kat for an informal morning tea catch up followed by prayer each Thursday in her office. It will be an opportunity to connect, enjoy a cuppa, and discuss important prayer points for the school and community. Each week the kettle will be boiled and baked treats prepared for all who can make it along.

Chappy Kat
School Chaplain

TIME: 11:15am – midday
DATE: Every Thursday (starting from Thursday October 30)
LOCATION: Chappy Kat’s Office
(Under C-Block – opposite end to tuckshop)

2014 Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Don’t Miss out!!
One of the best days out in Theodore’s calendar is less than one week away
Have you got your ticket?

Limited number of tickets are still available through Theodore State School. Call Tracy on 49903333.

Prizes for Best Dressed Male and Female, Lucky Door and Multi Draw.
Prizes and vouchers for everything from fuel and laundry powder through to a custom made girls dress and 2 nights for 4 people at Southside Holiday village!
A Farewell for Jan Watson

Our dear friend Jan is leaving at the end of the school year and I’m sure many of you would like to see her before she goes to say good-bye to her and wish her well. We are holding an informal function on

Saturday, 8th November 2014 at 6.30pm

in the Bistro at the Theodore Hotel.

There will be some nibbles available in the Bistro and for anyone wishing to have a meal, you can order from the Dinner menu in the Lounge.

If you would like to come along, could you please let Diana French know by 31 OCTOBER on

Home Ph: 49 931 198
Mob: 0418 166 634 or
Email: pdfrench@nandina.net.au

Book Fair

Starting Thursday 6th Nov to Friday 14th Nov in the learning centre. This will be a great opportunity to purchase some books for Christmas.
Educational teamwork

Anne Chater has been teaching for thirty-four years. She has studied linguistics and neuro-psychology in her focus to assist learners who struggle with reading and writing. Anne’s professional development also equips her to extend learners who are high achievers. Anne sees parental involvement as an integral part of any child’s educational journey.