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

**PRINCIPAL’S PIECE**

The weather is starting to warm up as we enter the second half of this Term. I write this newsletter report with much excitement as we journey further into the world of technology here at Theodore State School.

**Interactive White Boards**

On Monday we had our new Interactive White Boards installed. These boards will open up a whole new world of learning for our students as they have the capability to be manipulated using your finger (like a huge Ipad!!). Our teachers are extremely excited about the raft of ways these boards can be used. While the financial outlay was significant, I firmly believe that the acquisition of these boards will most certainly augment the teaching and learning process.

Once we have had a chance to practice and hone our skills in the use of these boards we will ‘showcase’ their functions to you.

**Server**

Another HUGE thank you to the P&C for the donation of funds to upgrade our very old server!! The Regional Systems Technician visited the school last week and installed the new server complete with a UPS. The upgrade to the server will certainly assist us in using our newly purchased technology (Ipads and Interactive White Boards) to their full potential.

**Pupil Free Day**

Last Saturday saw all teachers spend their day at school as we reviewed our policies and practices. It was a very beneficial day which allowed us to ensure that we are providing the best educational service to our students. We commenced our planning for 2015 looking at the best way to structure the school day to ensure that we are meeting our requirements in relation to time allocations for each subject.

**Master Teacher**

I am pleased to announce that Theodore State School has been allocated one of the 300 Master Teachers as part of the Theodore Moura Cluster. The Master Teacher will be based at our school and also work with Moura Primary School from the start of next year for a period of three years.

The Master Teacher position will focus on Literacy and Numeracy development within the school and work with teachers and in classrooms to ensure that we have the capacity and skills to effectively improve ALL students’ Literacy and Numeracy skills.

**VALUE FOR THE WEEK**

Respect, Responsible and a Learner
Showcasing our WONDERFUL Teachers
On Friday we will have a number of teachers from across the region visit our school to observe the sensational teaching of our Prep to Year 2 teachers (Miss Williams, Miss Laing and Miss Davis). They have been identified as demonstrating excellent practice in the teaching of Blending, Segmenting and Tracking which forms the basis of effective reading strategies. WELL DONE!!

Planning for 2015
If your know that your child/ren will not be attending Theodore State School next year for whatever reason please notify the School Office as we are in the process of finalising our school structure and class composition. We are unable to form classes until we know how many students will be in each Year Level. Decisions around class composition and which teacher will have these classes have not been made as yet.

Prep Enrolment 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

Junior Secondary
Our transition program is continuing this term very strong, with our students working towards the 2015 full transition! Our Choice Curriculum program has again proved popular, with the first half of the term now over, it has been wonderful to see our student engage in their chosen activities!

In Robotics this term, students are learning to create, build and program their robots to play soccer as well navigate around a city they have designed. Well done Mrs Hessey and students for taking on this creative and interesting challenge!

At Theodore State School, we recognise that Junior Secondary is an important phase of education for our young adolescents. As part of Distinct Identity, Theodore State School have introduced our Choice Curriculum program which will be continuing for 2015.

Gotchas
This week saw the second draw for Term 4 of the ‘Gotchas’ at Theodore State School. Our two winners this week were Eli Dale in Year 2 and Atika Byers in Year 9. 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.
GENERAL MEETING NOTICE
THEODORE COUNCIL ON THE AGEING INC

A General Meeting will be held for the Theodore Council on the Ageing Incorporated on Wednesday night, **12th November 2014** commencing at **6.30pm** at the HACC Centre. All welcome to attend and contribute to discussion.

Theodore Community Link presents Footlights Comedy Theatre Restaurant – Friday 14th November

Come and enjoy a great night out and a show not to be missed! Tickets are only $20 for a 2 course dinner, show and more laughs than you can handle. Why not get together with your friends and book a table. Numbers are limited.

Tickets can be purchased at Holmes Enterprises or Theodore Community Link. Doors open 6.30pm. Show to commence at approximately 8pm.

Don’t miss out!

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.
The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:

Opposite the ANZ Bank, Sixth Avenue

THEODORE

1 December 2014 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Experienced specialist staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Our staff can assist you with Centrelink, Medicare, Australian Hearing and Child Support payment and service options. They are specialists in rural servicing and live and work in the communities they serve. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
Join the ICPA Dawson Valley Branch – it’s easy!  $50 per year per family
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT $45 - Join & pay before 15th December 2014
(you can also join at AGM held straight after school Christmas carols in Bakery)

ICPA stands for Isolated Children’s Parents’ Association and is a voluntary, non-profit, apolitical parent body
dedicated to ensuring that all rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate
education.

It encompasses the education of children from early childhood through to tertiary. ICPA lobbies strongly for equal
access to all these services. If you want your concerns to be heard or discuss how others overcome similar
challenges, the best step forward is to join your local branch.

Did you know:
➢ several private boarding schools now offer scholarships for children whose parents are ICPA members?
   Proof of membership needs to be shown and applications usually need to be submitted by February the
   year before attending - you will need to check with individual schools.

➢ At least two delegates from Dawson Valley attend State Conference each year to raise & debate regional
   education issues. If you have concerns to raise, please talk to our committee.

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What will I be entitled to if I join?
Membership entitles you to free copies of the State newsletter “News & View” and the national magazine “Pedals”.
Details of scholarships, allowances and information that is relevant to your child’s education can be found in these
publications and in the members portal on the website. When you join you will be kept informed about the
activities of ICPA as well as government decisions pertaining to education. State and Federal councilors may be
able to assist you with advice on educational issues. They receive no remuneration for their time but give it of
freely when they can.

How do I join or renew my membership?
➢ Fill out the form below and direct to Nikki Mahony at “Gyranda” M.S. 324 Theodore Qld 4719
➢ or email Nikki with your details and confirmation of payment to nikki@gyranda.com.au
➢ Pay by cheque with form or by direct credit into our bank account (last name & initial as the reference)

ICPA Dawson Valley Branch
BSB: 655-000
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☐ I wish to become a new member of ICPA Dawson Valley Branch (2014)
☐ I wish to renew my membership of the ICPA Dawson Valley Branch (2014)

Name:_________________________
Address:_____________________
Ph:____________________ Fax:____________________
Email:____________________
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

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THEODORE PREP FAMILIES
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARENT WORKSHOPS

Theodore State School
Parent Workshops

Spelling 5/11/14
Reading 12/11/14
Comprehension 19/11/14
Working with your child/ren 26/11/14

Why is cat spelt (or is it spelled) with a c but kitten with a k?

When do you use an apostrophe?

What is inferential comprehension?

THEODORE STATE SCHOOL
Resource Centre
(New Library)

NOVEMBER
05,12,19,26
1.45 TO 3.00

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.