It is certainly noticeable that we are heading towards the end of the School Year with a very busy couple of weeks ahead of us and the outside temperature remaining warm.

**Visiting Teachers**
Our staff and students again made Theodore proud when we had a number of visiting teachers come to our school to observe lessons in Blending, Segmenting and Tracking. All visitors commented on the calm learning environment in each of the classrooms as well as the level of engagement shown by our students. The teachers, from around the region, came to observe how we explicitly teach the foundation skills required to be successful readers which also flow into our writing. Miss Williams, Miss Laing and Miss Davis modelled FANTASTIC lessons.

**Sun Safety**
As you are aware, we are a Sun Safe School with all students expected to wear a sun safe hat and encouraged to wear protective clothing and apply sunscreen when they are outside of the classroom. They are also required to wear swim shirts during all water-based activities. As we move into summer, it’s important to remember that peak times for exposure to the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation are 10am – 2pm. It is vital that parents encourage their children to be sun safe every day. Students should bring a water bottle with water to ensure they keep hydrated throughout the day.

**Preparing for 2015**
Staff are continuing the process of preparing for next year during the final few weeks of the year. We are reviewing and strengthening a set of clear expectations which will be adopted by all staff at the school. These expectations focus on Bookwork, Classroom Displays, School Routines and Lesson Delivery. These expectations assist us in the delivery of Explicit Instruction and contribute to our School Improvement Agenda. I am excited about the direction we are heading and can already see the benefits unfolding in our classrooms.

Thanks to those families who have advised the school about intentions for next year. Having this knowledge allows us to plan our class groupings with a degree of certainty.

There is still time for families to pay the final instalment of their Voluntary Parent Contributions to the school. Please contact the Office to arrange payment.
Prep Open Day
Our Prep Open Day was held last Wednesday with a number of families taking up the opportunity to hear about how our Prep Program runs here at Theodore State School. Prep is considered the first year of formal schooling and there is definitely a strong focus on developing Literacy and Numeracy skills.

Awards Night
Our annual Awards Night will be held this Thursday evening at the RSL Hall commencing at 6:30pm sharp. All students attending the event are expected to wear full school uniform. This important event on our calendar allows us to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students. Families are asked to bring a plate to share for a light supper upon the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony.

Steve Conner
PRINCIPAL

News from the Art Room

The grade 1, 3 and 8 students have been very busy creating posters to enter into the Theodore RSL ANZAC Day 2015 poster competition. We have some great designs coming together. I would like to thank Ben O’Donnell and the Theodore RSL for helping with this project by providing us with some much needed cardboard.

DAWVAL

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2014 Dawval please contact the School Office. The cost of the Dawval will be $20 and needs to be paid for when you place your order.

Also we have put together a Dawval for 2013, which is also available. The cost will be $15. Both books will be printed and ready for collection from the school office in the last week of term.
TUCKSHOP MEETING
There will be a meeting, in the tuckshop, at 2pm next Monday the 1\textsuperscript{st} December. We will be discussing things like… menu, profits, donation to P&C, lunch time changes, new treasurer, etc. Please come along and have your say.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Just a reminder to let everyone know, there will be a limited menu on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} December.

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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 of it
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)

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Name: ____________________________
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Email: ____________________________
COMMUNITY XMAS PARTY

WHERE: THEODORE HOTEL

WHEN: SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

TIME: 11AM

EVENTS: SAUSAGE SIZZLE, WATER GAMES, AND BEST OF ALL, SANTA ARRIVES AT 3PM.
Registration form - 2014
Holiday Kids Club – Presented by
Theodore RE teachers and guest youth leaders – sponsored and underwritten by SU Qld.

Name: ________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________

Age: _______ School: ______________________________

Church affiliation: _________________________________________

Allergies: ________________________________________________

Health problems: __________________________________________

Emergency contact number (e.g. mobile): ________________________________

Can we contact you to let you know about events in the future? Yes / No

Are you willing for your child to be in a video to be shown? Yes / No

Can we use a photo of your child in future advertising material? Yes / No

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

Please return form to Chappy Kat at school or email katrina@theprgirls.com
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