No: 3 – Week 6 Term 3
Wednesday, 20th August, 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

We have reached the halfway point of Term Three!!

ARD Visit
Our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Dave Manttan, visited the school last Wednesday to see how we are progressing. He visited a number of classrooms and spoke to a variety of Staff members. Dave commented on the progress the school has made this year and was extremely impressed with the quality of the lessons being delivered by our teachers. He also mentioned the high engagement of our students and calm tone within the school.

Our Prep students were able to share their Sight Word and Writing Goals with him and were pleased to share their growth in these areas. Our Year 8 students were applying their problem solving skills to work out a strategy needed to solve a complex problem.

Attendance
Theodore State School values the education of every student and firmly believes that every student can achieve success in their schooling. For this to occur it is essential that students attend school every day. You are aware of Education Queensland’s ‘Every Day Counts’ campaign which highlights the importance of regular attendance. Missing just one day a week adds up to two whole weeks over a term or two whole months over a year. This is quite a significant amount of time of missed learning for the student and makes it difficult for them to keep up with their peers. Even arriving 10-15 minutes late each day impacts on a student’s learning and adds up to 1 1/2 hours per week, the same applies for students who leave school early each day. When you add up the amount of time these students are out of the classroom it is quite surprising. We seek your support in ensuring that your children are at school on time and every day.

After saying that, we understand that students get sick and have appointments. If this is the case please contact the school and let us know in order for us to record the absence as explained. All schools have processes we are required to follow when there is a high rate of absenteeism (either explained or unexplained). I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child receives the best schooling opportunities possible.

Theodore State School’s 90th Anniversary
This year marks 90 years of education here at Theodore State School. To celebrate this milestone, the School will be holding an Open Day on Friday 19 September 2014 from 9:00am to 12:30pm. We will start the day with a parade and will include demonstration lessons, open classrooms and games. Everyone is welcome to come and join in on the day.
**Bus Students**

It is **extremely** important that parents and carers contact the school as soon as possible and **prior to 2:30pm** each day if there is a change in the bus arrangements for their child/ren. It is very difficult for the Staff member on Bus Duty when last minute changes are made without following the correct procedures. If your child is not going on the bus or is required to go on a different bus **PLEASE** let the school know as early as possible in order for these arrangements to be documented and relayed to the Staff member on duty.

I thank you for your assistance in this regard.

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**Steve Conner**

**PRINCIPAL**

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**Junior Secondary**

Our transition program with the Year 6/7’s into high school in preparation for the 2015 full implementation of Year 7 into High School is going well and strong! We’ve seen wonderful work from the students participating in their Choice Curriculum Electives, as well as Quality Teaching from our teachers at Theodore State School as part of this program as well. Quality Teaching is the second guiding principle of Junior Secondary, whereby our teachers have been working closely with our Junior Secondary students to ensure success.

This fortnight we’re showcasing Robotics – taken by Mrs Hessey. The students are participating in a robotics program whereby they are taught how to program their robots to perform the ‘Harlem Shake’ dance. We’re looking forward to the final products from the students!

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**Gotchas:**

This week saw the first draw of the ‘Gotchas’ at Theodore State School. Our Primary School winner was Chelsea Coleman in Prep, and our Secondary School winner was Chris Mahony in Year 6/7. 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.
Tuckshop News:
Starting next week Friday 29th there will be price changes on all items.

ANZAC Day Poster 2015

In preparation for ANZAC Day 2015 – the Centenary of World War One – the RSL in conjunction with Theodore State School, will be holding a competition for School students to design a poster advertising this event in Theodore for 2015.

The poster must include:

*A picture describing or outlining the event/s of World War One

*ANZAC Day (as the title)

*Date: Saturday 25th April 2015

*Dawn Service – 6.00am, Bull Ring Cenotaph

*Street Parade – begins at 10.00am, followed by the ANZAC Day service

*Come to the RSL for lunch and refreshments after the Service

This poster competition is open to all students at Theodore State School, from Prep – Year 10. The competition closes Monday 8th December 2014, with the RSL drawing the winner at the end of February 2015.
Writing in Year One

As part of our English unit this term we have been exploring how authors use language and images to create characters.

The Year One students have stepped into the author’s shoes to create a range of new characters that could be included in the popular ‘Willy the Wimp’ book series by Anthony Browne. The students presented their characters to their peers as an ‘interview with the author’.

We are very proud to share some of our characters with you.

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My character is Alex Glenn, and he will be in the story of Willy and Hugh.
My character is big, strong and powerful.
By Tyler.

My character is Mille. She is a wonderful character and is a good friend for Willy.
She is big like the other gorillas.
By Abby.

My character is Cooper. He is a bully in the gorilla gang. He is a tough gorilla and uses mean words. He is scary and has big muscles.
By Jordan.

My character is called Max and he is a new friend for Willy and Hugh. He is big and strong and will chase the bullies away.
By Erin.
90th Anniversary Photos

Dear Theodore Community

This year marks Theodore State School’s 90th Anniversary and to assist in celebrating this milestone, the students in the high school sector are preparing a digital presentation. This project consists of compiling various photos of past/present students, teachers and activities.

We request that if you have any digital photos that you are able to share, please don’t hesitate to send it to school on CD/DVD, memory card, USB or email (admin@theodoress.eq.edu.au). We thank you in advance for your contribution and let’s make this anniversary one to remember!

If you have any questions and/or queries, don’t hesitate to contact Mr. Emil Prianes via Theodore State School.

NOTES FROM THE P&C MEETING: 13th August

Trail ride DVD: please order from Kris Markey if you want one.

90th anniversary of the school: this day is not meant as a “reunion” but simply as an open day to promote 90 years of schooling in Theodore. There will be open classrooms, displays, speakers, games from the past, demonstrations, morning tea, and a casual bbq lunch supplied by Evolution. It will run from 9am until about 12.45pm. All welcome!

The report from the audit done on the school recently is now available to be viewed on the school website.

Ben O’Donnell is looking at possibly some sort of return visit with the Kedron/Wavell Heights RSL and SHS for our music students. Nothing concrete as yet.

The P&C did the catering for the “Broadlea” sale recently and should make a nice profit from it. Many thanks to Anne Goodland and Bron Christensen for organising it all, and to the volunteers for helping on the day and with the baking & making.

The school will soon be getting a new server; the P&C is helping to pay for it.

School survey: apparently only about 1/3rd of families completed the on-line survey. The P&C was very disappointed with this effort and hope that more people will make their voices heard next time.

The student council will be getting $1917.21, being profits from the coffee, drinks and lollies stall at the trail ride.

There will be NO TUCKSHOP on the last day of term, Sept 19th, as this is when the 90th celebrations are on. Next year’s trail ride will be looking for people/clubs to cater for breakfast and dinner. Please consider if you may be able to help; contact Kris Markey early next year.

We will not be having a meeting in September. Next meeting Oct 8th, 7pm, in the Learning Centre (first week back at school).
Swimming Club News:

If you are wishing to enrol your child/ren in Swim Club this term please complete the membership applications and medical consent forms below and return to school with your payment by 12th September.

Swim Club will be Mon/Wed Afternoons (Term 4) from 3.15pm. You will be contacted by the coach over the Spring break with your child/rens class time and level allocation.

Katrina Phipps is once again coaching the Swimming Club and this year, offering;
Learn to Swim lessons (30 minutes lesson)
Stroke Improvement Squad (45 minute lesson)
and Full Squad (60 minute lesson)
all $15 each and one per week. If you would like your child/ren to do two sessions per week please contact Katrina to check if there are enough lessons spots available.

This term we also have an exciting option for the parents/adult members of the community – to join the club in an adult ‘master class’ – weeknights to be advised.

This completed form must be returned by 12th September with payment to ensure swimmers are able to start on Monday 6th October.

Please tick Term 4 payment option below;

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Please indicate amount and method of payment;

Total amount $ ______________

☐ Cheque
Please make cheques payable to: Theodore SS Swimming Club, and leave at the school office, marked attention Swim Club treasurer.

☐ Direct Deposit (details below)

BSB  - 014-705 ANZ Theodore Branch
Account Name: Theodore State School P&C
Account Number : 190 615 611

Please use your child’s initials and surname in the ref when paying by EFT.
TUNAs Swim Club MEMBERSHIP FOR

□ Membership Renewal
□ Transfer (Previous Club ________________________________)
□ Brand new member (if you have been with any club within Australia you must tick Transfer)

(Please tick one)

DECLARATION 1
Conditions of being a Member of Swimming Queensland, Affiliated Regions and Affiliated Clubs
1. I agree to abide by the rules, regulations and policies of Swimming Queensland, Swimming Australia, the relevant Regional Swimming Association and the relevant club, including Swimming Australia’s Anti-Doping, Member Welfare, Child Welfare and Privacy Policies (these are available at www.swimming.org.au).

2. I authorise Swimming Queensland to use and disclose, to related and relevant bodies, any of my personal information that may be necessary to implement the rules, regulations and policies in 1 above. I agree to have my name and results published in official programs, newsletters and websites.

3. Please note that the club, as an affiliate of Swimming Queensland, has $20 million public liability insurance cover.

4. I fully understand that the Swimming Australia National Insurance Programme includes a limited level of cover in the event of Personal Injury. I understand that only NON-MEDICARE medical expenses (to a maximum of $5,000) can be claimed. If the medical service provided is eligible for a Medicare rebate of any value, any resultant GAP in costs is not able to be covered by the Swimming Australia policy due to current Commonwealth Legislation. For further information on the insurance cover available refer to www.jltsport.com.au/swimming or phone JLT Sport on 1300 373 130.

5. I warrant that all information provided is true and accurate.

DECLARATION 2
Parent/Legal Guardian Consent (in respect to an applicant under the age of 18 years)
1. Where the applicant is under 18 years of age this form must be endorsed by the applicant’s parent or legal guardian.

2. I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the declarations above and I warrant that all information provided is true and correct.

3. I, as the Parent or Guardian of the applicant, expressly agree to accept responsibility for the applicant’s behaviour and agree to personally accept the conditions set out in the membership application and declaration.

Signature (Member) ____________________________ Date _____/_____/______
If under 18 Parent / Guardian Signature ________________________________
TUNAS SWIM CLUB MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

STUDENT’S NAME (In full)
__________________________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ____________________________

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL: ________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE – HOME: ______________________ WORK: ______________________

MEDICARE NUMBER: __________________

DOES YOUR SON/DAUGHTER SUFFER FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: If YES, please give full details (for example: severity, medication, date of last attack/operation/injury).

(a) ASTHMA: _____________________________________________________________

(b) DRUG/OTHER ALLERGIES: ______________________________________________

(c) SUGAR DIABETES: _______________________________________________________

(d) EPILEPSY: ______________________________________________________________________

(e) HEART PROBLEMS: __________________________________________________________

(f) OTHER (Please list): _________________________________________________________

PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF ANY PROBLEMS EITHER MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL WHICH WOULD LIMIT YOUR SON’S/DAUGHTER’S FULL PARTICIPATION IN ANY SWIMMING RELATED ACTIVITY.

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I am aware of the types of activities included in the SWIM CLUB program and what they entail. I give consent for myself/son/daughter to participate in the program, and I agree to delegate my authority to the coach involved. I further authorise the coach in charge or their representative to obtain such medical attention as may be deemed necessary and I understand that I am responsible for any of the costs incurred.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: __________________________ Date: __________

Please complete, sign and return all forms to the school, with payment by the 12th September 2014.