We are now in Week Four of this Term.

School Financial Audit
We have had the Regional Internal Auditor in our school this week conducting our Financial Audit. All schools are required to have one of these Audits every 18 months to 2 years. Our last Audit was in 2012. The Audit looked at all of our staffing and financial practices as well as Work Place Health and Safety procedures. We did quite well this time with a couple of areas requiring attention. The recommendations from this Audit will feed through to our School Strategic Planning.

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.

School Opinion Survey
All families received a letter containing the log on information to access the School Opinion Survey this year. The original deadline for the completion of this Survey was 3 August 2014. This has now been extended until FRIDAY 8 August 2014.
If you haven’t yet had a chance to complete the online survey, I strongly encourage you to do so in order to get an accurate picture of how our school is travelling.

Classroom Visits
As I have been visiting classrooms over the last fortnight, I am seeing a very strong consistency across our whole school. We have developed a consistent lesson delivery model which is based on Explicit Instruction and contains the same language across the whole school. We continue to roll out our Writing program which has the same focus across the school also. This consistency allows us to ensure that students are not confused as they move through the school.
Starting this week we will be ‘showcasing’ two year levels in our Newsletter. This week we look at what Prep and Year 9/10 have been doing at school.
Attendance
You may have noticed in the media recently that there is a large focus on **School Attendance** across Australia. Our school has set a target of **95% (or above)** attendance for every student. In order for us to realise this target, we need the support from families to ensure their child is attending school **EVERY** day. There are direct links between attendance rates and student achievement at school. We are in the process of finalising a Whole School Attendance Policy which mirrors that of Education Queensland’s Policy ‘**Every Day Counts**’. Schools are required to follow up with families when there are regular absences or a pattern of absences. Please notify the school if your child is away for any reason.

**Steve Conner**
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**90th Anniversary**

Theodore State School will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary On the 19th September with an Open Day commencing at 9am and finishing around 12.45pm

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**Book Fair**

Book Fair will be held again from the 18th Aug in the Learning Centre. The theme is ‘**Grow Your Own Book Garden**’. Fancy Dress Day will be on Friday 22nd Aug. Come along as something out of the Garden.
The sound of pencils scribbling away, little murmurs of laughter as the students of Prep are busily writing their silly rhyming sentences.

‘The fat rat ate the fat cat’. By Will.
‘The fat bat played on the mat’. By Alexander.
‘The cat is fat and the cat is wearing a red hat’. By Olivia.

This term in Prep we are looking at rhyming words and creating rhyming sentences, with many writing independently! We have been working very hard at our writing this year with everyone showing an enthusiastic attitude by ‘having a go’.

After we have worked hard writing our sentences, we love to share our work with our peers in a sharing circle where we show respectful listening and share one thing we are happy about and one thing we want to do better next time. This helps us make goals so we can be better writers. We are excited to share with you a piece of our classroom and the work we have been doing.
My School Theodore

By Nyssa Ball

My school is Theodore
Which I really adore
It encourages respect
And is just perfect

We learn so much
And I thank them a bunch
We learn to be responsible
Which can make us unstoppable

We are proud to be learners
And we encourage others
To do the best they can
To be the ideal Australian!
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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.

Swimming Club AGM
Swimming Club will be holding their AGM on Thursday 7 August 2014 at the Theodore Hotel at 12:00pm. All welcome.

Prostate Cancer Awareness
The Biloela Prostate Cancer Support group will be holding a breakfast on the 23rd of August to promote Prostate Cancer awareness. The speakers are Dr Bruce Chater, Theodore Medical Centre and Miff Pate, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Qld. The PC Foundation is endeavouring to bring men’s health awareness to the rural community. Breakfast meeting, starting breakfast at 8am with presentations starting at 9am. Venue, Shepherdson Pavillion Biloela Showground.
RSVP to Medicare Local on 0749925544 for catering purposes.
Entry fee of $5, donation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.
Rob Badmann
Agronomist - Landmark