PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

Week Eight is certainly GREAT at Theodore State School!!

2014 NAPLAN
I have analysed this year’s NAPLAN results and found that overall this is the best year so far for our school. Our Staff have put a HUGE effort into ensuring that Literacy and Numeracy is our absolute focus this year and our results rewards this focus. As a school, we should all be very proud of the distance travelled and celebrate this success.

We acknowledge that there is still much work to do in order to ensure that we are meeting or exceeding the National expectations. To this end, we will strengthen our unrelenting focus on student improvement and continue to provide a whole school approach to supporting our students.

It is important that the NAPLAN tests are not seen to be ‘scary’ rather as a yardstick to measure student achievements against that of the rest of Australia.

As a staff we will complete a deep analysis of this year’s NAPLAN data as well as our own internal monitoring. This analysis will inform the decisions made when planning for 2015.

Research shows that there is a direct correlation between attendance at school and improved NAPLAN results. It is essential that EVERY student is at school EVERY day in order to achieve at their best. Our School target is 95% attendance.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have received their NAPLAN Reports this week. Please have a look at these reports and celebrate with your child/ren.

Well Done EVERYONE!!!

Junior Secondary
Theodore State School is well prepared for the introduction of Year 7 to the Junior Secondary phase of our High School commencing next year. Our teachers participated in a twilight PD session which focussed on three key areas of Junior Secondary – Teaching Reading, Explicit Instruction and Signatory Practice. We unpacked each of these areas to ensure we have the capacity within our school to provide the best opportunities for our High School students as possible.

While it is essential that we have a Whole School approach to both curriculum delivery and practice, it is also important to ensure that we are catering for the adolescent learner and optimising their time at school.

We will continue to implement our Junior Secondary Action Plan this year.
We are rapidly approaching our 90th Anniversary Open Day being held on Friday 19 September. The day will run from 9:00am to 12:00pm and include many displays and activities around the school. Some staff and students will be dressed in period costume to celebrate the nine decades we have been in operation.
I look forward to seeing you at the school on this day as we celebrate 90 years of quality education.

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.

Steve Conner
PRINCIPAL

Enrolments for 2015
If you have a prep student starting or your student/s are relocating to another school in 2015 could you please contact the school office ASAP.
Year 2

Human development

I can run, I can walk, I can shout. I can talk. I can walk, but I cannot use a potty.

D shapes

Informative notes

Procedural Text

Lifecycles

The Jump Strategy

Noun Groups

Venn diagram Narrative vs Information Text
Theodore State School

Sports Update

Over the duration of Term 3, Theodore State School students have been very busy, out and about demonstrating their sporting talents.

Greater Rockhampton District Track and Field
Theodore State School students recently travelled to Farmborough State School to compete in the annual Greater Rockhampton District Track and Field Trials. These students travelled to Farmborough as part of the Dawson Valley Sub-District Track and Field Team. The day highlighted the immense talent pool that lies within our school, with some great performances across the day. Jovyn Johnston and Nikson Hill competed admirable in their throwing events, Rhett Austin ran a sizzling 100M spirit, Christopher Mahony leaped high in High Jump, whilst Teeonie Fordriga and Payden Norris again shown across all their running events. There were many other Theodore State School students who competed and achieved their personal best on the day.

Capricornia Track & Field
After finishing 3rd in his 100M spirit at the Farmborough Carnival, Rhett Austin progressed to compete in the Capricornia Track and Field Trials held in Emerald. Unfortunately after running a courageous race with very stiff opposition Rhett did not manage to progress to the next level of competition.

Dawson Valley AFL
After a resounding success last year, the Dawson Valley Schools AFL Competition is up and running again. The competition comprises of the four major schools in our Dawson Valley Primary School Sports Region; Baralaba, Moura, Woorabinda and Theodore. With some skilful athletes to oppose us, Theodore as started out on a losing note, going down to Moura and Baralaba once each, and Woorabinda twice. Team Captain Sterling Edwards has been playing the house down which lead to a much improved performance by the team in week 2 of competition. The final two rounds of the seasons are being held in Woorabinda and Baralaba respectively. Please come along and support the team.

Geoff Johnson Touch and Ball Games
In case you have forgotten the date it is being held is the last Wednesday of this school term which falls on the 17th of September. Students are hard at work training for the upcoming celebration day. Tuesday and Thursday before school, students have been accompanying me to the oval to train and perfect their touch football combinations. Ball games practice is being competed by myself in HPE lessons and the wonderful Mrs Abood during Friday Afternoon Sport.
Tennis Championships
This year the Theodore State School Championships will be on again. A firm date has not yet been set for this event, but we are aiming for early Term 4. Keep your ears peeled as the details should be announced in the near future.
Yours in Sport,
Mr Alex Hodgson

AFL Boys in Action

Touch and Ball Games Program For Wednesday 17th 2014

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Oh Junior Secondary,  
The work you have done,  
Deserves a smile,  
And some fun!  
Bell to bell teaching,  
Is what we do!  
See them achieve,  
It’s what they do!

**English**

Writing on demand - persuasive

**Topic: Animals should/shouldn’t be kept in a zoo.**

Cages, animals screaming, zookeepers having to look after wild animals. These all refer back to a zoo. Just think, how would you like to be locked up in a small, smelly cage 24/7?

**Topic: Healthy food is too expensive.**

$4.00 for a cabbage, what? What do supermarkets think? That money grows on trees. Well it doesn’t and healthy food should be cheaper.

**History** - The students walk in, grab their ‘ninja bandana’ and prepare for their lesson on samurais and shoguns. Okay, okay, that only happened once in Year 8, but it doesn’t mean that we don’t find other creative ways of engaging in Japanese Shogunate history. The students work wonders in their researching abilities, and have also covered the topic of Medieval European history and the Black Plague!

In Year 6/7 the students are looking at the migration of people from Vietnam after the Vietnam War. They are engaged and learning lots about the push and pull factors of migration.

**Geography**: In this class the Year 8’s are looking at migration patterns to our local area, state and our nation as a whole. An exciting aspect of this class is checking and writing down the data for the population growth in Australia.

In Year 9 Geography the students are undertaking a geographical research assignment based on environmental change. The students look at what are man-made and natural environments. Research topics include cane toads and the Great Barrier Reef.

In Year 8 and 9 Home Economics, everyone is confident in the kitchen and the textiles room and creating amazing items to keep or eat! Both classes have the ability to work as a team to get the jobs done. It is great to see the growth in their confidence and abilities. In Year 9 the students are working on their first hospitality venture, creating delicious treats and making coffee for a staff morning tea. However, their exceptional skills will be the highlight of the day!
Go the mighty Rabbitohs! Or go the mighty Roosters! It doesn’t matter who you support in football, come along to school on Friday 5th September 2014 in your footy garb and support fighting cancer.

Bring a gold coin donation and wear your proud footy colours on this day to help support research on cancer.

Be sure to wear sun-safe clothing and closed in shoes.

Another event held by the student council!

**Art** – In Year 8 & 9 Art the students are working on their clay-animation productions. Following their own storyboards, the students are required to make clay figures of characters and settings to act out their production. Using a camera, the students will take photos of each move made and then collate them in order to create a mini movie. Already there are some great designs made by these creative students.
Information for Parents and Students

What is an exemption and why do I need it?
Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option.

Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:
- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

Who decides to grant or not grant an exemption?
- For state school students:
  Decisions about exemptions are made by the principal of the school the student attends.

- For non-state school students:
  All exemption decisions for non-state school students are made by the Manager, Office of Non-state Education.

- For children who are not enrolled in any state or non-state Queensland school:
  Decisions about exemptions for students who are not enrolled in any state or non-state school are made by either the Regional Director, Principal Advisor Education Services, Principal Advisor Regional Services, Director Regional Services, of the Department of Education, Training and Employment region in which the child resides.

Applying for an exemption
You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed in writing whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.
Monday October 6th is a public holiday. Swimming Club will commence on the MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2014.

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.

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.
HACC Raffle

Pushbike (with a helmet),
very generously donated by

Mr Jim Atfield

Tickets can be purchased from the HACC Centre

$2.00/ticket

Drawn following the bike ride at the River Festival

Proceeds will go to the worthy cause of supporting our HACC activities, purchasing of needed equipment assisting the aged in our community
Spindle & Spurs Campdraft

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

STALLS • BAR • FOOD

Presented by the Theodore Show Society Inc.

13th & 14th September

CAMPDRAFT • STALLS • BAR • FOOD

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT UNTIL MIDNIGHT - RON SELLARS

Follow Theodore Spindles & Spurs on Facebook.

FREE ENTRY

 Courtesy Bus Running on Saturday night the 13th
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Below is a short questionnaire to establish waiting lists for next year. Please take the time to complete this and return to the centre or post (PO Box 289) to ensure your child gets a place for Kindergarten or Childcare in 2015.

**Interest for Kindy/Childcare in 2015**

Child/ren Name/s: ______________________________

Child/s Date of Birth: ____________________________

Child/s Age/s (as of next year): ____________________

Preferred days of care:

- [ ] Monday (Kindy)
- [ ] Tuesday (Kindy)
- [ ] Wednesday
- [ ] Friday

Parents Name/s: ________________________________

Contact Details: ________________________________

Comments: ____________________________________________________________________________

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Regards

Mel Anderson
Director - TECCA
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Below is a short questionnaire to help establish our numbers for Term 4. Please take the time to complete this and return to the centre or post (PO Box 289) to confirm enrolment for Term 4.

Interest for Kindy/Childcare in Term 4, 2014

Child/ren Name/s: ____________________________________________

Child/s Date of Birth: ____________________________

Child/s Age/s (as of next year): ____________________________

Preferred days of care:

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Evolution Cracow to Theodore Bike Ride

is on again on Saturday 4th October!

- For 12 years and over
- 51 km (approximately)
- Start at Cracow approximately 6.30am, finish at Junction Park
- Individuals or teams welcome – maximum of five riders
- Applications and registrations ($20 per rider) available at Holmes Enterprises

Junk Sculpture Competition!

Everyone is invited to gather up discarded, abandoned and worn out ‘stuff’, and combine it in surprising and unexpected ways to build a piece of sculpture.

There are no real rules; the only limit is your own imagination! Your sculpture can include timbers, plastics, metals, fabrics, and found objects…anything you can get your hands on. It can be held together by any means – wiring, welding, knotting, gluing. Please be sure that your sculpture is secure and has no loose or precarious pieces.

Please deliver your sculptures to the RSL Hall on Tuesday, 30th September between 10am and 1pm. (If delivering in this time frame is a difficulty for you, please contact Tracey Hewitt on 49931326 to make other delivery arrangements.)

Hotel Theodore have generously sponsored $500 in prize money for the Junk Sculpture Competition; winners will be announced in the following categories: Best Junk Sculpture Under 12, Best Junk Sculpture 12 yrs. to Under 18, Best Junk Sculpture (Open), and Viewer’s Choice Award.

Tropical Fun Run/Walk and Brunch – Sunday 5th Oct from 7am!

- Three distances – 3km, 6km and 12km
- Kids under 15 will need to walk with an adult

Markets, rides, animal nursery, face painting, entertainment and more at Junction Park from 8am Saturday 4th October

For further details:
- Theodore River Festival Facebook page
- Event Coordinators, Wendy Brauer and Amber Scott 0438826187 /4993 1025
- Email: coordinator@theodorelink.com
River Festival

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- Best Junk Sculpture: Under 12
- Best Junk Sculpture: 12 yrs. to Under 18
- Best Junk Sculpture
- Viewer’s Choice

We’d appreciate you filling in these details, and dropping the form off at Theodore Community Link, or emailing the info to Tracey Hewitt (charvelgrazing@iinet.net.au)

By 27th September so we can create a short description to print and display alongside your piece of sculpture.

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Sculpture: ______________________________________________________

Materials used: _________________________________________________________

A brief ‘story’ about your sculpture (e.g. where your idea came from, where your junk came from, any quirky details that others might find interesting!

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TROPICAL FUN RUN/WALK

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DETAILS

7.00 am ASSEMBLY Sun 5th OCTOBER 2014

ONE - GENERAL DETAILS

NAME..........................................................D of B ...............................................................

Email...........................................................................Phone..........................................................

Address.................................................................................................................................

Please attach/enclose/direct debit your Registration Fee of $10/adult or $5/child under 12 years of age (at time of even)t at time of Registration.

TWO – AGE LIMITATION

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST GIVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RUN.

I give permission for ......................................................to participate in the THEODORE TROPICAL FUN RUN/WALK

Name of Parent/Guardian..................................................Sig.................................................................

THREE – DISTANCE. PLEASE TICK AND COMPLETE.

☐ 3 K walk

☐ 3 K

☐ 6 K

☐ 12 K

PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE SHOES—CLOSED TOES. BE SUN SMART—WEAR HAT, SUNSCREEN AND TRAVEL WITH A WATER BOTTLE. ABSOLUTLEY NO BICYCLES. PRAMS ARE ACCEPTABLE. THIS IS A RUN/WALK EVENT.

FOUR - ESTIMATED TIME FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE RUN

To assist us with organisation of the Run, please provide an estimated time you will take to complete your chosen course distance.

APPROX TIME..................................................

FIVE – TERMS AND CONDITIONS
11th September
R U OK
Theodore Day

MORNING: Come and join us for morning tea at the Youth Centre in the morning for a chat and a cuppa, we may even surprise you at your workplace 😊

AFTERNOON: Bring your children to the Youth Centre in the afternoon for some fun activities and games

Phone Amber 4993 1025 or Nat 4993 1371

WORK: A place where asking the question “are you ok?” can really work is in the workplace. As employers or staff, we can all create a culture and environment where people feel confident asking and answering this most important question. Besides our legal responsibility of providing a safe and healthy workplace, these conversations can make a real difference to staff going through a tough time.

SCHOOL: Something we’re never too young to learn is that asking ”are you ok?” can make a difference - and it's a message R U OK? wants to take into the classroom we want to inspire students to ask each other about the stuff that really matters and be there for one another when life gets a bit tough or stressful by giving teenagers the confidence to start conversations regularly and with real care, they can be the generation that transforms the way we look out for anyone struggling with life.
ICPA Dawson Valley Branch catering for Gyranda bull sale 18th Sept

ICPA stands for Isolated Children’s and 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.

Thursday 18th Sept is the annual “Gyranda” Sale and also ICPA’s biggest fundraising event of the year. We would love any donations of cakes and slices (especially fruit cakes, patty cakes and Anzac biscuits if anyone has a flair for them). These can be dropped off to Jackie Jewell at the school office before Wed 17th September.

We also appreciate any extra help we can get:
- on the day – from 8am: help making sandwiches, cutting onions, tomatoes etc.
- during the day – from 9am: serving tea/coffee, drinks, cakes, lunch, and cooking sausages/steak/onions on wood BBQ (any handy hubbys out there?)

Please contact Nikki Mahony 49937144 / nikki@oxtrack.com.au or Sarah Cox 49937135 if you can lend a hand on this great social day.

Thanks for your help ~ Nikki Mahony