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

It is hard to believe that the end of this week sees us one quarter of the way through the School Year!!

Writing Focus
As you are aware, we have had an unrelenting focus on improving the Writing Skills of our students this term. It began with staff attending the Seven Steps to Writing Success PD in Rockhampton and then rolling out a program here at School. The major focus this term was the need to grab your reader’s attention through writing a Sizzling Start.

Students completed a sample piece of writing at the beginning of the year and did so again last week. It is amazing to see how much our students have improved in this area in such a short period of time. We will continue with this focus throughout the year as we move through our Writing Program.

Interim Report Cards
All students will receive an Interim Report Card this week. The purpose of these reports are to provide both students and parents/ carers with information on how students have progressed this term and highlight any concerns or celebrations. The reports are a snapshot of the year so far and will show Achievement Standards, Effort and Behaviour. There are no comments on this report as elaboration will be made during Parent/ Teacher Interviews to be held in Week Two next Term (28 April – 2 May 2014).

All Parents/Carers are encouraged to make an appointment through the Office to meet with their child/ren’s teachers during Week Two.

Junior Secondary
We are positioning ourselves well for the implementation of Junior Secondary across the State in 2015. We had a team of teachers from Theodore State School attend a Wellbeing Session held in Rockhampton last week being hosted by Andrew Fuller a leading expert in Adolescent Learning. The session was very insightful and focussed on ensuring that schools had processes in place to meet the needs of the adolescent learner.

One of the big concerns that data shows us is that adolescents fail to get enough sleep each night due to their ‘obsession’ with technology (ie. Constant checking of their phone messages, Facebook, gaming, etc.). We also looked at how students rated themselves in a number of areas including connectedness to community, having adults who care for them and their hope for the future. It is important that we work as a community to ensure that we are equipping our students with the necessary skills and ‘Assets’ to be resilient, active members of our society when they leave school.
All Staff will participate in a **Junior Secondary PD Session** this Wednesday afternoon as they complete the Modules developed by Central Office to prepare for the introduction next year. The **Junior Secondary Leadership Team** will be attending a **Leading the Change Conference** at Yeppoon early next term hosted by our Region.

**End of Term**
I would like to take this opportunity to **thank the School and wider community** for the support received by the school this term. There is a great ‘feel’ at Theodore State School this year and we are making **solid progress** in a number of areas. I also want to acknowledge the **tireless work** our staff have put into making this a **successful term**. Every staff member has gone above and beyond in carrying out their duties as we ‘**raise the bar**’ in relation to our expectations and outcomes for our students. **I am looking forward to continuing this work next term.**

School Holidays start this weekend with students returning to school on **TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2014**.

Please enjoy the **School Holidays** and most importantly stay **safe**!

See you next Term!!

**Steve Conner**

**PRINCIPAL**

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**MOBILE PHONES/MP3 PLAYERS**
Mobile phones, MP3 players, personal digital cameras and other electronic equipment are not permitted at school. If students need to bring these types of items, they need to be handed in before school and collected at 3pm. Phones may be accessed at the office during the day. If this rule is not followed, after the second time, parents are contacted and they will need to collect the device from the office.

**CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS OR ADDRESS**
If you have changed any details to your address/phone/mobile/email etc, PLEASE notify the school office on 4990 3333 as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date.

**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER**
If you would like to have the school newsletter emailed to you please contact the school office with your email address. Alternatively, we will be uploading the newsletter to the school website

[http://www.theodoress.eq.edu.au/](http://www.theodoress.eq.edu.au/)
**Bus Students**

If there is a change with your child/ren’s bus routine, we ask could you please notify the office, so there is no confusion in the afternoon when it is time for the buses to depart. We are aware that some of the activities after school have finished, so if your child has a permanent no bus allocation could you please inform the office, if you would like this changed.

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**The Beginning of a Student Leadership Team**

These past ten weeks have flown by fast for the Student Leadership team. After proceeding through a rigorous self-election process and voted in by peers the Student Leadership team are determined in making 2014 the best year yet at Theodore State School.

Elected students for this year are required to maintain the school oath which is newly formed to encourage the positive objectives that Theodore State School is aiming to achieve. Spoken at assembly during their Induction Ceremony, students chorally spoke these words of Theodore State School:

"I promise to represent and serve my fellow students and set an example in all aspects of school life. I will adopt an active leadership role within the school and encourage the expectation of being respectful, responsible and a learner. As a leader I will uphold loyalty to the school and its fine traditions and be fully committed to all that Theodore State School stands for and strives to achieve."

As can be seen throughout these past weeks the Student Leadership team and other students are already achieving the aims in this oath to the highest level.

**The Student Leadership Team’s Effort**

During the last ten weeks the Student Leadership team have attended meetings every Monday afternoon in their second break, to ideate plans for what they would like to achieve this year. The ideas are then taken to the Administration staff to have the final decision. So far, the students have held two successful and profitable ‘sausage sizzles’ with another being held on the last Thursday of term. Students will also be advocating for pupils to come in ‘Free Dress’ on Friday 4th April with a gold coin donation, to support those in need of hay for animals in the drought, locally and state wide.

From the vast effort of the Student Leadership Team in Term One, it can be seen that this year will be a great year to be at Theodore State School. It is also good to see our Senior Students are encouraging students in younger Year Levels to take on future Student Leadership and Council positions.

**The Community’s Efforts**

The community’s effort shouldn’t go unnoticed. As a part of the Student Leadership Team supporters I can say that the outpour of positive support from parents and members of the community has been a great booster in terms of students’ willingness to ‘have a go’ and participate in the Student Leadership team’s efforts, e.g. supporting them through ideas, and the sausage sizzle.

The availability and willingness of local businesses to help the Student Leadership team have successful events is very much appreciated. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the local Cornett’s IGA (Independent Grocer of Australia) for their effort in supplying consumables on short notice and in large quantities. This has aided the students in obtaining profits to fund future endeavours and initiatives.

Many thanks to all that are involved and we look forward to your continued support.
Student Leaders and Council Members are holding another sausage sizzle in lieu of tuckshop for the remainder of Term 1, be sure to come on down and snag a sausage before they all sell out!

**When:** Thursday 3rd April (Week 10).

**Foods available are:**
- Sausages in bread - $2.00
- Poppers - $1.00
- Icy cups - $1.00

Students need to order through their classroom teacher on the morning of the sausage sizzle to guarantee your yummy lunch!
Student Council will then collect the lists of students that have paid and can prepare accordingly.
Teachers of the younger grades are asked to escort their students to the tuckshop to collect their food.
Ordered food will be available for pick up only at Break 1, however, if there are any extras that have not been purchased they will be available for Break 2.
Thanks!

**FUNKY FRIDAY FRESS DRESS DAY**

**Date:** Friday 4th April, 2014 (This Friday)
**Cost:** Gold coin donation

Come in your sun safe funky free dress on the last day of term. Celebrate the term’s success by supporting your Sport’s Houses at Cross Country.
Proceeds raised on the day will go towards the charity ‘Buy a Bale’ which helps farmers in need, locally and state wide during the harsh drought.

*Student Leader and Council Team*
Theodore State School Cross Country 2014

Date: Friday, April 4th 2014

Venue: Theodore State School Oval

Events:
12:10pm Students assemble at oval
12:20pm Officials’ Meeting/move to course positions
12:30pm 2001/2002/2003 Boys & Girls 3km
1:00pm 2004 Boys & Girls + AWD 2km
1:00pm 1999/2000 Boys & Girls 4km
1:30pm Students return to class
2:00pm 2005 – 2009 Boys/Girls Fun Run

TUCKSHOP MENU

Please find attached the new menu for the tuckshop next term. All orders must be made via Flexischools (flexischools.com.au). There have been quite a few changes made to accommodate the different lunch breaks and other issues.

- Sausage rolls and hot dogs have been taken off the menu in line with recommendations in the “Food Smart Schools” report issued about our tuckshop last year.

- Milkshakes will only be available at first break as the second break was deemed not long enough for the younger children to consume them as well as their food.

- Most foods requiring preparation will only be available at second break to give the volunteers time to prepare them.

- We have decided to trial having no ice-block type products available during the winter terms.

We hope these changes do not deter you from using the tuckshop. Remember; all the profits go towards improving your child’s education experience.
Theodore’s 65th Annual Show  
**Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 May, 2014**

It is Theodore Show Time Again!  
Get involved – be part of the Showcasing of our Town and District.  
One of the many special attraction for 2014 is:-

**THE CRACK UP SISTERS**  
WHIP CRACKING, COMEDY, SLAPSTICK, ACROBATICS, STUNTS, ‘BULL’ RIDING ETC ETC  
CRACKIN’ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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So come along, meet your friends. There is something of interest for everyone!

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DJ Gavin Monday Evening. Brendan Anderson and Shane Andrews singing around the bar Tuesday afternoon.  
RODEO SPECTACULAR – GOATS, CHOOKS, PODDIES AND THE CRACKUP SISTERS!

**FABULOUS FIREWORKS ON MONDAY NIGHT**  
And something totally new  
**AWESOME FOURSOME TEAM CHALLENGES**  

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!**

Schedule is now available  
For more information contact Jess on 0408 710 442 / theodoreshape@hotmail.com.  
Visit www.theodoreshape.com.au

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FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN!
Food Tour in Theodore

Wednesday 16th April 2014

Presented By: Mike O’Sullivan Dietitian

- Starting at 09:30am at the Youth Centre in Theodore there will be a PowerPoint presentation on “Healthy Eating and reading food product labels”. This presentation will go for approximately 1 – 1.5 hours with time for questions.

- After this attendees will meet at IGA and for a guided tour of all the different healthy foods available in the store. Here you will be able to put into practice the knowledge obtained from the presentation. Food tour will be approximately 1 hour.

VENUE
Youth Centre & IGA, Theodore

TIME
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

To RSVP email: youth@theodorelink.com or call 49931025 by 12th April.

CONTACT:
Donna Johnson, Events & Education Officer, CQML
P: 4992 5544 | F: 4992 5546 | E: djohnson@cqmedicarelocal.com
Queensland Remembers

Anzac Day 2014

Welcome to the latest edition of Queensland Remembers. 2014 marks the centenary of the commencement of the First World War. It is a time for Australians to commemorate, remember, and learn from the service and sacrifice of the First Australians. With its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, the spirit of Anzac continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Anzac Day is also the day we remember the service and sacrifice of all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. We hope that you find the following resources explained in this newsletter useful in encouraging student engagement with Australia's wartime history.

Education Resources

Australian schools will soon receive an education resource pack as part of the DVA 2014 Anzac Day National mail out. It includes the Anzac Day commemorative poster, information about the Anzac Day Schools Awards, and an educational resource called Audacity: Stories of heroic Australians in Wartime. Audacity explores stories of servicemen and women who have shown extraordinary courage or boldness during wartime. This is the second of the Century of Service series following Devotion: Stories of Australia’s wartime nurses from last year. Secondary schools will also receive Schooling, Service and the Great War. This inquiry-based resource investigates how the Great War affected Australian schools and local communities and prompted service responses of different kinds.

Resource packs are sent to the head of History/SSOE at your school.

Online version of the publications are available on the DVA website.

Commemorative Poster

This year's Anzac Day poster honours the men and women of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are completing their service in Afghanistan, continuing the Anzac spirit and legacy in modern times. Alongside the images are four words recognising the importance of communication: honouring, remembering, thanking and renewing.

The Anzac Day posters reflect the Department's commitment to engage the community in Australia's wartime history, and to raise awareness and appreciation of the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

For background information and teaching activities relating to this poster, please download a copy of the current Wartime Snapshot at http://www.dva.gov.au/communications/education/Pages/WartimeSnapshot.aspx

Queensland Remembers

Anzac Day Schools' Awards 2014

The Anzac Day Schools' Awards are designed to encourage initiative and creativity in the way that schools commemorate Anzac Day, with an emphasis on innovation balanced with tradition.

Prizes include:

National Winners—$5000
State Winners—$2000
State Runners' Up—$500

Special Category Winners—$1000

Please call Sandra Jenkins on 131 254 or e-mail sandra.jenkins@dva.gov.au for an Anzac Day Schools' Awards Information Pack, which contains information and brochures to assist and inspire your entry.

More information about the competition is available by going to www.dva.gov.au/schoolsawards

National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students from Primary to Year 12. For the theme for this year and entry information go to www.historychallenge.org.au

The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian War Memorial jointly support the National History Challenge by sponsoring a special category, Australian War Memorial Experiences. This category enables students to research Australia's wartime history and gain an understanding of the service and sacrifice of the men and women who served Australia in war, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Prizes:

State/Territory winners will receive a cash prize of $200. National winners will receive a cash prize of $300 and travel to Canberra to attend the National Presentation Ceremony at Parliament House.

Why not provide your students with a rewarding opportunity by registering your school's interest in participating?

Websites for Further Research

Please find the attached link featuring DVA's websites and other useful websites to further your research: http://www.dva.gov.au/communications/history_research/Pages/WebsitesFurtherResearch.aspx
Tuckshop Menu - Term 2 2014

All orders must be made via Flexischools  (flexischools.com.au)

First break  10.15 - 11am

HOT FOOD

Snack pie
Pizzas - ham and pineapple, supreme
Subs - cheese, cheese and tomato
Fish fillets
(Tomato sauce sachets)

BAKERY
Iced bun
Choc muffin
Lamington

FRUIT
Apple cut in wedges
Orange cut in wedges

DRINKS
Milkshake- made fresh
strawberry, chocolate, vanilla
Milo- warm (½ hot water, ½ milk)
Poppers
   Milk 250ml- chocolate, strawberry
   Juice 200ml- apple, tropical
Water- 600ml

Second break  12.45 – 1.15pm

HOT FOOD

Snack pie
(tomato sauce sachet )
Chicken and gravy rolls

SANDWICHES - fresh
Ham and salad
Chicken and salad
   • Salads include lettuce, carrot, tomato, beetroot and cheese.

SANDWICHES - toasted
Chicken
Ham
   Fillings- tomato and cheese

SALAD & chicken/ham in plastic container

BAKERY
Iced bun
Choc muffin
Lamington

FRUIT
Apple cut in wedges
Orange cut in wedges

DRINKS
Milo- warm (½ hot water, ½ milk)
Poppers
   Milk 250ml- chocolate, strawberry
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Water- 600ml