Welcome to Term Two of the School Year!! I trust everyone had an enjoyable break.

This Term will again be a very busy one with many events and activities scheduled in!! As part of our commitment to Community Engagement, the School was proudly involved in the ANZAC Day Ceremony and will be involved in the Theodore Show and P&C Trail Ride this Term.

Some ‘big ticket’ items which are also occurring will be the Junior Secondary Peer Review and the Teaching and Learning Audit. The Junior Secondary Peer Review will be conducted by an external auditor and will review our current practices and planning around the preparation for Junior Secondary (ie. Year 7 into High Schools) in 2015. The Teaching and Learning Audit is completed in every State School and reviews the School’s practice in eight areas (Explicit Improvement Agenda, Data, Culture, Resources, Teaching Teams, Curriculum, Differentiation and Teaching Practices). I will keep you informed on our progress in these areas.

Theodore’s ANZAC Day Parade and Ceremony were well attended by both Staff and Students. It was extremely pleasing to receive a number of comments about the conduct, involvement and presentation of our students. Our School Leaders presented the readings as part of the Service and two of our students played the National Anthem. I would like to thank the Staff and Students who represented the School to a high standard at this important event.

The Theodore RSL should be congratulated on a very successful day.

The Term 1 Interim Report Cards were sent home with students in the last week of last term. It is extremely important that Parents/Carers discuss these Report Cards with their children and make an appointment to meet with the teacher to discuss what the Report Card means and how the school and home can work together to gain improvement. Parent/Teacher Meetings can be booked through the School Office.

The NAPLAN Test for Years 3,5,7 & 9 will be held on Wednesday 14 May, Thursday 15 May and Friday 16 May. This is immediately following the Theodore Show holiday. Our P&C have generously donated funds to provide a small breakfast to our students on each morning of the Test in order to give them the best start to the day. There will be a total of five tests over the three days and provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge. It is important that all students attend school on these days and arrive on time.
We have a number of new books and resources which have been purchased by the school to assist in curriculum delivery and assessment. Before we can release these books to classrooms they need to be accessioned and covered in contact. We are seeking the assistance of anyone who may have some spare time to help get the books covered. If you could spare an hour, Anne Goodland will be in the Library each afternoon from 2:00pm – 3:00pm and would welcome any help you can offer.

I am looking forward to another successful Term at Theodore State School where we will maintain our unrelenting focus on our Explicit Improvement Agenda of:

- Junior Secondary
- Improved Literacy and Numeracy
- Pedagogical Framework
- School Culture
- Community Engagement

Steve Conner
PRINCIPAL
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/

**Data collection about school students with disability**

All Australian governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. The collection of this data will assist teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. In 2015, the full national collection of data on school students with disability will be required in all Australian schools. This new national data collection will reinforce the actions required of schools under the national *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This year, the Department of Education, Training and Employment is phasing in the collection of the data, starting with the collection of data from 10 per cent of Queensland’s state schools. In this first year of phasing in the collection, Queensland state schools will only be providing aggregate level information, which will not identify any individual student. In future years, the collection will require individual student information and information will be forwarded to parents at that time to allow them to make an informed choice about whether they want their child’s information to be included or not in the national reporting activity. Further information and a fact sheet for parents/carers is available from the Department’s website: [http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html). Theodore State School will be participating in this data collection this year - if you have any questions, please see Melinda Wessling (Head of Department - Curriculum) or Selina Glazbrook.

**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.

**After School Activities**

After school activities are commencing this week. We will be doing Athletics on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like your child/ren to participate please collect a form from the office and return it to Toni Grant.

**P & C**

The P&C AGM was held on the 2nd April 2014. There was a great attendance on the night and several new members as well as many previous members signed up for 2014. The elections of the P&C Office Bearers for 2014 were undertaken. A big thank you to the outgoing executives: Glen Perkins, Adele Anderson and Chris Scott. A special thanks to Katy Kucks who will continue on as P&C Secretary. Congratulations to the new executive members. The 2014 P&C Office Bearers are:

- President: Lindsay Christensen
- Vice President: Marcus Scott
- Secretary: Katy Kucks
- Treasurer: Sharon Scherger.

After the AGM a General meeting was held. Some of the key points from this meeting were:

- The planning and preparation of the Trail Bike Ride is in full swing;
- Tuckshop will commence early in term 2;
- P&C will again provide volunteers to work the Theodore Show gate for 2014;
- Purchasing of new marquees for sports carnival;
- Funding of healthy “brain” food for students prior to sitting NAPLAN tests;
- A number of issues around upgrade of school technology and equipment were raised for further discussion at the next meeting.

The next P&C meeting will be May 21st at 630pm.
Travel Kansai: Shopping

Term One saw students of Japanese explore the language and cultural practices related introducing others in the popular game Guess Who? Your child had the opportunity to guess the identity of a famous person, family member or friend based on their knowledge and understanding of place of birth, age, favourite colours, pets and hobbies. Explicit Instruction, the ‘I do’, ‘We do’ and ‘You do’ process of teaching and learning, helped guide your child toward listening for specific information regarding people, eventually introducing others using familiar vocabulary and sentences structures in Japanese.

In January, as Theodore State School’s Japanese teacher, I was very fortunate to be an Awardee of the federal government-sponsored Endeavour Language Teachers Fellowship (ELTF); a study tour of the Kansai region in Japan. Osaka is Japan’s second largest city after Tokyo so the rivalry between the Kansai and Kanto regions is as fierce as The State of Origin in Australia. The ELTF study tour provided an excellent professional development opportunity to increase my knowledge and understanding of Japanese; the culture in and around the Kansai region; networking and sharing ideas and resources with other Awardees; and strengthening linkages between our region and the Kansai region of Japan.

The ELTF Awardee Transfer of Experience to Classroom (ATEC) project that I completed was a series of photographs of shops and buildings taken in both Brisbane and Osaka to assist the teaching and learning process. Other ATEC projects include audio-visuals of everyday life in Japan.

In Term Two, Three and Four, your child will learn more about the Kansai region in ‘Travel Kansai: Shopping’, ‘Travel Kansai: JR Osaka (Japan Railways), and ‘Osaka: Eating Out’ respectively. Your child is learning vocabulary associated with shops and key buildings in both Australia and Japan, while asking for and giving street directions to shops and important buildings in Osaka. The enhancing and culminating tasks for this term are a reading comprehension of written directions as well as providing written directions to a popular shop or important building, such as Kansai University, in Osaka.
FOR SALE: 2 x sz 16 & 1 x sz 14 second hand Theodore State School Jackets all in good condition. Phone Jackie at the school 4990 3333

TECCA OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
MOVIE - FROZEN. FRIDAY 2ND MAY 6:30PM FOR 7PM MOVIE START. $5 ENTRY INCLUDES POPCORN. SAUSAGE SIZZLE, DRINKS & LOLLIES AVAILABLE. BYO BLANKETS, CHAIRS, CUSHIONS. AT THE THEODORE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE. COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT FAMILY NIGHT UNDER THE STARS!

Reminder for children attending the Youth Centre after school
When children are attending the Youth Centre straight from school it is important that children use the crossing. Also please ensure that your children walk across the road and does not run.

Netball
Netball will be commencing next Monday night 5th of May. Junior's prep-yr7 will be start at 5pm and yr 8 up can play with the seniors. They will start at 6.30pm. If you would like to play or you have a team come down to the sport and rec centre on Monday night. For more information contact Katrina Johnston on 0487562176 or Katrina Bock 0428931504.

TUCKSHOP MENU
Please find attached the new menu for the tuckshop this 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.
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

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
  Juice 200ml - apple, tropical
Water - 600ml
Theodore Trail Ride

On behalf of the trail ride committee I would like to express our sincere thanks to Ron and Val Bock and Frank and Vanessa Van Bael for their kind donation of steel towards the construction of a walkway for the shower block that we use at the trail ride. Without the support of local businesses we would not be able to run a successful ride.

Tapped at the Gap 2014

Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th June
Queens Birthday Long Weekend

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Includes all insurance, no MA license required, cash only.

Small campfires allowed
No dogs, glass or quads

Canteen running Saturday & Sunday lunch
Bar operating Saturday 3-10pm
Hot showers & toilets

Days high lights Saturday night

Raffle major prize Pee Wee Bike!
All paid riders go into the draw – extra tickets can be purchased

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More information:
facebook – Theodore trail ride
Theodore state school website

Trail Bosses:
Lindsay: 0427638154
Anthony: 0429931277

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THEODORE

Wednesday, 7 May 2014

10.30 am to 4.00 pm

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