PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

We have nearly reached the halfway point of yet another term!!

Show

I trust everyone enjoyed the Show Holiday on Tuesday and took the opportunity to grab a Dagwood Dog!! We have received many positive comments around the display put in by the school. As you are aware, this is the School’s 90th year and we wanted to portray our place in Theodore during this time. The Staff and Students did a wonderful job in putting the display together and we were very proud of the final product.

NAPLAN

While our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students completed the 2014 NAPLAN Tests this week, the rest of the school from Year 2 took the opportunity to complete a Practice Test where they aligned with the time requirements and test conditions. These Practice Tests will provide useful data to the classroom teachers around concepts that the students have a solid understanding of and those that require further teaching and clarification. All students conducted themselves extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts.

This year the P&C purchased breakfast foods for the school to prepare and serve to students on each morning of the tests. I would like to thank the P&C for this valuable support. It was great to see the whole school gather outside the Tuckshop for some fruit, toast and juice while they had a chat and enjoyed the company of other students and staff. I believe that the provision of this important meal positioned the students well for the tests.

The tests will be sent away to be marked and processed with the results being released to schools in September.

School Uniform

We are seeking the assistance of parents and carers to support the school in enforcing our Uniform Policy. Our school has a set Uniform Policy which has been endorsed by the P&C. The school uniform is:

**Normal** - Theodore State School polo shirt worn with maroon shorts, skirts or skorts closed in joggers and white socks.

**Winter** – **Maroon** track suits, school jacket or **maroon** jumper

**Sun Protection** – Wide brimmed hat, legionnaire hat or bucket hat (caps are not permitted)

**Accessories** – Wrist bands are not part of the school uniform and pose a WPH&S issue for some subjects
The wearing of a uniform shows **pride in the school** as well as allows for easy identification of students while on an excursion. It would be appreciated if all parents and carers could ensure their children are wearing correct uniforms to school each day.

**Parent and Teacher Interviews**

Most parents and carers have taken the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss the Interim Report posted last term. If you are still needing to have a meeting please contact the Office to arrange a suitable time.

**PRINCIPAL**

Steve Conner

**Len Bergman Memorial Bursary Recipient**

Congratulations to Nyssa Ball, a current year 10 student at Theodore State School, who has just been awarded level one of the Len Bergman Memorial Bursary. Len Bergman was a long term Council employee who made a significant contribution to the Banana Shire. To honour his memory the Council has established this bursary to promote the importance of maths and science in schooling. Nyssa received highest aggregate marks for Maths and Science in Year 9 in 2013. The Bursary consists of three components. Level one of the bursary is $250, which is the initial recognition of achievement for the highest aggregate marks for Maths and Science in Year 9. The next level is for Nyssa to present a report to Council on Len Bergman, focusing on his career path within council and the opportunities available for career development within council. The prize for this level is another $250. The final level requires Nyssa to achieve the highest aggregate marks for Maths and Science in year 10 or an improvement on her results from Year 9. The prize for completing this level is $500 and is given at the School’s Awards Night in November.

Cr Vaughn Becker and Nyssa Ball

**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/)

**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. 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.

**NAPLAN Brekky**
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

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 child/ren walk across the road and not run.

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.

TUCKSHOP
All orders must be made via Flexischools (flexischools.com.au). Can all parents check that they have changed their child’s year level on Flexischools.

With the athletics carnival in June, donations of cakes and slices on the Friday would be greatly appreciated.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This year the Schools Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday 12th May starting at 12pm and Friday 13th May starting at 9am.

Date Claimer

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14th May</td>
<td>NAPLAN TESTING- YEARS 3, 5, 7 &amp; 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19th May</td>
<td>NAPLAN CATCH UP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21st May</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 6.30pm. Learning Resource Centre.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12th June</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival ½ Day commencing at 12pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13th June</td>
<td>ATHLETICS CARNIVAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7th &amp; 8th June</td>
<td>P&amp;C Trail Ride</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th June</td>
<td>Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2014
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: The Theodore Tennis Club is asking for expressions of interest in starting after school tennis for children. At this stage a day hasn’t been determined, discussion on the matter will take place at our next General Meeting on 5th June at 7pm. For enquiries please contact Lesley Connolly 0447150196.

Netball

Netball will be commencing next Monday night 19th of May. Junior’s prep-yr7 will be start at 5pm and yrs 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.

BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE’S REKINDLING YOUTH PROGRAM 2014

INVITES YOU TO THEIR END OF PROGRAM COMMUNITY CONCERT.

THE COMMUNITY CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE THEODORE RSL HALL ON THE 23RD MAY @ 6PM.

WHERE YOU WILL GET TO SEE THE GREAT RESULTS OF THIS PROGRAM, FROM TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY DANCES AND A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM 2 OF BANGARRA’S ACCALIMED PERFORMERS.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!
Hi. For those of you who don’t know me, I’m Christopher .... Or “Dash”. I am in year 6 at Theodore State School and LOVE fishing and rugby.

In June I am going to ride my pushbike 50km around Brisbane .... or at least I hope to. One of Mum’s friends from boarding school has been diagnosed with MS and we are joining her in the Brissie to Bay bike ride.

MS stands for multiple sclerosis, a disease of the central nervous system affecting more young adult Australians than any other neurological condition. People are typically diagnosed in their twenties and thirties and the average age of diagnosis is just 30.

My aim is to raise $200 (that’s$4 per km) and would love for you to help me do it. You can donate by tracking me down in the school playground, or visiting my fundraising page: [http://www.msqldevents.org.au/Enerflex-MS-Brissie-to-the-Bay-Bike-Ride-2014/ChrisMahony](http://www.msqldevents.org.au/Enerflex-MS-Brissie-to-the-Bay-Bike-Ride-2014/ChrisMahony)

My training: I rode 20km to Cracow and back on the holidays – I just have to do that 1 ½ more times!

😊😊😊😊😊

Mum’s friend, Elizabeth, writes a blog on her fundraising page. Here is some of her story.

My body has produced four spectacular children.
My body has trekked Australia’s highest mountain - Kosciuszko.
My body has cycled 70 kms before. Can my body cycle 100 kms? ......... ABSOLUTELY!

After my body has done the distance, I'll be saying, "Thank you God, for my little body. It's AMAZING!"

**Why ride for MS?**
The more of us who join, the more friends and family we get to talk to about MS. What is it? What does it do to our bodies? How would we react if we were diagnosed ourselves? FIVE PEOPLE EVERY DAY.

I was relieved by my diagnosis because it explained a few strange health issues I’d experienced over the last few years. For example, my eyesight was a bit blurry one day at work and driving home I had to close one eye to see. The next morning I woke with double vision and could barely walk. I was so nauseated that I did not eat for 2 weeks at all! The first Doctor prescribed anti-nausea pills that had no effect. I attended multiple appointments with an Optometrist, Chiropractor, Masseuse and Acupuncturist. Suddenly, at 3 weeks my eyesight was perfect again. Such relief and one work colleague didn’t recognise me as he followed me into the building because I had lost so much weight – Bonus!

Then, mid last year, I was having trouble running and over a period of 4 days, bashed my head on shelves and beams I could clearly see. I even fell and gave myself a blood nose - all of which led me to having blood tests. Loss of co-ordination.

While visiting my Doctor, I said, "By the way. I’ve got this numb left hand".
I’d googled numb left hand and found the first mention of MS. I asked my mum’s next door neighbour with MS, "What was your first symptom?" Numb left hand.

So I had my suspicions. Following the MRI and my Doctors referral to the Neurosurgeon at the RBH, my husband and I met at home mid-afternoon, me in tears, and we googled 'MS brain' images. We saw what looked like white clouds (lesions or Multiple Scarrings). I opened my packet of brain scans. Lordy Be! My brain was covered in white clouds........ No wonder I’m such an airhead!
It was a shock. I said, "If I end up in a wheel chair, it better be hot pink. And I’ll race!"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christopher Mahony
TAPPED AT THE GAP 2014
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7TH & 8TH JUNE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND
THEODORE STATE SCHOOL P&C

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>PRE-PAID</th>
<th>ON-SITE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OPEN</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>$70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOVICE</td>
<td>$45</td>
<td>$50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PEEWEE</td>
<td>$25</td>
<td>$30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INCLUDES ALL INSURANCE, NO MA LICENSE REQUIRED, CASH ONLY.

SMALL CAMPFIRES ALLOWED
NO DOGS, GLASS OR QUADS

CANTER Runs SATURDAY-SUNDAY LUNCH
BAR OPENINGS SATURDAY 3-10PM
HOT SHOWERS & TOILETS

DAYS HIGHLIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT

SPONSORS
ROCK OIL
AFAM SPROCKETS
KENDA TYRES
EB CHAINS

RAFFLE MAJOR PRIZE PEE WEE BIKE!
All paid riders go into the draw – extra tickets can be purchased

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

Trail Bosses:
Lindsay: 0427638164
Anthony: 0428931277

Dalby Moto

Evolution MINING
Thursday 22nd May 2014

Come, join in. Watch a video, play some games at this informal & interactive alcohol & other drugs awareness information evening.

**Presenter Frank Kennedy** is an Alcohol & Other Drugs Clinician with the Central Queensland Medicare Local based in Gladstone. Frank conducts outreach visits to Boyne Island, Biloela, Moura, Theodore & Rockhampton.

**VENUE AND TIME:**

*Theodore Community Link*
74 The Boulevard
Theodore

6.00 pm to 7:30 pm

Light refreshments will be provided

- Animated Video
- Informal & Interactive
- The 4 Ls
- Do you have a SUD?

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

Frank Kennedy Alcohol & Other Drugs Clinician (AOD)
CQ Medicare Local
P: 07 4972 7786  F: 07 4972 9043

Please RSVP by 21st May 2014 to Wendy or Amber at TCL on 499 31025 for catering purposes - please state any dietary requirements