"Living & Learning Together"

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**Principal’s Note**

**Principal’s Award**

Congratulations to Lucy Hindle and Clancy Wright for being awarded with the Principal’s Award for weeks 9 and 10 respectively. Lucy always demonstrates kindness towards others, and has a great, caring attitude! Clancy has been demonstrating excellent sportsmanship during lunchtime games.

**A Picture Paints 1000 Words**

At Thallon SS, we really do live, learn and play together! It’s witnessing things like this, that affirms to us that we have the most caring and awesome students at our school!

**North Stradbroke Island Camp**

We’re getting extremely excited for our whole-school camp, and it’s great to see so many permission forms have been returned! We currently have 5 staff members coming along for the camp - Mr Trama, Mrs Fulwood, Mrs Johnson, Mrs McLean and Ms Lorraine. We require 1 or 2 male helpers to come along and help out on camp. If you are interested in helping out from the 14th - 18th November, please express your interest and email the.principal@thallonss.eq.edu.au or phone 0428 348 958.

**Focused School Improvement Priorities, 2016:**

- Reading and Comprehension
- Number Facts and Problem Solving

**Mural Artist’s Workshop**

We were extremely lucky to have two very talented mural artists visit our school on Thursday and Friday of week 10. Our students were taught how to safely use spray-paint as a mode for creating artwork, and each created their own piece of art to take home. The weather delayed the start of our latest mural, which will be visible from the highway. However, we do have an awesome new addition to our undercover eating area!

**South-West Athletics Carnival**

We had two students represent Thallon SS in the Balonne District team at the SW Athletics Carnival held in Chinchilla on Friday, 2nd September. Hannah Johnson and Clancy Wright both competed, and did themselves very proud. Hannah was selected to represent the SW Region at the State Athletics Titles in Mt Gravatt, on 18th - 19th October, after jumping a massive 4.17m in long jump!

**Thallon Has Got Talent & Blue Light Disco**

A warm thank you to everyone who came and supported our talented students! Thank you also to everyone who leant a helping hand on the afternoon and night!

**Happy Holidays!**

I hope that everyone has a wonderful September school holidays! School resumes on Tuesday, 4th October.

**Acting Principal: Mr Ryan Trama**

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**Attendance**

Here is our attendance rate per year level for Term 3. Hopefully we can pick our attendance back up in Term 4, to continue the great work from Semester One! Our **whole-school attendance target is 96.5%**.

**Remember - At Thallon State School, Every Day Counts!**

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Hello all,

What a fantastic term we have had and it has flown by so quickly! We are looking forward to celebrating our learning with a reward session later in the week.

Just a reminder for next term, please check with your child on supplies they might need relacing. There are still 10 weeks of solid learning remaining this year. Some students require new English books, pencils, whiteboard markers and glue sticks. Some students are a bit heavy handed with some items such as glue sticks and whiteboard markers. Some students have already used their books from the allocated pack.

It can be very frustrating for students if they don’t have appropriate equipment to complete tasks required.

Last week, we excitedly participated in activities with Jim from the NRL. He taught us lots of games which contained various skills from warming up our muscles to ball handling and kicking skills. It was great fun and great exercise for all ages.

It was great to see such involvement from students, parents and the community.

Regard, Mr Trama

Term 3 has come and gone, and what a rewarding time it was for everyone at our school!

In English, students have been developing a multi-modal digital retell of ‘Kumiko and the Dragon’, before they write and publish their own multi-modal story!

In Maths, students have recently completed an assessment task that tested their knowledge of various forms of measurement.

In Technology, students have been designing a pair of sneakers for their chosen sport, and will use PowerPoint to publish their presentations.

Have a safe and happy holidays and I look forward to seeing our students back at school in Term 4!

Regards, Mr McLean & Mrs Libby

Students have completed their Science assessment tasks, which required them to build a maze using mirrors and lights to send a light through one side of the maze out the other.

Over the term, we have been covering areas of Physics and have learnt about light and heat sources, reflection, refraction and absorption of light.

Converting measurements, using decimal and fraction representations has been a challenge as students have worked on Math’s word problems.

In History, we have moved onto studying significant events that have caused changes in Australia during the Twentieth Century. We have been exploring two novels written by Elizabeth Honey, to identify similarities and differences in the methods and features used by an author.

Congratulations to all those who entered the Thallon Has Got Talent Contest, it was great to see such an assortment of skills displayed.

The Student Council organised and ran the event and are hoping to have a movie night in Term 4. They have contributed funds towards the school camp and the Year 6 Leader jerseys.

Regards, Mrs Fulwood

Our nights to sell tickets for Jag the Joker at the Francis Hotel are 30th Sept, 28th Oct and 25th Nov. Please contact Darren on 0475 880 053 if you can spare a few hours on one of these nights.

Due to the rain we had last week, the Working Bee was called off. We will let everyone know when the Working Bee will be on next term.

The next P & C meeting is next Tuesday, 4th October at 3.30pm. We would love to see you there.
**Playgroup**

Where: Thallon State School  
When: Tuesday 4th October  
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am  
What to bring: Yourself + Child/children aged from birth to 5 years, a drink and a snack.  
Cost: No cost

Come along and enjoy a social morning out in a safe and friendly environment.

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**Important Dates**

**October**  
Monday 3rd: Queen’s Birthday holiday  
Tuesday 4th: First day of Term 4  
Monday 17th: Pupil Free Day  

**November**  
Thursday 10th: School photos  
Friday 11th: Small School’s Swim Carnival  
Monday 14th to 18th: North Stradbroke Island Camp  

**December**  
Friday 9th: Last day of Term 4  

**March**  
Friday 10th: Thallon Trivia Night

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**Thallon PBL Expectations**

**Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be an Active Learner!**

**PBL Focus:**

**Week 1**  
**Be an Active Learner**  
Familiarise yourself with rules

**Week 2**  
**Be Respectful**  
Use appropriate language
Community News

3-4 Maths

3—6 Science

Thallon Progress Association
MEETING
When: Tuesday, 4th October
Time: 7.00pm
Where: Hotel Francis
Community News

Tennis News

Tennis Coaching Term 4
Doug Murphy will be running 4 tennis coaching sessions after school, at the Thallon tennis courts. Thallon students of all ages are welcome, for a gold coin donation each week.

Time: 3.20 – 5.30pm
Bring your tennis racquet, water bottle, afternoon tea, sunscreen and a hat.

Week 1: Thursday 6th October
Week 2: Thursday 13th October
Week 3: Thursday 20th October
Week 4: Thursday 27th October

Thallon Singles Tennis Finals
Postponed due to the rain.

Mural Art Photos
Photos

Disco

Thallon Has Got Talent
Mind their &*%@! language

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn’t altered. Teach kids to use language that doesn’t offend others. The message to get across to the next generation is – if it’s offensive then choose other words or say nothing at all.

What do you think when you hear kids swear in public?
If you’re like me, you feel decidedly uncomfortable when kids of any age turn the air blue with profanities. Swearing shows lack of respect for others and a lack of awareness for their surroundings.

Teaching kids to use appropriate language is trickier now than in the past. For a start, standards have changed where many words – such as the F word – that were deemed inappropriate in the past are often heard on radio and seen in mainstream newspapers. And words that everyone agrees are inappropriate are frequently used in public forums, to the point that the boundaries of appropriateness have become blurred.

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn’t altered. Whether it’s teasing or swearing it’s all the same. The message to get across to the next generation is – if it’s offensive then choose other words or say nothing at all.

Socially-smart kids alter their language
Socially-skilled kids of all ages will adjust their language to suit the situation they are in. They may speak one way with their friends, but use a completely different vocabulary with adults. They are aware that what works with their best friend just won’t cut it when in grandma’s company. This awareness shows social acuity and a flexibility to adjust to different environments. It needs to be extended to all sorts of situations, including where adults and younger children are present.

They didn’t hear that from me!
What do you do when you know your children swear despite your best intentions?

Don’t over react. Try to work out its purpose. Children swear for many reasons, including to experiment with language; to attract your attention; to make themselves appear bigger or older than they are; and even as a challenge or expression of personal power.

Inappropriate language can also simply be a reflection of your children’s peer groups. ‘Everyone else swears so there’s nothing wrong with it’ is a common attitude of many children and young people.

Teach them that language may be appropriate in one context or be accepted by one group but it is not acceptable in every situation. While not condoning swearing, get across to children that they need to learn to control their use of language and adjust it to suit the situation they are in.

When swearing becomes a habit
If swearing has become a habit for kids, make up alternative words to replace the swear words. One family I know had replaced certain words with different fruits. They had a fruit for every situation!
... Mind their &*%@! language ...

Alternatively, use a penalty or fine system to make kids aware of their poor language. When you hear a family member swear, fine them an agreed amount. At the end of the week or month give the money to a worthy cause. Of course, this strategy is easier to implement when parents join in as well.

Take a long, hard look at ... er ... yourself!
It's also helpful to examine your own choice of language to judge if it is an acceptable model for your children. Yep, sometimes kids will pick up their parents' language and repeat it at the worst possible time, such as when relatives are over.

The job of adults is to develop a sense of social awareness in the next generation so they can easily navigate a variety of different groups and social situations. Teaching appropriate language use is at the very heart of teaching kids to be socially-skilled. That's something we all should swear by!

**WHEN KIDS SWEAR**

1. Avoid over-reacting when your kids swear. Look for the reason.
2. Discuss with older children the concept of matching their language with the audience.
4. Use a penalty or fine system when kids swear in front of you.
5. Model the language you want kids to use.

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