“Living & Learning Together”

Students of the Week

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PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

Principal’s Award
Congratulations to Skyla Cotterell for being awarded with the Principal’s Award for week 1. Skyla always demonstrates a great work ethic and is a positive role model in class and around our school.

Welcome Back to Term 4
I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing and recuperating school holidays! Please note the important Term 4 dates listed on page 4 of this newsletter and record them on your calendar, so you don’t miss out on anything!

Swimming
Swimming lessons will be held over two days this term at the Dirranbandi pool, on Monday, 31st October and Monday, 7th November. We will depart school at approximately 9.30am each day and arrive back at school at 2.00pm for the afternoon session of class. Please ensure your child has suitable swimming clothes, a towel, sunscreen, thongs and goggles (if they wish to use them).

Balonne Swimming Carnival
The Balonne Small School’s Swim Carnival is being hosted by Thallon, and held in St George, on Friday, 11th November. This is a whole-school event from Prep to Year 6. Thallon, Bollon, Begonia and Hebel will be taking part. This will be an awesome day for our students to get involved and have fun in the water! You don’t need to be a great swimmer to take part, as there will be novelty races for less confident swimmers.

School Photos
Our school photo day is locked in for Thursday, 10th November. You will receive further information soon. Please ensure your child is wearing their full Thallon School uniform, including their yellow school shirt.

Notifying the school of a child’s absence must be done ASAP on the day of the absence, prior to 9.00am if possible. Please ensure you also notify the school if there is a change of afternoon travel arrangements for your child, by phoning the school or messaging 0428348958.

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Focused School Improvement Priorities, 2016:
- Reading and Comprehension
- Number Facts and Problem Solving

Stradbroke Island Camp
It’s fantastic to see that so many students have returned their permission notes for camp, with only a few students still needing to return theirs. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Stradbroke Island Holidays is now organising our camp and we will be staying in dormitory style accommodation at the Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving Club, with incredible views over Main Beach. All activities will remain the same. Remember, once your child’s permission note has been returned, an invoice will be sent home. All payments are due by Wednesday, 2nd November.

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**3-4 News**

We have begun to implement an exciting new reading program at Thallon State School, which includes the explicit teaching of a new reading comprehension focus every fortnight. This fortnight, our focus is ‘Making Predictions’. Students can look for clues in the title of the story, in pictures, and in what the characters do and say, in order to make predictions and help them to think of a meaning for a new or challenging word.

In English, students have been continuing to develop their computer literacy skills in order to confidently save a file from their emails, crop and drag an image, produce and copy text and images between documents, and add sound to PowerPoint presentations. Soon, they will be creating their own multimodal story about a character who faces a fear.

In Maths, students have been solving multiplication and division word problems, via a range of mental and written computation strategies.

In technology, students are close to completing their ‘Design a Sneaker’ assessment task. The last step requires them to annotate a diagram of their design using PowerPoint.

**Regards, Mr Trama**

**5-6 News**

It seems a great holiday was had by all. Year 6 students have returned with mixed feelings about completing their last term of Primary school, a mixture of sadness and excitement. I wish them well in their last term and hope it’s the best ever.

This term in Science, we are covering the area of Biology, looking at structural features and behavioural adaptations of living things, and how they assist with survival in differing environments.

In History, we continue to look at significant events and people who have helped to change and shape Australian society into what it is today. Students will soon begin their historical inquiries, which will include research, note taking, summarising and identifying points of view.

In English, we are reading, viewing and analysing literary and informative texts about the same topic. Identifying the author’s purpose, as well as analysing the similarities and differences in the texts, will be part of our work.

**Regards,**

**P-2 Catch up**

Welcome to Term 4. We hope that your holidays were enjoyable and relaxing.

This fortnight, the children have been learning about ‘Making Predictions’ as a reading strategy to implement when reading. Predicting allows readers to activate their prior knowledge about the author, text, format or topic and then combine this knowledge with new information from the text. We have been learning that readers make predictions before and during reading and that these predictions are adjusted, refined, confirmed or rejected as the text is being read. Some of the younger children were surprised to discover that we also make predictions when identifying unknown words. They use their sound and letter knowledge, as well as picture clues, to determine whether the word makes sense in the text. In the lessons, teachers model, discuss and practise these strategies, to assist the children in acquiring and implementing these skills so they can do the same independently, which will assist them in becoming even better readers.

In our English unit this term, the children will be looking at procedural texts. We have been looking at how procedures are structured differently to narrative and persuasive texts. For their assessment, the children are required to create a computer slideshow presentation of a procedure. The students are really looking forward to this, as they have LOVED learning how to use word documents and these skills will be extended to creating slideshows. It will be loads of fun!

**Mrs McLean & Mrs Libby**

**MAKING PREDICTIONS**

- Look at the title of the story for clues.
- Look at the pictures in the story for clues.
- Think about what the characters do and say.
- Use these clues to think of a meaning for the new word.

**P & C News**

**Jag the Joker**

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

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 1st November
Playgroup
Where: Thallon State School
When: Tuesday 18th October
Time: 9:00am - 10:30am
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.

Important Dates
October
Monday 17th  Pupil Free Day
Monday 31st  Swimming
November
Tuesday 1st  P & C Meeting
Monday 7th  Swimming
Thursday 10th  School photos
Friday 11th  Balonne Swim Carnival
Monday 14th to North Stradbroke Island
Friday 18th  Camp
December
Friday 2nd  Presentation Night
Friday 9th  Last day of Term 4 2017
March
Friday 10th  Thallon Trivia Night

Thallon PBL Expectations

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

PBL Focus:
Week 3  Be an Active Learner
         Make healthy choices
Week 4  Be an Active Learner
         Be waterwise
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**Photos**

**Students Working**

**100% Attendance Term 3**

**Attendance ticket winner - Term 3**

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**Thallon Progress Association**

**MEETING**

**When:** Tuesday, 1st November

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Where:** Thallon State School
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 2: Thursday 13th October
Week 3: Thursday 20th October
Week 4: Thursday 27th October

School Tennis

The tennis singles finals were played this week. All players are to be commended on their sportsmanship throughout the tennis competition. For those who have never played before, it was great to see you have a go and try your best.

Names and Photos will be in week 4 newsletter.

Art, Quilt and Photography Exhibition.

Saturday 15th October 6:00pm
$10.00 entry.
Enjoy the exhibition on Sunday morning (16th Oct) from 9:00am - 12:00 midday with Barista coffee and cake.
Teach kids to solve problems

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes. That's fertile ground for anxiousness and perfectionism, which often go hand in hand.

Of course, if you keep solving them, they'll keep bringing them. "Mum, my sister is annoying me?" "Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?" "Hey, I can't find my socks!"

It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out.

Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. "What can you do to make her stop annoying you?" "What's the best approach to take with your teacher?" "Socks, smocks! Where might they be?" Here are 5 questions you can ask kids to encourage them to resolve their own problems:

1. "Can you solve this yourself?" Get kids thinking they can do it.
2. "What do you think needs to happen?" Start kids thinking about solving problems.
3. "What's the first step?" Sometimes just getting kids started is enough to get them working out issues themselves.
4. "How would you like me to help?" Get kids considering the type of assistance they need.
5. "What's the best way to do this?" Get kids assessing and prioritising.

Problem-solving is one of the four major skills (optimism, social skills & independence being the others) that resilient kids share, yet it's the one that many of us aren't equipped to develop. Start by stepping back and asking good questions when kids bring you their problems to solve.

Michael Grose

Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.
Session 1
Introduction to the Australian Dietary Guidelines + Frittata and Salad

Session 2
Less salt more flavour + Minestrone Soup, Crunchy Slaw and Spice Taste-testing

Session 3
Too much of a sweet thing + Sweet and Savoury Muffins

Session 4
Chewing the fat + Chicken Stirfry and 7 side dishes

Session 5
Recap + Party Food with a healthy twist

Come with us on an exciting journey to use the foods you know in new and delicious ways... healthier too.

Country Kitchens is coming to Thallon!

This program will visit once a month to deliver nutritional information from Accredited Practicing Dietitians', hands on cooking skills, healthy tips and tricks and finish with a delicious meal to eat with new friends.

Healthier. Happier.

qcwa.org.au/countrykitchens or facebook.com/qcwacountrykitchens
Dear Parents/Carers,

Thallon State School is running three Prep Orientation mornings for new students starting or potentially starting Prep at Thallon SS in 2017.

These sessions will be highly beneficial for both students and parents/carers, and it is strongly encouraged that all sessions are attended. It is a school Workplace Health and Safety requirement that all parents must be on school grounds whilst their child/children take part in the activities. During orientation mornings, information sessions are provided for parents/carers to allow us the chance to see how the children respond in this new learning environment, whilst providing you with essential information.

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**Parent/Carer Sessions**
- School Handbook
- Enrolment information
- School uniforms
- Speech-Language Pathologist information session
- P&C information
- Reading and Maths at home

Please contact Mr Ryan Trama on 0428348958 or the.principal@thallonss.eq.edu.au to advise the school as to what sessions you and your child will be attending.

Yours Faithfully,

**Trama**

Mr Ryan Trama
Acting Principal
Thallon State School