P-2 Gardening

Free Dress

On Friday 26th February the Student Council held a free dress day and the students came dressed as their favourite character from a book or movie.

Students of the week

Ace Ventura and Koala
Cat and Jack Sparrow

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PRINCIPAL’S NOTE
The term is certainly flying by with week 7 just around the corner.

Congratulations to the Student Council for successfully organising their first fundraiser for 2016. Students certainly looked great in costume. It was great to see so many students participating in the fundraiser.

Thank-you to parents for their prompt response to Parent Teacher Conferences. We hope to notify parents of conference times by the end of next week.

This week our school has participated in an Internal Audit. The purpose of the audit was to check that all our systems are in place, ensuring a safe and supportive school environment. Staff should be commended on the professional way in which they interacted with the Auditor.

Last Tuesday, a number of students had the opportunity to attend a Robotics workshop at the St George Library. Students learnt how to interact with OzBots and play games with Sandy, the voice controlled humanoid robot. The State Library of Queensland (SLQ) is running workshops to help support the introduction of coding into the school curriculum.

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in representative teams.
South West Swimming—Clancy Wright,
NRL Development Team—Blade Trindall and Clancy Wright and
Balonne Soccer—Clancy Wright and Julia Killen.

Best of luck competing at the next level.

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Acting Principal
Mrs Andrea Killen

Please Join us to Celebrate the Retirement of
Mrs Bron Hiles
Thursday 10 March
3.30pm

Retirement Afternoon Tea
Please come to recognise and celebrate Bron’s many years of teaching service at Thallon State School

Thallon PBL Expectations
Be Safe, Be an Active Learner, Be Responsible and Be Respectful

PBL Focus:

Week 7
Be safe:
Flush the toilet
Wash hands with soap
Use toilets quickly and quietly

Week 8
Be Respectful:
Use kind words and actions
Use manners

Save the Date
Thallon State School P & C
Trivia Night
Friday, 15th April 2016
Thallon Hall

School Leaders’ Induction Ceremony
Will be held at 9am on Monday 7 March
All welcome!
5-6 News
Students have moved on from looking at how authors use humour in short stories to having a closer look at the language features used to add description and detail to stories, leading up to writing their own descriptive short story. In Maths we have been looking at fractions, number patterns and various methods of recording and interpreting data. Next we will be learning about percentages and their application to problem solving. Having compared the daily lives of convicts and Indigenous people in Van Diemen’s Land in the early 1800s, we then looked at sources of information, such as maps, paintings, letters, diaries and photographs. Deciding which sources are reliable and useful is an important research skill. The student council ran a successful free dress day where we saw many book and movie characters arriving at school for a day. They have plans for more fun events in the future.

Mrs Fulwood

P-2 Catch up
Last week saw the children completing their spoken assessment piece for our English unit. The children all did wonderfully well telling their peers about their chosen texts. Addressing the group in a formal situation is quite a confronting task and they all did extremely well. We discussed how far they had come over the past few years and they openly chatted about their fears and how to deal with them. I was so proud of them all.

In Technology this term we are completing a unit called Little Green Thumbs. During this unit the children are to prepare, plant and care for a garden over a period of time. This unit intends to develop an interest in the environment and conservation. Last week we planted some flowering punnets and some rosemary. The children are loving being involved in the gardening. Today we looked at deadheading our plants to make them flower longer. They were all so careful. The children also began preparing the soil where our sweet peas are going to be planted. Next week these will be planted in the garden along the pathway to the toilets. Hopefully we will have a beautiful, scented, colourful garden after the holidays.

Mrs Libby & Miss Bail

Year 3-4
Holding most of our English and Maths lessons in the computer room has the advantage of easy access to computers. In Maths, we have been consolidating some of our weekly concepts through online maths activities. Students enjoy the opportunity to reinforce what they have learnt and practise maths in this interactive and fun way.

Mrs Killen

Important Dates

March
Monday 7 Induction Ceremony
Tuesday 8 Balonne Touch Trials
Thursday 10 Mrs Bron Hiles Retirement afternoon tea.
Friday 11 School Swimming
Friday 18 School Swimming
Thursday 24 NRL sporting schools workshop
Term 1 Ends

April
Monday 11 Term 2 Commences
Friday 15 P&C Trivia Night
Monday 18 Balonne Softball Trials
Monday 25 ANZAC Day

May
Wednesday 4 GRIP Leadership Year 6 Moree
Friday 6 Balonne Cross Country
Tue. 10 – Thur. 12 NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
Tuesday 17 Balonne Tennis Trials

Student Council News
FREE DRESS On Friday the 26th of February students dressed up as their favourite book or movie character. The students raised $41.00 to be donated to a charity once the students have decided on one.

Student Council Easter Raffle
Please Donate Easter Eggs for the Student Council Easter Raffle. All eggs to be taken to the staffroom.
**Community News**

**Netball**

St George Netball Association sign on day on March 5 from 10-12pm, all team nomination forms are due on or before this time. Nomination forms will be available from Jasmine Clevin - Lifeline and Vicky Parker – St George State School.

**Playing divisions for 2016**

Netta: 5-7ys (11-09) Netta will be played at 1:30 with Jasmine Clevin being the co-ordinator.
C2 Division: 8-10yrs (08-06)
C1 Division: 11-12yrs (05-04)
B Division: 13-15yrs (03-01) with 16-18yrs (00-98) having the option to play B Division or A division
A Division: 19+yrs (97+).

**Membership fees for 2016**

Netta/C Division - $40.00
B/A Division – $50.00

**Ball fees for 2016**

C Division - $3.00
B/A Division - $5.00

For more information contact
Vicky Parker 0427817270

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**Playgroup**

Where: Thallon State School
When: Tuesday 8th March
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am
What to bring: Yourself + Child/children birth to 5 years, drink and snack.
Cost: No cost

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

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**SIGN ON DAY**

At

ROWDEN PARK

Thursday 10th March 2016
5pm