Thallon State School Newsletter
“Living & Learning Together”

Student Council Badge Ceremony

Swimming Prep Work

Students of the week

Don’t forget to ‘like’ Thallon SS on facebook
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Thallon-State-School/812063525540326

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**PRINCIPAL’S NOTE**

Term 1 is coming to a very speedy conclusion. With only one week of learning to go it is important that we remember the importance of attending school every day. Our school target this year is 96%. Some year levels are well on target. Attendance statistics to date.

- Prep 95.3%
- Year 1 92.1%
- Year 2 95%
- Year 3 96.8%☆
- Year 4 97.4%☆
- Year 5 92.5%
- Year 6 95.3%

Whole School attendance is 94.8% falling a little short of our school target.

This week we have been conducting **parent-teacher conferences**. It has been a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss the learning success of students and identify areas for improvement. **Thank-you Parents** for your engagement in this important process!

**Miss Jess Bail** finishes her contract with us at the end of term. Miss Bail has been a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Thallon teaching team and will be missed by all the students. We hope to see Miss Bail at Thallon from time to time in her role as District Relief. **Thank-you Miss Bail**, joining the teaching team at Thallon next term and for the remainder of the year is Mrs Annette McLean. Mrs McLean is an experienced senior teacher and qualified Guidance Officer and will be a wonderful addition to our school. **Welcome Mrs McLean!**

**Congratulations to...**

*Student leaders’ on being inducted into their leadership positions. We celebrated our student leadership team at a special Induction Parade last Monday. Mayor Donna Stewart and Constable Josh presented students with badges and certificates. Students signed a contract pledging that they would do their best as leaders at Thallon State School.*

*Students on your fantastic efforts cleaning our school grounds for Clean Up Australia Day.*

**Sporting news...**Congratulations to Clancy on being selected as a shadow in the Balonne Touch football team. Also, best of luck Clancy, competing at the State Swimming competition.

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**Acting Principal**

Mrs Andrea Killen

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**Mrs Hiles Retirement**

Mrs Bron Hiles has retired after 47 years of teaching. Mrs Hiles started her teaching career in 1967 and has taught at many different schools over that time. We had an afternoon tea to celebrate her years of teaching and to wish her all the best for her retirement.

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**Congratulations Miss Brenda!**

On the weekend, Mrs Brenda Stahlhut was awarded the QFES Diligent and Ethical Service Medal. Congratulations what an amazing achievement!

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**Save the Date**

**Thallon State School P & C Trivia Night**

**Friday, 15th April 2016 Thallon Hall**

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**Thallon PBL Expectations**

**Be Safe, Be an Active Learner,**

**Be Responsible and Be Respectful**

**PBL Focus:**

**Week 9**

**Be an Active Learner:**

Have a go

Do your best
5-6 News

Year 5-6s have begun research into our solar system and the voyages of exploration made into space. Whilst the Year 3-4s are working on either a poster or a poster point presentation explaining day, night, sunrise, sunset, how shadows are made and why they change. In English they are beginning to plan their short story which will incorporate the structure and language features they have been learning about. Decimals, fractions and percentages are once again being looked at and studied using shopping catalogues, pictures, ribbons, ropes, shapes etc. Students have also been learning about perimeter and calculating lengths of wood and wire needed to fence fictional yards and paddocks. We have begun looking at early convict settlement at Moreton Bay and the reasons it was chosen as a settlement. In their own time, some of the 5-6 class will be working on small group presentations, of their choice, to perform on occasional parade days. This is to entertain and exhibit their performance skills.

Mrs Fulwood

P-2 Catch up

Wow! How quickly has Term 1 gone? It has been an absolute pleasure working in the P-2 Class on a Thursday and a Friday and with the 3-6 Class for Geography. As the District Relief Teacher I’m sure I will be back many times during the year!
I can see great improvements from our swimming lessons on a Friday, they have been great fun!
In Geography we are finishing off our assessment which is about significant events from our past. The Prep students have made fantastic progress with their writing letters and sounds.
I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break and I’m looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Miss Bail and Mrs Libby

Year 3-4

In 3/4 we have been learning about persuasive texts. Students had the opportunity to apply all they had learned to writing a persuasive paragraph convincing parents that SCRATCH should be taught at school.

Mrs Killen

Robotics Enrichment Day

Lachlan, Clancy, Sam and Jackson represented our school at the St George SHS Robotics Enrichment Day. The boys had an excellent time at the day!

Important Dates

March
Monday 21 P&C Trivia Night Meeting at 3:15pm
Thursday 24 NRL sporting schools workshop
Easter Raffle drawn
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 Easter Raffle
Please Donate Easter Eggs for the Student Council Easter Raffle. All eggs to be taken to the staffroom.

REMINDER
Trivia Night Meeting
Monday 21st March
3.15pm
Induction Parade

Clean-up Australia Day

Swimming

Robotics

Mrs Hiles Retirement
Community News

10th Anniversary St George River Dragons Regatta

Dear Community Group,

The St George River Dragons are planning a dragon boat regatta on the Balonne River in October 2016 to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

The club is writing to local clubs and organisations to gauge the level of community interest in the event, which will determine if the regatta goes ahead.

Teams would consist of 12 paddlers with entry $10/person. Those who have never paddled will receive instruction on the day or are welcome to take part in the club’s Sunday paddling sessions held the first and third Sunday of each month.

If previous events are any indication, participants and spectators are in for a fun-filled day and teams are encouraged to dress in costume. Food and drink and children’s activities are also planned.

If your organisation would like to enter a team could you please indicate in writing to the above address or email the club secretary at mcvinishr@yahoo.com by 30th April 2016.

If you have any questions please contact secretary Raelene McVinish on 0428522615.

Yours sincerely, Richard Lomman

St George River Dragons President

MUNGINDI SWIMMING CLUB

Invites you to our End of Season Club Carnival

Sunday, 20th March 9am

Come along and watch our local ‘swimming superstars’ in action.

BBQ and drinks available.

For further details contact

Alison Picton  Mob: 0429 152 456
mungindiswimclub@hotmail.com

MUNGINDI LITTLE ATHLETICS

Sign up afternoon Tuesday 29th March at The Daily Grind from 3 - 5 pm and meeting at 3.15pm.

New members please bring your birth certificate. Registration fees are as follows: Tiny Tots $40, Under 6's $70, Under 7's - U17's $90. This year families will receive a 10% discount for second and additional children.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you,
Chloe Kelso.