



Thallon State School Newsletter

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Students of the week



Don't forget to 'like' Thallon SS on facebook

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



Last Friday was the National Day of Action against Bullying. The students in the Senior Class learned how to tell the difference between being mean and being bullied. They also learned what they should do if they are being bullied or feel unsafe at school. We then looked at what positive actions we could take to ensure bullying doesn't happen and the students made a pledge of action.

Athletics Carnival

Next Thursday 28th is our Athletics Carnival. This is quite early but this is due to the National Championships being held in Darwin this year-meaning it will have to be held in the cooler, dry months.

We will be holding 2 events on the Wednesday afternoon before the carnival- 800m and Discus. All children 9-12 years will have a go at running the 800 m starting at 1pm and the discus events will commence at 2.15pm. Both events will take place at the Thallon Rec Grounds. The rest of the events-100m and 200m sprints, high jump, long jump, shot put, relays and ball games will all be run on the Thursday starting at 9am at the Thallon Rec Grounds.

We are asking, again this year, for parents to donate a small plate of healthy food for a shared morning tea. The P&C will be cooking a barbeque lunch that can be purchased during the break in activities (approximately 12.30pm). Please ensure your child has money if you wish them to purchase lunch.

Please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and sunscreen and is dressed in their Balonne or Moonie sports shirt.

All families are welcome to join us for both days.

Attendance.

Remember that every day at school counts and that even missing one day can make a difference over time.

My door is always open and I am happy to talk to you about any decisions, issues or concerns you may have about your child's learning.

As a teaching principal, my days can sometimes be a little busy and making an appointment ensures I can give you all the time you need to speak with me.



Regards, Mrs Christine Allen

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Same Day Student Absence Notification It is still a Departmental requirement that we contact parents/carers on the same day that any student is absent from school without explanation. If you are aware of an upcoming absence or your child becomes ill please remember to call/text the school on 46 259 139. Notifying the school will allow us to record your child's absence correctly. The school is responsible to follow up with parents as soon as practicable on the day regarding an unexplained absence.

Principal's Award



Week 6



Week 7

3-6 Catch Up



On Friday afternoon's the Senior Class has time to explore their creative side. We have been doing a series of drawings and paintings and will continue to learn about shape and line in the coming weeks. For something a little different, the students had to make a string balloon. This involved a lot of persistence as they tried to wrap the wool around the balloon and then cover the wool with glue. It was very messy and lots of fun. We had varying degrees of success with the students discovering where they had not put enough glue and how the floppy the wool was in places.

We are coming to the pointy end of our Design and Technology unit. Students have been working on their designs and some will begin to creating their new product. I am looking forward to seeing how the students tackle their builds.

3-4 CATCH-UP

In English we have finished our character analysis and have started working on writing a narrative with a "good" and "bad" character in it.

In Maths we have completed our work on Chance and are moving onto operations. Students will be learning a number of strategies to solving addition and subtraction problems.

In HASS we are continuing to learn about how things have changed in our community. We have explored the changes in towns, entertainment, schools and transport— it has been interesting to see what has changed and what has stayed the same.

Mrs Allen

5-6 Catch Up

Our Science assessment tasks have begun with Year 5-6s each setting up a mould experiment, designing an investigation into the conditions that promote the growth of mould. They have to specify the variables they will change and keep the same, as well as identify the safety risks that may be involved. Having set up the investigation we will wait a week before analysing the results. After one day some students had their bread samples, enclosed in zip lock bags, taped closed and placed under covers in a sunny place eaten by some innovative crows!! Mr. Stahlhut has since made what we hope is a crow proof protective cover and we have resumed the experiment. Year 3-4s are researching an endangered animal, the Northern Hairy Nosed wombat- their habitats, life cycles and the factors that are helping or hindering their survival.

Everyone has completed their character analysis and are now beginning to plan their narratives for English. They are planning their characters traits, setting the scene and creating a good and bad character. In HASS we have been learning about the influence of climate and landforms on where people settle and how environments and humans interact and influence each other. Students are consolidating their knowledge of fractions and multiplying with two digit numbers.

Mrs Fulwood





P-2 Catch-Up

In English we have been looking at some fractured fairytales. We have been reading The Lamington Man and Jacko and the Beanstalk. The children have loved how the traditional stories have been changed. For their assessment, the children will have to retell their favourite story. We have also been looking at how adjectives and verbs can make our writing more interesting. The class have come up with some wonderful adjectives and verbs to describe the main characters. The class wrote a great retell of The Lamington Man.

In Maths we have been completing assessments. The Year Two students have been learning how to add two digit numbers mentally. The Year One pupils are learning about subtraction and the Preps have been practising counting objects and counting on from a given number.

Please make sure that your child is bringing their hat to school. There have been several children who have not been bringing hats to school. The borrowing of hats from school is discouraged as that is a way of head lice being spread. It is always very handy to have a spare wide brim hat in a pocket in their backpacks.

Regards, Mrs Libby and Mrs Persse





STEM Activities





School Banking

School banking will be on a Thursday in 2019.

Library News

REMINDER

Library day is Wednesday for 3-6 and Thursday for P-2 could you please remind your child to bring their books back so they can borrow another one

Important Dates - 2019

March

Thursday 28th Athletics Carnival

April

Monday 22nd Easter Monday

Thursday 25th ANZAC Day

May

Monday 6th Labour Day

Thallon PBL Expectations

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

PBL Focus:

Week 9 Be Responsible

Be Honest

Help others

Week 10 Be Responsible

Be a role model

Be Respectful

Accept differences

Student Council

We are running an Easter Egg raffle and would appreciate any donations of eggs to go towards our raffle. Eggs need to be brought in before the end of Week 10 and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 5th April.



Our next free dress day will be our annual State of Origin on Wednesday 5th June. Some parents are helping us out by looking into how we can run a disco in the future.