Principal’s message

The *Music Count Me In* celebration was held last Thursday, which was a nationally televised event. Tharbogang PS students sang the song *Gold* (written by Marcia Hines), along with 550 000 others. This was quite an amazing experience when you think about it; so many children singing a song together at the same moment in time.

On Friday last week, Years 3-6 students participated in an interactive video conference with the Parliament of NSW. The *Serjeant-at-Arms* explained the 3 levels of government and how laws are made using models, props and reenactments. All students were kept involved by being asked to contribute verbally and by physically reenacting such things as carrying the mace and escorting people out of Parliament! This was a worthwhile experience for students.

This Thursday, a group of Tharbogang PS students will be participating in a debating competition at Beelbangera PS along with 6 other schools. Tharbogang students’ set topic is *Australia Needs a New Flag*; they will also have an impromptu debate on the day with a new topic. Clare Browne, Angus Brown, Georgia Williams, Ailree Savage, Katrina Close, Selena Gambacorta, TJ Faalelei and Christine Favero have been coached by Mrs Dal Nevo and will be accompanied by her and a parent helper on the day. If anyone is available to transport students on Thursday, please contact the office. Morning tea and lunch will be provided for visiting staff, parents and children.

The SRC (Student Representative Council) organised a technology afternoon last week, which Year 3-6 participated in on Friday afternoon. Kinder- Year 2 students enjoyed outdoor games that were organised by members of the SRC. A great time was had by all! Thanks go to Helen, Filip and Gianni Casella for providing juice for all students to enjoy throughout the day!

Please note that there will be an assembly on Friday 6th November at 2:45pm.

Have a great week!

Anita Moore
Relieving Principal
### Week 6

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**Tissue Roster**

**Paulo, Pepi and Robertson Families**

**Lunch Roster – Friday 6th November**

**Pick Up** Julie Robertson  **Drop Off** Natasha Williams

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**Year 2/3 adventure to Cocoparra**

On Thursday the 29th of November Year 2/3 went on an excursion to Cocoparra National Park, as part of the HSIE unit on National parks in Australia. We met the ranger in the park and headed off on our adventure into Jacks Creek. The students explored high and low as we hiked along the track. We got down close to earth to examine wild bush flowers, look for lizards and inspect local manure to predict which animals had also crossed our path. We also admired the majestic views on either sides of the track as we looked up to the huge red rock wall on either side, and later, when we climbed out of the gorge, to view some local Griffith crops. The ranger taught us so much about the national park and pointed out many native plants and animals. In particular we learnt the guidelines for entering the park, some bush hiking survival requirements and why we have national parks in Australia.

We also learnt about the importance of aboriginal culture on this site. The class was a pleasure to take away, remembering beautiful manners and being enthusiastic about literally everything! A big thank you also to our enthusiastic and wonderful Mums, who set the tone for a very happy day of exploring.

Jessie Wythes  
Teacher

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**P & C News**

P & C meeting tonight Monday 2nd November  7pm at the school.  
Please Note: Pasta and Pizza orders have been extended. All orders MUST be returned by Wednesday 4th November for delivery 14th November.

Reminder – Tea towel orders due in this Friday 6th Nov.

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**Santa Mail**

It’s time for children to write to Santa!  