Principal’s Message

We have had another wonderful week at Tharbogang Public School with many students being recognised for their great effort, achievements and behaviour.

A HUGE congratulations to our Awesome Foursome 4x50m relay team, Georgia Williams, Jyden Harris, Julia Sergi and Harry Robertson who participated in the Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival. These students did themselves proud. Not only did they display wonderful sportsmanship, they also have made it through to the Riverina Carnival which will be held on Monday 7th March in Albury. We wish our Awesome Foursome Relay team all the very best.

Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

Yesterday, Mrs Dal Nevo, along with our two School Captains, Georgia Williams and Lachlan Robertson travelled to Sydney to participate in the Young Leaders Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop their own leadership skills. Many thanks to Mrs Dal Nevo for accompanying the student, and Mr Grant Beard, Principal of Beelbangara PS, who coordinated and organised this excursion.

Road and Bike Safety Week

* This week all classes will be having a road and bike safety focus.
* On Tuesday 1st March, Senior Constable Janelle Lynch, Police Youth Liaison Officer from Griffith Local Area Command is coming to Tharbogang Public School to talk to our students about road and bike safety. We invite all parents, carers and younger siblings to come along and listen to the important message she will be sharing with our students. Did you know that on 1st March, new laws come in to place regarding cyclists? Why not come along and learn about these.
* Wednesday at 2pm the students in Years 4 – 6 will be participating in an online interactive Road Safety challenge. This will be a fun quiz against students from other schools. Let’s go Tharbogang!
* This Thursday is Ride Safely to School Day. We are encouraging all students to bring their bikes or scooters to school, along with their Australian Standard helmet to have a ride around the playground between 2:30 – 3:30pm. All scooters and bikes must be in good working order, and safe for students to use. We will use this time to ensure students are wearing their helmets correctly and safely.

School Self-Assessment

Many thanks to the parents and carers where were able to come along today, at very short notice, to complete the School Self Assessment based on the School Excellence Framework. Your feedback and input will greatly assist us in planning directions for the school.

Assembly

This Friday we will hold our second whole school Assembly for the year. The students in Years 2 and 3 will be leading this for us. We are looking forward to seeing what they have in store for us.
Attendance
Please ensure you send a written explanation or phone the school regarding student absences. You must justify all absences as soon as possible. Please see attached information regarding Department Of Education and Communities Attendance Policy.

Interest Groups ~ Peer Support
Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along last Friday to assist us with our Interest Groups. The feedback from students is that they are having a wonderful time learning new skills and developing positive relationships with a range of students. If you are available between 9:30 and 10:30am on a Friday morning, you are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the morning with us.

Tell Them From Me Survey
This term our school will be participating in a Department of Education and Communities survey. The focus of the NSW wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is confidential and is conducted online at school. It will be administered during school hours between 14th March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please fill out an appropriate form, available at the school office, before Friday, 11th March.

A survey for parents/carers and teachers will be conducted later in 2016.

Updating Information
It is imperative that the school has up to date information. In the case of an emergency, we need to have this information on hand. If at any time, your contact numbers change, or place of employment changes, please inform us immediately. Thank you.

Year 5 & 6 Camp Fundraiser – Cake Stall
Last week the students raised $59 towards camp. Thank you for your ongoing support. We will continue to hold Monday Cake Stalls for the remainder of this term.

Before School Supervision
Some children are arriving to school well and truly before 9am. This is a safety concern for students, as there is no supervision provided. Please ensure your child does not arrive at school before 9am.

Fruit Break
Fruit Break is held every day in the morning session. It is a quick break for students to ‘recharge’ with a piece of fruit and a drink of water. We ask that for younger children, if you choose to give them a large piece of fruit such as an apple or pear, that this be cut up, as it can take a very long time for them to eat a whole apple or pear.

Parking
Please ensure when picking up your children from school, if you park out the front of the school, you stay clear of the bus zones. There is plenty of parking available closer to White Road, leaving plenty of space for our buses to drive in to the zone. Our school does not have a pedestrian crossing, for this reason, it is important that you park on the school side of the road. Children are currently running out of the school gate and across the road to parents waiting in cars. This is quite dangerous, as children’s peripheral vision has not yet developed and they find it difficult to assess the speed at which cars are coming and the safe distance for them to cross the road. Let’s work together to keep our children safe.

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 24th March 12pm
With Easter only 3 weeks away it is time to start thinking about our Easter Hat Parade. All students, younger siblings, parents / carers and community members are encouraged to make a hat at home and bring it in on the day for the Easter Hat Parade. We will be having a fundraiser BBQ lunch and invite all of our family members to come along for a lovely afternoon. You will be able to pre-order your Easter Lunch, which will consist of 1 x sausage sizzle, a popper and an Easter egg for $5. More information will follow in next weeks newsletter.
URGENT!!! Parent & Carer Help
All parent/carers must have a ‘Working with Children NSW Check’ and 100 point check to be able to assist at school (free for volunteers). Please contact Mrs Sampson, if you need further information.

Staff Development Day
Last week Mrs Sampson commenced a 10 week long course in Dyslexia and Significant Difficulties in Reading course. This course consists of 3, 3 hour face to face sessions and 20 hours of online training. We hope that other staff will be able to complete this course throughout the year.
In our staff meeting, the teachers completed the School Self-Assessment based on the School Excellence Framework.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Angela Sampson
Relieving Principal

Up & Coming Events

Monday 29\textsuperscript{th} Feb  
Young Leaders Conference, Sydney – School Captains and Mrs Dal Nevo to attend
Cake Stall – Michael C

Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} March  
12:40pm Police Officer visit for Road Safety and Bike Safety talk. Parents and carers welcome to attend

Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March  
Year 4 – 6 Road Safety Quiz 2 – 3pm

Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March  
Ride Safely to School day 2:30 pm, students bring bike / scooters and helmets to school, everyone welcome

Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March  
Interest Groups 9:30am
Mrs Sampson & School Leaders at Leadership Civic Reception at Griffith Regional Art Gallery
School Assembly 2:40pm, led by Yr 2 – 3

Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} March  
Cake Stall – Lachlan R

Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} March  
School Audit

Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} March  
Mrs Sampson – Dyslexia training 12 – 4pm

LUNCH ROSTER ~

Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March
Morning Pick up – Helper needed please
Lunch Drop off at 11:30am – Natasha Williams
Take a look at what is happening in our classrooms...

Kindergarten & Year 1
Within our All About Me unit, we have begun discussing our family backgrounds and have discovered that as a class we have family members from at least 7 different countries! I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about the different countries family members were born in. That way students will be well equipped to share their family backgrounds with the class.
This week, kindergarten will continue learning the sounds d, r, o, g, l, h and Year 1 will focus on words starting with sw, st and sk. In Mathematics K/1 will continue learning ‘Multiplication and Division’ while K-2 will further explore measuring ‘Length.’ This week we will also begin learning about bike safety as part of our road safety unit.

Miss Jasmine Cliff

Year 2 – 3
Our work during Literacy this week is based on The First Sunrise an Aboriginal Dreamtime story. We are also practising reading it aloud to present at Assembly, so we invite you all to come along and see how we are progressing. In Spelling we will be looking at the phoneme represented by k,c,q,ck and x (ks). In Maths we continue to discover and use different strategies for adding and subtracting. We are all very much looking forward to a visit from Rhonda and Trevor Robertson on Tuesday afternoon when they will talk about what it was like when they were children. Our students have come up with a list of questions they hope our visitors will be able to answer for them!

Mrs Alana Primrose

Year 4 – 6
Literacy – We are close to finishing our book Misery Guts. Our writing focus has now changed to look at persuasive texts. We will use topics relevant to our book to write about, closely looking at the structure of a persuasive text and the strong emotive words used. We will use a cline to help us determine which words are stronger than others.
Number – Addition and Subtraction Strategies
Measurement & Geometry – Length
Theme Work – Australian icons – Sydney Harbour Bridge and Great Barrier Reef
Sport – Milo Cricket

Mrs Angela Sampson & Mrs Kerry Dal Nevo
Wade High School – A Great Choice for 2017

Prospective Parent & Student Evening
Tuesday, March 8: 6 – 7pm

Wade High School Hall - Poole St Entrance

Enquires: Phone 6962 4022

This evening will include a brief presentation, a guided school tour and a Q&A session
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