Principal’s Message

Last week at Tharbogang Public School was very busy with it being our Bike and Road Safety Education Week. Students learnt all about being safe passengers in a vehicle, pedestrian and bike safety. We were very privileged to have Senior Constable Janelle Lynch, Police Youth Liaison Officer from Griffith LAC come to our school and talk to the students about Road and Bike Safety. She reinforced the importance of wearing a properly fitted helmet and wearing seatbelts. Thank you, Senior Constable Janelle for coming to visit us. The students learnt a lot from your visit.

On Wednesday, the students in Years 3 – 6 participated in the Video Conference Road and Bike Safety Challenge. I am so proud to announce that Tharbogang PS were the winners of this challenge. Congratulations to all of the students for their outstanding behaviour, excellent sportsmanship and expert answers.

Thursday saw our students and staff bring their bikes, scooters and helmets to school, to put in to place everything they had learnt throughout the week. Students assisted each other in ensuring their helmets were correctly fitted, they checked their bikes to ensure they were safe to ride and had a great time riding around our school. Many thanks, to the parents and carers who came along to support the children. It was a great day.

On Friday, our school leaders Georgia and Lachlan, along with Mrs Sampson attended the 2016 School Leaders Civic Reception with The Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP Member for Murray and Minister for Education, Emeritus Mayor Councillor John Dal Broi and Councillors of Griffith City Council. It was a lovely morning and our leaders represented our school with pride. A professional photo will be sent to our school shortly. Well done Georgia and Lachlan.

HUGE congratulations to the students in Year 2 and 3 who did an absolutely magnificent job in leading our school Assembly on Friday. Congratulations to our first Bronze Award recipient Sophie Smart who has already received 5 merit awards.

Congratulations to our Principal Award recipients; Georgia Williams – Leadership Lachlan Robertson – Leadership Lensovior Leung Wai – Participation and enthusiasm in the Bike Safety Day
**Interest Groups ~ Peer Support**
The students are continuing to enjoy Interest Groups on Friday mornings. This week the cooking group made some delicious choc chip cookies. I’m not surprised that there were none left. The Green Gang were busy planting peas to grow on the chicken coop and continued to work on their propagating. The Lab Rats performed experiments based on liquids, gases and solids. If you are available on Friday mornings between 9:30 – 10:30am, please come on down and join in the fun with us, younger siblings are always welcome.

**Year 5 & 6 Camp Fundraiser – Cake Stall**
Last week the students raised $52 towards camp. So far we have raised $164. Every dollar raised will go directly to subsidising camp for our students. We will continue to hold Monday Cake Stalls for the remainder of this term.

**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.

**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.

**Reminder – Sharing Food**
We have been reminder our students about the importance of not sharing food. We ask that you support us with this, and encourage your child to only eat the food that you have provided for them.

**Staff Development Day**
Last week staff further developed their goals for the Performance Development Framework. These are now finalised and discussions around Professional Development required and evidence were had.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Angela Sampson*
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**Up & Coming Events**

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~LUNCH ROSTER ~  
Friday 11th March  
Morning Pick up – Marian Sergi  
Lunch Drop off at 11:30am – Kirsty O’Grady

Take a look at what is happening in our classrooms…

Kindergarten & Year 1  
Can you believe there is only 4 weeks until the end of term!? Friday of week 11 K/1 will have the pleasure of hosting our whole school assembly. Every student will have a speaking part and we will be doing a lot of practice in class over the next couple of weeks. This week, I will be sending home a script with your child’s speaking part. I encourage you to practice this with your child to help build their confidence and fluency.  
This week, Kindergarten will continue learning the sounds d, r, o, g, l, h and Year 1 will continue on words starting with sw, st and sk. In Mathematics K/1 will begin learning ‘Fractions and Decimals’ while K-2 will explore measuring Volume and capacity.

Any parents, carers, grandparents or community members who would be willing to volunteer in enhancing our K/1 literacy rotations on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please let me know. Rotations can be held either 9:40-10:30 or 10:40-11:30 and ideally the volunteer will stay for the whole 50min to allow all students an opportunity to participate.

Mrs Jasmine Cliff

Year 2 – 3  
This week Class 2/3 will be sharing a folktale from Japan about How the Rabbit Got to the Moon. As well as reading the story, we will discuss the theme of stories and also how authors let the readers learn about the characters through their actions. Our phoneme in Spelling is represented by ‘e’ and ‘ea’ and we continue to learn how to use the visualising strategy when reading.  
We begin a two week unit this week on Multiplication and Division, talking about groups, arrays and skip counting. Year 3 will need to recall multiplication facts for multiples of two, three, five and ten, so table practice at home would be a great help!

Mrs Alana Primrose

Year 4 – 6  
Literacy – We finished our book Misery Guts and due to the students thoroughly enjoying this book, we have decided to read, for enjoyment, the next book in the trilogy, Worry Warts. Our formal Reading lessons will be based on the Nadia Wheatly book ‘My Place’. We are continuing to write our persuasive texts. We hope these will be finished by next week so we can share some of them with you in the newsletter. In Spelling this week our focus is on;  
Year 4 - silent letters, b, n, k, h, w  
Year 5 –  
Year 6 – ‘ch’ saying ‘c’ e.g orchestra  
In Mathematics – our focus is on Multiplication and Division and Volume and Capacity

Mrs Angela Sampson & Mrs Kerry Dal Nevo
On Tuesday afternoon Mr and Mrs Robertson came into our classroom and shared their memories about the past. They talked about what their school was like. Some things were similar to ours and some things were different. They used pens which they had to dip into inkwells. When they got into trouble they got the cane which really stung! If you used a swear word you got soap in your mouth.

At home, at school and on the bus there was no air conditioning so they put wet towels on themselves to keep cool. There were no tar roads and so it was very dusty. Mrs Robertson’s mother had to ride her horse to get to school. Mrs Robertson showed us her rubber lamb she had when she was a baby. Mr Robertson had a wooden toy that his grandfather made for him. It was a very interesting afternoon and we learnt lots. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Robertson.

Written by Sophie and Julia (Year 3)
Our Week in Pictures...
Week 6 Term 1, 2016
Tharbogang Public School P&C
Annual General Meeting
Tonight,
Monday 7th March at 7pm

Together in education™
Ride Your Bike To School Day at Tharbogang Public School
Thursday 3rd March, 2016