**Principal’s Message**

The continual hot weather is proving a challenge for all of us. Drinking lots of water, eating healthy foods, adjusting play and staying out of the sun are some of the strategies we are encouraging our students to use whilst these difficult conditions prevail.

Each week, we are focussing on teaching the students a specific behaviour. We will be rewarding students with Monster Money when we observe them doing this. This week’s focus is *Safe Play in the Playground*.

**Riverina Swimming Carnival**

Last Monday, our Awesome Foursome, Julia, Georgia, Harry and Jyden travelled to Albury to compete in the Riverina Swimming Carnival. These students worked hard and managed to beat their personal best time by 15 seconds. What a huge achievement. Well done!

**Small Schools Sport Teams**

This afternoon Ruby is trying out for the Small Schools Netball Team. Tomorrow, Michael will be trying out for the Small Schools Cricket Team. We wish them both the very best.

**School Audit**

Last week our school underwent an Audit. Many thanks to Leona Markham who came from Bathurst to complete this for us. Our school now has 12 weeks to complete any items which require action.

**Interest Groups ~ Peer Support**

Our Interest Groups are coming along nicely. Many thanks to Robyn Catlin, Chase and Reece’s grandmother who came on Friday to cook sausage rolls with the children. Also, a huge thank you to Meg Savage, Benji’s mum who joined us the week before to make the most delicious chocolate chip cookies. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Year 5 & 6 Camp Fundraiser – Cake Stall**

Last week the students raised $40 towards camp. So far we have raised $203. 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.
We are looking forward to welcoming the Webb family to Tharbogang Public School. Chloe, Blake and Myra commenced school here today. They come to us from a school close to Brisbane in Qld. Welcome to you all.

**School Fees**

Many thanks to the families who have already paid their school fees. Our fees are kept to a minimum, yet assist the school in providing for your children many valuable resources. Fees are $50 per student, or $80 per family. If you have not yet paid your voluntary school fees, we ask that you do so by the end of this term. Thank you.

**Staff Development**

Last week, the staff worked together to begin to develop the Milestones document, which sets out the tasks to be completed throughout the year to work towards our 3 year plan. Mrs Angela Sampson attended her second face to face training for Dyslexia.

**Griffith Central Colouring Competition**

The students at Tharbogang PS entered this competition. If you do go shopping at Griffith Central, have a look around, you may spot your child’s art work.

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**Uniforms**

It is wonderful seeing our students in full school uniform. We are very lucky to have an active P&C who run our uniform shop for us. Just a reminder, if you do have any uniform enquiries, please direct these to our P&C. Melissa Harris is our uniform shop coordinator, however, Belinda Sillis and Veronica Cudmore are also available to assist with any uniform enquires.
**Book Club**
Book Club orders are due Tuesday 22nd March.

**SRC Fundraiser**
Our SRS will be holding their first fundraiser for the year. *On Thursday 17th March*, students are encouraged to wear green for St Patrick’s Day. Each child is asked to bring in a gold coin donation. Money raised will go directly towards supporting the SRC’s nominated charity.

**NAPLAN**
Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN tests next term. NAPLAN will be conducted on 10 – 12th May, 2016.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Angela Sampson*
Relieving Principal

**P&C News**
Last week each family received a booklet of raffle tickets. Thank you to those families who have already sold their raffle tickets and returned them and the money to school. If you are able to sell more tickets, please see Mrs Sampson for more.

**Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ**
Thank you to the families who have already returned their BBQ note. As they say, many hands make light work. That is certainly the case when we are trying hard to raise money to support our children’s learning. Come along and join us at Bunnings, this Saturday 19th March and purchase a sausage sizzle, drink or even a raffle ticket. Please note that due to Work Health and Safety regulations, no students will be permitted near the BBQ. Parents and carers must take responsibility for their children whilst at Bunnings. If your child is attending on the weekend, we ask that they are dressed in their full Sports uniform, as they may be able to assist with selling raffle tickets.

**Up & Coming Events**

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**~LUNCH ROSTER ~**
Friday 18th March
Morning Pick up – Julie Robertson
Lunch Drop off at 11:30am – Natasha Williams
Take a look at what is happening in our classrooms…

Kindergarten & Year 1
K/1 have been reading the book My Place by Nadia Wheatly and Donna Rawlins. We will continue reading it this week and be looking at some of the ways things have changed or stayed the same in the past 200 years. This week, kindergarten will begin learning the sounds u c n k v b and Year 1 will focus on words starting with sc, squ, sp and tw.

In Mathematics K/1 will continue learning ‘Fractions and Decimals’ while K-2 will have some messy fun further exploring ‘Volume and Capacity.’

In PDHPE, we will begin looking at being a safe passenger (within our Road Safety unit) and we will continue to learn our fundamental movement skills through playing games.

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.

Miss Jasmine Cliff

Year 2 – 3
We will continue our journey around the world this week with a folktale from China called The Magic Brocade, identifying the main characters and how their actions reveal much about their personal qualities. At the same time we will have an introduction to the beautiful brocades produced by Chinese artisans. Our Spelling this week looks at words ending -ay, -ey and –oy and how we build on them e.g. play, playing, played. Students are understanding their multiplication tables and can work them out, now we just need to commit them to memory! The history unit is proving popular with students interested in different artefacts brought in and one afternoon this week we hope to be able to hear an “oldie but a goldie” with a gramophone brought in by Ally Smart. I can’t wait and am sure the children will be excited too. Thanks Ally.

Mrs Alana Primrose

Year 4 – 6
Literacy – We started reading the book ‘My Place’. This book has lots of detail in the illustrations and the text has lots of ‘hidden meaning’. We have also started to watch the television series of My Place to compare and contrast the text and the book. In Spelling this week, Year 4 are looking at ‘ay’ words, Year 5 ‘ar’ words and Year 6 ‘eu’ which says ‘u’. We are continuing to write persuasive texts. You may read some of our writing samples in this newsletter.

Our Mathematics focus this week is on Multiplication and Division as well as Length. Our unit of work, Australian Identity, has taken us to the Great Barrier Reef. We look forward to finding out more about this majestic place.

Mrs Angela Sampson & Mrs Kerry Dal Nevo
Caramello Koala

It is vital that every single person in the world tries a Caramello Koala. The Caramello Koala is the best Australian chocolate in the universe. It is affordable, delicious and an Australian product.

Have you ever tried something, where the chocolate just melts in your mouth? Inside is beautiful, rich, golden brown caramel. The Caramello Koala is shaped like a cute koala. It is perfect to have on a hot Summer’s day. It will make your whole world change and leave you wanting more. The Caramello Koala is the most delicious chocolate treat ever made for mankind.

Are you sick of spending heaps of money on something tiny? The Caramello Koala is only 50c, but, it is worth so much more. SO, whenever you have loose change, go to your nearest store and buy a Caramello Koala.

Caramello Koalas are Australian made so it can help our economy grow. Why worry about chemical filled treats when Australia has the Caramello Koala? Come on, everybody must have a Caramello Koala, and watch Australia grow.

These three reasons show that everyone in the world has to have a Caramello Koala. It is vital. So, come on and try one.

By Ruby Brown

Mrs Mac’s Giant Sausage Roll

It is a must that everyone who comes to Australia must try a Mrs Mac Giant Sausage Roll. It is vital that you do. If you don’t you must be mad!!! Its mouth watering, irresistible and best of all, its inexpensive.

Sausage rolls are so delicious because they have a crispy mouth watering outside pastry. On the inside it just keeps getting better with a delicious irresistible centre filled with the best sausage meat you will ever taste.

It is so irresistible that you don’t want to miss out. To enhance the flavour add the most delicious home made tomato sauce. The reason it is so irresistible is that it is made by local produce like Aussie raised cows, to make the most mouth watering meat and the best of the best wheat that goes in to making the crumbly pastry that melts in your mouth.

Sausage rolls are so cheap. They only cost $3.50. How is that for a bargain? All you need to do is go to the nearest general store and go in and ask for a Mrs Mac Giant Sausage Roll. How easy is that? So go to your nearest General Store today and get the most mouth watering, irresistible and inexpensive sausage roll you will ever eat. And remember, if it’s not Mrs Mac, take it back.

By Lachlan Robertson
Week 8
Term 1
Monday, 14th March, 2016

Our Week in Pictures…

Week 7 Term 1, 2016

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Tharbogang Public School Term 1 Planner 2016

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School Holidays Saturday 9th April - Wednesday 27th April
This includes the Anzac Day Public Holiday and Staff Development Day to be held on Tuesday 26th April

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