**Principal’s Message**

On behalf of all the staff and students at Tharbogang Public School we would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter. Please make sure that you travel safely on the roads. Just a reminder that there is no school this Friday – Good Friday and Monday – Easter Monday. School will resume as normal on Tuesday 29th March.

We had a very busy week at Tharbogang Public School again this week. Last Thursday the students and staff dressed in green to raise money for the SRC’s two charities. This year, they have chosen to support Heart Kids and the Cancer Council. $53 was raised from our St Patrick’s Day, wear green day. We had a great day, learning about the Irish culture. The students in Years 4 – 6 wrote some Limericks. You can read these below;

**Sport Updates**

On Tuesday 15th March, Michael represented our school at the Small Schools Cricket vs Griffith East PS cricket match and on Thursday 17th March, Ruby represented our school at the netball trials. We are delighted with both Michael’s and Ruby’s sportsmanship and the way in which they so proudly represented our school. Great work Michael and Ruby.

**Interest Groups ~ Peer Support**

Many thanks to Mrs Meg Savage who came on Friday to cook banana and chocolate turn overs with the children.

Our last Interest Groups for the term will be held on Friday 1st April. We hope to continue Interest Groups next term.

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

Last week the students raised $42 towards camp. Remember, 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.

**Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 24th March 12pm**

Our Easter Hat parade will be held this Thursday. 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. A letter was sent home late last week for pre-orders for the BBQ. These orders are due by tomorrow, Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March so that we can ensure we cater accordingly. Attached is another note in case you have misplaced the note and need another. $5 Child lunch pack includes 1 x sausage sizzle, 1 x popper, 1 x Easter egg. $10 Adult lunch pack includes 2 x chicken kebabs, 1 bread roll, side salad, 1 can of soft drink or water and an Easter Egg. We look forward to a wonderful day.

**Attendance Procedures**

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children and once enrolled, they are required to attend school each day it is open to students. Arriving at school and class on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day, helps students to learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives students time to greet their friends before class and reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness and leaving school early is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school.

Justified reasons for student absences may include, being sick or having an infectious disease, having an unavoidable medical appointment, being required to attend a recognised religious holiday, exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g attending a funeral).

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence.

Families are encouraged to take holidays in school holiday periods not during school term. If your child is going to be away for an extended time during term due to travel, please see the school office and complete an ‘Application For Extended Leave – Travel’ form. Unlike the previous exemption procedures, the period of extended leave is now included in the student’s absences from school record.

**Staff Development**

Last week, the staff worked together to finalise the Milestones document. This is a working document which is based on the schools 3 Strategic Directions. These are;

1. Growing and strengthening innovative and highly skilled learners, teachers and leaders
2. Supporting students in striving to achieve their learning potential
3. Enhancing family – school partnerships

In our planning we have looked at the ‘projects’ which we will implement throughout 2016 to ensure we are working towards achieving the goals which were set out in the 2015 – 2017 School Plan.

Mrs Sampson has now completed the online component of the Dyslexia and Significant Reading Difficulties course. She has one more face to face session with her tutor which will be conducted some time during the next 2 weeks of school.

**Book Club**

Book Club orders are due TOMORROW Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March.
**Uniforms**
A reminder that students will commence Term 2 wearing their Winter school uniform. A uniform order form is attached. If you require any items, please indicate this on the sheet and return to school as soon as possible, to ensure your orders arrive in time to commence Term 2.

**Reminder - 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.

**NAPLAN**
The purpose of the NAPLAN tests is to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the test. The results of these tests provide useful diagnostic information for teachers and parents. In particular, they help inform teachers in their ongoing efforts to address the literacy and numeracy needs of their students. Each child will have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy.

The national results provide information on how a student is progressing, and supports improvements in teaching and learning. Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

- **Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) May** Language Conventions and Writing
- **Wednesday 11\(^{th}\) May** Reading
- **Thursday 12\(^{th}\) May** Numeracy

You can access more information on NAPLAN and frequently asked questions on: [http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/)

**P&C News**
Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ on Saturday. We raised approximately $700 from the BBQ and $200 towards our raffle. Your assistance was invaluable. We will soon update you with the amount of money which was raised.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Angela Sampson*
Relieving Principal

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**~Position Vacant ~**
**Expression of Interest**

Tharbolong Public School has just received a small amount of funding to employ a Student Learning Support Officer for a short period of time, with an immediate start. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please ask them to submit an Expression of Interest by Wednesday 23\(^{rd}\) March to Angela Sampson, Relieving Principal via email; [angela.sampson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:angela.sampson@det.nsw.edu.au)

For more information regarding this position, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Sampson at school.
Week 9  Term 1
Monday, 21 st March 2016

Up & Coming Events

Tuesday 22 nd March  Video Conference
Year 4 – 6 Sydney Opera House

Thursday 24 th March  Easter Hat Parade
12pm

Friday 25 th March  Good Friday – no school

Monday 28 th March  Easter Monday – no school

Tuesday 29 th March Cake Stall

Friday 1 st April  Mrs Sampson at Primary Principal Association Meeting – Griffith

Tuesday 5 th April  Debating Workshop at Griffith East Public School

Wednesday 6 th April  School ANZAC Day Ceremony 9:45am.
Everyone welcome to attend

Saturday 23 rd April  P&C Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Take a look at what is happening in our classrooms…

Kindergarten & Year 1
K/1 have been reading the book My Place by Nadia Wheatley 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.

Miss Jasmine Cliff

Year 2 – 3
The term is flying by with lots of upcoming activities and lots of work in the classroom still to cover! This week as well as looking at our folktale, from Nigeria, Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky, we will be learning how to construct paragraphs. In Spelling we are looking closely at blends e.g. dr, nd, ld. For the remainder of the term, we will spend a short time in each Maths session continuing to learn multiplication tables, but our main focus will be on fractions. I trust everyone saw the video on Facebook of the Smart’s gramophone in action. It was truly an eye opener for the students and we very much appreciate you sharing it with us, so thank you Ally and Matt.

Mrs Alana Primrose

Year 4 – 6
Literacy – We are continuing to study the book ‘My Place’. Many discussions have been around our family backgrounds and how times have changed in Australia. Students were encouraged to talk to their families about their family trees. Due to it being a short week, we will be revising the
spelling rules taught so far this term. Students will continue to learn about persuasive writing and begin to write a second independent text. Mathematics – Number focus is on Fractions and Decimals and Chance.

Mrs Angela Sampson & Mrs Kerry Dal Nevo

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**Tharbogang Public School Term 1 & 2 Planner 2016**

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Harmony Day | 22 | 23 | 24 *Easter Hat Parade and BBQ lunch commencing at 12pm.* | 25 *Good Friday* | 26/27 *Easter Sunday* |
| Mar 10 | 28 *Easter Monday* | 29 *Katrina Catanzariti on Cake Stall* | 30 | 31 | 1 *Interest Groups 9:30am Angela Sampson at Dyslexia training 12 – 4pm* | 2/3 |
| Apr 11 | 4 *P&C Meeting 7pm at School Georgia on Cake Stall* | 5 | 6 *School Anzac Day Service – time to be confirmed* | 7 | 8 *Whole School Assembly 2:45pm, led by K-1 Last day Term 1* | 9/10 |

**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

| Apr 1 | 25 *ANZAC DAY Public Holiday* | 26 *STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO STUDENTS* | 27 *Students commence Term 2 today – Winter Uniform* | 28 | 29 | 30/1 |
| May 2 | 2 *P&C Meeting 7pm at School* | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 *Mother’s Day on Sunday* |
| May 3 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
Tharbgang School Uniform Order 2016

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