Principal’s Message

Term 1 has come and gone so quickly. We began the term with a new classroom teacher and a new relieving Principal. The students, families and staff welcomed us with open arms. It didn't take us long for us to settle in to Tharbogang Public School. We began the year with the Welcome BBQ where we had the opportunity to meet most families. It was a lovely afternoon with delicious food. So many people assisted in making the day a great success. It truly shows what an amazing community we have here at Tharbogang.

We then had the Small Schools Swimming Carnival, NRL Workshop, Road and Bike Safety Education Week, culminating in the most wonderful Bike Day. Our School Leaders attended the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney with Mrs Dal Nevo and the Leaders Civic Reception with Mrs Sampson, in Griffith. TPS underwent the Audit, we all supported the P&C with the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser and the Year 5 & 6 Cake Stall Fundraiser. Most Fridays we had our Interest Groups and we also had a fantastic Easter Hat Parade.

We finish off the term with a Debating Workshop, Anzac Day School ceremony and our Harmony/Multicultural Rewards Day and our last Assembly for the Term.

Along with all of those opportunities offered to the students we cannot forget the individual academic and social achievements of every student. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you a very safe and restful holiday. Remember students return to school on Wednesday 27th April.

P&C MEETING TONIGHT
7PM Mrs Sampson’s Classroom

Lunch Roster

Friday 8th April
Pickup – Julie Robertson
Drop off Natasha Williams

Assembly
Our last Assembly for the term will be held on Friday 8th April. Due to so many awards being handed out (which is a fantastic news), we will be commencing Assembly at 2:30pm. This is a very special Assembly, as our Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be leading it for us. This is a great opportunity for our younger students to stand up and speak in public. I know Miss Cliff and her students have been working hard in preparing for this special occasion.

Interest Groups ~ Peer Support
I wish to sincerely thank all of the parents and grandparents who have assisted in Interest Groups this term. We will commence Interest Groups again next Term in Week 2. If you have any skills in which you can bring to our school to teach our children, your expertise and experiences will be greatly appreciated. Thank you

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.
Welcome – Mrs Catanzariti
Tharbogang Public School would like to welcome Mrs Chloe Catanzariti as a classroom teacher. Mrs Catanzariti has been appointed, through the Expression of Interest process, to relieve Mrs Sampson on Fridays for her Principal’s release, (the role Mrs Dal Nevo had on Fridays). Mrs Catanzariti will commence at Tharbogang on Friday 29th April.

Sports Update
Congratulations, to Michael and Jyden who tried out for the Touch Football team. I am so happy to announce that Jyden has made the selection process and has been offered a position in the team. Well done, Jyden, we wish you and your team all the very best in your matches.

Year 5 & 6 Camp Fundraisers – Term 1 and 2
Our last Cake Stall fundraiser was held today. I am so happy to announce that to date, the students have raised a grand total of $405. What a huge achievement!!!
Next term, we will be raising money by collecting 5c coins. By collecting loose change such as 5c coins, we can very quickly add this money up and fill up money boxes. The money boxes will be placed in K-2 and 3 – 6 classrooms. At the end of the term, the class who has raised the most amount of money will win themselves a small reward. So, start collecting your coins, ask family members to donate theirs too and see how many 5c coins we can collect in 10 weeks. (Of course, it is not just limited to 5c coins, but any loose change which you may find). I wonder how many we can find in the school holidays alone. Make sure to look under the cushions on the lounge and of course in the car.

K – 4 Excursion
Yes you read correctly, we will be having a K-4 excursion to Pioneer Park on Wednesday 18th May. Excursions are a life experience, which we offer our students to support their learning in class. We have chosen Pioneer Park as the students have been learning about Families Past and Present, as well as, Australian Identity. It is an expectation that all students attend excursions.
More information about this excursion will be sent home before the end of term.

Year 5 & 6 Grip Leadership Conference
Many thanks to the students who have already returned the permission note and paid for this excursion. I wish to confirm that the cost of the Grip Leadership Conference is $35. I apologise for the misprint in last week’s newsletter.

Year 5 & 6 Debating Workshop
Tomorrow the Debating Team will be attending a Debating workshop at Griffith East Public School. Thank you to Mrs Veronica Cudmore and Mrs Pam Williams who have offered to assist with transporting the students to and from the venue.

Staff Development Day
Last week the staff were given a planning day to begin to prepare for Term 2. During this time, we looked at the History and new Geography syllabus and developed a whole school scope and sequence, ensuring it was aligned with the new Australian curriculum. At our staff meeting we discussed reporting and revised at the current report format to ensure all aspects of all Key Learning Areas were being reported on. Mrs Sampson will present the suggested modifications to the P&C this evening.

Change of Director, Public Schools NSW Griffith Network
We were informed late last week that our Griffith Network has been appointed a new Director. I wish to welcome Mr David Lamb to our role and look forward to working closely with him throughout the year. On behalf of our students, parents, staff and community I wish to thank Mr Brad Russell for his guidance and support throughout Term 1. Mr Russell has been appointed Director, Public Schools NSW Albury Network. We wish him all the very best.

Easter Hat Parade
Thank you for your fundraising efforts. We raised $454.50 at our lunch BBQ. Truly amazing!!! We will soon notify you as to how this money will be spent.
Facebook
Most of you are aware that our school has an active Facebook account. This page has been a wonderful way for us to instantly communicate with you all, especially with reminders. I try to post 3 – 4 times a week, more often if we have special things happening at school. To ensure you do not miss out on any of these posts, please make sure you ‘follow’ us. Please feel free to invite family and friends to like our page.

School Anzac Day Service
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our family and friends to join us at Tharbogang Public School for our Anzac Day Ceremony. It will be held this Wednesday, commencing at 9:45am.

Griffith Anzac Day Services
Traditional Dawn Service will be held at 5:45am at the Cenotaph. Marchers will assemble at the War Memorial Hall at 10:15am ready to start the march at 10:30am, followed by the main service at 11am. It is encouraged that all students from Tharbogang Public School attend this service. Students are to wear their full school uniform, including hats. We will assemble outside Zecca at 10:15am. Due to the changes in weather, it has not been decided which uniform students will wear. This will be determined a few days before and will be updated on our school’s Facebook page.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Angela Sampson
Relieving Principal

Tharbogang Public School Community, you are invited to Harmony Day!
Date: 8th April 2016
Time: 09:25 am – 03.25 pm
Venue: Tharbogang Public School
Dress: Clothes which have a cultural significance to you OR the official colour of Harmony Day, orange.
Food: We ask that each family brings a dish, traditionally or culturally significant to them, to share with everyone at recess!

P&C Information
The next P&C Meeting will be held TONIGHT at 7pm in Mrs Sampson’s classroom.

Many thanks to the families who have already returned their raffle tickets and money. If you are able to sell more tickets please notify us and we will ensure to give you more. Remember, every cent that is raised helps every student at our school.

Our next Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ will be held on Saturday 23rd April. This is the Saturday of the long weekend. More helpers are required. If you can assist, please do not hesitate in contacting Veronica Cudmore, P&C President.
## Tharbogang Public School Term 1 & 2 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

P&C Bunnings Fundraising BBQ Saturday 23rd April
**Remembering our Ex-servicemen & Women on ANZAC Day in a special way.**

On ANZAC Day this year, as happened the last four years, a small white cross and a poppy will be placed on every ex-serviceman and woman’s grave in the Griffith Cemetery. 2021 graves in total.

After the ANZAC Day service in the park, the community and students in particular are invited to visit the Griffith Cemetery and place the provided flowers on the graves marked with little white crosses. Donations of flowers will also be gratefully accepted.

This was a beautiful thing to see over the past three years. Not one of the marked graves went without a flower placed there by the small but enthusiastic crowd.

I look forward to seeing you all at the cemetery on ANZAC day.

Marg Tucker