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Principal's Corner - 30 October 2014

This Monday Thornlands SS underwent a **Discipline Audit** – the process by which all Queensland Schools are assessed as to how effectively and positively they support student behaviour, in order to maximise student learning outcomes.

Mike Sawbridge, the Discipline Auditor, was most impressed with our students, our staff and the wonderfully positive school culture, of which we are all a part. As a result the audit outcomes that we achieved were fabulous.

The audit is conducted across 5 domains- Principal Leadership, Parent and Community Engagement, Data Informed Decision-Making, Clear Consistent Expectations for Behaviour (this includes consequences) and Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour to all Students.

We achieved consistently in the High area with aspects of Outstanding in four out of five domains. Outstanding indicators are assigned to only the top 3% of schools in the State, so this is a result of which we can be very proud.

The following are the “outstanding” indicators that we achieved:

“School leaders place a high priority on the on-going professional learning of all staff and on the development of a school-wide, self-reflective culture focused on student engagement”

“A strong culture of respect and caring relationships exist in the broader school community. This is reflected in the broader school community. This is reflected in the shared values and commitment to the implementation of the behaviour processes.”

“The principal and other school leaders clearly articulate their belief that reliable data on student behaviour and achievement are crucial to achieving a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment as reflected by school data relevant to the specific school community.”

“All teaching staff members are regularly engaged in professional development including at initial induction, to ensure behaviour processes are implemented consistently across the school.”

Perhaps the best compliment Mr Sawbridge paid us was telling us that if he lived in this area he would send his daughter to Thornlands as it is such a great school. As parents, you should feel very reassured that your children are learning and playing in a safe, supportive environment, focussed on achieving the best learning outcomes for every one of our students. In fact many of our staff also send their children to Thornlands, with no less than four of our new Prep students for next year, belonging to current teaching staff. No one is more aware than our staff, what a great school this is for their children!!

The next few weeks are indeed very busy as we move towards the end of this year, whilst preparing for next year.

In the next few weeks the teachers and myself will be formulating **class lists for 2015**. A lot of time and serious consideration goes into this task, as we consider the individual learning needs of every student. We take care to ensure that all children move into the new year with at least some of their friends, we try to balance each class in terms of the learning needs of the students and we also aim for an equitable distribution of boys and girls. This is not always easy and sometimes moving just one or two students to another list can ruin the balance. In general classes are not assigned to specific teachers until the last week of school, when we are quite certain about our staffing for next year.

We are not able to take requests from parents for particular teachers, but if you have any concerns about the educational needs of your children that may impact on their class placement for 2015 please complete a yellow "Class Placement" form (available from the Office). NOTE: that the deadline for these forms was this Friday (31). The office will accept them next Monday, 3 November but that will be the last opportunity for you to lodge them as we the need to begin formulating classes after that. (Please be aware that it is not always possible to accommodate all requests, but they will be considered. Also note that we will not be able to consider requests received after this deadline).

Enrolment matters

If you know that your children will not be attending Thornlands in 2015 please contact the school Office as soon as possible to assist us in our planning.

If you have a Prep aged student who will be attending Prep at Thornlands next year and you have not already done so, now is the time to get the enrolment process completed (even if you already have older children already attending our school). If you have not done so as yet, please contact the school Office ASAP for an interview time. This assists us greatly with our planning for next year.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school,

Regards

Robyn

At Thornlands state school we will shortly be activating 'push notifications' to everyone that has the Qschools app downloaded on their phone. If you want to be kept up to date with all the latest information e.g. pupil free days, school functions, emergencies etc then please download the Qschools app.

[Please see the attached flyer for details.](#)

Absence Line - 3821 8181

**All absences must be reported [to the office](#)
either by the absent line or directly to office staff
to ensure the accuracy of our records.**

School News

DATE CLAIMERS


Money collection days are Tuesday & Thursday Before 10am

Eftpos now available!

30 Oct	Senior Disco
3 Nov	Absolute last day for class placement forms
9 Nov	All day P&C Bunnings BBQ
11 Nov	11am Remebrance Day Ceremony
24 Nov	Assembly 9AM (Not in afternoon)
25 Nov	Volunteers Thank you afternoon tea
1 Dec	Online booklist orders must be placed by today See booklists here
2 Dec	CDSHS Creative Arts Day Christmas Concert 5-8pm
3 Dec	Religious Education Christmas Celebrations
5 Dec	All Day Senior Swimming Carnival
9 Dec	All Day Junior Swimming Carnival Year 6/7 Graduation
10 Dec	Prep Orientation Day
12 Dec	Last Day of the school year
27 Jan	First Day of School 2015

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Click here to view [2015 School Calendar](#)

	<p>Thornlands State School <i>Tradition and Excellence!</i></p> <p>PREP</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 July and Wednesday 22 October</p>	<p>2015 Information Sessions</p>
<p>Details: Meet in school hall on South Street. 9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m. All welcome. <i>Information Session & Visit Classes</i> Register at school office: phone 3821 8111</p>	
<p>Enrolment Interviews: From 1 August For an Appointment and All Enquiries ... Contact the School Office: Phone: 3821 8111 Email: admin@thornlandsss.eq.edu.au</p>	
<p>Orientation Day: Wednesday 10 December Introduction to teacher and class: 9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.</p>	<p>Booklists: Booklists will be available from the office in November</p>
<p>Students must be born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 to enrol into PREP 2015</p>	

The lost property box is overflowing at present with many items not named. Could you please come down to the Teacher Aide room and look in the lost property box located outside. All lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.



From the Deputies' Desks

BOOKLISTS

You child should by now have received a Booklist for next year. It lists what is required of students moving to the grade level for 2015. The booklists are also available on the school website, and there are paper copies available from the school office.

STUDENT INFORMATION

As a general reminder to all parents and carers regarding personal information, could you please ensure that the school has the latest information regarding details about your child/children, i.e. Telephone Contacts, Home Address, Medical Information, Indigenous Background, other Emergency Contacts and any Legal/Custody Orders. This ensures the school has accurate record for auditing purposes.



Music News

Assembly Performances

This term we will be having some exciting performances from our vocal groups.

Senior Choir – Monday 3 November

Junior Choir – Monday 10 November

Senior Vocal Group – Monday 17 November

Assembly is on each Monday afternoon at 2:20pm in the hall. All family and friends are welcome to attend these performances:

2015 Band and Strings Program

It is time to recruit for our band and strings program for 2015. Students in years 3-6 in 2015 are invited to be part of the strings program and students in years 4-6 in 2015 are invited to be a part of the band program. If you have not already received a note about the program and would like to be a part of the instrumental program next year, please see Mrs Connor or join us at the 2015 Instrumental Recruitment Evening on Monday 3 November in the Music room from 5:30-6:30pm.

Busy Bugs Playgroup 

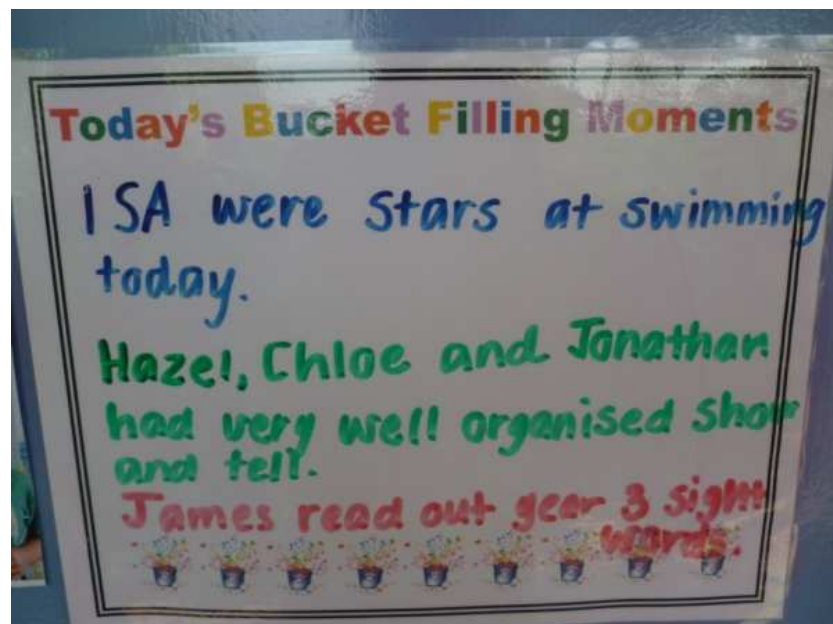
Do your children go to the school and have younger siblings? Or are you looking for a playgroup? Playgroup for babies to toddlers is held every Tuesday morning in the school hall from 9:00a.m. till 11:00a.m. It's a great way to get your child familiar with the school, have lots of fun and meet some new people. Come have a cup of coffee and chat while your child has a play. We have some fun activities coming up such as a beach party and baking pizzas.

Just turn up or you can call Jane on 0409 950 642 or Jacqui on 0407 778 221.

Curriculum Corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a busy week! I have had the privilege of visiting many of our classrooms recently to talk with the students about their learning specifically regarding our rules and expectations. The great work the teachers and students are doing around establishing common expectations around our rules and the type of school we all want to be in was evident in all classrooms. I really enjoyed the discussions I had around what the students really valued in our school. This was further celebrated by our auditor who came to do our Discipline Audit on Monday as Robyn mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter.





Class Placements for 2015

We are certainly getting to that time of the year for teachers to sit down and discuss class placements. Please be reassured that all teachers take this process very seriously and do spend a great deal of time allocating students to classes. Teachers do take a number of factors into consideration when collating class lists, but of course if you think you have anything pertinent to add regarding your child's learning, please ensure you fill in the Class Placement Consideration Form by Monday 3 November.



Brekky Club

Please note: **NO BREKKY CLUB 6 NOVEMBER!!!!** Come join us every Thursday for a free breakfast in the hall. Running from 7.45am. Students start your day with a full stomach and ready for the day. Thanks to Redlands City Church for supporting this program. Everyone welcome. See you all Thursday morning!

P&C News

Fundraising Committee News



Bunnings BBQ - Victoria Point

We need volunteers please!!!! If you can spare a couple of hours on Sunday 9 November, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dee-Arn Plain at deearnplain@yahoo.com

Advertising at the school

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Thornlands P&C are putting the call out to all local businesses interested in advertising on the South Street fence line (outside School Hall). Competitive rates for maximum exposure. Don't miss out!! Contact Dee-Arn Plain at deearnplain@yahoo.com.

A Big Disco Thank You

Just letting our wonderful Thornlands families know that with their support, we managed to raise over \$1740 at the junior disco. Thank you so much - you all looked super in your outfits.



Our Seniors' Disco – themed “Black & White Ball” – is to be held on **Thursday 30 October from 4-6pm** in the school hall. Please come dressed in Black & White and be ready for lots of fun music and dancing.

The entry price is **\$8.00 per child** (years 3-7), which includes a session in the photo-booth with a friend. Due to time restraints we must do this in pairs, and each child will receive a copy of the photos as two are printed for each sitting.

We would encourage you to **pre-purchase your tickets via the Flexischools** website & print out the E-Ticket to present at the door. You will of course be able to pay cash at the door on the night if Flexischools is not an option.

We will have Popcorn/Chips, Slushies and Glow products available for purchase on the night.

This event will be fully supervised by staff and P&C volunteers. Parents are asked to please drop off and collect their child/ren from the main entrance to the hall at the designated times.

We look forward to seeing all the children there!

Aluminium Can Collection

Just a reminder that here at Thornlands we have a collection cage down near the staff car park entrance at the southern end of Panorama Drive that all your aluminium cans can be recycled into. This helps in 2 ways. It helps our environment and funds raised go back into our school. So please take a little time if you can and bring your cans here instead of throwing them into the bin at home. You'd be surprised just how much this can add up to over the year and the funds raised go towards resources for our children! THANK YOU.



Community News



Summer is on the way!

Click [here](#) for more information regarding swimming lessons at our school pool.



After School Art Program - Term 4

The Art of Zentangle / Doodling for Relaxation

In this term we launched our new exciting afterschool art program with great success and we intend to continue next term!

Please keep an eye out for the flyers in the school bags next week, if you don't see them, then go to the website www.busypens.com and you will find the information there and a 'contact us' link to help you enrol. Naturally we encourage you to enrol ASAP, and if we have enough interest we can schedule more sessions to meet demand.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Marloes Bakker-Marsden

Artist & Craft Enthusiast