



# 5C Newsletter

## Term 1



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Thornlands! We have had an unusual start to the school year but I hope you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to 2022. My name is Tania Cross and I am your child's teacher for Year 5. Mrs Sam Gerry will be working in 5C on Tuesdays in the middle session, as this will allow me to implement the Thornlands Thinkers programs within the school. I look forward to getting to know each family as the year progresses and discussing your child's progress throughout the year.

In our classroom, my aim is to provide a positive, encouraging teaching and learning environment that will allow students to work at their potential and be accountable for their actions. We have discussed the Thornlands School Rules – **As a Learner I will be responsible, respectful and safe** and what this looks like at Thornlands both in the playground and in the classroom. The students are aware of the positive and negative consequences associated with these rules.

Positive work habits and behaviour are recognised through encouraging comments, awards and peer recognition through a number of varied and fun incentive systems. However, inappropriate behaviour will earn rule reminders about expected behaviours with the possibility of the use of the 'COT' (Cool Off Time) CORNER and 'Buddy Class' where children will sit, work and reflect on how their actions have affected themselves, their peers and the teaching and learning environment of the classroom. The classroom's behaviour expectations will be explained more fully in the Classroom Behaviour note.

The children have settled in well and have already been busy working on a variety of units including the Fantasy genre in English and animal adaptations in Science. They will also be studying the unhealthy effects of smoking and presenting a persuasive piece of writing to express their understanding of key concepts.

Thank you very much for organising your child's resources for Year 5. It is very important that **all** resources listed on the booklist are purchased as this helps me to allocate them for specific curriculum areas and helps your child to start off the year organised. Could you please check that your child has an appropriate TSS broad brimmed hat for school? Please also remind your child to bring their chair bag to school as it assists with the organisation of their tidy tray.

Homework commenced this week and will be handed out on Mondays and will be marked each week on Fridays. If you would prefer your child to receive homework on the Friday for over the weekend please let me know. It will usually entail a variety of tasks ranging from tables, spelling, maths, writing sentences and Mathematics. It is expected that all children read nightly for a minimum of 15 minutes and this is then recorded in the Home Reading Grid on the homework sheet. Please read and sign the homework expectations outlined in the homework as well as signing the weekly homework sheet.

This year PE is on a Monday and Music is on Thursday. LOTE (Japanese) lessons will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday.

You will be receiving a letter outlining the behaviour expectations for our class and the consequences, both negative and positive for certain behaviours. When you receive this letter, please read and discuss it with your child so that you are both familiar with its content and return the tear off section.

I am looking forward to a very busy and exciting year with the students. Once again if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Welcome Back!  
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Below is a message for Mrs Liesl Tyndall who is the Year 5 and 6 Special Education teacher.

**A message from Liesl Tyndall**

Welcome to the start of a new year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the new families joining us this year, and a big welcome back to the students and families already at Thornlands State School whom I've assisted in past years. My role as the Year 5 and 6 Special Education teacher is to support the class teacher and assist your child, if needed. This may mean assisting your child with strategies for transitions or organisation, or working on key concepts in a small group. I'm excited to get to know your child better.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at anytime throughout the school year if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at [ltynd3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ltynd3@eq.edu.au)

Regards, Liesl Tyndall