

# Thornlands State School

## Year 6 Newsletter

### Term 1 2022

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#### Welcome to Term 1 Thornlands State School!

What an interesting beginning to the year. I trust you all had a relaxing break over the holidays and are feeling reenergized for the new term. I would like to welcome the families that are new to Thornlands State School and welcome back those of you that are returning. 2022 brings with it a variety of challenges in the form of COVID safe practices. As you are aware, students in Years 3 – 6 are encouraged to wear masks and not attend school if they are unwell or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms no matter how mild. I am extremely excited about 2022 and this great cohort of children that I have been given the privilege of teaching. I look forward to getting to know all of the students and their families.

It's going to be a busy year with lots of interesting activities planned for our students please see details on this sheet. There is a list of weekly routines. This may assist your child to organise themselves for school.

School starts at 8.50 am. If all children could arrive by the first bell at 8.45am it would assist us with organization and beginning the school day on time. Please encourage your child to attend school **every day**. Regular attendance gives your child the best possible chance to achieve their potential. Should your child be sick, he or she should not attend school. Please contact the front office to notify us that they will not be attending.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to discuss any matters concerning your child throughout the year, please contact us via email to make an appointment.

Mrs Skarparis is in on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs Gerry is in on Thursdays.

Subject/Activity	Day	Frequency
LOTE (Chinese)	Tuesday Thursday	Twice a week
Music	Wednesday	Once a week
PE	Friday	Once a week
Guided Reading	Tuesday Wednesday Friday	Three times a week
Parade	Monday 2.20pm	When allowed
Science- Mr Trescott History- Mrs Skarparis (M), Mrs Gerry (Th) Geography- Mr Dart Technology- Mrs Fry	Monday Thursday	Twice a week All Year 6 students rotate between teachers and subjects.

Event	Date
Try on Senior Shirts	Wed 09.02
Senior Shirts ordered	Early Term 1
Senior Shirt Delivered	Early Term 2
House Captain Vote	Early Term 1
Senior Swimming Carnival	To be advised
Cross Country	COVID permitting Wed March 30
Camp	To be advised

#### CAMP

The Year 6 camp this year was to take place in Term One from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately due to COVID it has been **postponed**. The Year 6 teachers are currently investigating alternative dates and will advise you of the new dates when we have confirmed one. Our Year 6 Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for students to gain new skills, encourage leadership, initiative, team building and acceptance of others. There are many challenging outdoor activities such as abseiling, archery, rock climbing and canoeing which are led by qualified instructors.

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### What your child will learn in English and Maths.

In the first term our **English** program will be focusing closely on Short Stories by a variety of authors. This unit of work will unpack the elements of a short story including plot structures and characterisation and will encompass all necessary elements to assist our students with their culminating assessment task of creating and publishing their own short story.

The **Mathematical** program at the beginning of the year will focus on revising key concept areas such as whole, decimal, prime and composite numbers, fractions, 3D shapes and problem solving strategies.

The **Science** program will be investigating natural disasters including the impact of cyclones, tsunamis and earthquakes. Students will learn how natural events cause rapid changes to the Earth's surface, identify contributions to the development of Science by people from a range of cultures and identify how research can improve data.

The **History** program will track the path to Federation and the development of Australia as one nation.

The **Geography** program focuses on exploring our diverse world and how people, places and cultures differ across the world. Students this term will learn about the location of major countries in Asia and the differences in economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries. During Health lessons students will construct a health message appropriate to their age group.

This term in **Technology** students will be creating a wind powered vehicle as we explore the need for sustainable renewable energy sources. Students will also be exploring sustainability through the materials they use. All materials must be re-used, repurposed and recycled. A letter has been sent home.

**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. My role as the Year 5 and 6 Special Education teacher is to support the class teacher and assist your child. 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. My email is [ltynd3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ltynd3@eq.edu.au) Regards, Liesl Tyndall

### Contact

Thanks to the parents who have introduced themselves to me this week. It has been a great start to the term and I look forward to meeting you all shortly. In the meantime, please be in touch should you have any questions or concerns.

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### Homework

Homework goes home Mondays and is due on Fridays. All students are expected to complete their homework and to a high standard. Students are required to complete 60 minutes of reading weekly and complete their reading logs with comments. Eg. 20 minutes for 3 nights of the week. The Reading Logs should be submitted weekly to the teacher for perusal and must be signed off by a parent or guardian.

