TERM 2, 2014 DIARY DATES:

Week 2
Friday May 9
Assembly - 12.00 pm

Week 3
Monday May 12
NAPLAN Testing Week
Tuesday May 13
Finance Meeting – 6.30 pm
Governing Council Meeting - 7.30pm

Week 4
Friday May 23
Application for Enrolment in Year 8 forms due back at Thiele PS
Assembly - 12.00 pm

Sunday May 25
Fundraising BBQ at Woolworths (The Hub)

Week 5
Monday May 26
Campus Events Committee – 7.00 pm

Week 6
Monday June 2
Campus Conference - 7.00pm
Wednesday June 4
School Photographs
Friday June 6
Assembly - 12.00 pm

Week 7
Monday June 9
Public Holiday
Tuesday June 10
PUPIL FREE DAY
Thursday June 12
Instrumental Music Night

Week 8
Monday June 16
Campus Events Committee – 7.00 pm
Tuesday June 17
Finance Meeting – 6.30 pm
Governing Council Meeting - 7.30pm
Wednesday June 18
Year 3/4 Camp at Mylor

From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We have had a really positive start to the term. There have been a couple of staff changes. We welcome:

- Mrs Linda Waters who has taken over teaching duties in Room 18. Mr Antoniou was unable to continue this term due to health reasons but we thank him for his efforts in term 1.
- Mr Michael Chuck, one of new Groundspersons who is working 15 hours per week.
- Ms Carly Feegrade who is our Precinct Coordinator, Primary Australian Curriculum. Carly is based at our school but working across all our local schools.

I would also like to acknowledge, Ms Carly Nash who has taken on the role Coordinator, Student wellbeing and Engagement for the remainder of the year.

In the newsletter, at the end of last term, I published a list of 51 things to do before you are 12. I wonder how many of these you were able to tick off with your children over the holiday break. The list is one of things that would be good to stick on the fridge and refer back to from time to time. If you missed seeing the list, the newsletter can be found on our school website.

One of the challenges of being an educator in the 21st century is understanding how children learn. Over the last 5-10 years, children's learning needs have changed quite significantly due to societal changes and our ability to access information and communicate 24/7 via online devices.

The challenges facing schools include the curriculum required to develop & prepare students for their secondary years and life beyond school. For instance, a child who started school this year will leave secondary school in 2026! We also need to examine the pedagogy that we use in delivering this curriculum as well as the classroom environment in which they learn.

The traditional classroom of a desk for every student is not as applicable as it used to be. Teachers are looking for more flexible learning spaces that will provide a range of seating options for their students. If you see some changes in your child’s classroom, this is the basis behind the change. The reasons for these changes are to meet the needs of 21st century learners. If you have any thoughts on this, we would love to hear them.

Cheers,
Shaun
Welcome back to term two!

**Year R-2**

Their topic this term is kanji. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Complete a Kanji booklet.
- Learn how to write simple kanji characters and their origins and meanings.
- Create a picture using kanji.

**Year 3-7**

The theme this term is weather and hiragana. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Presenting a weather forecast in pairs as T.V. weather presenters.
- Learning / reviewing the hiragana alphabet.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jayden P for being successful in being selected on the Youth Environment Council of South Australia. Jayden will represent not only our school and students, but also students from the Youth Environment Leader’s Program.

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**PUPIL FREE DAY (10/6/14)**

This term our school is having a pupil free day. It will be held on **Tuesday June 10 (Week 7)** after the Queen’s Birthday long weekend. Please make sure that you put this in your diary. OSHC will be available for families requiring care on that day.

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

Term 1 was very successful for Thiele fundraising. We have raised nearly $1000 with just two fundraisers - Kyton’s bakery items and garden bulbs (my daughter keeps asking why we would want to put light bulbs in the ground!). Thank you to all who have supported our efforts and that your Spring garden will reward you.

With such a great financial return, we can put money towards TWO projects. We will assist with the purchase of a small fridge, to be placed in the Art room where the juniors do their cooking. Maybe there will be more great cooking adventures taking place soon! Also, quotes are being found for the ‘soft-fall’ material to be placed under the best climbing trees in several areas around Thiele. We hope that it will be ready before the really wet weather sets in.

Term 2 will see our great Mother’s Day stall taking place on Wednesday of Week 2. We have found some great gifts and there is plenty of choice for the children to find for their special mum or nanna. We hope you will have a happy surprise on Mother’s Day.

Thank you for all those who contributed to the Fundraising survey from Term 1. It was a great response! We have taken on board all the suggestions and comments - most favoured events at school for the children (NB Thiele Disco in Term 3!).

Please come to our fundraising BBQ on Sunday May 25th, outside Woolworths at The Hub. We’d love some volunteers to help out - for whatever time you can spare (we’ll be there all day!). Or just come to buy your lunch.

Lois Watson
Thiele Fundraising Group

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**DROP OFF & PICK UP ZONES**

As it is the beginning of the term, we would like to remind parents when using the drop-off and pick-up points, that your car is not left unattended. The main drop-off and pick-up points are outside the Campus Office, the top of Campus Drive and near the Pre-school (Budapest Drive). Please remember that the Preschool is not a parking place for school parents.

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Respect – Achievement - Integrity - Sustainability
NAPLAN

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website.

If you have any concerns, please contact (insert school contact point)

A useful place to start is the NAPLAN 2014: Information for parents brochure, which is now available at the National Assessment Program (NAP) website

A MOMENT WITH MEL

NAPLAN is just around the corner and no doubt it has been the topic of conversation in your household. With any kind of test comes a certain level of anxiety, and perhaps your child has expressed that they are feeling a little nervous about the impending date.

Here are a few helpful tips to support you in supporting your child. These ideas are useful in any given situation where stress may occur.

Mel Grierson- CPSW Thiele and Pilgrim Schools
CAMPUS NEWS

Community Lottery 2014

Campus is again taking part in the People’s Choice Community Lottery and tickets are still only $2 each, with all money collected from ticket sales coming back to Campus. That means we keep 100% of all ticket sales! If you would like a book (or two) of tickets to sell at your sporting club, to family, or just for yourself, contact Philip or Carol at the Campus Office or the front desk of your school. Books contain 10 tickets each and must be recorded when issued, or you can purchase tickets on the Campus website, www.appscampus.sa.edu.au This year there are more than 200 fantastic prizes to be won including three Hyundai cars (first prize is a Hyundai ix35 Highlander Petrol Auto), motorbikes, a Harvey Norman $35,000 shopping spree, home renovations, plus heaps more. The lottery runs from now until 31st July 2014.

Events Committee
With the Campus Community Fair set for Sunday 26th October 2014, organisation has already commenced. If you have some spare time to attend meetings at Campus and become involved in helping to organise the Fair, please contact Philip at the Campus Office on 270 3077. The Fair doesn't organise itself and committed volunteers help to shape its success. We welcome innovative ideas and meet once a month in the evening, to plan every aspect of the day. So enquire about the next meeting and help out with our major fundraiser for this year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DANCE PARTY – FRIDAY MAY 16TH – 6.30PM – 9.00PM

BAY FUNCTION CENTRE – GLENELG FOOTBALL CLUB
9-13 YEAR OLDS - $5.00 PER TICKET
FACE PAINTING AND LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS
FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
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