**THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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**TERM 4, 2015 DIARY DATES:**

**Week 6**  
Friday November 20  
12.00 pm – Assembly

**Week 7**  
**Tuesday November 24**  
Year 7 Japanese Dinner  
**Wednesday November 25**  
10.30 am - Volunteers Morning Tea  
**Friday November 27**  
8.45 am – 12.00 pm – Kindy - Reception Transition Visit

**Week 8**  
**Tuesday December 1**  
6.30 pm – Finance Meeting  
7.00 pm – Governing Council  
**Wednesday December 2**  
11.30 am - Drama Club Performance  
**Thursday December 3**  
APHS Transition Visit  
R-2 Christian Options Program  
**Friday December 4**  
12.00 pm - Year 7 Assembly

**Week 9**  
**Monday December 7**  
Year 3/4 Greenhills Excursion  
**Tuesday December 8**  
6.00 pm - Year 7 Graduation Dinner  
8.00 pm – Graduation Ceremony  
**Wednesday December 9**  
Year 4/5/6/7 Excursion to Aquatics Centre  
Early Years Excursion to Cleland  
**Thursday December 10**  
2.00 pm - End of Term Dismissal  
**Friday December 11**  
PUPIL FREE DAY

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**From the Principal**

**Volunteering Award for Outstanding Service**

I have great pleasure in announcing that a number of parents will be acknowledged at our assembly this week as the first nominees in our Volunteer Award for Outstanding Service. As mentioned in a letter to families last term The Volunteer Award for Outstanding Service recognises and honours outstanding individuals who are making a significant contribution to the school community.

A selection panel comprising of three (3) members of the Governing Council, a Governing Council staff rep and a member of the School Leadership Team considered the nominations and determined who should win this inaugural award. Each nominee will receive a certificate of recognition and appreciation and the winner have their name inscribed on a plaque that will be displayed in the front office. The Volunteer Award for Outstanding Service will be given annually.

I would also like to remind our school community that we are holding our Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea next Wednesday at 10.30 am in the Thiele staff room. All volunteers are welcome. A general invitation was sent out several weeks ago. For catering purposes please RSVP to Jayne at the front office.

**21st Century Learners**

I am sure you are aware that children’s needs in relation to learning and how we teach them is different today. In a number of classrooms across the school this year, we have been trialling a practice in relation to flexible seating arrangements. How this works is that on some occasions, some students may have a choice as to whether they sit at a table or some other flexible seating arrangement such as a bean bag, the floor, couch etc. In some classes, names are drawn “out of a hat” at random to select who may have the flexible seating arrangements for the week.

The thinking behind this practice includes the following reasons:

- By removing 2-4 tables it maximizes the floor space and in most cases, it creates more teaching floor space.
- It can cater for the different learning styles of children these days. Some children need to move or stretch out to maintain their concentration.
- It can improve the safety aspect in the classroom as there are fewer obstacles for the students to move around.
- Basically we have been endeavouring to meet the needs of 21 century learners.

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Now that this practice has been in place for some time, I am seeking feedback from you to see whether your child or you have any particular comments around how these flexible seating arrangements have been working. If you would like to provide feedback on this new initiative, this can be done by emailing me direct at Shaun.Coghlan590@schools.sa.edu.au

Cheers
Shaun

NOTES SENT HOME

Over the past fortnight the following notices have been sent home.

- Year 4, 5, 6 & 7 End of Year Aquatics Excursion
- Campus Pedal Prix – Come n Try for Year 6 & 7 in 2016
- Volunteers Morning Tea – Wednesday Nov 25 10.30am – 11.30am.

Please RSVP by Friday Nov 20
- Junior Primary Cleland Excursion

If you have not received any of the above, please request a copy either from your child’s class teacher or Thiele Reception.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT CAMPUS

On Wednesday 11th November the Campus held a Remembrance Service for Remembrance Day. The Student Leadership Team shared stories and poems. A One Minute silence was held with students laying wreaths at the Memorial in the Community Memorial Garden.

FAIR SHED OPEN TIMES

The Campus Fair Shed will be open to receive your pre-loved items on Sunday 6th December from 10.00am to 1.00pm. It’s your last chance this term to donate items that will be used for the Trash ‘n Treasure at next year’s Campus Community Fair. The Fair Shed loves household items and crockery, gardening tools, sporting goods, toys and games, books, DVDs and CDs. All must be clean and in good working order. There are also items that the Fair Shed cannot accept, including clothing, furniture, electrical items, computers or safety equipment (such as helmets, life jackets, cot/prams/high chairs or other baby furniture). So clean out the garage, cupboards and kid’s rooms. Load up the trailer or boot and head to the Fair Shed on Sunday 6th December.

CAMPUS PROMOTIONS OFFICER

The Campus Promotion Officer 0.6 FTE role has been updated and is being advertised through Seek employment. To see the advertisement and broad purpose of the role go to: http://www.seek.com.au/job/29896359

Please direct requests to info@nativity.catholic.edu.au. Applications must be received no later than 4.00pm on Monday November 30th.