From the Principal

Dear Parents,

As you know, our four school values are respect, achievement, integrity and sustainability. We actively promote these values through our learning and behaviour expectations and on the whole the majority of students positively model these through their behaviour most of the time.

However, over the last couple of terms, we have been increasingly concerned over the decline in respectful behaviour that is being displayed by a minority of students in many classes across the school. Specific behaviours we have been dealing with include swearing, insolence, disregard for others and an inability to follow basic instructions. The impact of this behaviour over time is that children miss out on valuable learning time. This applies to both the student exhibiting the behaviour and those who are exposed to it.

As a staff we have had conversations around why this behaviour has increased and what can we do about it? Are our expectations different to what our school (Campus) community expect? Are parents experiencing these behaviours as well? We have a belief that all students have a right to learn and feel safe and that teachers have a right to teach in a respectful environment. Collectively it is all our concern.

From the start of next term, we will be revisiting our behaviour expectations and the value of respect and focusing on a number of key behaviours that we wish to change. Specific behaviours that we will focus on will include how to speak politely to others, how to follow instructions, swearing, wearing of hats and returning to class promptly after each break. Students who have difficulty in following these expectations will have increased consequences. We are also in the process of reviewing our behaviour management policy in readiness for 2016.

You can help by reinforcing our expectations from home by talking about these three phrases. Respect others, respect yourself and respect our place.

If you would like to comment on this article, we would welcome your feedback.

Cheers,
Shaun
ENROLMENTS 2016

Are you looking at enrolling at Thiele Primary School in 2016?

There are spaces available but we need your information so we can coordinate transition visits and ensure there are spaces available in year levels for students.

If you haven’t already completed an enrolment form for 2016 please see - Front Office Thiele Primary School.

GIRLS TROUSERS/SKIRTS

If anyone has any girl’s trousers, skirts or underwear their child has outgrown and willing to donate to the Thiele sick room it would be very much appreciated.

PINS (PLAYGROUP in SCHOOLS)

‘Arrh me hearties!’
Last Wednesday we celebrated the upcoming ‘Talk like a Pirate Day’ with some pirate craft. We made hooks for our hands, flags, eye-patches, hats and treasure maps. Come and join us each Wednesday from 8.45am until 10.30am, for fun, craft, stories and song.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Sports Camps 2016 Program
australianportcamps.com.au or 1300 914 368

Junior Cricket at Reynella Oval
Milo in2Cricket, Kanga Cricket & Girls Only
CONTACT: Trish Pinder, pinders@internode.on.net or 0411 116 300

Tennis for Juniors
Aberfoyle Hub PS, $90 for 6 weeks
www.getactivesports.com.au or 1300772106

Circus Royale
Bonython Park Sept 24 to Oct 18
www.circusroyale.com or 0410 669 253

Blackwood Gym Sports
Talent Identification Program 2015
contact@blackwoodrec.com or 8278 8833

Free Parenting Seminar
‘The wonderful world of toddlers’
Wednesday November 4, 7.15-9pm
http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au or 8303 1660

Sing it Again, Sista!
Featuring Sisters of Abundance Choir
Sunday October 11
www.hopgoodtheatre.com.au or 7009 4400

The Parish of Nativity Sacraments 2015/2016
Information session on Thursday October 22 at 7pm in the Nativity Church Foyer
Parish: 8270 2158 or School: 8270 3654

Nature Play SA Festival
AWE AND WONDER
Sept 27 – Oct 10 2015
More details at: NATUREPLAYSA.ORG.AU

KIDZBIZ (GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)

KidzBiz Information Sessions for Families
Wednesday November 4 Week 4
Reception to Year-4 - 6:40pm-7:30pm
Years-5 to Year-7, 7:40pm-8:30pm
In Campus Performing Arts Centre.
Free session to all families.
On the weekend students from T16, T13 and T14 participated in the 24 hour Pedal Prix race at Murray Bridge. This year Aberfoyle Park Campus had 3 trikes competing.

- **Rocket** finished 184 with a fastest lap time of 31.7km/hr
  
  Congratulations to the Rocket Team Of Riders from Thiele:-
  
  Jayden R, Aidan Magee, Max Magee, Riley Clarke, Amelia Rigby-Meth, Ashleigh D, Mitchell P, Ashley B, Lachlan O, Jenna B

- **Evolution** finished 70th with a fastest lap time of 37.5km/hr

- **Rapit** finished 19th with a fastest lap time of 45.5km/hr

A huge thankyou to all of the

- the students who pedalled hard all weekend
- the parents who supported their children and participated in the fundraising and training events throughout the year
- the committee who worked tirelessly to organise, plan and co-ordinate everything that goes into the finely tuned operation of the Pedal Prix events
- the parents who work as mechanics preparing and maintaining the trikes before, during and after the events

the Team Managers who support the students to ensure they are prepared ready to compete in the 3 race meetings throughout the year.

all of the supporters, staff, sponsors and everyone else who play important roles to ensure that everyone follows Rule number 1 “Have Fun”

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**SHOEBOXES OF LOVE**

Thank you for supporting Casual Day last Friday by bringing completed Shoe Boxes of Love, money or contributions for shoeboxes. $255.85 was raised to support this event along with many shoeboxes. If you would still like to contribute items or completed shoeboxes for either a boy or a girl continue to bring your kind donations to the Front Office until the end of week 4 term 4.

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**PARENT LIAISON**

The next parent liaison meeting will be held on 28th October.

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**FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**

On Saturday 12th September staff, parents and students enjoyed being entertained by the wonderful Thiele students at the Festival Theatre. Congratulations Cameron L, Daniel S, Angel A, Nikki L, Jenna B, Oliver K, D’arcy S, Chelsea E, Bailey W, Jade d, Jordan T, Jayden R, Tyler J, Lachlan G, Austin N.

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**SLT KID’S TEACHING KID’S DAY**

On 1st September the Campus SLT students hosted a Kids Teaching Kid’s event. The Thiele SLT students are:- Laura T, Bailey W, Ashleigh D, Tyler J. Neighbouring school leaders from Woodcroft Primary, Southern Montessori, Seacliff Primary, Christies Beach High and Home Schooling joined the Student Leaders from Pilgrim, Nativity and Thiele present plays, games, information sessions, activities to teach each other about the environment and sustainability. Everyone had a wonderful time and learned lots of new things.

The students from T2 and T8 were supported by Rachel Baverstock and their teacher’s Mrs Allen, Ms Gent and Mrs Water to sing the song ‘Green, Green, Green’

The students from T16 were inspired to have prepared lessons to teach other classes with in Thiele Primary School after watching some of the sessions from the Kids Teaching Kids student leaders.
1. Collect fallen winter sticks and build a cubby or giant nest to sit in
2. Find a good sturdy tree, make a rope swing and pretend you’re Tarzan
3. Take a photo or sketch of a flower or tree at the beginning of spring and watch it change over the season (take more photos/sketches throughout)
4. Explore your local neighbourhood to see how many blossoms you can find
5. Listen out for male Koalas in a National Park (it’s breeding season)
6. Collect natural things to make a hanging mobile or wind chime to hang outdoors
7. Plant tomatoes, basil, cucumbers, pumpkins or lettuce in a patch, in recycled pots, pans, milk containers, even old boots
8. Build a scarecrow for your veggie patch
9. Make a necklace or garland from sour sobs, dandelions or daisies
10. Head to a creek or wetland with a net and magnifying glass and see what you scoop up (remember to return anything to the water)
11. Collect natural objects from the ground and make a giant mandala
12. Visit one of Nature Play SA’s Park of the Months (Para Wirra Recreation Park, Morialta Conservation Park, or Innes National Park)
13. Pick a flower, place it in a glass of water with some food coloring or dye and watch the petals change colour
14. Ask your dad what his favourite childhood outdoor activities were and do them together on Fathers’ Day.
15. Find a flowering wattle and describe what it smells like
16. Grab your friends and go fly kites
17. Go on a bushwalk and see how many spring wildflowers you can find
18. Attend a nature-based event during the Spring School Holidays (see our website)
19. Go whale watching
20. Go on a beach walk and see how many white cuttlebones you can find (Cuttlefish have just finished breeding)
21. Start a spring nature journal with poems, drawings, and things you’ve collected
22. Find an old gum tree and spot the birds going in, poking their heads out or nesting in hollows
23. Spend an afternoon at Wittunga Botanic Gardens at Blackwood
24. See how many New Holland Honeyeaters (they’re the common black and yellow birds) you can spot in your backyard or at school
25. Make a simple insect hotel or magnificent minibeast mansion for your yard

Remember to get permission before you go out on your own, take a drink bottle and sunscreen and watch out for swooping magpies.