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# THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 1, 2016 DIARY DATES:

### Week 2

**Tuesday February 9**

Acquaintance Night  
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**Friday February 12**

12.00 pm – Assembly

### Week 3

**Friday February 19**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

### Week 4

**Tuesday February 23**

6.30 pm - Finance Meeting  
7.30 pm - Governing Council Meeting

### Week 6

**Tuesday March 8**

Campus Open Day/Night

### Week 7

**Monday March 14**

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**Tues March 15 – Friday March 18**

Year 6/7 Aquatics

### Week 8

**Friday March 25**

Good Friday

### Week 9

**Monday March 28**

Easter Monday

	2016
Term 1	1 Feb - 15 Apr
Term 2	2 May - 8 Jul
Term 3	25 Jul - 30 Sep
Term 4	12 Oct - 11 Dec



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## From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back for the start of the 2016 school year and a special welcome to those families who have joined our school community for the first time. We have had a great start to the term and it has been pleasing to see the students have quickly settled back into school routines. A big welcome also to the 41 children who have started school for the very first time.

We would like to welcome the following new staff to our school / Campus community.

- Ms Amy Curyer who is teaching Year 1/2 in Room 8.
- Mrs Sharon Wells (SSO) who is working in classroom support.
- Mrs Wendy Looi-Penhall who has won the position of Campus Promotions Officer. Wendy is also doing the Campus admin role until we advertise the position later this term.

We also welcome back to Thiele Primary School:

- Mrs Amanda Allen who is teaching Year 1/2 in Room 2.
- Mrs Emma Carney (SSO) who is working in classroom support.
- Ms Danni Gericke who is teaching Year 5/6 in Room 16

On Tuesday next week, we are holding our **Acquaintance Night**. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher in an informal setting and find out some of the things that are planned for the year. A note has already been sent home with more information regarding this.

All parents are invited to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Governing Council. This is being held on **Tuesday February 16 in the Thiele Staffroom at 7.00 pm**. At the start of the evening there will be a short presentation on 21st century learners and flexible learning environments. We would love to see many of our parents come along. An invitation and nomination sheet will be sent home shortly.

The beginning of the year is also a good time to remind everyone about the importance of regular attendance. Attendance (or non-attendance) is habit forming and when its importance is supported and reinforced from home; children are far more likely to be successful learners.

This term will be a busy and exciting term with R-5 Swimming, Year 6/7 Aquatics, Sports Day, Campus Open Day and the Campus Fair on the calendar.

Cheers  
Shaun



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Hon Susan Close MP

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it's really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it's important, it isn't always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child's education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child's school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au).

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan Close'.

Susan Close  
**Minster for Education and Child Development**

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Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year:  
<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>
- Ideas for helping your child with numeracy and literacy:  
<https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents>
- An app to help you unlock your child's learning potential:  
<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/primary-school>
- Parent easy guides, including dealing with peer pressure:  
<http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/>
- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas:  
[http://raisingchildren.net.au/school\\_age/school\\_age.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html)
- Ideas for outdoor play in SA:  
<https://natureplaysa.org.au/>