

THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Reminder:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1 - PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4 - SCHOOL CLOSURE (SHOW DAY)

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From the Principal.....

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

On our pupil free day this week, teaching staff have been engaged in learning about what is called moderation. Basically moderation is developing a common understanding of the achievement standards and a consistency of judgment when assessing student's work.

In order to demonstrate that the judgements made by teachers and reported to students, parents and the system are valid, they must be quality assured. Working in the area of consistency of teacher judgement and collaborative moderation can lead to a quality assurance process.

Quality assurance of the data derived from teacher judgement and the allocation of grades or the assignment of an achievement standard, through moderation processes, validates teacher judgement - it assures the system that a C is a C is a C - no matter where or when it was assigned. It assures us that teacher judgement is valid, fair and reliable. This quality assurance process takes time and needs to be done collaboratively.

A collaborative moderation can be described as a...

- quality assurance process designed to ensure comparability of Standards assigned to student work. Moderation enhances confidence in the reliability of the results of assessment.
- process of validating teacher judgements of the standard of student learning by having teachers' judgements reviewed by peers, internally (within same school) and/or externally (from a different school).

Some features of moderation

1. A common language for describing student achievement is fundamental to consistency of teacher judgement.
2. Students demonstrate knowledge, skills and understandings in diverse ways in a range of contexts over time.
3. Collaborative moderation of 'sets of evidence', (performance, product; project, paper and pen) provides teachers with confirmation of their judgements.
4. Achievement Standards provide a common reference point against which to align our judgements of students' achievements.

The work done on our pupil free day strengthened our teacher's ability to make informed judgments about their student's work and the standard at which this work is graded.

NAPLAN Results

Our school's NAPLAN results for students in years 3, 5 & 7 were sent home this week. If you have any queries or need further explanation on your child's results, please speak with your child's teacher in the first instance.

Car Parking

Please remember to drive carefully around the Campus and observe speed zones and parking restrictions.

Cheers,
Shaun

Did you know.....

Thiele Primary School has a Skoolbag App - to download the App go to the PlayStore for your product ie: iPhone, Android or Microsoft device.

On the App you will find information re: School events, Newsletters, Alerts, Canteen price list, school policies and Community News. You can also notify the school of student absences, change your details.

Please consider downloading the App for your phone.

Japanese News



Konnichiwa,

On Wednesday 16th August we celebrated Japan Day. It was a great day where students participated in a variety of activities including tamaire (Japanese sport's day game), pass the parcel, a cultural quiz, kanji rock painting, fan making and a scavenger hunt. Coorong students also enjoyed a manga (comic) drawing lesson from artist Mitch Hearn. All students also saw a very engaging performance from Claire Tenison retelling an old folktale from Japan called Momotaro. After lunch we participated in a Japanese Film Festival where 6 different films were

viewed across the school.

I would like to thank the children and teachers for a great day. Some photos and work will be on display in the Japanese room window if you would like to view the great Japan Day we had!

Arigato!
Alysha Milani



Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2017



The Campus is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. Time frame to collect stickers is from 26 July to 19 September 2017. We have been very successful in previous years, earning additional resources to assist in our children's learning. Please support the Campus! Collection points are: Thiele, Nativity, Pilgrim and Campus Front offices.

Notices sent home

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

- Curriculum Fact Sheets
- Student NAPLAN results

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

Term 3 Diary Dates, 2017

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Week 6

Friday September 1
PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 7

Sunday September 3
Fathers Day
Monday September 4
CAMPUS SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (SHOW DAY)

Week 8

Monday September 11
7.00 pm - Campus Conference
Tuesday September 12
6.30 pm - Finance Meeting
7.30 pm - Governing Council Meeting
Friday September 15
12.00 pm - Assembly
Festival of Music Choir Concert

Week 9

Thursday September 21
Kidz Biz Growth and Development Sessions
Friday September 22
12.00 pm - Assembly
Saturday September 23
Pedal Prix 24 hour race at Murray Bridge

Week 10

Thursday September 28
A Case Of Discovery Science Sessions

Friday September 29
2.00 pm - End of Term Dismissal

| Term Dates 2017 | |
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| Term 1 | Jan 30 – April 13 |
| Term 2 | May 1 – July 7 |
| Term 3 | July 24 – Sept 29 |
| Term 4 | Oct 16 –Dec 15 |
| Term Dates 2018 | |
| Term 1 | Jan 29 - April 13 |
| Term 2 | April 30 - July 6 |
| Term 3 | July 23 - Sept 28 |
| Term 4 | Oct 15 - Dec 14 |



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