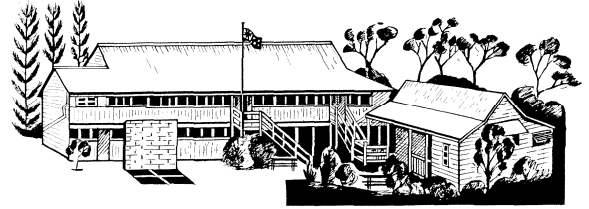




Thulimbah Tabloid



A caring community of responsible life long learners

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Date Claimers

May 25 Soccer @ S'lea
May 25 Netball @ home
May 26 Street Stall
Jun 1 Soccer @ home
Jun 1 Netball @ S'lea

Be
Responsible
Be
Respectful
Be
Safe
Be
a Learner

**PLEASE ENSURE
STUDENTS ARE NOT
ARRIVING AT SCHOOL
BEFORE 8:30AM**

School Watch - the school community is encouraged to watch over our school and report any suspicious activity to the *School Watch Hotline 13 17 88*



Prep-2 Classroom

The P-2 students have been busy finishing off their Geography unit for the semester. Thank you parents for helping your child with this through the survey that went home.

Today we have had Mrs McCormick in the classroom with us. Mrs McCormick will be replacing me from 4th June for a period of 5 weeks (4 weeks at the end of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3). Today has given Mrs McCormick the chance to introduce herself to the students and become familiar with our classroom routine.

Happy Birthday for today Jayde.

Mrs Harvey

3-6 Classroom

The 3-6 class have continued working on persuasive writing this week. They are now drafting a piece on why students should be in charge, not the teachers. To say there are some interesting ideas floating around would be an understatement! Students are checking their work against the success criteria as identified by the students themselves to ensure they are on track to create a quality persuasive piece.

In maths, students have been doing some fraction work. They are also looking at the place value of

tenths and hundredths and how these are written in decimal format and how all of these concepts are tied together. Challenging work, but students are making great progress.

Book Fair

If you haven't been to Book Fair yet, you only have two days remaining. Mrs Larkin, Mrs Johnson and Miss Lane have done an incredible job in setting up Book Fair, so please come along and check it out. There is an almost endless supply of incredible books to choose from. Remember, every book purchased has a direct and positive benefit to students at Thulimbah.

What a lovely bunch of favourite pets we had at school yesterday. Congratulations to all students and staff who made the effort to come dressed as their favourite pet. Thank you to parents for your work in preparing outfits for students to wear yesterday. It was wonderful to see a wide array of "pets" in the school.

We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon of reading. Thank you to all parents who attended the shared reading session. Hopefully you enjoyed reading to your children or having them read to you. It makes me proud to see so many students and parents enthusiastic about reading – well done!

Congratulations to the photo competition winners; Sofia, Will and Kiara. This competition was judged by an impartial and anonymous person on Monday. I'm sure the winners will enjoy their book fair vouchers.

As mentioned on Monday's Parade by Mrs Larkin, the goal of our Book Fair is to sell \$1000 worth of books. If that goal is reached, for the enjoyment of students and any parents who wish to watch, I will be turned into a human sundae. So if that is something you would like to see, you best get to Book Fair and buy some books.

Inter-School Sport

This week the soccer team have an away game at Severnlea. Parents, if you are able to assist with transport, please inform the school tomorrow (I will be away tomorrow at a Regional Principal's Day). The netball team have a home game against Greenlands.

Staffing

As Mrs Harvey has previously mentioned in her classroom section, she will be taking leave for weeks 8-11 of this term and the first week of term 3. During this time, Mrs Britt McCormick will be contracted to take Mrs Harvey's class. Mrs McCormick is a very experienced teacher in the early years and Mrs Harvey's class will be in very good hands during this time. Mrs McCormick has spent today with the P-3 class, getting to know students and how our school operates. Mrs Harvey, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday. Enjoy the break, you thoroughly deserve it. Mrs Hannigan is going to be taking on a relieving above level position at Warwick State High School. Mrs Hannigan will be taking on the position for weeks 8-11 this term and weeks 1-2 next term. Mrs Hannigan will be replaced by Mrs Anita Kelley during this period. Mrs Kelley is the Admin Officer at Amiens State School. She will continue to work her normal hours at Amiens, meaning she will work at Thulimbah on Thursdays and Fridays. Congratulations Mrs Hannigan on being selected for this position and best of luck. I'm sure the experience you will gain will only be of benefit to Thulimbah upon your return.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

It has been some time since we published an article in the newsletter about PBL. Therefore, here are some FAQs about PBL.

What is PBL?

PBL is a framework for schools to implement according to their unique context. It is a complete behaviour management system. Thulimbah State School has been a PBL school since 2014.

Why implement PBL?

PBL has at its core a philosophy that like reading, writing or number, behaviour and social skills must be taught to students in the same way academics are. Teaching of social-emotional skills is so important for the development of social and academic competence that it cannot be left to chance.

What are the school expectations?

- Be Respectful (purple)
- Be Responsible (yellow)
- Be Safe (orange)
- Be a Learner (green)

These expectations are displayed on our giant pencils at the front of the school. Within each of these categories are a list of expected behaviours (behaviour matrix). Expected behaviours from the matrix are introduced and taught to students. This can be very simple such as; walking on concrete or putting rubbish in the bin. They can also be more abstract social reinforcers e.g. learn from experiences and accept consequences, which are the focus behaviours for this week.

How are the school expectations reinforced?

The focus of the week is presented on Parade. Teachers follow this up by teaching/reminding students about the focus each morning. Teachers and teacher aides will reward students for following behaviour expectations. The reward is in the form of BB cards and is essentially a system of money that is redeemable in the BB shop. That is, the more BB cards you have (which reflects demonstrations of behaviour expectations), the more you are able to purchase.

All these positives sound great but what about when students misbehave?

We also have a matrix of behaviours that are deemed inappropriate. These fit into minor and major behaviour violations. Parents are notified of both minor and major behaviour violations via a note (yellow note). Consequences for minor violations include: in-class separation or isolation, apology letter/reflection session, time out of play.

Major behaviour violations are more serious in nature and always referred to the Principal. Consequences include: loss of privileges e.g. ICT devices, sport, and detention. More serious/repeated incidents may result in: creation of individual behaviour plan, guidance officer referral or even suspension.

Where do I go for more information?

Please speak to me if you have any questions about our PBL framework. A copy of our Responsible Behaviour Plan for students can be found on our school website. This is a detailed document on all of our processes in relation to managing behaviour.

Parade

Parade occurs every Monday afternoon at 2.40pm. All parents are welcome to attend Parade. It is held in the 3-6 classroom.

Students of the Week:

- P-2: Kiara—for applying herself in Maths
- 3: Sofia—for high standard of work when creating a graph
- 4-6: Marri-char—excellent work in whole number place value

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