SHOUT OUT to everyone who wants to be a STAR…

To be a part of the ‘Get Ready’ Music Video simply show up ready to party at the Thargomindah town sign on Monday 1 February at 8am.

Josh Arnold will be filming a Music Video in our town and he needs YOUR help!! He needs a crowd to sing along with the chorus and create a giant party scene at the town sign. The song is called ‘Get Ready’ and will be promoted on YouTube and Imparja as part of a campaign to make sure that OUTBACK QLD is ‘ready’ for fire and floods.

To be a part of the fun learn the Chorus below...

Get Ready, for the fire and the flood
Get Ready, have you done enough
Get Ready, are you Ready

For more info, drop in and see Ashlee and Mel at the Info Centre

**** WE ARE GOING ELECTRONIC****

As advised in 2015, we are now distributing the newsletter electronically to provide our readers with access to colour photos and links to web-based content, and to make it readily available and easy to access via computers, tablets and phone devices. We will be printing a minimum number of newsletters for those members of the community that do not have internet access. These will be available at the Post Office and Thargomindah General Store.

If you would like to be included on this electronic subscription please fill out the details below and return it to the school or email your details to: admin@thargomindahss.eq.edu.au

Parent Name: ____________________________________________

Current Email Address: _____________________________________

Dear Parent and Caregivers,

Welcome to Thargomindah State School for 2016. We are pleased to have you join us and help in making our great school even better.

Thargomindah State School has a proud record of working with parents to meet the educational needs of our students. Achieving good educational outcomes for your children is very dependent on a successful partnership between your home and our school. Your child’s progress is heavily influenced by the interest you show in their education, the support you provide and how you choose to participate in school events. To this end, I encourage you to maintain regular contact with our teaching staff and to become actively involved in our school activities.

We believe that children come to our school to learn, to be safe and to be happy. All we do aims to satisfy this expectation. Learning is our core business. We aim to assist individual students to continuously develop their knowledge, skills and abilities within a supportive and caring school environment.

Thargomindah State School recognises that everyone within our community has rights and responsibilities. Every individual’s actions should ensure that another’s rights are acknowledged by their own responsible behaviour. Positive behaviours such as good manners, courtesy and diligence are encouraged and recognised.

I trust that your association with our school will be a satisfying and rewarding one. Remember Thargomindah State School’s motto, "The Greatest School in the Far South West". Together we share in the education of your children.

We look forward to working with you to provide a quality education for your children. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance at any time.

Steven Bennett
Principal
HELLO FROM THE P – 2 CLASS!

Welcome back from your summer holidays! I do hope everyone had a great time. We have a fabulous and exciting year ahead. Full of fun, heaps of learning and a lot of aha moments.

It was a tremendous first day!!! All the children and staff were very excited for the school year ahead. I am not sure who was more excited the kids or me. We started the day off with a game of how we all have things in common. We then looked at the book “The very brave bear” and learnt a new word and the meaning. A focus area for us this year is on vocabulary and teaching the children more challenging words.

We will continue to work with the children on developing their reading and I ask that parents help as much as possible and listen to your children read. The more children are exposed to different words the more they learn.

Our English unit is on emotive language and will be closely tied to “Inside Out” they movie. The children have already connected with some of the characters on day one. They will enjoy this unit with lots of connections to their feelings and my aim is to help them express how they feel and how to control their feelings. I am very excited about this unit and the possibilities that come with it.

Numeracy is a focus that will continue this year and we will be breaking down the harder concepts into easy steps that the children can apply to real life scenarios. We will be developing number and algebra concepts as well as measurement (time) and shape concepts this term.

Swimming will be on Friday afternoon and permission forms will be sent out this week.

As you can see we have a busy term ahead. It should be a very exciting time for all. Please come and see me should you have any questions.

Miss Smith

E-KINDY NEWS

This year we have two new EKindy students, Alisha and Charlize. Term 1 will be focused on the children settling into the school routine and their learning environment.

We are exploring:

- Alphabet and Sounds
- Numbers and Counting
- Patterns
- Sensory, pretend and constructive play

I look forward to the variety of early learning experiences and challenges with our two new students and hope for another successful year of EKindy.

Reminder: Playgroup will start at school on Thursday 4th February. Please bring a plate of shared food for morning tea 😊

Makala Byrne
Thargomindah Ekindy Teacher Aide

3-6 CLASS NEWS

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with friends and family. As most are probably aware, my name is Amy Hollis, and I am the new 3-6 Teacher at Thargomindah. I am very excited for this school year; it is not only my first time teaching, but my first time moving away from home. The first week of school has already come and gone, an indication of how fast this first term is going to go. I cannot wait to get into the swing of things, getting to know the students better and learning about how each of them learns best. It will definitely be an eye opener for all.

If you have any queries or concerns on your child’s progress, please don’t hesitate to pop in before or after school.

Regards,

Amy Hollis

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE……..

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Thargomindah Secondary Remote Learning Centre for 2016. It’s good to be in Thargo and I look forward to my year here while Megan is on leave.

It’s very exciting to have 7 students undertaking their secondary learning in the centre in 2016. These students are:

Yr 7  Jacinta Byrne & Amity Warner
Yr 8  Akasha Beresford
Yr 10  Cody Doyle & Reece Doyle
Yr 11  Christina Doyle & Brittany Speechley

It feels like it is going to be a busy place in 2016 and I look forward to working with this group of students so that they might reach the learning outcomes and goals they have set themselves.

There have been a few technical issues in these first few days as students transfer in to the distance ed. system and there is a wait for books and papers to arrive. But I’m hoping everything will be running smoothly by early week 2.

My thanks to Steve, Peggy and the staff of Thargomindah State School for making me feel welcome here and to staff at Bulloo Shire Council for all their assistance with my accommodation.

If you have never been inside the centre you are most welcome to come for a look and see how today’s technology is assisting the learning of secondary students in remote SW Queensland.

Carmel Beresford

.Classes Booking Form

Thank you to the parents who have already booked classes for their children. It will make our day to have you come for a look and see how today’s technology is assisting the learning of secondary students in remote SW Queensland.

Carmel Beresford

Happy early learning!!!