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**E-Kindy Pilot Project**

As of the start of Term 2, 2016 Thargomindah State School will be part of a pilot project to implement a Kindergarten program of instruction to students who will be old enough to be enrolled into Prep in 2017. This is a very exciting opportunity that has come off the back of having operated as an E-Kindy hub in both 2015 and first Term 2016. Up to date the Bulloo Shire Council in conjunction with the school have enabled this project to be delivered. The benefits for families and students in preparing them for the rigours of school life are phenomenal. This year we have acknowledged the great benefit this program has provided to increasing the academic success of students who have taken part.

Next week I will travel to Brisbane to take part in the training to ensure we are working within departmental guidelines. I hope to provide more details back to the wider school community around how this project will look for Thargomindah State School.

**School Swimming**

This Friday 11 March is the last week of School Swimming for Term 1. Both Miss Hollis and Miss Smith will be away next Friday attending some Professional Development in Toowoomba. The following week is a short week due to Good Friday.

**Homework Club**

Homework Club has resumed on Mondays and Wednesdays each week at The Secondary Learning Facility from 3:00-5:00. This is made possible by the very generous support of the Bulloo Shire Council who fund the initiative and supply fruit for Afternoon Tea. Hope to see you all there!!

**Road Safety**

Last week we had both Vaughan and Bede come to the school to discuss some Road Safety Practices and Requirements. This involved a very informative discussion around rights and wrongs when travelling around Thargomindah whether it be on foot, bike or scooters. We then had an opportunity to refresh our memories about how to cross the road safely. This is particularly relevant considering we are soon expecting the influx in tourists given that the temperatures have finally started to fall. Thank you very much Vaughan and Bede for your assistance.

**Important Advice from Early Childhood Australia**

Why does independence matter?

Independence contributes to the development of self-esteem, identity and wellbeing. Doing something for yourself produces a powerful sense of achievement and success. When children have opportunities to make choices, to attempt tasks for themselves, and to take on increasing responsibilities, their sense of themselves as competent members of society grows. Are you allowing your child to develop their independence?

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

The P&C held their annual AGM last Thursday and I would like to congratulate the successful office bearers for 2016:

- President: Mr Rob Warner
- Vice-President: Mr Marcel Otaola
- Secretary: Miss Jess Stalley
- Treasurer: Miss Jade Nacario

The P&C is a vital part of our school and it is so pleasing to see many new members who have come on board to join the dedicated group of hard working Parents who are involved in this organisation. Your support is key to ensuring our school is a great place for your children to attend.

Thank you for your interest.

Steve Bennett
Principal
HELLO FROM THE P – 2 CLASS!

Dean—Great work in handwriting

Dinosaurs—Having a fantastic start to their time at school

Libby—Always showing respect and working hard

Our year 1 students have recently grown from 3 to 5 students. The students have been working really hard in maths on ‘teen’ numbers and a part of their assessment was to do a poster of their favourite ‘teen’ number. I was very proud of what they were able to achieve. Keep it up!!

In year 2, we have been working hard on persuading an audience on which character we like from the movie “Inside Out”. It is a work in progress still but some of the work I am seeing is showing me that our students are moving forward and are where we need to be. One of our year 2’s will share their work on assembly in the last week of school.

Trish Smith
P-2 Teacher

We would like to welcome a new Ekindy student, Tyler!

This week we had a visit from Erin Riley, the Charleville SDE Ekindy Teacher. Our students have finally met their online teacher. Erin brought along three other students who were in Thargomindah for their Mini School Camp. Alisha, Charlize and Tyler enjoyed interacting with the mini school students. Erin also gave us some more ideas for games and crafts we could do at school.

We have been looking at the letter D and made tissue box dinosaurs and other animal letters beginning with ‘D’. They really enjoyed painting the dinosaur moulds that were provided by Shirley Girdler. Thank you Shirley

Reminder: Our next Playgroup session will be at the school on Thursday 17th March. We will be doing lots of Easter activities and crafts. Please bring a plate of shared food for morning tea.

Makala Byrne
Thargomindah Ekindy Teacher Aide

Paroo Contact Children’s Mobile Inc.

Position vacant: Director

It is planned for this position to become permanent depending on funding but at present is temporary to 30 June 2017

Commonwealth funding arrangements are due to change from 1/07/2017. The effect that this may have on the Service is not clear at this stage. It is hoped that funding streams will ensure the continuation of the current service model.

Applications close – 5:00 PM Monday 11th April 2016

Do you have formal qualifications or experience in Business Management, Finance for small businesses, or in the early childhood education and care or not-for-profit sector, a First Aid Certificate, manual Driver’s Licence and the ability to drive a manual 4-Wheel Drive vehicle?

Are you interested in managing a small non-profit organisation that delivers services to isolated children and families in remote areas of far north western NSW and southwest QLD? Are you able, occasionally, to work away on the road during the week, if required?

Paroo Mobile travels from the Wanaaring base, 200 km west of Bourke, NSW, to provide educational play sessions for children 0 -12 years, across our Service Region covering in excess of 100,000 km across north western NSW and southwest QLD.

PCCM is seeking an enthusiastic individual who will manage the day to day administration of the organisation and embrace the challenges of moving forward under funding changes. The Director will oversee a small team of qualified staff, responsible for developing and delivering educational play sessions for children 0 -12 years.

The Director’s role is to:

- Be responsible for the overall management and administration of the Service.
- Maintain day-to-day accounts and handle all administrative matters.
- Formulate and evaluate annual budgets.
- Supervise the implementation of developmentally appropriate programs for children.
- Ensure that the Service adheres to all relevant regulations and statutory requirements.
- Ensure that the Service meets or exceeds quality assurance requirements.
- Recruit staff in accordance with relevant regulations.
- Liaise with families and outside agencies.
- Ensure that the Service meets or exceeds quality assurance requirements.
- Liaise with the Management Committee as appropriate.
- Provide professional leadership and development to staff.
- Develop and maintain policies and procedures for the Service.
- Act as the Landlord’s representative (the Landlord being the Management Committee)

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3-6 CLASS NEWS

The end of term is fast approaching, which means lots of work and lots of assessment! Our English, Maths and Art units for this term are nearly at an end. We’ve learnt about numbers and patterns in maths and short stories, narratives and persuasive texts in English. In art, we’ve studied the animal within (their assessment pieces will be available to look at through their ed-studio on the Learning Place).

Last week I introduced Gotcha’s to the classroom. We have the learning kind, the achieving kind, kind to others and kind to yourself Gotcha’s in the classroom. We have a tally (and honesty) system in place to record our Gotcha’s. It is a fast and easy way to record success, as well as students being able to own it and take more responsibility for their behaviour. Our first winner of receiving the most Gotcha’s was David! Well done David! All students have really taken a shine to this, which is fantastic to see!

I hope you all have a fantastic week!

Amy

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE………

You might have noticed the extra little people in Thargomindah this week as the town has hosted a mini school for students doing remote schooling. This week Bec Batty and Kate Price, both in yr 7, have been at the Thargomindah Remote Learning Centre undertaking their schooling from here. At times it’s been a shuffle to get everyone on line but our girls and our visitors have enjoyed their time together. It’s been a great way to meet up as the girls will come together again next week as we head off to multi-school in Longreach. Here they will be joined by students in yrs 7-10 from across the 3 western areas, Charleville, Longreach and Mt Isa schools of distance education that make up what is known as the Western Alliance.

Students completed their first assessment tasks in most subject areas in week 5 and are all now working through their second units of work. If you have a child in the centre here don’t forget to ask them how they went. As parents, always remember to keep in constant contact with your child’s teachers and school. It is the best way to know how your child is doing with their send-in work and their on line lessons.

As I mentioned, some of us are off to Longreach next week. For those students not going, plans are in place for their learning and they should either attend the centre as normal or follow the program set for them. A supervisor will be here at the centre as usual.

Charleville School of Distance Ed and all of us here in the Learning Centre congratulate Amity Warner on her selection to attend the state trials for swimming in Brisbane in the last week of the term. We wish Amity all the very best as she will proudly represent both her school and her hometown at this event. GO AMITY!

Carmel Beresford