Anzac Day Ceremony
It is fantastic to see how many of our students attend the ANZAC Day ceremony. They all looked fantastic as they marched in full school uniform and the respect that they showed during the official proceedings is to be acknowledged and commended. It can be a long time for young people to sit and listen but I am very proud of the way our students conducted themselves.

A special mention must be given to all of the students who had an official role. I thought that Craig did a superb job in writing and reading his essay. Craig’s essay was judged this year by Jan Seary to be the best, congratulations Craig on an outstanding effort. I thought that Jordyn Ferguson also displayed true leadership attributes well beyond her years. I am very proud of the way Jordyn has approached her responsibilities as Student Council President, a terrific role model for others to aspire. The respect that David and Bonnie showed during the wreath laying is also of great credit to our school. Akasha, Amity and Jacinta also demonstrated in their roles on the day that they have tremendous ability and talent. Well done!

Running Club
It has been great to see so many students continue to turn up every week. We have been training for 8 weeks now and the improvement in student times is to be congratulated. I would also like to thank Alex for her assistance and recognise her support of our school and students. Running club will continue to be on Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:30 until week 7. We have the school Cross Country Friday 6th May 2:00-3:00pm; District Cross Country being held here in Thargo for the first time on Wednesday 18th May and Regional event Friday 27th May in St. George.

Garden Project
In recent weeks students have been involved in a lot of hard work in the school vegetable garden. The Prep-2 class planted many varieties of vegetables and herbs that we intend to harvest and use in cooking lessons towards the end of term. The Year 3-6 class were responsible for laying of weed matting and covering the entire area in chip bark which was very kindly supplied by the Bulloo Shire Council.

Student Council
This year we have a very active student council that have been busy preparing for the Rally groups coming to town in the next few weeks. They have decided to run a car wash on the day and have purchased many supplies to run the fund raising event. In addition to that, the students have planned to run a Movie night next Wednesday 4th May- (Same time as P&C Meeting). Students will be viewing ‘Zootopia’ and have organised for some pizzas through Bulloo River Motel. A slice of Pizza will cost $4.00 and entry on the night will be $2.00 with all proceeds going to the Student Council.

Steve Bennett
Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

We have had a great two weeks in the P – 2 classroom. We have had the chance to consolidate some learning with the preps and extend the year 1 and 2 students. We are coming into our first cycle of assessment on the content that has been taught over the last 3 weeks. I think we will all be pleasantly surprised with just how much our children have grown.

Class dojo is working well and we are seeing an improvement with not many negative dojos handed out. Well done!

Our uniform is also looking very neat and tidy and it was a credit to all who presented so well in the Anzac day commemorative march and service. Thank you everyone. This will help with our history assessment in the coming week.

Just a reminder to all that homework is due on Thursday. This allows me to mark it Thursday night and have it ready for Friday.

I would like to acknowledge the following students for their continued effort in reading every night; Dean, Grace, Sonny, Kendra and Jacob. Well done to these students!! Have a great two weeks everyone!!

Trish Smith

3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome to week 3! We are well and truly into the swing of things now. I have been very impressed with the show of ownership and responsibility students have had with completing and returning their homework. I don’t include a lot of questions, but enough to try and cement the concepts taught in class. I can definitely see improvement in all students.

Next Friday is Thargomindah’s cross country. Year 3-6 are all very much looking forward to the afternoon. I know some have been training for the event and wish everyone luck, and to have a great time!

NAPLAN is coming up for the grade’s 3 and 5 students. Leading up to these days, the students have been practicing how to answer the styles of questions they will come across in the test. I have every faith this group of students will do great. Please do remind them not to stress about these tests, but to do the best they can.

Our class Gotcha’s of the week have been working tremendously. There has been a significant improvement with the behaviour and concentration of students in class. All students seem keen to keep this system going within the classroom.

Hope you all have a great week!

Amy Hollis

Come and

Thargo Session

Where

Thargomindah State School

When

Friday 6th May 2016
From 9am—12pm

What

Play/fun/craft/games/toys

Paroo Contact Children’s Mobile is a mobile Children’s Service based in Wanaaring, far NW NSW.

Natalie (Coordinator) and Sylvie (Educator) travel our service region (an area exceeding 100,000 km²) bringing educational experiences, friendship and support to rural and remote families.

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The Australian Government provides financial support for this Budget Based Funded Child Care service under the Community Support Program.
This week we had the Prep students join us from 10.00-10.30 to do play based letter recognition games. On Tuesday, we used our new ‘Sand and Water Play Table’ to dig/scoop for letters amongst the sand and water.

On Wednesday, the students used Play Dough to mould into the shape of letters and things that begin with a specific sound e.g. The Letter ‘o’ and an Octopus.

The Ekindy’s made their ‘Growing Up’ collages which were filled with photos of them as 0-4 years old. These were made to explain to the students that as we get older we grow bigger and we learn to do different things such as learning to crawl, walk, feed yourself, dress yourself, come to school etc.

Reminder: Paroo Contact Children’s Mobile will be holding their Playgroup at the school next week on Friday 6th May from 9am-12pm.

Makala Byrne
Thargomindah Ekindy Teacher Aide

As this newsletter goes out to you this week, the students in the secondary learning centre are well into their term 2 work and already it has been a busy term for the girls. In week one, Amity, Jacinta and Akasha went to Longreach for Multischool. Here, students from the three secondary distance education schools, Charleville, Longreach and Mt Isa, came together for three days. The girls met their teachers and classmates and were able to undertake their lessons in a face to face classroom situation. As well as the usual timetabled lessons, the girls were able to play team games such as softball, do art activities and join in the night game activities. We were also taken to the movies in Longreach where ‘Zootopia’ was screened for them. Then on the last night there, all students were treated to a disco when many dressed up as their favourite superhero.

It’s a big effort for the girls to travel from Thargomindah to Longreach and this is yet another indication of what families in rural and remote Queensland do in order to provide the best education they can for their children.

The work the girls are covering at the moment is wide-ranging and includes Amity and Jacinta looking at gravity, gravitational force and friction in science while Akasha’s science is a geology unit looking at rocks and minerals. In maths, both years 7 & 8 are studying patterns and algebra which all are finding very challenging.

On days when the girls have had an early finish, they’ve been able to relax a little and unwind with a game of ‘twister.’ Although they didn’t tie themselves up in knots they did have a few laughs about their positions.

Also a reminder that homework club continues in term 2 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please try and send your child on both afternoons so that most of the homework can be done. It can be difficult to get through the set work in just one afternoon as we like to do other activities in the 2 hour block as well.

Carmel Beresford