House for Sale

Location: 30 Dowling Street, Thargomindah – 3 Bedroom house, shed, plus a 2 room detached building.

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Please Contact Dan Gray for details
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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back, everyone! Already this term, we have had a couple of highlights. Gerrard Gosens addressed the students on Wednesday of Week 1 and told students about his amazing life. We were all riveted! His main message though, was the importance of perseverance and determination. Sometimes it’s easier to give up than go on, but the reward for not giving in is greater. This is the theme we are pushing with our students. We have a talented bunch of youngsters here and we need to ensure that they learn (and practise) these traits. It’s difficult to be in the learning zone, however, if you can solve a maths problem, then it’s too easy. Gerrard talked about his team of people. Each week students are given a problem to solve. They are allowed to talk about and work collaboratively. This team approach helps students learn to persevere, as well as solve the problem.

I hope everyone received the welcome letter that went home last week. In addition to the letter, you would have received a calendar of the main dates in our school year, unit overviews and a menu for COD. It is handy to put this in a visible place. Please feel welcome to come up and discuss any concerns or questions you may have. Remember that our break times have now been reversed – our first break is from 11.00 to 11.45 and our second is from 1.15 to 1.45.

Another change is to our swimming timetable. In order to maximise coaching time, the P – 2 class will be swimming from 12.00 – 1.00 on Fridays and will therefore need to be picked up from school at 3.00, not from the pool. The 3 – 6 class will be swimming from 1.45 until 3.00. They will be dismissed from the pool at 3pm.

Our school population has been boosted by the addition of our three Kindy students, Liliana, Parker and Samantha, and a new Year One student, Jesse Hortin. Our high school facility has grown by one with the addition of Holly who will be in year 9. We welcome them and their families to our school community.

Next week, invoices will be sent out to parents for the Resource Scheme. If you have not returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. The cost of the scheme has not been increased since last year and provides good value to our students.

Many thanks to the parents who attended our Parent Information Session on Tuesday evening. I hope you found it as rewarding as we did.

Warm regards,

Anja

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

3RD FEBRUARY 2017

GORDON COLLINS - WORKING HARD ALL WEEK IN CLASS AND GETTING ON WITH TASKS.

3RD FEBRUARY 2017

MATILDA COLLINS — CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT WEEK! YOU WERE FOCUSED AND COMPLETED ALL TASKS. KEEP IT UP!

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3RD FEBRUARY 2017

TEACH AS IF WHAT YOU ARE DOING MAKES A DIFFERENCE... IT DOES. What You Think Matters.
Hi all!

It’s been a fantastic week over at the secondary learning centre. This year we have Jacinta Byrne joining us again as well as Henry Collins who has just started with us. The kids had their first on-air lessons for the year, which they enjoyed being able to meet all their classmates and teachers. They have surprised me in relishing in the responsibility of being independent and organised with their work, taking the time this week to set up personalised timetables for classes and assessments to help them stay on track! We have had a very productive and positive start to the year, and I hope this has set the benchmark for the rest of the schooling year.

Regards,
Allie

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SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

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That’s all from me this week. Have a great week!

Amy

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

David Grey – for showing success in all aspects of learning this week! Keep up the wonderful work David!

Kendra Bust – Congratulations Kendra on being a great role model for our younger students.

James Pike, Libby Otaola, Gordon Collins, Jordin Ferguson, Craig Warner, Caleb Little, Bonnie Stewart, Dean Warner, Steve Byrnes & Kaalin Collins for getting 50/50 on your 2x multiplication sums.

Gordon Collins, Libby Otaola, Dean Warner, James Pike, Kaalin Collins, Kyra Warner & Jordin Ferguson for getting 50/50 on your 3x multiplication sums.

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3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

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BEDE’S MODEL CITIZEN OF THE WEEK AWARD

3rd February 2017
Gordon Collins
Congratulations and thank you for being a great role model for your fellow students.

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SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior shirts have arrived nice and early in the year for the Senior students to wear with pride throughout the year. David and Bonnie chose the design and they look great!
CLASS DOJO

3rd February 2017
Class Dojos is our positive behaviour awards system within the classrooms. These students have shown 98% or above positive behaviour this week. Keep up the good work everyone!

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will be starting up at school again next week!
8th February 2017
9am - 11am
We look forward to seeing the little ones of Thargo!

P-2 CLASSROOM NEWS

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 great moments planned.

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 classroom walk and play. We then looked at the book 'The kissing hand' 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 ask that parents help as much as possible and listen to your children read at home every night. Starting this week we have homework and readers. Reading is a very important aspect of vocabulary learning which then assists with their writing. 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 the book ‘I’m the Best’. The children have already connected with some of the characters this week. 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. The children will deliver an oral at the end of this unit for assessment.

Numeracy is a focus that will continue this year and are 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 starting at 12.15pm and finishing at 1pm. Please collect the P-2 class from school at 3pm.

Over the last two weeks we have been doing a lot of fun play based learning, from painting and drawing to playdough and ‘pretend’ life play. Our Kindy room is the favourite classroom as we get to explore and not have to worry about disturbing other students. Though our music time does get a little bit loud and we are still working on inside voices. Slowly the Kindy students will spend more time in the K-2 classroom as the year progresses. This makes a huge difference to how fast they adjust to Prep as they are comfortable in the classroom already.

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***If you have any parent helpers that could assist with reading groups on a Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 9.30am would be warmly welcomed. Please let me know if you can assist on one of the mornings.***

Thanks Trish

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