FROM THE DIRECTOR’S

What a full and fun month we had in May! Sadly, Eulo missed out on a Session, but we were very pleased with the attendance of our Thargo Session at the school. We very much encourage all families with young children to attend playgroups whenever possible. Thargomindah school and shire host playgroups so that one is held each week. Please take advantage of these opportunities. Cunnamulla also holds a weekly playgroup at the State School and Music & Playtime is held at the Cunnamulla Library every Monday.

Staff attended training in the First5Forever program which focuses on the importance of language and literacy in the first 5 years. Sylvie will be including a segment on this in our monthly newsletters. Please take time to read with your children everyday.

The number of members joining our closed Facebook group is slowly increasing. We do encourage you all to join and please do use this, or email or phone, to notify us of your intention to attend Sessions and other events. Knowing how many, and the ages of children attending our Sessions really helps us with planning a great day.

June will bring colder weather, and perhaps more rain. Please remember that staff cannot travel on Closed Roads, even if the road conditions are safe.
SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

As we near the end of semester 1 and SDE teachers prepare reports, the girls have been very busy completing all assessment and send in tasks. It can be a stressful time for them as they strive to do their best in order to get the best mark they can. Last week, Brittny, who is in year 12, sat a two hour maths exam while Akasha, in year 8, sat a one hour ag science exam. They were not allowed any books or teaching or learning aids to help them. Jacinta and Amity have completed their semester assessment for geography. Their task was to complete a 22 page booklet on liveability and then presented their information in ‘powerpoint’. They have also completed a number of science experiments and written these up. As well as all this, they continue their daily work in English and Maths.

In order to make a decision on electives in year 8, the girls in year 7 do a subject a term for ICT, HPE, Art and Ag Science. First term’s subject was ICT and Amity was excited to receive an ‘A’ while Jacinta got a ‘B’. First term’s maths assessment was centred round garden designs and Jacinta was excited to see an ‘A’ on her returned paper. Sometimes the marks are not this high and the girls are learning about the steep jump in expectations from primary to secondary school as their teachers demand detail, description and analyses in the answers they give. As we end this week it’s just two weeks until the winter holiday break and scarcely, half the year has already gone.

Carmel Beresford

3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome to Week 9! Only 11 days of school left until the holidays! Assessments are finished and report cards are in the final stages (ready to be handed out next week).

For the last two weeks of school, our class will be revisiting short stories and narratives. Making sure we all have a clear understanding of what each is and how to write one. In maths, we are looking at money. In the last week we will be going over time (how to tell the time, the difference between digital and analogue clocks as well as 12 and 24 hour time). We are joining art and history together by making a timeline of when we all started school at Thargomindah. The kids are really enjoying it and now understand that a timeline needs to be sequenced in order of when it happened.

Reader’s Cup is next Thursday in Augustella! It will be a great opportunity for those students who have been reading numerous books throughout the term to show off their knowledge and comprehension of those books. J Forms need to be returned to the school office by no later than Monday 19th of June. For those not going to Reader’s Cup, they have been given the opportunity to help and participate in Under 8’s Day at Quilpie with the P-2 class. I think this would be a great chance for them to get to know and be role models for the younger students.

Last week I set up Class Dojo. It seems to be working well and the children have composed numerous books throughout the term to show off their knowledge and comprehension of those books. J Forms need to be returned to the school office by no later than Monday 19th of June. For those not going to Reader’s Cup, they have been given the opportunity to help and participate in Under 8’s Day at Quilpie with the P-2 class. I think this would be a great chance for them to get to know and be role models for the younger students.

PHOTOS FROM OUR VISIT TO CHISELHURST KINDERGARTEN IN TOOWOOMBA

KINDY PILOT NEWS

This week’s unit focus was on Fine Motor Skills. We had included activities to support this focus such as making the letters with Play Dough, Tracing sheets, drawing pictures from a remade ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ poem, playing with finger puppets, cutting and gluing decorations for their cardboard house.

We are now in the 4th week of our ‘My Family, My Friends’ unit and made a Helping List for our homes. The students came up with ideas such as feeding the dogs, to help around at home over the next 2 weeks.

Reminder: We would appreciate if parents/people in our community can collect and deliver more 2 Litre milk bottles for our classroom Igloo. With over 80 bottles already glued together, we are nowhere near half way! We need your help 😊

Makala Byrne
Kindy Teacher Aide

P-2 CLASSROOM NEWS

With only two weeks of this school term left the children are doing really well. We can see that they are tired but they continue to push through. The next two weeks is business like usual as we continue to consolidate what we have been learning.

Poetry will continue in our English lessons and the children have composed their own poem using the basis of another more commonly known poem. The preps used Twinkle Twinkle little star and changed it to Sparkle, Sparkle little car. While the year 1 and 2’s get to choose their own with a little encouragement/support from me.

Next week is under 8’s day on Friday in Quilpie. Don’t forget to come dressed as something beginning with ‘S’. The children will need a plate of food to share. They will also need a packed lunch. Thank you to everyone who has returned your forms. We have the following parents/adults going Steve, Trish, Kitat and Amy. Plenty of room for all our children.

I am putting out the call for anyone who might have cardboard boxes, cardboard cylinders, buttons, old biscuit tins, baby milk tins, any old utensils, pool noodles, moccona bottles to make things such as the Chiselhurst children’s ‘Totems’ pictured below.

Have a great week!

Trish

KINDY’S ‘HELPING LIST’