Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Anja Janosevic and I have come from the Brisbane School of Distance Education. Over the last two years, I have been Principal at Muttaburra State School and Deputy Principal at Doomadgee. Prior to that, I taught at a number of Brisbane schools, mostly in the Logan area. I have two children, a boy and a girl, who are beyond school years – my son is graduating from university next week.

I am delighted to be a part of this exciting school and community. While I have met a number of parents, I am looking forward to Monday night, when I will have the opportunity to meet more at the P and C meeting at 6.

I have spent this week discovering the learning opportunities that are available to our students every day and would like to acknowledge the energy and commitment of all staff in ensuring that Thargo students are achieving their potential by having high expectations in all aspects of their school life. I have seen that our community is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined environment here so that learning is enjoyed and maximised. I am passionate about education and have been involved in education since 1983. It is rewarding to see our young people develop a love of learning and grow into responsible teenagers. All stakeholders want the best for the students and it is through your commitment to the school and your children that this is happening and will continue to do so. Findings have proven that students whose parents are actively involved in their education are happier and achieve better. Given this, and from what I have seen, the sky is the limit for our children.

This term is proving to be a very busy one. On Monday, students had the opportunity to listen to a talk on snakes and were even able to handle them! Students also had a health talk and in Week 3, Bravehearts will be visiting. The highlight, of course, is the Sports Camp which will take place in the last week of term.

Please feel free to come up to the school and speak with me!

Warm regards,

Anja
It was a slow start on Monday for the beginning of term 3 with just Brittney returning on day 1. Amity is in Toowoomba, Jacinta was sick and Alasha was returning from Toompine. But it has been straight back into work as the girls returned. All were sent their reports for semester 1 during the holidays and I hope the girls were able to study their own carefully, celebrate their achievements and see what they need to focus on in the remaining semester this year. I know there were some A’s and B’s in their reports and a majority of C’s. Under today’s ranking system we must always remember that ‘C’ is sound and the student is working at level. A’s and B’s can be tough to get so well done to the girls for getting these in some of their subjects. In the last science unit of term 2, the year 7 girls had to construct a wind powered vehicle. Here are some photos of Amity’s and Jacinta’s efforts.

A new term means new units of work and this term Akasha will do English, Maths, Science, Ag Science, Geography and Japanese while Amity and Jacinta will do English, Maths, Science, History, Art and Japanese. Midway through this term the Charleville Distance Ed girls go on a school excursion to the snow. Weather reports from down there show plenty of snow this year and, as none of the girls have ever been before, this will be a new experience for them. Akasha tells me there’s just 29 days to go. So its heads down now and full steam ahead for term 3.

Carmel Beresford

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome to Term 3! I hope everyone had a well-RESTED break and time away, and that students are ready to get back into the swing of things.

Term 3 is only a 10 week term. However, we have Athletics Carnival and the long awaited Sports Camp in week 10! As we have a whole week out for sport, a lot of learning needs to happen before then. This term, students will be learning about traditional stories and poetry in English, number and place value, shape and geometry in maths, being sustainable in Geography and all about the 7 elements of design in Art. I have also added an additional subject where we focus on resilience and dealing with situations that may make us upset. This subject is from the Bounce Back! program the school has registered for. I think it's important for our students to learn resilience and how to be good people within society. I am also incorporating a lot more guided reading into our week, as that is a big focus for not only our class, but the school as a whole. I hope the students take this opportunity on board to help improve their own skills in reading.

Homework is the same as last term. It will be handed out on a Monday and to be returned on a Friday. I have offered for the students to come in before school to work on it, or to receive help if they are having trouble. Any time after 8 they are welcome to come into the classroom. I am also giving students the option of taking home readers. These will be set up in the classroom and they will be able to pick and choose a new book as they need them.

In week three Mak and I are off to Brisbane for a 7 Steps to Writing Success course being held over two days. It is a coaching course aimed at providing us with the necessary knowledge to be able to come back and teach other staff members about the program and how to implement it within our classrooms. 7 Steps aims to teach children how to write a creative and engaging text.

Have a great week!

Amy
Welcome back! I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and raring to go. A busy term ahead with sports camp and excursions planned for our maths and geography units. What an interesting start to term 3! The kids enjoyed the bite and sting presentation at the hall on Monday. It was very good for them to learn about the venomous and not so venomous creatures we have here in Thargomindah and Australia. As well as what to do should they get bitten or stung!

In English this term the 1 & 2’s are looking at information reports and persuasive texts. Our focus is traveling around the world. This week we leave for Sydney (not really) and visit some of the tourist attractions before we fly to Japan. The purpose of this unit is to tie in with the Olympics and inspire our children to find a country they like and want to go too. Our Kindy and Prep students have a focus on Poetry and the theme is “Dr Seuss”. They will look at a range of different books and focus on finding rhyming words. This begins the stage of spelling and looking at how words can have the same ending and by changing a letter we get a new word. The challenge is to ensure we still include the play based activities.

Reading will be a major focus in the P-2 classroom. With a big focus for the year 1 & 2’s on vocabulary and the meaning of words. The children will take home readers every week and I do ask if parents, older siblings, grandparents or friends can read with our children on a regular basis. Exposing children to books and reading with them is the number one thing we can do. It underpins everything we do in life.

In Maths this term we will have an overall focus on money. The children will be given play money and credit card. They will purchase certain objects in class and learn how to give change and save. We also look at place value, algebra, measuring and numbers.

Lots of other things are happening in the P-2 classroom and I will share those things with you over the next few weeks. Enjoy the term everyone.

Trish