Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sports Camp

Well it is that time of year again when Sports Camp is almost upon us! This year will see the return of many schools and the student numbers that were once common at the event. At this stage, we anticipate there will be approximately 120 students, 30 support staff and 10 coaches in attendance. The sports on offer are rugby league, netball, softball, Indigenous Games, tennis and water safety programs. It is certainly shaping up to be a great program and this year looks set to be a wonderful event.

To celebrate 25 years of Sports Camp in Thargomindah all participating students will receive a Canterbury jersey. These jerseys have been produced with the generous sponsorship of local businesses in Thargomindah whose logos will be displayed on the shirt. These businesses include Thargomindah Toyota, Bulloo River Hotel, Thargomindah Post Office, Oasis, Turnouts Mechanical, Ag O Vires, Tolbra and Coffee on Dowling. Sponsorship support has also been received from South West Indigenous Network, REX Airlines, SANTOS and RREAP as well as in-kind support from the Bulloo Shire Council.

A very big THANK YOU to all our sponsors for their ongoing support of Thargomindah Small Schools Sports Camp. Mention must also be made of the significant contribution that the P&C make to this event each year. They work tirelessly over the course of the week to cater for a very large number of staff and students. They do this with a small army of volunteers and again in 2015, if you are able to assist the P&C in any capacity please contact either the School office or Janet at the Post Office.

Book Fair

Last week our school ran a very successful Book Fair in conjunction with Scholastic. Over $1000 was raised through book sales. This translates to a $300 voucher for the school to purchase new books for our library. From all reports a good time was had by all, particularly on the dress-up day Friday. This was made possible largely from the efforts of our wonderful staff and in particular Tracey. On behalf of the school I would like to offer Tracey a very big THANK YOU for her efforts!

School Photos

**Just a quick reminder that next Tuesday we will be having the School photos taken. Please ensure students are in full School uniform on the day!**

Kind regards,
Steve Bennett
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
FRI 28AUGUST
P-2—Hayden for showing persistence in school work and never giving up
3-6—Bonnie for demonstrating persistence and never giving up
• 3-6—Charlie for applying himself to tasks and showing a positive attitude towards learning.

HELLO FROM THE P – 2 CLASS!
Wow what a great week we have had! Our reward system in the class is “class dojos” and as a class this week we reached over 500 dojos. This is an amazing achievement and one that we will celebrate in week 9 with a movie, popcorn and ice blocks. The significance of this reward system is that the students are rewarded for the correct behaviours on a regular basis. It all ties in with our 6 core values of “be kind to others, learning kind, kind to environment, community kind, kind to self, achieving kind”. These 6 pillars are integral to all students developing the correct behaviours and being able to learn right from wrong.

WELL DONE P-2! You have been sensational this past week. Keep it up!

In English we are discussing procedures and in particular looking at recipes. Our focus understands the structure of procedures. As we delve deeper students will develop an understanding of verbs and their meaning and how to set out a procedure. This is not a challenging unit, however it is a unit that requires the children in year 2 to write their own recipe and for the year 1’s to write the steps to making a sandwich. Props will focus on drawing the steps and adding verbs they have learnt to show what they are doing.

Just a friendly reminder that students are sent home homework on a Friday allowing them until the following Thursday before they are due back. Thank you for helping the students. They have been doing really well. I do encourage them to come to me before school to ask any questions if they don’t understand and particularly given that homework is a revision of work completed in class. Each Friday we go through their homework for the week before they take it. However they have so much going through their little minds that they will forget. Should you have any questions please put a note in their homework book.

Lastly it was fabulous to see all the children dressed up for book week. This event is essential for the children to explore and be exposed to different styles of books. I want to thank Mrs G for holding up the staff side in her fabulous outfit.

E-KINDY NEWS
This week I have organised a variety of letter and number recognition games. Each morning the students will choose 2 or more each that they would like to play throughout the day. Not only do these games make the learning of their letters, sounds, numbers and counting fun, they also assist with the development of fine and gross motor skills.

A game which I found the e-kindys most enjoyed was ‘Letter Fishing.’ The game is played by trying to catch the fish with the correct letter on it by using a magnetic fishing rod or net. Whether they made a pretend pond for the fish or competed to see who could catch the most fish, they had lots of fun and maintained a cooperative learning attitude which is always good to see.

Reminder: Playgroup – Letter ’Y’ is on next week, Wednesday 9th September at 9:30am – 11:00am.

Makala Byrne
Thargomindah eKindy Teacher Aide

P & C NEWS
Parent Helpers Wanted
Our P&C are currently seeking volunteer parents to assist in coordinating our annual Thargomindah Small Schools Camp. If you have time or are willing to assist with this, please see the attached form or contact Janet Beeton—4655 3147.
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Please Note: The Open Double Barrel can have up to 3 sponsors

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### 3-7 CLASS NEWS

After completing a greatly anticipated excursion to ‘The Dig Tree’, students in the 3-6 classroom have been busy compiling their assessment pieces associated with Burke and Wills. The knowledge students have retained around this exciting historical event is tremendous, and I commend all students of their excellent interactions with all associated activities.

For History, students have been creating a timeline; to be displayed in their chosen median, which highlights the main events throughout the journey. As the information was compiled whilst reading the text and visiting the site, students have worked independently to arrange the information as they see necessary. These will all be displayed in the downstairs undercover area for the next couple of weeks.

English will now consist largely of students working on their culminating task of ‘transforming the text’. Students and myself are excited with this assessment as there is no one way to complete this task (it is open ended); the only guidelines they have is to ensure they include details for the expedition and ensure it can be understood by the P-2 cohort.

The next ‘big event’ for the upstairs students is to hold a restaurant night at school to show off some of the cooking techniques learned this term. Unfortunately due to timeframes and the costs involved in purchasing goods, this will be an invitation only evening. Families don’t be alarmed; you will have your invitations in the mail this week accompanied by the delicious menu developed by the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognise the assistance provided by our community in organising and holding a successful trip to ‘The Dig Tree’. A huge ‘Thank-you’ must go to SANTOS for providing a delicious lunch to our grumbling bellies on Monday. All students made sure they filled up before relying on the rations for the remainder of the trip. This wonderful meal and hospitality could not have been possible without Geoff Pike; who organised this stop and tour for us.

Again, many thanks also need to be extended to Geoff, Danielle, Ben and Miss Julie for providing their vehicles and time to ensure this excursion was a success. Everyone’s assistance was greatly appreciated.
SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Congratulations to the Otaola family for winning 2nd place in the Charleville School of Distance Ed. Welding challenge!!! Well done Marco and Jarvis! Their welding sculpture of “Hat Creek” will now be on display at CSDE buildings.

The Sports Muster was also a huge success with all of the Thargo participants bringing home a swag of ribbons, especially blue first place ones. Special mention must go to the Doyle boys with Cody winning “Age Champion” for 14 year boys and Reece Doyle for breaking the Shot Put record with a huge 8.46m throw. Christina was very close in also winning Age Champion but opted out of the 800m and this saved her opposition from sneaking past her in points. Congratulations to all of the students for having a go and I am also sure they also had a lot of fun catching up with friends and making new friends.

We head off to Longreach on Monday 24th August for the week for Multischool camp.

We are very excited to see everyone. Last trip was fairly “unscenic” with lots of dry land and no feed. We passed various mobs of cattle being walked and they did not look in good condition then so we can only expect to see a worse picture. The kangaroos had made their homes in the small patch of grass the Longreach janitor keeps watered for the students to play on and we had to do a roo muster each break. We hope the roos have not grown too big from this time as they were nearly big enough to saddle up on the first trip! Maybe there will be some roo vs student football games to sort out the boys from men.

Until next time
Miss Jo, Christina, Cody, Reece and Jarvis

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Thargomindah RFDS Motorbike Gymkhana & Enduro
P.O. Box 72
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492
29 July 2015

Greetings All!

Thargomindah RFDS is, once again, holding its Annual Motorbike Gymkhana & Enduro in Thargomindah on 19th & 20th September 2015.

We are currently looking for sponsorship to help run this event. This year we will be doing as we did last year and are asking people if they would like to donate prize money to a particular event. Whichever event you choose to sponsor we will put your name / business to that event. I have attached a list of events we will be holding and the amount of prize money required for each event. Or there is the option to donate a monetary amount instead of sponsoring a particular event.

Your donation will be well advertised and will be announced throughout the entire weekend.

If you would like to sponsor an event or make a donation please contact Sue Gray on the below contact details.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Thargomindah RFDS Auxiliary.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Gray
Treasurer
RFDS AUX | Thargomindah Qld 4492
M: 0487 664 283
E: sueg1806@gmail.com

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R.F.D.S
BREAKFAST AT THE RODEO GROUNDS (followed by working bee for Motorbike Gymkhana)
Come and enjoy a full hot breakfast with the family.

WHEN Saturday, 5th September from 8:30 to 10:30am
BREAKFAST INCLUDES Bacon, eggs, tomato, toast, sausages and spaghetti or baked beans w a side of relish
BEVERAGES Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice
PRICE Adults $15 (no charge for working bee volunteers)
Children $8

All help will be greatly appreciated!!!!