Dear Parents and Community members,

Over the last two weeks, our students have shown what a group of champions they are. Last Friday, when our Years 3 to 6 class travelled to Cunnamulla to compete in the District Sports Carnival and came home with a trophy – Cunnamulla District Inaugural Athletics Trophy. Kyra earned a little extra silverware and brought home the Age Champion trophy. Congratulations to all of the competitors! Winning the Inaugural Athletics Trophy was an outstanding effort, but it is perhaps what that win represents that makes our students champions. Not all of our students won their events, but it was their participation that earned Thargomindah State School the Cup. It is always rewarding to the individual to get the ribbon or the trophy but if all students had not competed, Thargomindah would not have won. It is vital that the teamwork of all students is acknowledged and applauded.

This “family” goes beyond the school gates. At our School Athletics Carnival, we welcomed Yowah State School and Distance Education students in the community. With enormous assistance from the Bulloo Shire Council, the P and C, teachers, teacher aides and parents, it was a very successful day. To all who were involved and made the day what it was, I thank you. Congratulations to Wills which was the victorious house on the day. I would like also to recognise the incredible sportsmanship of our competitors, several of whom really stood out.

A round of applause goes to Henry Collins. Henry was competing in his sprint race when a fellow competitor, Mark (from Yowah SS), stumbled and fell. Henry stopped and helped Mark to his feet! Incredible!

Bonnie and Jordy also exhibited wonderful sportsmanship – they headed a team in the ball games. This particular team had the largest number of Preps and Year 1s, most of whom were unfamiliar with how to play the game. Despite the fact that it was a race, Bonnie and Jordy focussed on our little ones (rather than winning) and really helped them to feel included in the competition.

Finally, our cross country winners have received their trophies. Congratulations to Libby, Stevie and Craig for their Age Champion victories!

It is fitting that in this Olympic year, the Thargo State School family exemplifies true sportsmanship and a “never-say-die” attitude. We are all very proud of our students.

BOOK WEEK

This week we celebrate Book Week with a book sale which will take place at school each morning from 8:15 to 9:00 and each afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00. Please come and browse through the selection. They make great Christmas presents!

Next Friday, the 19th of August, students are asked to come to school dressed up as their favourite Australian book character. There will be a parade on this day so that students can share their characters with us all. Please join us at 9:00 next Friday!

Anja
SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

This fortnight seems to have come around quickly for writing an article in the newsletter. The girls cover quite a lot of work between fortnights and whenever they have been away they seem to find the amount of work they have missed to be quite overwhelming. This week marks the end of a unit of work so there are a number of assessment tasks due and to get done. English can have quite a heavy assessment attached to it and added to this can be work also due in maths, history, geography, art and science. A couple of pleasing marks to share with you this fortnight. Amity got a ‘B’ for a maths send-in task and an A for her memoir that recalled her Christmas holiday in Canada in 2010. She also did an art piece with continuous wire (photo attached) which her art teacher, Miss Cochrane, called ‘brilliant’. That word is blu-tacked to the wall near Amity’s computer now.

3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Week 5 Newsletter
Welcome to week 5! Halfway through the term and things are in full swing. Students have just completed their first English assessment for the term, Traditional Stories. All students did a good job with thinking of a moral or message for their story, appropriate for the P-2 class. Maths assessments are continuing throughout the term and our Geography lessons are in full swing.

The productivity with homework has increased dramatically! More than half the class are now completing and returning their homework on the due date. I know homework is a struggle for some families, but I do appreciate the time taken to help students complete it. I am seeing an improvement within the classroom.

Athletics carnival was a great day out for the 3-6 class. The participation efforts by all students is something for the community to be proud of. All students put in 100% and should be proud of their achievements. A special mention to Kyra who received age champion and Charlie who got runners up! Have a great week!

Amy
DATE CLAIMERS:

17th Aug  Market Day
17th Aug  Book Fair Week
17th Aug  P&C Meeting 6pm @ school
17th Aug  Book Week dress up day at school
21st Aug  Small Schools Sports Camp
17-18 Sep  Thanglo Motorcycle Gymkhana & Enduro
26th Sep - 3rd Oct  Tilburra Gymkhana, bijikihana & rodeo
1st Oct  Hungerford Gymkhana
1st Oct  Quilpie Raess
8th Oct - 9th Oct  Noccundra Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana
8th Oct - 9th Oct  Channel Country Ladies Day

Please send us your date claimers and we will add them to our newsletter!

Class Dojos our positive behaviour awards system within the classrooms. These students have shown 95% or above positive behaviour since the beginning of the year.

AGE CHAMPIONS FOR DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 2016 - CRAIG WARNER: 9 YEARS BOYS, STEVIE BYRNES: 9 YEAR GIRLS & LIBBY OTAOLA: 10 YEAR GIRLS CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

P-2 CLASSROOM NEWS

P - 2 Class

Hard to believe it is already week 5! The children are doing so well and I am very proud to say that we are moving along with the introduction of SSP (Speech Sound Pics). The children enjoy watching Miss Emma and are engaged with the games.

Our country information reports are coming together very nicely. We have started to write our report and completing the poster with pictures. Next week we are moving into creating our advertisement about the country they have chosen.

In maths Paps and Kindy students are looking at patterns. The year 1s and 2s are consolidating their knowledge on capacity. It is great to see the ‘Aha!’ moments happening around the classroom.

Thank you to everyone who has kept recyclable items for us over the last two terms. We have a great stash of different reusable items for our art and craft activities. The totems that we are currently making are coming together. We are up to the spray painting part and drilling holes. We should start to see some artists in process over the next few weeks. These totems will be on display for sports camp. Please feel free to pop up and have a look.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge all the teacher aides past and present for all the great work they do with our children. Without them the one on one focus session would be impossible. Thank you!

Book week is upon us. Don’t forget next Friday is dress up day (19 August). The children are to dress up in their favourite Australian book character. Kindy students are most welcome to attend parade dressed up as well.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Trish

As everyone would have read in our last newsletter Makala Byrne has moved to Longreach after receiving a position in the Longreach Regional Council’s Childcare Centre. I have been appointed the Kindy Teacher Aide position and I am excited to be working with the Kindy students.

This week we also welcomed to our school and the Kindy class Lilly Beresford. Lilly was very enthusiastic about joining in and is settling into the school routine and the learning environment well.

Reminder: Playgroup will be at school on Thursday 18th August. Only two remaining before the end of the school term. Please bring a plate of shared food for morning tea.

Kitsa Warner
Kindy Teacher Aide

Please visit our website to view your child’s photo and comment section.

KINDY PILOT NEWS

Playgroup dates

WELCOME LILLY BERESFORD!