Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your high level of engagement and your demonstrated goodwill towards our school and its initiatives. Similarly, I also want to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of school staff for their co-ordination of curriculum, leadership in delivering quality learning opportunities and enabling better student outcomes. It is this combined effort and partnership between school and home that will see us reach our academic goals for your children.

Pupil Free Day

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Monday October 19. Our staff will be participating in planning sessions and conducting some Professional Development to ensure that we are able to deliver a World-class education for your children. During this week we will also be working with the teachers from across the cluster to moderate some student samples of work from this year. This provides excellent feedback and ensures that our judgments are consistent with those from across the Cluster. This will be a great opportunity for our staff to work collaboratively with the staff from 13 local schools to develop our professional understanding of the curriculum and examine student work samples and deepen our understanding of the achievement standards in the national curriculum.

School Review

We will be hosting Ms. Judy Dale and Mr. Richard Nash on the 26th and 27th October. They are coming to Thargomindah State School to examine the finer details of what it is we do. It is during the course of their visit that they hope to speak with many of you to gauge your thoughts on the educational services we are providing. Over the course of the two days they will speak with staff and students, examine our planning and policy documents in an attempt to gain an insight as to the fabric of our school. It is at the end of this process we can expect to see a document that will outline some commendations and recommendations. This will be a very useful exercise to engage with and very insightful in preparation for the writing of our Quadrennial School Plan. This plan will outline the core priorities and goals for the next four years. If you would like to be included in this review in any way, please contact the school so that we can make necessary arrangements.

Kind regards,
Steve Bennett

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FRI 9 OCTOBER

- E-Kindy—Sonny for excellent remembrance of letters.
- P-2—Stevie for continual improvement in spelling & being a good role model in the classroom.
- P-6—Charlie for consistently being on task and striving for excellence in all subject areas.
HELLO FROM THE P – 2 CLASS!

We have had such a great start to the term. The students have been focused and working hard so far.

We have finished reading “Little Red Riding Hood” and have looked at the fractured fairy tale “The Wolf’s Story”. We now start to compare the two books and get the students to use persuasive language to persuade all of us which book is better.

PM readers have gone home this week. Our focus this term is on inferring (reading between the lines). Please ask as many questions as possible about the book as this starts to help the students comprehend what they are reading. We are focusing on stopping at full stops and taking a breath as well as a small breath at commas.

During the week I sent home a letter regarding Show and Tell. I have made it very specific to what we are learning in class. The letter explains what each year level is focusing on. Please assist where possible to help the students understand. They are aware of what the requirement is but given it is vastly different to what they have done it will be confusing initially.

Here is the roster:

- **Friday Week 2**: Hayden, Dean, Stevie, Flynn, Georgia
- **Friday Week 3**: Jacob, Kain, Craig, Anna, Caleb, Jack
- **Friday Week 4**: Hayden, Dean, Stevie, Flynn, Georgia
- **Friday Week 5**: Jacob, Kain, Craig, Anna, Caleb, Jack
- **Friday Week 6**: Hayden, Dean, Stevie, Flynn, Georgia
- **Friday Week 7**: Jacob, Kain, Craig, Anna, Caleb, Jack

In maths we are moving into money and will have a shop set up in the classroom. This will be an exciting unit and one the children are looking forward too.

Thank you for your ongoing support at home with the children. We are seeing the improvements at school.

Trish Smith

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E-KINDY NEWS

This week we had nine Ekindy students come to school and were provided with extreme amounts of fun activities and games by Kathy Nan. This included:

- soap slime
- threading games
- coloured spaghetti
- rice tubs
- building cubby houses
- Sensory gel bags
- animals frozen in ice cubes
- sand and shaving cream
- making orange jelly boats
- spray painting canvas
- Ocean in a bottle
- Calendar decorating

On Thursday afternoon, an information session about Ekindy was held. If you have any further questions about the enrolment of your child and what is required, please feel to contact the Principal or myself J

Makala Byrne
Thargomindah Ekindy Teacher Aide

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I’m hosting my very own Intimo Lingerie Styling Session and I’d love you to share in the fun and enjoy a special viewing of the Collections and a personal bra fitting.

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**RSVP TODAY!**

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I hope you can make it, but if you can’t, you can still place an order through me - simply view the Intimo Collections online at www.intimo.com.au

Date: Monday 26 October
Location: Coffee on Dowling
RSVP: Christie Kearney
Mobile: 0488057207
Email: christie.kearney@intimo.com.au
3-6 CLASS NEWS

It has proven to be a busy start to the Term with many accomplishments made by all. Students have once again been exposed to the language and visual features of advertising and packaging. They will draw on this knowledge over the next few weeks as they begin creating advertising packages for their new creations; I am very impressed with the ideas students have come up with including:

- An animal feeder whereby the owners can feed their animals by the tap of a finger on their phone
- A school fridge whereby each student has their own compartment that is accessed via a pin to ensure lunches don’t get stolen, and
- A self-closing gate to keep animals in

Students have been working extremely hard to make their prototypes so they can present them ‘Shark Tank’ style later in the Term.

In maths students have looked at Time and Shape. I am happy to say that all students have demonstrated growth in these areas. This week students will be working at ‘using and creating simple maps’ and ‘giving and following directions’. To assist with this topic, students will be using the much loved ‘Bee-Bot’, and Bee-Bot computer programs.

This Term we are also having an increased focus on typing skills. This means that each week students are required to practise their typing skills using the http://www.typing.com website to increase their speed and touch typing skills. I believe this is an important skill for students to have in any workplace due to the technology advances in every domain.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our restaurant on Wednesday 28 October @ 5:30pm. If all order forms (sent home with invitation) could be returned to school by Tuesday the 20th it would be greatly appreciated so that students can work out the quantities of ingredients they need to purchase.

Mel O’Neill

SECONDARY LEARNING FACILITY

Term 4 has so far has seen the “awesome foursome” getting back into the swing of things after a leisurely two week break. The students are now working on Unit 7 for every subject and are already looking forward to handing in assessment pieces as the term’s end draws nearer.

This week we had a visitor from Charleville – Mr Brown was in town at the Minischool and came and saw us every day. He taught his senior classes from our building. It was very interesting to see how the teachers work on the other side of the computer and phone as they deliver a lesson. It was great to see Mr Brown as he is leaving Charleville at the end of the year along with a few other Western Alliance teachers and we are sad to see them go. Wonder who next year will bring?

In Week 4 (25th to 30th October) the students are rewarded with a week-long camp at Thunderbird Park, the Gold Coast. Here they will get the chance to participate in some fantastic activities like abseiling, raft building, mud course trampling and team building activities.

In the coming weeks the students also have the opportunity to attend Swim Muster in Charleville and the graduation and awards ceremony also.

The end of the term will be here before we know it.

Cheers,
Miss Jo, Chrisy, Jarvis, Cody and Reece.

NEWSLETTER DATES
The newsletter will be compiled on the following dates:

NOVEMBER 2, 16
DECEMBER 1

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Parent Name: ____________________________
Student Name: ____________________________
Current Email Address: ____________________________

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS ETC

I have never been happy at the library with the photos etc that I have been given for my family project and am once again putting out a request for any photos that you might have that I can use in the photographic family history that I am working on.

I am looking for any photos / memorabilia depicting my family’s life in Thargomindah. The items I am looking for will be include Pop (Charles Isaac) & Granny (Hilda) Easton’s family in the early 1900’s and their descendants.

I am working on this project at the library and am there most week days from 10:00am—12 noon. If you have any items that you think I can use, please bring them to the library so that I can scan them & return them to me electronically.

Thank you for any help you are able to give me, and especially a big thank you to the staff at the Bulloo Shire Library—the assistance provided by them has been invaluable.

Karen Dare
Ph: 4655 3267

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