Dear Parents and Community Members,

It’s already week three and we have only six weeks before our musical performance. Students have now learned three songs and still have a few more to go. We start evening practices this Friday at 5:30 pm. Pizza provided for Dinner. The practice concludes at 7 pm and students are to be picked up from the hall at that time.

Congratulations
Prior to the holidays, two of Thargomindah’s talented singers, Jacinta and Stevie Byrne, participated in the Broxburn Country Musical Festival. I’m sure it comes as no surprise that they stole the show! Stevie placed 1st in the Performer’s Choice; 3rd in the Juvenile Bush Ballad and 3rd, with Jacinta, in the adult duo section. This is remarkable given that they were up against adults in this section. Jacinta placed 2nd in both the Country Rock and the Performer’s Choice categories, 2nd in the Junior Vocal, Junior Gospel, Own Composition and Bush Ballad sections and 3rd in the Open Rock and Roll (the adult section). Congratulations to them both and we look forward to hearing more of them.

Welcome
This term, we are fortunate enough to have Deslie Collins back at school on a part-time basis. Not only is Deslie our musical director, but she will be supporting and extending our students academically on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Welcome, Deslie! We also welcome Gordon, Rebecca and Matilda to our classrooms this term!

Sporting Schools Gymnastics
Commencing this Friday, Gymnastics classes will be held at school as a part of the Sporting Schools program. Classes will commence at 7:40 am and conclude at 8:40 am. Students will be given breakfast (cereal and toast) prior to commencing school. Gymnastics has many health benefits for children, in particular improved cognitive ability and coordination.

Grandparents Day
On November 4, Thargomindah State School will celebrate Grandparents Day. All grandparents are invited to our parade (at 9 am) on Friday (Nov 4) and then to spend some time doing activities with the children. This will then be followed by a morning tea. Please join us in celebrating the immense contribution grandparents make in our children’s lives!

Cluster Meeting
On Monday (24th October), I will be going to Eulo for the day for a meeting with schools in our cluster. On the agenda will be the role of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in schools, the Darling Downs Benchmarks (which most of our students have already reached or on track to reach) and our cluster priorities.

The day after the meeting, other small schools will be meeting here in Thargomindah as a part of the Small Schools are Great Schools initiative. Students from the small schools will be joining classes and attending RAW Art which will give students an opportunity to engage in art activities which would otherwise not be available. In each of the sessions, students will learn an art process or technique while working on completing an artwork. This will be a culturally enriching workshop.

Positive Behaviour
Our focus this term on positive behaviour in and out of the classroom is going well. Students nominate another student who they have observed being inclusive and considerate of others. It is heartening to see how eager students are to nominate others! Our students are wonderful!

This week, we have also been working on being safe by not running on the concreted areas. Given the lure of playtime after sitting in the classroom, it is sometimes easily overlooked.

Kindy Room
Many thanks to Kirts for her hard work in the Kindy room. Parents are invited to see what a beautiful, spacious learning and play area she has created.

Anja
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Students are to bring an old shirt or apron with them next Tuesday 25th for the RAW Art activities.

We eat fruit everyday! please send some cut up fruit to school with your child/children.

1st November is a Public Holiday - No School!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

The girls are back from Multi school and have had a wonderful time. They attended sessions with their teachers and caught up with their friends. A part of multi school was a grooming session where the girls received facials, manicures and hair styling. They also had a survival skills session and the girls were divided into the Charleville Sky team. All three of our students were in this team and they won. GO GIRLS!

Now its back to work with assessments for Science and Agriculture Science. The girls are busy finishing them up to be sent in.

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DATE CLAIMERS:

26 Oct Playgroup at the School
9:30am

28-30 Oct Channel Country Ladies Day @ Betoota

29th Oct Wyandra Motorsbike & Horse Gymkhana

31st Oct Trick or Treat Walk Around—Starts from hall @ 5:30pm
Prizes for best dressed—at, 2nd, 3rd
For the Hospital Auxiliary
Note: Please let them know if you want your house on the list!

1st Nov Public Holiday
Melbourne Cup Day @ Hall for RFTS
11am—7pm

4th Nov Grandparents Day @ school
9Am

18th Nov School Twilight Swimming Carnival
5:30pm start

28th Nov Awards Night/Restaurant

29th Nov Salvation Army Carols

30th Nov Year 6 Graduation

2nd Dec Christmas Tree & School Musical

CLASS DOJO

14th October 2016

Class Dojos is our positive behaviour awards system within the classrooms. These students have shown 95% or above positive behaviour this week. Keep up the good work everyone!

21st October 2016

Secondary School News!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On Thursday, October 27 at 5pm, Jenny Swadling, Principal of Charleville School of Distance Education, will be holding a committee meeting at the Secondary Facility, all parents welcome. Followed by a meeting for parents of prospective students at 5:30pm.

P-2 CLASSROOM NEWS

These last two weeks have gone by very quickly. We were very privileged to be able to attend some professional development in SSP. What an experience to meet Miss Emma and work with other teachers from around QLD who are just as passionate about SSP like us. It was a great educational experience and I’m very grateful that we got to gain some more knowledge to share with our children. There will be progressions with the program we implemented last term and this will see improvement for our kids in their English both reading and writing. This wouldn’t have been possible if we didn’t have such a great team. A huge thank you to Arja, Deke, Kitaa, Shonnell, Alle and Sarah for holding the fort while we were having fun learning.

The last two weeks has seen the K-2 class settle right back into routine. As teachers we normally expect some regression over the holidays but I am very pleased with how the students have been able to apply what they learned last term with minimal help from us this term. I believe our children are on the right path and we are constantly working with them to ensure they gain the best educational enriched program.

With Christmas just around the corner we have had a visitor turn up in our room. The children have named him Kye. He is our Christmas elf. He reports back to Santa every night about how the children are behaving and what they are doing in the classroom. Kye and listen to the children’s wishes and will tell the children to write them down to send to Santa. In return they will get a letter or two from Santa. It is a bit of fun and the kids seem to really like having him around.

Next week Small schools are great schools takes place. Please remind the children to bring an old shirt so they don’t get paint/clay or glue on their uniform. Then the following week we have a public holiday for Melbourne cup. The next two weeks are going to be busy as we start to progress towards final end of year assessment. Please remember every day counts, especially in the younger years.

***Note: We have fruit break for 10mins each day. Children can not eat a whole apple in that time unless it is cut up. Just a friendly reminder to send fruit cut up. Thank you for your assistance***

Thanks Trish

This week was another short week with Monday being a Student free day. This was also the first week with all the Kindy students together and I must say they work and play well together! We have a lot of tea parties and I think I would have gained about 20kg if all the cakes they make me in the play kitchen were real.

The Kindy students have been a part of the SSP program we have adopted here at school. A part of this program is called Monster Spelling, and it has different monster images attached to sound. This program is designed for younger children and the Kindy students use these monsters to help them when recognising sounds. The girls enjoy the video that they watch and we also do some activities where they spell out words, as you can see in the photos to the right.

Next week we have a fun filled few days that will see some other Kindy students from around the district join us for small schools. I ask that you please send with the students an old shirt for the messy play.

Kitsa