Dear Parents and Community Members,

We won! Our swimming team won the District swimming carnival in Cunnamulla on Friday. It's been over a decade since this last happened! Congratulations to our swimmers and a special mention to Anna and Craig, who were crowned age champions. For such a small school, this is an amazing achievement. Many thanks to Di for doing such an incredible job in teaching our students to swim so well and to Trish for her Friday swim classes! Bring on the cross country!

Training for cross country will commence in Week 6 – the week after next. The date for the event is on the 28th of April which is Week 2 of next term. Miss Hollis and Miss Allie will be offering training twice a week in the mornings (from 7am), Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participants will be given breakfast at the conclusion of training. Expect a letter home next week with more information.

Congratulations to Irene who was successful in securing a grant for the Council library. Thargomindah State School will be partnering with the library to deliver coding to our students. Currently, students are partaking in coding classes at school and will be visiting the library on February 22 to check out the robots which Irene has bought. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to get excited about coding and robotics. Doing so, also assists in other curriculum areas, such as maths and English. Talk to your student about what they are doing in coding – it’s amazing! The “Robot Roadshow” on the 22nd of this month also provides a chance for the community to get involved with a workshop from 6pm – 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

School is in full swing and as such it is important that students have a good sleep the night before. Research shows that children aged from 3 to 5 require around ten to thirteen hours each night and those aged from 6 to 12, nine to twelve hours is recommended. Some of our students are getting very sleepy throughout the day and may benefit from extra sleep.

The school Annual Improvement Plan has just been written and this year the focus is still on reading. Teachers are doing guided reading lessons with all classes for the morning block. If you find you have available time and would like to assist with reading, please let the school know. Students are also working on their writing and sizzling starts are taking off! The upper classroom is working its way through the Seven Steps to Writing as they write a narrative piece – Sizzling Starts and Tightening Tension are the first two.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend. The heat has subsided and we are having glorious days!

Anja
3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome to week 4! We have had a very busy but great first few weeks back!

During our English lessons, students have been learning a great deal about writing and how to write well. We have been focusing on types of sentences, nouns, verbs, emotive language and why we use paragraphs (just to name a few). In maths, students have been learning how to fill in hundreds boards, fractions, graphing, and we have just started learning short division. Every day, students are exposed to multiplication (this week the 4’s and 5’s). I would just like to acknowledge how well they are doing and what an improvement I am seeing each day! Each day students are getting more and more correct and it is great seeing a lot of them beginning to receive 50/50 in 3 minutes!

This week we have also been studying WWI Trench Warfare during our guided reading sessions of a morning. The kids seem to have enjoyed learning about what the trenches were like and how they were made. Next week our focus will be on Pop Art!

Homework has been going really well! However there are still some students that are not completing or returning their homework. I have tried to make it as simple as possible but still enough for students to be practicing what they are learning. Homework club is on every Monday and Wednesday at the high school, or students are more than welcome to come a little earlier or stay a little later and complete some tasks.

I would like to say huge welcome to Marianne who has joined our class. The kids are enjoying working with Miss M and we all look forward to this year with her.

That’s all from me this week. Have a great weekend!

Amy

STUDIO 54
HAIR BOUTIQUE

Hello! I’m Danielle the owner of the new Hair Salon in Thargomindah, Studio 54.

I have got 17 years experience in the industry. My beginnings started at a recognised Itercoiffure salon in Toowoomba which then lead me to owning my own salon ‘Gorgeous Hair on the Sunshine Coast for 8 years.

The last 2 years of my career have been at Styles at Medici in Toowoomba.

Along the way I have had the opportunity to work and train with some amazingly talented people and I am so excited to be able bring my knowledge and provide a service for the Thargomindah and surrounding Communities.

Studio 54 offers:
- All aspects of Hairdressing
- Facial waxing and tinting,
- Spray Tanning

It’s been an absolute pleasure meeting everyone over this last week. Please feel free to pop in and say Hi!!

Many Thanks
Danielle Ross

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This fortnight we have been keeping ourselves busy with lots of play based learning. Our focus is learning to write our names and our numbers 1 to 10. The students are starting to find their voices and we are making great progress with our school routines. It’s still an effort to get them to focus on classroom based activities but they love the Kindy room and our outside time activities. I am sorry there isn’t a lot to report on as I was away this week.

Kitsa
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**CLASS DOJO**

17th February 2017

*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!* 

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**BEDE’S MODEL CITIZEN OF THE WEEK AWARD**

17th February 2017

*Congratulations and thank you for being a great role model for your fellow students.*

**THARGOMINDAH STATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL WINNERS**

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**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup will be at school again next week!

22nd February 2017
9am - 11am

We look forward to seeing the little ones of Thargo!

*It is important that our children get to interact outside of their homes! It helps to build self-confidence, ....*