STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving awards in the last fortnight. Come and Check out our WOW Wall on display at school!

Upper
Charlotte Pownall

Lower
Libby Otaola

Gotcha
Mistique Beresford

100 DAYS OF READING
We would like to give a very big congratulations to the following students who successfully reached their 100 days of reading target!

Dan Gray
Cody Doyle
Reece Doyle
Craig Warner
Jacinta Byrne

INCOMING PRINCIPAL
In 2014 we will welcome Mr Steven Bennett and his family to our school community. Mr Bennett will be our Principal in 2014. Mr Bennett has written a brief introductory letter that can be found over the page.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A big thank you to all for attending our Annual School Swimming Carnival. Both teams (Burke and Wills) were well represented with many personal bests and new records made. New records will be announced on parade this Friday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all helpers on the day, without your support the carnival would not be able to run as smoothly.

PRE-PREP PROGRAM
Our pre-prep program is well under-way with all 2014 prep students quickly becoming accustomed to our daily program. The pre-prep program will continue until next Thursday 21 November where the pre-prep students will attend for a full school day. Any enquiries please contact Melissa or Melanie at the school.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
The Thargomindah Children’s Choir will be performing at the Salvation Army “Carols by Candlelight” on Wednesday 4 December. Our students will be performing with the Salvation Army band. The Carols will begin at 7.00pm

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP
With the finer details of Whole School Camp finalised we are pleased to say we are counting down the days until we head off! A comprehensive letter and all permission forms were sent home last week. Please ensure that these are returned to school on or before Friday 15 November.

REPORT CARDS
We are currently finalising all student assessments. Report cards will be written and edited over the next fortnight and will be sent home on Wednesday 4 December.

SCHOOL VISITORS
In the coming days and weeks we will welcome a number of special visitors to our school. These include;
- Howard Hobbs on Thursday 14 November from 9.00am
- Don Grobe – Assistant Regional Director Monday 2 December from 8.30am
- Peter Eastwell – Science Teacher Tuesday 3 December from 9.00am

FROM THE DEPARTMENT...
Making every day count
As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which, for Thargomindah, is 6 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.
Year 3-7 News
Our Students have done extremely well writing, drafting, editing and presenting their persuasive speeches. Students used their power of persuasion to educate and influence us on topic such as global education, the environment and the stolen generation. Students strived to include specialised vocabulary, modality and supporting evidence. We have included a few examples of our work in this edition of the newsletter.

P-2 Class News
The P-2 class have completed their persuasive response monitoring task with great outcomes and achievements by all. Over the last couple weeks, we have been investigating narratives. P-2’s have learnt about the structure of a narrative including orientation (who, when, where), complication (something goes wrong) and resolution (problem is solved). Students are now moving on to their next and final task of writing a new event for a narrative.

Daily 5 activities are continuing to work extremely well, with all students monitoring their own learning and effectively managing their time. Students are continuing to reflect and give peer feedback on their reading strategies, assisting with awareness of their reading behaviours and considering other strategies when reading.

In maths we are coming to the end of our final assessment tasks and continuing to revise all concepts learnt over the course of the year. Money and Place Value will be our main focus over the next couple of weeks. Students are also working hard on Mathletics to ensure they have gold bars in each concept area.

The P-2 Class is continuing to work hard to achieve their final COMPLIMENT party for the year, “Pool Party and BBQ”. With already being half way there, the odds are looking good.

S.T.R.I.V.E Word of the Week

Definition: Strategy is a method or plan

Friendly example: I learnt a great problem solving strategy in maths.

P & C News

Shorts /Skorts
The P & C are taking orders for shorts and skorts for the beginning of the 2014 school year. If you would like to place an order for shorts or skorts for your children, please contact Kitsa Warner on 0437 989 777 prior to Friday, 29 November 2013.

Outstanding Debts
The P & C currently have a considerable amount (in excess of $2000) of outstanding money owing for uniforms.

The P & C operate on a “trust” system where parents can collect uniforms as needed and then be invoiced. It is assumed that parents are accountable and will honour their debts in a timely manner.

If you are having difficulty in paying your account, please Jess Selmes (Ph: 0429 198 804) to arrange a payment plan.

A reminder that payments may be made in person at the school or alternatively, the bank account details to transfer payment to the P & C are:

Account Name: Thargomindah State School Parents and Citizens Assoc.
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 064 411
Account No: 00900984

Next Meeting
The next P & C Meeting will be held in the park at 6:30pm on Monday, 2nd December 2013.

Playgroup
The next Playgroup at the school will be
Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.00am
Please bring a hat, water bottle, fruit or shared morning tea.
**Whaling**  
By Jacinta Byrne  
Year 4 Thargomindah State School

Whales are almost extinct and we’re not doing anything about it. Instead we are helping to endanger one of the most precious animals in our waters. We need to do something about it. Every day, every hour, every minter and every second whale are dying. SO please stop whaling before it’s too late.

In 1946, the countries that permitted whaling formed a group to reduce the number of whales that would be hunted. In 1982, the group called the international whaling commission decided to stop all whaling because whales were being extremely rare due to too much hunting. Many people also believed that whales were very intelligent and that whaling was cruel. Some people however disagreed and carried on whaling. Despite protests many whales are still killed each year and no one doing anything about it!

We need to stop whaling because one thing or another we are killing the waters beauty! These animals are precious and important! We must stop whaling quickly! Let’s help stop whaling before the whales die and the waters are empty.

Stop whaling because the Right Whale, Grey Whale, Sei Whale, Bowhead Whale and the Humpback Whale are nearly extinct because of us! Luckily some are still alive but they don’t be for very long if we don’t do something about whaling. Please stop because whales are a very important and rare animal. People say that there are already over 1 million whales killed from whaling! So please stop whales because there are already 7 out of 13 great whale species endangered.

You now have all the information required to make your decision. Remember you must think about all the facts and opinions that you have heard. Should we stop whaling? You’re ready to make your choice. Please proceed carefully!

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**Other Countries**  
By Charlie Roberts  
Year 3 Thargomindah State School

I agree we should help other countries. We have to help them because they have no food. We have to help them because they no homes. We have to help them because they have no clothes.

We should help them because they do not have money. I want to give poor people money to help them from dying.

My point is that we should give them money so they have a better life. We should give money because they have got no money, they need clothes to keep them warm and they don’t have houses to live in.

People in different countries have no education. People don’t get a job because they are not smart.

The teachers are not smart because they didn’t have smart teachers. They don’t have many teachers to education them. They don’t have computer to exercise their brains to get smart.

They have no schools so we need to fundraise for the poor people.

Let’s help the poor people have a happy life. I am going to help the poor people by sending over food. Let’s go this. I will help them by giving them some clothes and lots of food.

I won’t give up on the poor people. I will give them extra food. I will give them some clothes.

Everybody we are not going to give up.

Australia we can’t give up on them!
MASS
IN THE CHURCH AT 6 PM
THURSDAY 21st November
With FR PETER DOOHAN
And SR MAUREEN ANDREWS
Please come along
ALL WELCOME

Thargomindah Hospital Auxiliary

The Thargomindah Hospital Auxiliary would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Fancy Dress Party and made it such a great night. Our fundraising efforts went really well and we made a total of $2,800 to benefit our Out Patients Clinic.

Our sponsors for the night were Skytrans, GTI, Thargo Motors, Fergies, C&J Hair Design, Selmes Shearing, Autumnvale Past Co, L&A Beetson, Oasis Motel Restaurant and Turnouts Mechanical Services.

A very special thank you to all the families who participated in the trick or treat trail and the guys and gals who helped set up and pack in the days before and after the party.

Our judges chose the winners of the scariest costumes Hadyn Ferguson and Grace Warner under school age, Matty Selmes and Kyra Warner P-2, Connor Roberts and Jessica Clark 3-7, Paul and Ide Rush as the scariest looking couple and Lisa Higgins and Stephen Rush as scariest dressed up adults.

The scary finger food prize went to Helena Salmon for her "zombie eyes" and the Jack-O-Lantern competition was won by DJ, Jess and Alisha for their clown jack-o-lantern with special mention going to the Collins family for their skeleton carving pumpkin and Kitsa and kids for their massive happy pumpkin head!

Well done to everyone who got into the Halloween spirit and helped raise funds for the Thargomindah Hospital Auxiliary and made it a great family night for the whole town.

The next Thargo CAN and Hospital Aux meeting will be held at the hospital at 4pm tomorrow, Wednesday, 13th of November.
We are once again holding our annual Christmas tree on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} December 2013. Santa will need a list a children attending so that he does not miss anyone.

The cost this year will be $15.00 per Child.

NOTE: This form and monies must be received by Friday, 15 November 2013 to ensure that your child receives a present. Please contact P & C Treasurer, Jess Selmes, on 0429 198 804 if you require an extra time to make payment.

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