



Bulloo Billboard



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community members,

A busy fortnight in our school with lots of exciting learning, school swimming carnivals, district swimming carnivals and meetings. We are well and truly settled into our units of work and can already see children making connections with what they are learning.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers. We will announce age champions and winning house on parade 26th February. Please join us at 9am.

Our district swimmers did us proud in at Cunnamulla with every child placing in a race. Congratulations to Hayden and Grace for winning age champions and qualifying for south west trials in Chinchilla. Our school was the aggregate winner of the carnival. A huge success for our 6 swimmers. Well done everyone!

With the virus that is currently going around we have stepped up our hygiene practices. It is a good reminder that we need to ensure that we are regularly washing our hands, wiping desks down and practising social distancing. Just a reminder if your child is sick please call the school between 8am -8.30am to notify the teachers.

This past fortnight, we have seen some nasty behaviours sneak into our play time. Some of these behaviours are swearing, pushing and being nasty to one another. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and students that we now have a student code of conduct, along with our school values and behaviour like this will not be tolerated at our school. We have included positive learning in our daily discussions with students on how to be respectful to one another. We will continue this learning through the coming weeks. Thank you, parents, for speaking with you child/ren about appreciating others and showing respect.

Homework club is going great. Thank you everyone for supporting it. We are seeing that the kids are getting their work done and still have some time to play. Currently three days are working. Please keep supporting this initiative.

Going home today is an updated version of how we teach reading. Please take the time to read through so you understand how we are teaching the children. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to me or one of the teachers.

Have a great fortnight

Trish

Principal

THE SIMPLE VIEW OF READING
WORD RECOGNITION X LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION = READING COMPREHENSION

THARGO MINDAH20

Positive minds = Mindful of self, Mindful of others, Holistic Mind

Key Dates 2020

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| 1 MARCH 2021 |
| REGIONAL SWIMMING |
| @ CHINCHILLA |
| 3 MARCH 2021 |
| P&C DAY |
| 18 MARCH 2021 |
| HARMONY DAY |
| 19 MARCH 2021 |
| BULLYING DAY WAY |
| 1 APRIL 2021 |
| EASTER BONNET |
| 23 APRIL 2021 |
| ANZAC DAY SERVICE |
| & |
| SCHOOL X-COUNTRY |
| 26 APRIL 2021 |
| PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| 3 MAY 2021 |
| PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| 7 MAY 2021 |
| MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA |
| 16 - 20 AUGUST 2021 |
| SCIENCE WEEK |
| 20 AUGUST 2021 |
| SCHOOL PHOTOS |
| 23 - 27 AUGUST 2021 |
| BOOK WEEK |
| 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 |
| TEACHER AIDE DAY |
| & |
| FATHERS DAY ACTIVITY |
| 3 SEPTEMBER 2021 |
| PUPIL FREE DAY |
| 13 -17 SEPTEMBER 2021 |
| SPORTS CAMP |
| 5 OCTOBER 2021 |
| WORLD TEACHERS DAY |

EXPLICIT IMPROVEMENT AGENDA

Our **Annual improvement plan** will continue to focus on delivering the Australian curriculum and drill down into reading across the curriculum.

OUR EXPLICIT IMPROVEMENT AGENDA IS

► **READING**

► SYSTEMATIC SYNTHETICS PHONICS - PLD, VOCABULARY AND COMPREHENSION

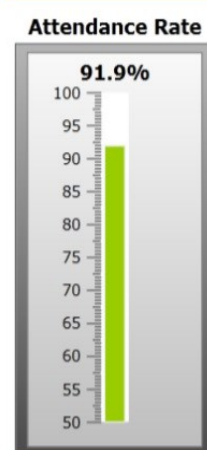
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Positive minds - Mindful of self, Mindful of others, Multiple Mind

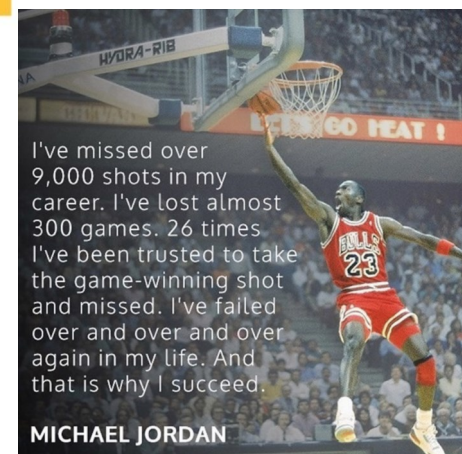


We will be utilising our Investing for Success funds from the government for the purchasing of additional teaching hours to provide support in reading and developing skills for learning.

ATTENDANCE



Our goal for this year is 93%.



Please check and make sure your children have in their lunch boxes - fruit for fruit break and a sandwich or something with substance for lunch. Snacks are okay but shouldn't be all they have.

We have Fruit, Moring Tea and Lunch breaks every day.



STUDENT BLOG

This week we have been learning about being respectful in class. Somethings its good to look at how we have been acting and to set personal goals on our actions and reactions. We have been learning about decimals, percentages and fractions upstairs in Maths.

Well done to everyone at our school swimming carnival! It was a little crazy trying to get as many races done as possible before the storm got too close. A lot of hard work went in to the event and we want to say thank you to all involved.

Well done to Thargo swimmers who went to Cunnamulla for Districts. We came home with the Aggregate trophy! Congratulations to us, Grace and Hayden for winning Age Champion in our age groups and making it to Regionals.

We have enjoyed having activities at lunch for us to play. The school has enjoyed playing games on Friday mornings with Mrs L for Health.

Thankyou from Hayden & Grace



Dumplings with Claire



Our Senior shirts have arrived!
Dont they look great.

HIGH SCHOOL



This fortnight at the **Thargomindah Secondary Centre** students achieved some amazing results in their very first fund-raising events: **Valentine's Day Cards** and a **Valentine's Day Rose Drive**! Love was definitely in the air, as Thargomindians rushed to purchase all of our available cards and roses, with an incredible amount of money raised for future camps or events this year. This town continues to show the students and myself just how lucky we are, that a community such as Thargomindah is always willing to give, and for that we only ever be grateful.

As we move into the middle of the term, I just wanted to remind parents and students about the need to keep focus strong on the tasks ahead. This is especially the case with assessment, as students begin to feel the pressure of Term 1 there will no doubt need to be a continual discussion on remaining focused. I look forward to all the amazing results our students will be able to achieve this term and year!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR



Talk respectfully – Use Positive words and encourage each other



SUCCESS CRITERIA – You will be successful when you

- Speak respectfully to teachers and peers
- Speak to each other kindly when playing in the playground
- Use a calm voice
- Use positive body language
- Even if you are too upset to speak, let the person know that you need time before discussing the issue.

Thargomindah's State School students are
Responsible, Respectful, Safe Learners

Excellence in Education, for Everyone, Every Day

Admiration

(adj.) **admiring** (of somebody/something) showing respect for somebody/something for what they are or what they have done.



"I have the greatest **admiration** for all those involved in the project"

K-3 CLASS

This fortnight in the P-3 class we had lots of fun in all learning areas. Last week's Science had us experimenting with goop, looking at how matter can turn from a liquid to a solid and can be manipulated back into a liquid again.



This was quite a messy task but the kids loved getting their hands dirty after they got over the gross, uncomfortable feeling of the goop!

Prep and Year One students worked on story retells last week where they got the opportunity to act, dress up, and take photos/videos of each other's stories. The Year Two and Three students have been working on language features, sentence structure, and creating texts. Our focus this term in English is on story retell and story creation. This involves reading lots of books and analysing Wombat Stew and George's Marvellous Medicine, we have been investing plenty of time towards reading and story discussion for students to ensure their PLD focusses and English units are being catered for.

Mathematics this fortnight has been focussed on number sense for the younger students and place value for the older students. Continuing to take a physical approach to the learning has resulted positively on student learning, so our aim is to continue to make the learning physical and providing brain breaks when required.

Wednesday afternoons is the P-3 class painting session where we contribute to the art for our 2022 calendars. This week we learnt how to paint a Waratah flower from Miss Claire. The kids were amazed at how skilled Miss



Claire is in her painting and loved having her teach them for a change. We will continue to use Miss Claire for our painting afternoons as the children really enjoy listening and watching how she works.

Keep updated with what's going on in the kindy-three class each week through SeeSaw the Teacher Aides and I are working hard to keep that updated for you all to see your kids working hard!

Thanks everyone,

Miss T



Tuckshop

Food

Hot

- Chicken nuggets/crackles and chips.
- Chicken chippies x 8
- The special of the day
- Small chips & gravy
- Hot dog (with tomato or BBQ sauce)

Sandwich or wraps

- Chicken or ham and salad
- Tender wrap
- Salad
- Ham, cheese and tomato toasted sandwich.
- Chicken, cheese, mayo toasted sandwich

Drinks

- Orange, apple/black current or Apple juice poppers
- Chocolate or Strawberry milk poppers 250ml
- Bottle of water

Prices

- \$7.00
- \$5.00
- \$5.00
- \$3.50
- \$5.00

- \$6.00
- \$8.00
- \$5.00
- \$4.00
- \$5.00

Prices

- \$2.00
- \$2.90
- \$2.50

Please have orders and payment in by close of business Thursday.

Please Note: If you choose to order something for your child (high school/primary) that is not on our tuckshop menu then you need to collect it and deliver yourself. School delivery is for tuckshop orders only!

NO SOFT DRINKS ALLOWED IN TUCKSHOP ORDERS!



Mapping words vs learning words by sight

- Learning a word by shape (sight) is inefficient and clogs up precious memory

house memorise 1 word by shape

- Learning to map words helps readers to generalise and continue to 'self-teach' new words

h **ou** **se** map sound/spelling

about round cloud
ground hound sound
loud shout mount pound

mouse sense
loose goose
dense tense

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4-6 CLASS

Phew! We're almost at the half way point in Term 1 now. Where did that time even go? We are beginning to make traction with our learning in English – focusing on describing characters in fantasy texts. Students have been learning all about character traits and how using adjectives to describe the character's thoughts, actions and appearance can help the reader grasp a deeper understanding of the characters in the story.

In Science, students have been mixing matter and exploring changes in matter. Maths this term has looked a little different so far as we have been waiting for our books to come. Students have been enjoying learning using whiteboards and participating in lots of discussions around mathematical understanding and vocabulary.

In Health we have been discussing how our playground is like a 'jungle' with many different personalities and experiences happening all at once. Just like every animal has its place in the jungle, every student has their place in the playground. Although everyone may not always get along with everyone, learning how to get along with others is a skill that will benefit students for years to come. Our behaviour focus this fortnight has been using kind words and showing each other respect in the playground. With such few students at our school at the moment, sometimes it is unavoidable to tread on each other's toes. It is important to always consider other's feelings when voicing opinions in the playground.

Lastly, congratulations to both Burke and Wills for your keen participation in the swimming carnival this year! Both teams showed sportsmanship to each other and all students had a good time at the carnival. We keenly await the results which will be shared with students next week.



KINDY BLOG

Wow! How fast is this year going already? I actually questioned whether this was newsletter week as I was sure I only wrote a blog last week. I was wrong. Week 4 heading into week 5. It's so hard to believe.

We have had a jammed packed couple of weeks. The best part – eating the delicious pizzas we made from scratch. Not only did we mix the dough in the machine, we also hand kneaded it. I could see the muscles growing as we did this. Rolling flat into a circle proved to be challenging but putting the pizza sauce, toppings on and eating it was not. Lesson learnt – if you are going to give a child pepperoni (not even the hot one), have a gallon of water ready! We had a lot of fun.

Alpacas with maracas was our main book focus. Not only are we in the process of making our alpacas, we are making maracas so we can re-enact the book. It's amazing what some toilet rolls, wool, bottles and rice can do.

Working on the numbers 1-5 has allowed us to pull out the finger puppets. The three little pigs had been very popular and the imagination of children will never cease to amaze me. It has made for some very interesting and wacky conversations.

Although not a part of the swimming carnival races, we had the opportunity to get in the water and have a splash around. We cheered at the top of our lungs in the "war cry" challenge and Wills came out on top. We are still waiting for the overall results of the swimming carnival. We both have our fingers crossed for Wills.

We were going to make some ice-cream and make up some ice-cream sundaes but ran out of time. This is something we will do in the next fortnight as well as watch some sea monkeys grow.

Everyone stay safe and keep having fun. Until next time.

Miss Amy from the Kindy Krew!

