From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

One of the biggest challenges public schools face is the balancing act between understanding acceptable community standards and what are the standards that are promoted by schools.

A simple example of this is the use of language. Children are exposed to swearing in the media, sporting events and possibly at home, but at school it is not appropriate. What we teach them is about using appropriate language in particular contexts. The framework we use to assist us is our school values.

Below are our school values and the basic explanations that teachers use to outline the appropriate behaviour expectations for our school. Your continued support in promoting these values at home would be appreciated and help build your child’s understanding of appropriate expectations and making strong behaviour choices.

Do these values fit with your family’s values? If not, we would like to hear from you.

- Respect -
Is valuing ourselves and others
To be respectful I will:
- Care for myself and others
- Be kind with my words and actions
- Show responsibility
- Accept differences and be inclusive
- Know I am unique and worthwhile

- Achievement -
Is aspiring to your goals
To show achievement I will:
- Take risks and persevere
- Take pride in completing tasks well
- Strive for personal excellence
- Be creative
- Celebrate success

- Integrity -
Is living to your highest values
To show integrity I will:
- Be honest and sincere
- Tell the truth
- Listen to my conscience
- Do what I say I will do

- Sustainability -
Is meeting the needs of today without damaging the environment and comprising the needs of future generations
To model sustainability I will:
- Look after the environment
- Not waste resources
- Recycle when I can
- Understand diversity

Cheers
Shaun
On 24th April Grace C represented Thiele Primary School at the ANZAC Vigil at the Blackwood RSL. Grace made a wreath to lay in memory of the soldiers who fought overseas for our country. Grace was one of the many Year 7 students who volunteered for this event.

We would like to Welcome Katrina to Thiele Primary School. Katrina will be working at Thiele on Mondays & Thursdays.

You may contact Katrina via email: katrina.shedd58@schools.sa.edu.au or ring 8270 4222.

Over the past fortnight the following notices have been sent home.
- Science Focus

If you have not received any of the above, please request a copy either from your child’s class teacher or Thiele Reception.

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Japan

Their theme this term is Numbers & Kanji. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Learn how to say and write Japanese numbers 1-10.
- Complete a Kanji booklet.
- Learn how to write simple kanji characters and their origins and meanings.
- Create a picture using kanji.

Their theme this term is ‘Introduction to Hiragana’. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Learn how to recognise the 46 characters of Japan’s first alphabet, Hiragana.
- Complete tracing booklet.
- Complete matching assessment booklet.

Their theme this term is Hiragana and Food. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Complete Hiragana alphabet and assessment.
- Look at popular Japanese restaurant menus and answer questions by locating information in Japanese.

Their theme this term is Hiragana/ Katakana and Letter Writing. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Complete Hiragana/ Katakana alphabet and assessment.
- Revise self-introduction sentences.
- Translate and reply to letters written in Japanese.
Friday the 20th of May is National Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day asks us to take a look at our transport habits and how we can incorporate more walking into our daily lives as part of a healthy, active way to get around. See if you can organise to walk to school on this day or park the car somewhere and walk a little further than you usually do.

**Litter Free Lunches**

To support sustainability and our environment students are encouraged to bring litter free lunches to school. Many healthy foods come with their own packaging – bananas, mandarins, apples, oranges and there are many creative ways of packing lunches to support this program. Let’s see how creative you can be with your child’s lunch box.

**Green Day**

This year we will be learning about our environment and sustainability on Thursday 9th June. If you have some time to spare time on this day and can help out in anyway please return the reply slip to Sharon via the Front Office.

I am able to assist on Green Day 9th June

Name __________________________

Contact number ______________

Email __________________________

On Green Day I would like to __________________________

Times I am available __________________________

Remember

- Orange bins for 10c recyclable containers
- Yellow bins for non 10c recyclable containers
- Green bins for rubbish
- Blue bins for white paper

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**CANBERRA CAMP**

Our Year 6/7 students will be attending the camp to Canberra from Sunday November 6th to Friday November 11th. Notes requesting consent to attend the camp and invoices for payments were sent home last term. We are still waiting for some students to return their consent slips and start making payments. If you require another copy of the note, please let us know so that we can send another note home. We understand that the camp is a significant cost for many families. If you would like to discuss payment options, please feel free to contact Jo Hicks (Finance Officer) jo.hicks915@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 8270 4222 to arrange a suitable payment plan.

**NAPLAN**

This week the Year 3, 5 and 7 students have participated in the NAPLAN testing for Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

These tests tell us how the students did on that day and on that day only. They do not tell us everything, but they do assist us as teachers and as a school to plan for future programs and resources to support our students. We thank the staff at Thiele Primary School and you as parents for offering support, reassurance and encouragement to the students during this time.
This year Campus Instrumental Music Night will be celebrated on the 2nd June (Thursday, Week 5). This evening has become a much enjoyed annual event on the Campus calendar, providing a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to support children involved in our extensive Instrumental Music Program in their musical development. Children will be involved in solo or group performances, as organised by their Instrumental teachers. Students of all ability levels (from beginner to proficient) will have the opportunity to perform in front of a supportive audience.

Student performers are required to wear neat school uniform, and are asked to arrive at the Performing Arts Centre by 6.15pm. The performance will begin at 6.30pm and should conclude at approximately 7.30pm. There is no entry fee, and families are asked to stay for the whole concert - students may sit in the audience with their parents whilst not performing.

We look forward to a fantastic evening of musical performance!

Ally Cunningham
Campus Music Teacher