

# THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal.....

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### Intellectual Stretch

Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus is a DECD program that focusses on improving the outcomes of all students from B-18 in all preschools and schools. Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus aims to gain higher achievement, intellectual stretch, resilience and a growth mindset for every learner – for all to be powerful learners of numeracy and literacy.

The strategy also has 4 expectations: track, monitor and respond to all learners; have a numeracy and literacy improvement cycle; enact changes in pedagogical practice and identify and enact clear intervention strategies.

One of the key components of this initiative is the notion of intellectual stretch. Intellectual stretch is basically 'hard' thinking: it is the plus aspect of the program.

Research shows that authentic learning occurs when there is hard or stretch thinking. Students need to experience problem solving through what if questions, teachers transforming tasks and students knowing what they need to do to be high achievers.

When teachers transform a task, they take a simple task and transform it to stretch the students thinking. In the following example, the first task is simply patterning but if you add in the substitutions as described, stretch thinking is needed to find the solution.

If A is substituted by 4, B by 3, C by 2, D by 4, E by 3, F by 2 and so on, then what will be total of the numerical values of the letters of the word SICK?

(a) 11 (b) 12 (c) 10 (d) 9

When students are learning about intellectual or 'stretch thinking', it is a strategy that develops resilience, persistence and metacognition skills and the role of our brains working memory.

### Curriculum Fact Sheets

As a way of providing families with more information regarding our curriculum and what children are learning at school, we are sending home fact sheets that have been developed by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). We hope you find this resource useful.

### Bookweek

Next week is Bookweek. Our wonderful librarian, Hajnalka Molloy, has organised a series of activities that focus on the theme of Escape to Everywhere. We already have had two author visits and next week there will be story

teller sessions for R-2 children, read with a buddy class, lunchtime activities each day as well as a Dress Up Parade on Thursday for all students. It is a great time to focus on the importance of books and literacy.

Pupil Free Day / Campus School Closure Day

Please remember that on Friday September 1 we have a Pupil Fee Day. The focus of the staff professional development will be on assessment moderation.

Also on Monday September 4, there is a Campus Show Day ie is a school closure day.

OSHC will be available if required.

Cheers,  
Shaun

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## Performing Arts Showcase

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Last Thursday Campus hosted our Performing Arts Showcase. Both our matinee and evening performances were very well attended, with the evening show a sell-out. It was wonderful to see our students and audience members alike thoroughly enjoying the show.

The opportunity for students to perform in solo, duo, small and large ensembles (our first acts saw over 190 students on stage together!) is a fantastic part of what we do in Performing Arts on Campus, and it was a pleasure to display our students' talents in music, dance, and drama. Our sincere thanks go to the many staff, students and parents who supported this event, giving their time and talents to make this one of our most successful Showcases yet...

The photos below were taken by the wonderful Andrew Harris on the night:





## Soccer Results Week



Week 8					
Home		vs	Away		Goal Scorer/s
Goodwood PS	11	vs	U8 Bronze	0	-
U8 Gold	0	vs	Immanuel	4	-
Colonel Light Gardens PS	8	vs	U10 Blue	1	Aiden C (1)
Colonel Light Gardens PS	3	vs	U10 Gold	5	Harry P (3) Isaac P & Wade B
Colonel Light Gardens PS	0	vs	U11 Blue	10	Jake P (6) Aiden C (3) Luke C
Goodwood PS	8	vs	U11 Bronze	0	-
Sunrise Fullarton	3	vs	Senior Bronze	11	Isaac B (3) Rosie T (3) Jesse T (3) Zane W (2)
Sturt Street PS	2	vs	Senior Orange	6	Andrew B (2) Kye B, Alex R, Luke R & Samuel G

## Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2017



The Campus is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. Time frame to collect stickers is from 26 July to 19 September 2017. We have been very successful in previous years, earning additional resources to assist in our children's learning. Please support the Campus! Collection points are: Thiele, Nativity, Pilgrim and Campus Front offices.

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## Notices sent home

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Over the past fortnight the following notices have been sent home.

- Curriculum Fact Sheets

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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## Term 3 Diary Dates, 2017

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### TERM 3

#### Week 4

Friday August 18  
12.00 pm - Assembly

#### Week 5

Bookweek  
Thursday August 24  
10.00 am Dress Up Parade for Bookweek in Gym

#### Week 6

Friday September 1  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

#### Week 7

Sunday September 3  
Fathers Day  
Monday September 4  
**CAMPUS SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (SHOW DAY)**

#### Week 8

Monday September 11  
7.00 pm - Campus Conference  
Tuesday September 12  
6.30 pm - Finance Meeting  
7.30 pm - Governing Council Meeting  
Friday September 15  
12.00 pm - Assembly  
Festival of Music Choir Concert

#### Week 9

Friday September 22  
12.00 pm - Assembly  
Saturday September 23  
Pedal Prix 24 hour race at Murray Bridge

#### Week 10

Friday September 29  
2.00 pm - End of Term Dismissal

	<b>Term Dates 2017</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	Jan 30 – April 13
<b>Term 2</b>	May 1 – July 7
<b>Term 3</b>	July 24 – Sept 29
<b>Term 4</b>	Oct 16 –Dec 15



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