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THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1, 2017 DIARY DATES:

Week 4

Friday February 24

12.00 pm - Assembly – T13/Mazey presenting

Week 5

Tuesday February 28

6.30 pm - Finance Meeting
7.30 pm - Governing Council Meeting

Week 6

Monday March 6

7.00 pm Campus Conference

Friday March 10

12.00 pm - Assembly – T14/Evans presenting

Week 7

Monday March 13

ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues March 14 – Friday March 17

Year 6/7 Aquatics

Week 8

Tuesday March 21

Campus Open Day Morning

Friday February 24

12.00 pm - Assembly

Week 9

Friday March 31

Campus Sports Day

Week 10

Monday April 3 – Friday April 7

R - 5 Swimming

Week 11

Thursday April 13 – End of Term 1

Friday April 14 – Good Friday

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

From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

School Governance

On Tuesday night last week, we held our Annual General Meeting. Apart from hearing the highlights of our 2016 school year, the new Governing Council was elected. Your Governing Council for 2017 comprises of the following people.

Continuing members until the end of 2017:

- Fiona Salt
- Kimberley Lerc
- Michelle Bingham
- Wendy Looi-Penhall
- Ann-Maree Lewis

The following parents were elected for a term of two years.

- Juliet Craker
- Carly Nash
- Janet Shearer
- Gemma Roberts
- Amanda Allen

Congratulations to our newly elected members. The first Governing Council for this year will be held next Tuesday February 28 at 7.30 pm in the Thiele staff room.

Social Media

More and more children and young people are accessing social media and new statistics from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner confirm this. Consider these figures for social media accounts used by children aged 8 - 13 years:

- YouTube – 66% of children have / use this account
- Facebook – 56% of children have / use this account
- Instagram – 53 % of children have / use this account
- Snapchat – 57% of children have / use this account
- On average children in this age group have two social media accounts

The same survey highlights that

- 39% of children as young as 8 who use social media have shared their surname
- 24% have posted a photo of their school
- 8% have shared their phone number and / or street address
- 30% of internet traffic is porn related

What are the implications for parents and educators in relation to learning and social development?

It is quite clear that children and young people are having a lot of screen time, they may be exposed to risk where they may not have the maturity to handle on their own (eg: online predators, pornography, cyber bullying etc) and latest research suggests that too much screen time may have the potential to reduce brain development. (Put simply, the device does all the thinking!)

What can we do to support our children and young people develop responsible usage of social media?

Schools need to continue to provide privacy and digital literacy programs to ensure that students keep safe online and are taught how best to use their digital devices. As parents, be prepared to know what your child is accessing through social media and reduce their digital screen time; and most importantly be prepared to say NO.

Cheers,
Shaun



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

NOTES SENT HOME



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

- Non DECD Service Providers/update
- DECD Alert - Hats

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

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC - TROUPE



Do you like to sing, dance or act?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music *Performance Troupe* is for you!

Audition bookings open on Monday, February 13, 2017
Audition bookings close on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 2 locations:

North - Enfield Primary on Tuesdays
South - Hamilton Secondary College on Wednesdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 6.15 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.
Each troupe will be involved in 3 performances accompanying the massec choirs at the Entertainment Centre between the 11th and 17th September, 2017.

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

DECD HAZARD ALERT - HATS

Hopefully by now you have received and read the information that was sent home to families yesterday regarding hats and children's clothing.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Cords, drawstrings and toggles in hats and children's clothing may become entrapped in small gaps found in play equipment causing strangulation, severe injury, lacerations to the throat and damage to the vocal cords.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please read the revised letter that is attached to this newsletter.

- you inspect your child's hat and if it has a cord, please immediately remove the cord as any hat with cords can no longer be worn at school; and

If you have concerns about the safety of the hat please speak with office staff.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP



COMMUNITY NEWS



Milk consumption and cognitive function in children

CSIRO is looking for families to participate in a study investigating the effects of milk drinks on cognitive function, and physical growth and fitness in primary school children
We would like to hear from you if your child:

- was born between November 1st, 2007 and May 1st, 2010
- is a low dairy consumer
- is not taking micronutrient supplements,
- has not been diagnosed with a psychological, behavioural or other disorder (e.g., Autism, ADHD, Specific Learning Disorder) or movement disorders (e.g., cerebral palsy, tremor, myoclonus etc.)
- speaks English as their primary language

For further information or to register your child's interest, please visit the following link

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3112056/Milk-Kids-4>

If you have any queries about this study or would like further information please call (08) 8303 8906, 1800 850 036 or email MilkKids@csiro.au



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Thursday, February 23, 2017

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

An incident/accident has occurred recently at 2 sites resulting in injuries to students.

In one incident the student was using the junior primary play equipment and caught the hat that they were wearing in play equipment, resulting in a red welt on the child's throat due to friction/burn.

The style of hat is our current school hat with an adjustable chin cord and to eliminate the risk of potential strangulation on playground equipment, we ask that parents remove cords from hats. At this stage school staff will not be removing cords from hats.

However there may be hats at home that are worn to school that have the cords and we request the following:

- you inspect your child's hat and if it has a cord, please immediately remove the cord as any hat with cords can no longer be worn at school; and
- if you have concerns about the safety of the hat please speak with me or office staff.

The school will suspend further sales of this style of hat and seek further safety advice. Given this we are currently working to provide an alternative style of hat.

The safety of students at this site is of utmost importance, as such our school staff will continue to monitor and assess potential risks. When required we will modify or change processes to ensure our students get the best care.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter please contact me on phone 8270 4222

Shaun Coghlan
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