



Thiele Primary School Newsletter

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From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It is always interesting at this time of the year when you are farewelling the Year 7 students and welcoming the new receptions. It doesn't seem that long ago that these Year 7 students were starting their school life as receptions and now they are a few days off of finishing their primary school years and starting their next stage of education.

It was after a visit from a 95-year-old lady by the name of Sue Heysen that I started to reflect on the journey of our students through Thiele. Our students start their years in the Heysen building then move on into Spence building and finish their journey in the Coorong building. These buildings have some significant history.

Sue Heysen is the granddaughter of Hans Heysen. After meeting Sue Heysen I was inspired to look into some of the history behind the names of our buildings and thought you may be interested in knowing some of the history behind our school. Hans Heysen was born in Hamburg Germany in 1877 and migrated to Australia in 1884. Hans bought his first paint set when he was 14 years old. Following a hugely successful exhibition in Melbourne Hans bought The Cedars, a property in the Adelaide Hills in Hahndorf. Heysen was a conservationist and lobbied the council to preserve the gum trees around Hahndorf. Hans Heysen was awarded the OBE in 1949 and knighted in 1959. Hans Heysen passed away in Mt Barker hospital in 1968 and is buried in the Hahndorf cemetery with his wife Lady Heysen.

Catherine Helen Spence was born in Melrose, England and at the age of 13 decided that she would become a teacher and later an author. She lived near Brownhill Creek and opened her own school, wrote several books and worked to obtain votes for women and lifelong work for proportional parliamentary representation was widely acknowledged. Catherine Helen Spence is buried in the St Jude's Cemetery at Brighton.

Colin Thiele was born in Eudunda in South Australia and was educated at several country schools including Kapunda High School. He studied at the University of Adelaide and served in the Australian Army and RAAF. Colin Thiele later taught at Brighton High School and Wattle Park Teacher's College as an English lecturer. Colin Thiele was also an author and wrote many books including 'Sun on the Stubble,' 'Storm Boy' and 'Blue Fin'.

Isn't it interesting to think that these three significant people made their decision to follow their dreams at a similar age to our Year 7 students who are embarking on their future.

Regards

Sharon Willoughby

2019 Information

To assist us with the class placement process for 2019, if you are aware of any students who are starting school in 2019 who have not yet enrolled at school or if you are not attending Thiele Primary School in 2019 please contact us as soon as possible.

A summary of our results this year

We have just received the results from the Wellbeing and Engagement Survey and I am pleased to say that we had much more success in administering this test this year with a greater than 95% participation rate from the Year 4-7 students compared with no participation from the Year 5 students and 30-46% participation rate last year from the Year 4,6 and 7 students in 2017.

Thiele Primary School's results indicated that over 50% of students were: -

- happy, optimistic, having an important adult at school, were connected to school and were emotionally engaged with their teachers. Our results indicated that cyberbullying was high at 81% which was no surprise with what we have been following up throughout the year.

Overtime our results indicated that we had improved in the areas of:-

- happiness, optimism, having an important adult at school, connectedness and emotional engagement with teachers.
- Perseverance and cognitive engagement had also increased over time from 2015 - 2018.
- Year 4 students were sadder and worried more than our Year 5, 6 and 7 students. Over 80% of all year 4-7 students were involved in organised activities out of school and interestingly cyberbullying was the highest in Year 4 at 93% reducing to 69% in Year 7.
- Our Year 4-7 students were all over 60% in connectedness to school, however, students who reported that they had been cyber-bullied reported it occurred rarely which is consistent to what is reported across all state schools.
- Generally, our girls had high levels of worries, low satisfaction with life and low optimism and our boys generally reported higher levels of sadness, the latter was inconsistent with all public schools.
- Our barriers to after school activities were consistent with other public school students.

Our NAPLAN Reading results showed that our: -

- Year 5-7 students made above average progress of 71% in the middle progress band

- Year 5 student cohort achieved a decline in SEA percentage of 67% in Year 3 to 58% in Year 5
- Year 7 student cohort achieved an increased SEA percentage from 62% to 73%

Our NAPLAN Numeracy results showed that our: -

- Year 3-5 and Year 5-7 students achieved above average progress of 50% and 65% in the middle progress band
- Year 5 student cohort achieved the same SEA percentage of 54% in Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN tests displaying little shift
- Year 7 student cohort achieved an increased SEA percentage from 73% to 84%

Our Year 1 and Year 2 Reading Running Records showed that: -

- Compared to the South Valley Partnership Schools Year 1 and Year 2 students at Thiele Primary School performed equal or above in reading levels 1-5, 6-10, 21-26 and 1-5, 6-10 and 16-20
- Compared to the State Year 1 and Year 2 students at Thiele Primary School performed above in reading levels 16-21, 21-26 and 21-26
- Reading levels compared to disadvantage Category 6 Year 1 and Year 2 students at Thiele Primary School performed equal or above in reading levels 16-21, 21-26 and 21-26

These results are pleasing and put us in the classification of Stretch, which indicates that Thiele Primary School has made overall steady school performance overtime, but there is still likely that a significant proportion of students falling short of the expected achievement under the SEA and relatively fewer students demonstrating high achievement. This means that we must keep supporting our students to have a go ask questions, keep trying and not give up. Learning takes time and it is the students who persevere, take a chance, learn from their mistakes and are resilient who achieve the most.

Take the time over these holidays to talk to your children about these traits. Think about the 5 why concept when your child gives you an answer to a question to encourage them to dig deeper and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. Encourage them to give reasons to their answers and make connections to the world around them. Read to them, listen to them read to you take the opportunity to ask them questions about what they have read, not simple questions with direct answers, but questions that make them think about solving problems, inferring what the characters are thinking about or what the times in which they are living. Ask your children to quantify their answers and give reasons for their thinking. The skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity are imperative to our 21st century learners.

2019 Information

Staff Update

It is with sadness that we farewell some of our wonderful staff who have worked hard all year supporting our students. We would like to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism provided by

- Rhiannon Massey – T5 Reception Year 1
- Emma Bowen – T14 Year 5/6
- Dale Bliss – T13 Year 6/7
- Danni Gericke – Science/SPARK
- Alysha Milani & Cherie Saba – Japanese
- Renee Sawyer – Campus Physical Education
- Gem Kasse – Acting Deputy Principal

We wish you all the best and hope to see you all again in the very near future. At this stage we are unaware of the replacement staff for 2019, however, we do know that John Mazey will be returning to Thiele Primary School in 2019 and Sharon Willoughby will be continuing in the Acting Principal role.

Thank you from the Fundraising Committee

The Thiele Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions throughout the year.

Money raised from this year's fundraising events has contributed towards Thiele student education programs such as:-

- Swimming/Aquatics
- Trent Hill Incursion
- IT Support and
- Year 7 Graduation

We were also able to purchase new blinds for the science room and b-bots.

Thank you also to Kimberley and Catherine who always help us at the Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas stalls - your help is very much appreciated.

We look forward to another fantastic year of fundraising in 2019.

Anita, Gemma, Kylie and Kelly.



Campus Uniform Shop - 30% off SALE

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Important Dates to Remember

- 6th & 7th December – Christmas Stall
- 11th December – Yr 7 Graduation
- 13th December – Early Dismissal (2.00 pm)
- 14th December – Pupil Free Day

Thiele Assembly Schedule

Term 4 Week 8 - Year 7 Graduates

Thiele Student Free Days

This year we have scheduled student free days for

- Term 4 – Friday 14th December

Term 1 2019

- Friday 8th March
- Friday 12th April

Thiele PS Christmas Stall

The Christmas Stall will be held on Thursday Dec 6 & Friday Dec 7 in the Art Room. Gifts will be available from 50c - \$5.00. There will also be a Christmas Basket to raffle - tickets 50c each.



Thiele Second-hand Uniform Shop

The Secondhand Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 9.00 am - 9.45 am in the Art Room (Heysen Building).

Notices sent home

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

- 2019 - Year 7 Jumper & polo order form (2018 Year 6's only)
- Year 7 Assembly (Year 7's only)
- Junior Primary Christmas Program
- T10 & T12 - Lunch order form / Games Day
- Devon Clothing (via Skoolbag)
- T15 - Class Newsletter / Lunch order form / Excursion
- T2 - PG Movie consent
- 2019 Crossing Monitor information (Year 6/7's only)

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

Term 4 Diary Dates

Week 8 Friday December 7 12.00 pm Assembly - Year 7 Graduates presenting **Week 9 Monday December 10**

- Christmas Program

Tuesday December 11

- T15 Class Party (Fish n Chips lunch)
- T10 & T12 - Games Day

Wednesday December 12

- Junior Primary Zoo Excursion
- T15 - excursion to Happy Valley Oval & Pine Drive playground
- T10 & T12 - Chicken Hub lunch

Thursday December 13

End of Term 4 - Early Dismissal 2.00 pm

Friday December 14

Pupil Free Day

2019 - Term 1 Diary Dates

Term 1	29/01/19 - 13/04/19
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Term 2	30/04/19 - 6/07/19
Term 3	23/07/19 - 28/09/19
Term 4	15/10/19 - 14/12/19

Week 1

Monday January 28

Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday January 29

Beginning of Term 1

Thursday January 31

Instrumental Assembly

Week 2

Tuesday February 5

Acquaintance Night

Week 4

Monday February 18 - Friday February 22

R - 5 Swimming

Friday February 22

Campus Outdoor Movie Night - TBC

Week 5

Thursday February 28

Sports Day Trials

Friday March 1

SAPSASA District swimming Campus Outdoor Movie Night - TBC

Week 6

Monday March 4

Campus Conference

Friday March 8

Pupil Free Day

Week 7

Tuesday March 12 - Friday March 15

Year 6/7 Aquatics

Week 8

Thursday March 31

Campus Assembly

Week 9

Thursday March 28

SAPSASA State Metro Swimming

Saturday & Sunday March 30 & 31

Pedal Prix Mt Gambier

Week 10

Friday April 5

Campus Sports Day

Thursday April 11

End of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.00 pm

Friday April 12

Pupil Free Day

2019 - Term 2 Diary Dates

Week 1

Thursday May 2

SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival

Week 2

Friday May 10

SAPSASA District Cross Country

Week 3

NAPLAN Monday May 14 - Friday May 24

Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN

Week 4

Tuesday May 21

SAPSASA State Metro Athletics

Week 5

Wednesday May 29

Instrumental Music Night

Thursday May 30

Campus Assembly

Friday May 31

Biggest Morning Tea

Week 6

Monday June 3

Campus Conference

Wednesday June 5

Campus Green Day

Thursday June 6

SAPSASA State Cross Country

Week 7

Monday June 10

Public Holiday

Week 9

Friday June 28

Pedal Prix Disco

Week 10

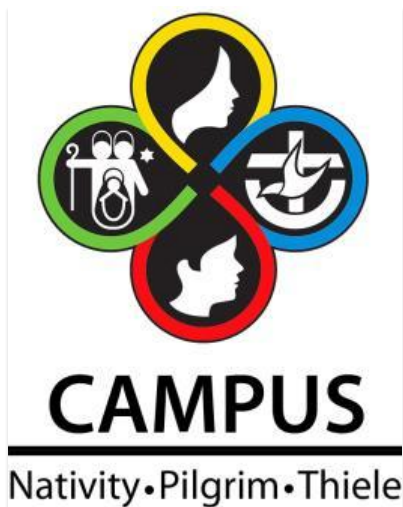
Friday July 5

End of Term 2 - early Dismissal 2.00 pm



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