

THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Acting Principal.....

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year. Over the past two weeks we have had a busy, but calm start and have been focusing on establishing habits and

routines that will support our learning throughout the year. Simple, but important skills that link to our school values of:-

- **Respect** – using manners, listening, being kind
- **Achievement** – following instructions, having a go, persisting
- **Sustainability** – reducing litter by bringing litter free lunches, recycling 10c containers into our recycle bins, turning off lights and air conditioners when leaving the room
- **Integrity** – being the best person you can be and doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do

It is often the little things that make the difference, things like:-

Give your child plenty of downtime – children do not need to have extra-curricular activities every afternoon after a day at school, they need free time to be kids and time to relax after a busy day at school.

Don't demand perfection – it is ok for children to get some things wrong, it is important that we see what children don't know and allow them to be stretched, challenged and able to learn from their mistakes

Engage, engage, engage – avoid asking “what did you learn at school today”, but instead ask questions about who they helped, what was the best thing that happened today, or who/what made them happy?

Don't cover up for their mistakes – support them to accept consequences and take responsibility for their actions, making excuses just teaches them that there is always an excuse for something

Give teachers a chance – be open minded and get to know your child's teacher yourself

Kind Regards
Sharon

Acquaintance Night

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QX2WSLQ>

1. How many of your children attend Thiele Primary School? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
2. Did you attend acquaintance night? Yes/No
3. Did you attend - an informal session - a formal session - both
4. Did you attend the introduction session in the PAC?
5. Which rooms did you visit - your child/ren's classroom - Japanese Room - Library - Interception Room - Science Room
6. Which format for acquaintance night do you prefer? this year - previous years
7. Did you receive a handout from your child/children's class teacher?
8. If you did not attend was it because you were - not interested - unavailable - too early - did not feel the need to attend

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

You are invited to attend our AGM on Tuesday 13th February at 7.00 pm in the Thiele staff room.

Thiele Student Free Days

This year we have scheduled student free days for

- Term 1 – Friday 9th March
 - Term 2 – Monday 30th April
 - Term 3 – Friday 31st August and Campus School Closure Monday 3rd September
 - Term 4 – Friday 14th December
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Pastoral Care Worker - Bree Johnstone

Welcome back everyone, it is going to be a great year at Thiele. I will start with letting you know that I am available to staff, students, parents and community. I will be on campus on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and accessible via phone message through the office.

This year I would like to introduce to you the Sharing tables. Some of you may be familiar with this concept, but I will explain why this is the direction we are heading in. As a school, we believe that as parents and community members we should be taking care of each other. The idea of the sharing tables are, "give when you can, take what you need." This is an open table for pantry items only. Feel free to access it any time you like. It will be located in the Art room.

I will be running a Parents group that is set to run Monday mornings at 8:45am in the Art room. There will be tea and coffee provided along with an area for your young children to play. This will be a chance for parents to information share about what works and what doesn't. I will also be providing some helpful strategies and handy tips and hints along the way. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,
Bree Johnston

Skoolbag App

Thiele Primary School has a Skoolbag App, on this app you can see the school newsletter, Campus, Thiele & community news, as well as alerts, uniform and canteen price list. You may also use the app to notify the school of student absences.

The App is available for iPhone, android and microsoft phones, you may download the app by visiting your app store and searching Skoolbag - Thiele Primary School.

Campus Play Cafe

Every Tuesday and Friday morning the Campus Play Café operates in the Geoff Simpson Hall. This program caters for children aged between birth and 5 years old, with age appropriate, educational play activities in a parent supervised environment.

At the start of this year, Amara, one our volunteers, has been accepted into a course to further her career. We wish her well in her studies and look forward to hearing about it on Friday, when she will still volunteer.

We would also like to thank Lois W for stepping up and keeping the Play Café running since the start of the term along with the few volunteers she has been able to gather on short notice.

We are however, looking for a new volunteer to work with Lois on a regular basis on Tuesdays.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Play Café, please send an email to Jo.Hicks915@schools.sa.edu.au by Friday February 16 expressing your interest including the names of two referees. Please remember that to volunteer on the Campus you will need a DCSI clearance or a willingness to get one.

Campus Performing Arts

PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome to a new, exciting year of Performing Arts on Campus! All of our students will be involved in a dynamic program of Performing Arts classes this year, and we are very much looking forward to working with your children. There are also a range of wonderful additional experiences and

opportunities outlined below, that we encourage students to get involved in.

Campus Performing Arts groups and ensembles

The following Campus Performing Arts groups/ensembles will be offered to our students this year. Please note that all groups/ensembles will start in Week 3, and all meet in the Performing Arts Centre.

Year 3 - 5's: Junior Choir (Thursday L5)

Year 5 - 7's: Campus Band (Thursday L4), Drama Club (Wed lunch), Campus Dance Troupe (Fri lunch), Advanced Music (Thurs lunch)

Year 6 - 7's: Senior Choir (Wednesday L1)

The first two sessions of each ensemble are 'come and try' sessions for interested students; after this time, a commitment to remaining with the ensemble/group for the year and attending all performances (if applicable) is expected. Permission notes will go home to parents in Week 3, to be returned by the end of Week 5.

Instrumental Music lessons

We hosted an Instrumental Assembly on Thursday of Week 1, which gave our students the opportunity to learn about and hear the range of instruments and teachers we offer on Campus. Interested students were given our Instrumental Program Booklet to take home to parents and caregivers - this outlines our program including costs, enrolment forms (for new students), etc. If you missed out on receiving a copy and would like one, they are available at the Campus Office. Instrumental Music lessons will begin for already enrolled students this week and next, depending on the

instrument. New students will generally start in Weeks 3 - 4.

Ally Cunningham

Performing Arts Coordinator

Aberfoyle Park Primary Schools Campus

Nativity - Pilgrim - Thiele

Campus Events Committee

We are looking for parents interested in joining the Campus Events Committee for 2018. This is an important committee as the funds raised for Campus will go directly to the new library building project. If you have not already done so pop into the library and speak to Hajnalka about our wonderful vision. Interested people email your name and contact details to Sharon.willoughby236@schools.sa.edu.au

Campus Sport

If your child is interested in participating in Campus sport – cricket, Pedal Prix, soccer, basketball, football contact the Campus office to complete a registration form.

Campus Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on Campus, the hours are:

- Mondays 2.30 pm -3.30 pm
 - Wednesdays 8.30 am - 9.30 am
 - Fridays 8.30 am - 9.30 am.
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Notices sent home

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

- Family consent form
- R - 5 Swimming
- Acquaintance Night / class information handouts
- Varied class newsletters
- Year 6/7 Canberra Camp - Expression of Interest

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

Term 1 Diary Dates, 2018

Week 2

Friday February 9

12.00 pm - Assembly in PAC - T15 presenting

Week 3

Tuesday February 13

7.00 pm - Annual General Meeting

Week 4

Monday February 19 to Friday February 23

R - 5 Swimming

Tuesday February 20

6.30 pm - Finance Meeting

7.30 pm - Governing Council Meeting

Week 6

Friday March 9

Pupil Free Day

Week 7

Tuesday March 13 to Friday March 20

Year 6/7 Aquatics

Week 11

Friday April 13 - end of Term 1

2.00 pm - Early Dismissal

	Term Dates 2018
Term 1	Jan 29 - April 13
Term 2	April 30 - July 6
Term 3	July 23 - Sept 28
Term 4	Oct 15 - Dec 14



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