SCHOOL GRADUATION AND AWARDS EVENING - MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

I would like to invite the Thuringowa school community to attend the 2015 Graduation and Awards Evening on Tuesday, 2 November. This is an opportunity for the community to acknowledge and celebrate student academic, sporting and cultural achievement as well as showcase our great school.

At this evening we will also officially acknowledge our graduating Year 12 cohort. Full details are included in this newsletter. I look forward to sharing this evening with you.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY 30 OCTOBER

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers, say thanks and celebrate the great work that is happening in every classroom. Thuringowa teachers are making a difference and inspiring our students every day.

Our staff are committed to quality teaching and quality student learning. I value their professionalism and ask that you work in partnership with our teachers to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The School’s P&C has recently approved a range of new uniform items for students. This includes new Senior (Year 10-12) formal shirt for both boys and girls, school tie and a new school jersey. It is expected that students will purchase the school jersey in time for the cooler months in 2016.

The formal senior shirts will be phased in throughout the year as stocks of other items run out. A new school polo shirt is also being developed for approval. Students, staff and parents will have the opportunity to give feedback on the new style later this term. A brochure explaining our school uniform range and expectations will be forwarded to families before the end of the year.
ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT EVERY DAY IN TERM 4
As we are heading towards the end of the year, parents are reminded that students must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness. Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school. Every day missed is a learning opportunity lost. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

IMPORTANT DATES
Monday 2 November is the School Awards Evening.
Thursday 19 November is the Year 12 School Formal and Graduation Dinner.
Friday 20 November is the Final Day for Year 12 students.
Friday 27 November is the Final Day for Year 10 & 11 students.
Friday 11 December is the Final Day for Year 8 & 9 students.

It is important to us that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving. We appreciate your support in this partnership.

Grant Dale
Principal
gdale8@eq.edu.au

THE SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE IS 4753 8866
PLEASE RING IF YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL OR EMAIL 2172_Absences@eq.edu.au

Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV
http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland
Vision for Thuringowa State High School

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT
Great School Great Opportunity

SCHOOL MOTTO
Promoting Achievement

SCHOOL VISION
Thuringowa State High School students will achieve personal success in their learning and contribute as responsible and productive citizens.

We do this by:
- Providing a personalised and student-centred approach to learning
- Creating a culture of learning, high expectations and continuous improvement
- Encouraging equity and social justice
- Supporting personal and community well-being
- Developing partnerships with our community
- Recognising diversity
- Celebrating achievement

Values
- Lifelong Learning - We believe that everyone has the right to learn and can learn
- Quality Achievement - We strive for high expectations and educational excellence
- Positive Relationships - We promote a safe environment, respectful interactions and responsible behaviours
- Connected Communities - We create networks and partnerships across our school community
- School Pride - We celebrate our school identity, achievements and traditions

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Upcoming Events – Term 4

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Regularly throughout Term 4 all our Year 10, 11 and 12 students are being emailed a Careers Pathways newsletter.

It has information on available traineeships, TAFE courses some of which are free for 2016, and positions vacant just to name a few articles.

There are links to career information sites, scholarships, Defence information and Engineering camps.

Please ask your student to show you the email if you are interested in seeing the Careers Pathway newsletter.

Websites of interest for students are:

Mr Dale working at McDonalds Rasmussen on McHappy Day.

All funds raised were for Ronald McDonalds House.

Our student Jess Tatnell is the minion.

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Payment of 2015 Textbook and Resource Hire Fees

Participation in the 2015 Student Resource Scheme is due on the 22nd October. Please refer to the Participation Agreement Form forwarded with the invoices for 2015. If you do not have a copy of this form you can collect a copy from the school office or request a copy be emailed to you… 2172_admin@eq.edu.au

Non-payment of the participation fee by the designated payment date(s) may result in debt recovery action being undertaken for the overdue participation fee which may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent/carer. Non-payment of the participation fee will also result in withdrawal of students from extra-curricular activities for example: camps, afternoon sports, NQ Sports, instrumental lessons, use of the school bus, Year 12 formal, senior jerseys, school magazine.

Year 12 students must have all outstanding fees paid in full prior to purchasing a Year 12 Formal ticket from the office. Students with unpaid fees will not receive Course Certificates for the various VET courses they have undertaken until all fees are paid in full. Any work completed in Engineering and Furnishing will not be given to your child until all fees are paid in full.

For your convenience, the school office has Eftpos facilities and credit/debit card payments can be processed either in person or over the phone. The school also accepts payment via BPoint, and for further details see below. Of course cash or cheque are accepted at the office.

Thank you to those parents who have already attended to payment of their Textbook/Resource Hire Fees. Payment of these fees and return of text books ensures a fair and equitable distribution of resources. Thank you for your assistance.

BPoint - Parent Payments

Following the implementation of BPoint to the OneSchool system and the changes made to customer Invoices and Statements to include the BPoint web address, many parents are now making their payments via BPoint.

When parents make these payments via the BPoint web site they need to ensure that they enter their Customer Reference Number, Invoice Number and Amount to pay.

Again please see the office staff for further information about this great service.

Karen Patrick
Business Services Manager

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QParents Registration

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have registered for ‘QParents’, which is a secure online parent portal.

The online portal allows you to electronically notify the school of any student absence, check on the attendance and behaviour of your child, view a student’s current timetable and subjects, update contact details and receive any accounts for payment.

THE SYSTEM IS EXCELLENT and we highly RECOMMEND that you nominate to participate. All parents/caregivers of students in Year 7-11 should have received a mail package and information about how to complete registration. Please contact the office if you need any support to register.

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Our library resources are now available 24/7

Get reading.. get eBooks!

Easy to use - available 24/7 - eBooks for all age groups

Start reading eBooks in 4 easy steps:
1. Go to http://educationqld.lib.overdrive.com and enter your MIS ID/Corporate Login
2. Search or browse for eBooks
3. Sample before you borrow
4. Borrow and download
   - Read online using OverDrive Read
   - Read offline using Adobe Digital Editions

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We have added more eBooks to the **Queensland State Schools eBooks Digital Library**. You now have access to over 5,000 eBooks as well as audiobooks and streaming videos.

Here’s a sample:
- The Hunger Games
- Percy Jackson Series
- The Warriors Series
- Quest Of The Gods Series
- The Vampire Diaries
- Bridge To Terabithia
- The Poetry Of James Joyce
- The Works Of Edgar Allan Poe
- The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective People / Stephen Covey
- Choice Theory In The Classroom / William Glasser
- Shakespeare’s Macbeth, Romeo And Juliet, Twelfth Night, Hamlet and more

Students are also eligible to access this service: [Get into eBooks](https://thuringowashs.eq.edu.au).

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**Insurance Cover for Students**

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities.

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.
How to study

Studying before exams is the best way to be prepared. You can make it easier by preparing a dedicated study area, breaking it into manageable steps, revising what you've already studied, and managing expectations and pressure.

Break it down

You look at the amount of stuff you have to learn for a course or exam, and it feels like a huge, unmanageable task. So, break it down. Make a list of small, achievable study steps – maybe summarising a category or chapter – and tick each one off as you do it. Then, make a list that builds on that – you'll get further, more quickly, than you thought was possible.

Make a space

Decide on an area to study in (even just a corner of your room), and don't do anything else there. This'll make it easier to avoid procrastinating. Make it a clean, well-lit, comfortable space so you're not constantly getting up and walking away.

Take breaks

Don't force yourself to push on through when you're tired. You can only absorb so much in one sitting. Try to take at least a ten minute break for every hour of study you do. Also, don't sacrifice sleep to study – you need to get good sleep to be on top of your game.

Revise

Instead of just working your way from one end of the textbook to the other, take time to go over what you've already looked at. This will help it sink in and become more accessible in your memory. Go over last week's formulas, charts, essays or chapters while you're pushing on with this week's.

Take the pressure off

Working up to exams can be (and probably is) pretty stressful. If pressure’s motivating you, and isn’t a problem, great! If it's getting to your head though you can relieve it by:

- Talking to someone outside the situation
- Getting some time away from study
- Revising your expectations
- Talking to people who you feel are putting extra pressure on you

The Annual Talent Quest is on Tuesday 27th October, 2015 at 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy

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Congratulations Damon Christian

Damon Christian attended the National Championships in Brisbane for Inline Hockey over the school holidays and the QLD team he played on won GOLD!!

The team was selected from players from Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane.

Damon was placed on the first line which is a credit to his hard training.

Year 11 Work Experience Term 3

The last week of term 3 and even during the school holidays we had students attending work experience.

Students enrolled in Certificate II in Workplace Practices *(which contributes 4 QCE points)* perform 80 hours of work experience over the two years of their course.

Without the support of our local business our students could not complete their course.

Thank you to all our local business who participate in our work experience program year after year.

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MY FUTURE: MY LIFE - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

The Financial Assistance option provides practical support to students with a disability in Years 11 and 12 (or Year 10 in some rural and remote locations) by making one off funding available of up to $1000 for Year 11 students and $2000 for Year 12 students for the purchase of resources needed to pursue their goals for life after school.

Get your Financial Assistance Applications in, as resources must commence being used whilst the student is still at school.

If you would like to know more, please, click here.
The students worked with the Multi-cultural Centre to create lanterns for the recent Lantern Festival.

Dr Farvasrdin came and worked with students who created lanterns from bamboo shafts and other recycled materials.

Students were then invited to walk in the parade with their lanterns, this year’s theme was Donate for Life – Organ Donation Awareness.
On Friday the 15th October students in Years 7-11 participated in a Cybersafety presentation. This presentation was held in our Theatre and allowed students to become well informed cyber citizens.

Mr Rob Priddey and Ms Stephanie Taylor from the Information and Technologies Branch of the Department of Education and Training, gave very relevant case studies to educate our students on ways to act safe using social media.

“Maximising your digital footprint”- the title of the presentation was an opportunity for students to assess how they are using the internet and strategies for improve use.

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Amazing talent.....

Year 10 Annual Cupcake Challenge

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Do you often ask yourself ... “Where did all my money go?”

Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to $500. Wouldn’t it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the

**Saver Plus Program.**

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational education yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:

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