April 2015

TERM ONE PROGRESS REPORTS

The Term One Report is an indication of how your child is progressing in respect to Academic Achievement, Effort in the Classroom and Classroom Behaviour. It should be noted however, that the Academic Achievement result may be based on limited assessment, so should be used as a guide only.

Please also note the number of absences recorded for your child. Thuringowa State High School expects students to achieve a 95% attendance rate at school. We understands that sometimes sickness result in absences from time to time, however if your child has missed more than two days for the term, they are not on track to achieve 95%. Research has shown that high attendance is closely linked to high achievement in the classroom.

Please discuss this report with your child to highlight both strengths and opportunities for improvement. All parents and students are encouraged to attend the Parent-Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 28th April to discuss your child’s progress with their teachers. Details about the Parent-Teacher Interviews are included with the Term One Reports. It is important that students, parents and teachers work together to ensure students are learning and achieving.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Students must demonstrate Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviours in the classroom and in the playground. The school will not tolerate inappropriate and abusive language, physical violence or disruptive behaviours from students. At times it becomes necessary to discipline students which may include detentions, after-school detentions and/or suspension to students who display inappropriate classroom or playground behaviour.

I make no apology for ensuring that every student has the right to a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment at Thuringowa State High School.
COMMUNITY CODE OF CONDUCT

It is also expected that parents and caregivers demonstrate respectful behaviours when dealing with school staff. We understand that some school matters can cause a great deal of emotion and stress, however staff will not accept disrespectful, abusive or threatening behaviours. If deemed necessary, official school restrictions will be applied or police will be notified regarding unacceptable behaviour. It is important that school staff and parents work as an effective partnership to support every student.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Thuringowa State High School Parents and Citizens Association conducted their Annual General Meeting recently and elected the following Officers:

President: Peter Alles
Secretary: Liza Vamplew
Treasurer: Mary Perryman

A reminder that the Parents and Citizens Association meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Administration Building. Next meeting is Wednesday 13th May. All parents are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES

- School resumes for all students on Monday 20th April.
- Parents are welcome to attend our School ANZAC Day Parade on 24th April at 8.30am.
- Students are also encouraged to march with the school on ANZAC Day at the Strand. Full details will be available early next term.

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
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### UPComing EVENTS

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## Ebooks Online

For the first time students of Thuringowa State High School have FREE access to Queensland State Schools eBooks online. Click on the link below to access the website.  

Students simply use your MIS ID to log in. If you have any problems please see Ms Walters in the library for help.
**NAPLAN 2015**

The National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is used by governments, education authorities and schools to determine whether young Australians are meeting important goals in literacy and numeracy.

**All students in Years 7 and 9 are expected to sit the test and do their best**, for the NAPLAN tests which will be held 12th – 14th May, 2015. NAPLAN gives a snapshot of how children are performing in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. It complements other effective classroom assessment and reporting practices.

Parents can withdraw their child from the test by notifying the school principal in writing, if withdrawal is intended as an option to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

Students who have learning disabilities or poor English language skills, or who have been in Australia for less than one year, may be exempted from NAPLAN testing. Exemptions for students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities are determined through consultation between the principal, student, and parents/carers.

A range of adjustments can also be made for students with physical and/or learning disabilities.

For more information about NAPLAN visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) or contact the school.

Ideas to support and encourage your son/daughter before and during the tests will be published in future newsletters.

**Cheryl Phillips**
**Master Teacher**

*Staff and students recently participated in the Pink Stumps Day fundraising event.*

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2015 Annual Theatre Restaurant

Thuringowa State High School

Live show
Licensed Bar
3 course meal
Do not miss

Popstars! The 90's musical.
Written by Neil Gooding and Nicholas Christo

Bookings are now open

Show nights 22nd 29th 30th May 2015

Tickets $40 include 3 course dinner (special dietary requirements available, advise on booking)
Book and pay - phone 4753 8888 - call into school - email tberg8@eq.edu.au
5.30pm for 7pm start Performing Arts Theatre
Thuringowa State High School 26-54 Vickers Road South, Condon

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Science and Physical Education in 2015

The Science and Physical Education staff would like to welcome all new students and families to Thuringowa State High School. Students and staff have not wasted any time and have already been immersed in a large range of activities, both in the classroom and in the community. We have also been impressed with how the new Year 7 and 8 classes have embraced Science and HPE.

On offer this year in the Science Department will be the usual excellent activities and we are already looking for students interested in the following:

1. **North Queensland Science and Engineering Challenge** – for Year 10 students and involves one day of activities based on building and design projects. This is a very popular event for Townsville schools.

2. **Engineering Link Project** – for Year 10 and 11 students who attend JCU for 3 days during the June holidays.

3. **Rio Tinto Science competition** – for all year levels. This competition involves answering 30 multiple-choice questions based on scientific skills. Cost is $7.

New staff in the Science Department this year is: Ms Crust, Mr Grunske, Ms Dinnison, Ms McCulloch, Mr Moyo, Ms Lewis and Ms Brown.

This year, the Physical Education Department will be delivering the HPE Australian Curriculum to all Years 7 – 10 students. This will bring exciting changes to all HPE lessons.

Another new initiative for 2015 is the introduction of our iAchieve Sports program for Years 7 and 8 students. This program is a coaching and mentoring program that will provide skills and knowledge for students, to excel in their chosen sport. Interested students need to collect an application form from the HPE staffroom.

The HPE Department has also been busy organizing the swimming carnival that was held on 27th February, as well as a large number of sporting teams, training and competing in the Townsville secondary schools block sports competition.

Students need to bring a water bottle and wear a hat to all HPE practical lessons.
This term students had the opportunity to participate in the following sports:

- Year 7/8 boys and girls basketball
- U15 girls netball
- Open (15 yrs+) boys and girls volleyball
- U13, U15 and open boys rugby league

We welcome Mr Michaelis to our Physical Education staff for 2015. Ms Guild is the Director of Sport and Mr Catalano is the HPE curriculum coordinator.

We are all looking forward to an exciting year in Science and Physical Education and we hope you are too. If you have any queries in regards to your child’s progress at Thuringowa State High School, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher on 47 538 888. Your opinions and thoughts will be most welcome.

Wendy Bode  
Science and Physical Education  
Head of Department

**Congratulations U15 Girls Netball**

Thuringowa State High School U15 Netballers have charged away in the final week of the competition, becoming undefeated in all 7 games.
Our incredible goal shooters; Carly and Jayde would have not been able to get the points without the slick, quick feet and hand work from the centre court players; Tamika, Simone, Bianca, Kaylene, Rylee and Aleece.

The rebounding efforts, and the impeccable timing of many intercepts from our defence third of the court could not of been more successful without; Maddi and Lurleen. The girls trained hard and played harder.

A big thank you to all the parents and HPE staff. Congratulations U15 Girls!!

Swimming Carnival Results

Overall Winning House: GOLD

Spirit Award: GREEN

Under 12
Dwayne and Hannah

Under 13
Kevin and Wendy

Under 14
Dean and Maddison

Under 15
Thomas and June

Under 16
Gus and Katherine
OPEN
Jesse and Ashlei

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Swimming Carnival and the winner is GOLD HOUSE

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Year 12 Balance Day

We learnt that there are lots of different types of pathways. We went into groups and went to different talks about how we can approach these pathways.

We learnt how to relax and de-stress, had a law and order talk about drinking and the side effects from it from our school based police officer. We had a success and motivating talk from Chappy Dan.

We left feeling prepared for Year 12 with how to cope and who to see. Best part was at the end when we all had pizza and cordial, that was awesome.

Laura
Year 12 student

Expectations & Objectives

- Health & Nutrition
- Stress Management
- Study Skills
- Summation & Reflection
- Motivation

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2015 Students Leaders Induction Ceremony

Opening ceremony 18th February, 2015

Mr Grant Dale’s opening address

Ms Webster leads the choir

Junior School Captain Penelope Whyte

Thuringowa State High School Choir

Junior School Captain Liam Perryman

Year 12 presentation

Year 12 presentation

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2015 Students Leaders Induction Ceremony

Student Representative Council Executive

Aboriginal and Torres Strait: Islander Leaders

Presenters:
Mr Shaun Cavanagh
A/Deputy Welr State School
Ms Jade Aleishman & Mr Simon Verduw
Beacon Foundation
Ms Claudin Moncur
Principal Rasmusun State School
Mr Patrick McDonnell
Principal Kelso State School

Eco-warrior Student Enviro-council

Noah Adams, Elsie Bast, Grant Dale, Gail Toombs, Wilfred Reuben

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Your task:
Plan and produce a 30 second TV ad campaign to commemorate the centenary of the ANZACS a chosen targeted audience.

Welcome

Kelso State School working

The annual competition includes students from our Riverway Cluster schools competing against each other for the Riverway Cup.

Weir State School working

Winner
Rasmussen State School

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Everyone is invited to attend our next Parents and Citizens Meeting on Wednesday 13th May, 2015.

Meetings are at 6pm in the Administration building. For further information ring 4753 8888 or email kpatr20@eq.edu.au

Flexihire is a Queensland based company set up in key locations throughout the state to support business. Flexihire aims to provide modern well maintained hire equipment at a competitive price when you need it.

They have loaned us, for free the use of a trolley jack, and are giving us discounted rates for any further equipment hire we need for the school.

Thank You

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Sweet Posies & Megan’s Cakes & Candy have donated items for Year 12 students to raffle for Easter. It will be drawn next Thursday morning the 2/4/15.

Thank you Sweet Posies & Megan’s Cakes & Candys for your generous donations.

These were arranged by Ros Moscardini our SEU teacher aide who also donated a Dolce Gusto Coffee Machine and pods to the Seniors.
Year 7 & 8 Mungalli Falls Camp

It was to be a 3 day camp but Cyclone Nathan threatened and everyone came home late on Thursday. Another successful camp organised by Ms Schulz. Thank you to all our staff who volunteered their time to help our students go MAD (make a difference).