**CALENDAR**

TERM 1 (January 28 ~ March 24)

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**Notes sent home this week:**
- Munchies: Due Wed 17th Feb
- Munchies roster: N/A
- Whooping Couch alert: N/A
- 4/5/6 Anzac excur: Due Wed 17th Feb

**Munchies:**
Thank you to all who have returned their forms to help with Munchies. The roster has been sent home today.

Next week’s helper is:
Sharmaine McQualter

**Campbell Pinkerton**

**Kate Lowater**

**Early/Late Arrivals**
We still have a few students arriving early in the mornings before 8:45am. Remember that a staff member is only on duty between 8:45 and 9:00am so please ensure you child/ren arrive during this time. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE**

It has been a beautiful week here in Thorpdale, don’t you just love February’s weather! The classrooms are running smoothly and our swimming program has also been blessed by this beautiful weather. The kids have started off brilliantly and we haven’t had any “real” complaints about it being too cold. Hopefully this fine weather can continue so that we can get through all of our swimming sessions without disrupting our traditional timetable any further. (Maybe I shouldn’t have spoken about the weather; the weather gods can be so fickle!) Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered their time to assist us with our swimming program. We are so fortunate to have so many parents who are willing to give up some of their time to assist us - it is truly appreciated.

**Family Barbeque:** We had a wonderful turnout for our Family B.B.Q. although we over catered in a big way. We welcomed quite a few new families to Thorpdale Primary School this year; in the Prep grade we have Seth Earle and his family, Lily Braaksma and her family and Ruby Westbury and her family. Our other Preps already have older siblings at school. We have also welcome Vincent Gange, Ocean McQualter and Memphis Burdon to the school. We also gained four other new families to our school; we have Jayde Joyce-Luttgens and her family, Mitilda (Tilly) Moore and her family and Charlotte Wright and her family who are all starting in Mrs Wilson’s classroom and in the senior grade we have Jack Cummings and his family. If you have the opportunity, please help us make these new families feel welcome here at Thorpy.

Our House Captains and Junior School Councillors were presented to the school community and received their badges. Our House Captains and J.S.C. representatives this year are:
- Pontiac: Georgia Murphy & Conner Westbury
- Sequoia: Clara Linn & Reid Melbourne
- Kennebec: Bianca Fahey & Chantelle Giessler
- JSC President: Georgia Murphy
- JSC Minutes Secretary: Sydney Blackshaw
- JSC Correspondence Secretary: Chantelle Giessler
- JSC Treasurer: Casey Marsh
- JSC Photographer: Conner Westbury
- JSC Photographer: Keely McCabe
Weekly Class Awards
Weekly awards were presented to the following children. Congratulations to you all.

**Year Prep/1**
Charley Jennings: Charley I like the way you put so much effort into your drawings—they are detailed and colourful. Well done.
Arielle Evans: Arielle I have been so impressed with the way you are ready to learn each morning. Well done.

**Year 2/3**
Tilly Moore: For always starting her work straight away and doing her best.
Charlotte Wright: for always being willing to learn in class.

**Year 4/5/6**
Kate Lowater: Kate your report writing was detailed and had some amazing descriptive words. It was great to see the effort you put into it! Well done!
Conner Westbury: Conner it was great to see you encouraging your team mates during sport this week. It was great to see such sportsmanship! Well done!

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**PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE cont...**

Senior Grade Excursion: The senior grade has been given the opportunity to visit the ‘Spirit of Anzac’ exhibition in Melbourne next Friday as Mirboo North Primary had extra room on their buses. This should be a great day as I have been informed that it is a brilliant exhibition.

Notes, permission slips and money etc: Just a quick reminder to all our families that each classroom has a cashbook journal that contains a checklist so they know who has returned what forms. At times we have parents who bring in forms and money to the office and it can become a bit confusing for the classroom teacher who is trying to check that their students have brought back all the forms etc. that are returned during any given week. Essentially, what I am asking is: Could all notes etc. please be returned via the classroom office tub! Thank you!

Yinnar & District Swimming Carnival: We will have 8 students heading off to the Churchill Leisure Centre on Monday 15th of February to compete in the Y&D swimming championships. Good luck kids.

Icy Poles: The JSC will be selling icy poles during lunch times in hot weather for 50c

Principal’s Awards:
Conner Westbury: You have received this award because of the excellent manner and behaviour you have exhibited around your peers and fellow students. The junior students really look up to you. Well done, Conner!

Bomber Pors: You have received this award because of the wonderful way you have been assisting the new Preppies and other younger students. Well done, Bomber!

Seth Earle: You have received this award because of the fantastic way you approach all your classroom work. You are always smiling in and out of the classroom and you just make the people around you feel good. Well done, Seth!