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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

### News

#### Congratulations School Leaders

Last week our school leaders were presented with their 2018 Leadership Badges at the Leadership Assembly. Those awarded were our Captains, Vice Captains, Student Leaders, student AECG (Aboriginal leaders), Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Sports House Captains.

These leaders were recognized for their positive qualities of respect, encouragement, confidence, ability to role model and their desire to help others. I asked our leaders and our whole school (because you can be a leader regardless of title or age) to do what's right ... everyday... even when it's hard ... especially when it's hard .... Leadership isn't always easy but good leaders keep persisting & keep trying because they want to make a difference to the lives of others and they want to make the world around you a little better.

#### Making Ripples

Be a Leader who makes ripples.... makes ripples everyday (this applies to all of us, all students, all adults and parents we can model this to our children and encourage this in our children).

Mother Teresa said - "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

You don't have to be a superhero to make ripples, you don't have to be a Martin Luther King or a Mother Teresa, you just have to be a person who makes the world around you better. Be a person who makes positive ripples. Here is just a few ideas:



#### SCHOOL SECURITY

1300 880 021

24 Hours

#### THIS WEEK AT TAPS Week

KINDY DUCK POND PICNIC WEEK 6	THUR 8TH MAR
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PHOTO DAY WEEK 7	WED 14TH MAR
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PSSA GALA DAY PRIMARY WEEK 8	FRI 23RD MAR
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STUDENT'S  
ABSENCE OF  
THREE (3) DAYS  
OR MORE  
REQUIRES A  
DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
FOR THE LATEST EVENTS  
AT TAPS  
[www.thomasacre-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.thomasacre-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)  
UPDATED WEEKLY

- \* Smile and welcome others.
- \* Say and do kind things to others and say kind things about others. Jump in and be helpful whenever you can (with nothing in it for you).
- \* Be brave. Don't wait for others to do the right thing. When you see someone doing the right thing, support them. Politely and calmly don't accept things that are wrong. Speak up, act the right way or tell someone.
- \* Be nice even when it's hard.
- \* Encourage others.
- \* Use words that build others up.
- \* Don't give up - don't be negative be more positive about people and situations
- \* Use initiative and solve problems, don't create them.
- \* If you make a mistake learn from it and fix it.
- \* If others make a mistake be encouraging and even help them fix it.
- \* Spend more time telling others what they are doing right rather than telling them what they're doing wrong.

Be an everyday Leader .... make ripples.

Margaret Mead said – "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

## **RESPECT**

Parents help us reinforce RESPECT. We have been focusing lately on 'respect' explicitly in class and the playground (but to be honest its always covered indirectly. By respect we mean things like consideration, thoughtfulness, politeness and courtesy. Respect means showing regard for the feelings, wishes and rights of others. I am proud to say I see this consistently from many of our students.

This week we awarded a child from each class who we caught displaying respect but I asked children to do this all the time with no expectation for awards. You can help us with this by role modelling and discussing respect at home. Respect for others is a character trait that combined with other traits and skills can help people be more successful in their everyday lives.

## **KINDNESS**

For the next two weeks we will be focusing on 'kindness' which is being friendly, generous, considerate and showing goodwill, care or concern for others. (Of course being kind is another trait that will take people far in life).

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## **Connect meets – Thanks**

I would like to personally thank my staff, our parents and students for getting together and communicating with each other so that we can get to know our students better which will help us to teach them, support them and help them take greater responsibility for their own learning and behaviours. Later in the year we will get back together to discuss learning and progress at greater length.

## **School Leaders Profile**

*Captain & Vice Captains introductions & some advice about leadership for all of us.*

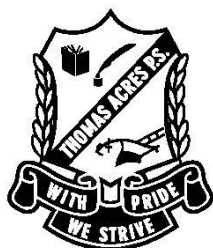


Ello! I'm Grace. My favourite things about life are cats and dogs but if I had to choose, I'd say dogs. I love listening to music 24/7 and absolutely love waking up, talking and being sarcastic. I have a million phobias and irrational fears, like enclosed spaces, clowns, spiders and many more. I think a good leader is a good listener.

Hi my name is Wyatt and I like animals and doing art. I am scared of clowns and being kidnapped. A good leader makes kids smile, not frown and leads proudly because of their good choices.

Hello my name is Takeshi and I love soccer, travelling and cooking. In my opinion I think I'm pretty good at soccer. If I had to rate myself of how scared I am of clowns it would probably be a 4/10. So, I'm only a little bit scared of them. My leadership advice to students is to be a kind, learning and safe student that shows respect to teachers.

Hi I'm Alisha and I like puppies, sport, friends, being weird, music and being around people. I am good at making friends and making people happy. I'm scared of magpies, being expelled and having no friends. As leaders we need to be role models and we need to set an example.



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# EASTER HAT PARADE

Dear Parents/Carers

At Thomas Acres Public School, we look forward to sharing our Easter Parade with you and your family. The Easter parade will be held on:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Starting at **9.15 am**

Your child is invited to wear an Easter Hat, which they will **parade** for family and friends from 9.15am under the **Primary Shelter**. Children can wear mufti on this day.

**All students in Years K-6** are asked to make their Easter hat at home and bring it along on the Easter Parade Day so that they can join in the fun.

If you and your family celebrate this time of year in a different way, your child is invited to celebrate your beliefs creatively through wearing traditional cultural dress.

Following the Easter Parade the P&C will be holding their Easter raffle. You are welcome to stay and see whether you are the winner of one of the amazing Easter hampers!



Thank you and hope to see you there!



# MERIT AWARDS

The following Primary students will be receiving their WHITE AWARDS during the Primary Assembly on Wednesday 7th March.

Lacey J	6H	Bexley P	3A
Hannah A	5S	Shivesh K	6M
Niki T	6H	Hayley B	5S
Zo'e L	6H	Isabella H	5J
Mackenzie M	5S	Stefanie N	5/6B
Lachlan G	4M		

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MERIT AWARDS

In line with our new Character Studies we have introduced a new Merit Award to our Merit System. Each fortnight there will be a different theme. The first theme is RESPECT and some of the first merit awards have been given out to some respectful students.

Other themes for the Character Studies will be Kindness and Co-operation to follow.

These new awards are equivalent to the mini white awards, therefore count towards the next level white award. For eg: if your child has 2 mini awards and 1 new Respect award that equals 3 mini awards, which then can be handed in at the office in order for you to receive a white award.



A NOT-FOR-PROFIT LIFESTYLE INITIATIVE OF CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

# CAMPBELLTOWN CITY CHALLENGE WALK

11 MARCH 2018

FREE WIFI  
ENTER ONLINE  
NOW  
at Campbelltown City Council Libraries

8AM START  
GATES OPEN 6.30AM

6KM FUN WALK  
11KM ENDURANCE WALK

GREAT BARREL  
DRAW PRIZES

\$11 ENTRY FEE  
\$22 ON EVENT DAY

THE AUSTRALIAN BOTANIC GARDEN, MOUNT ANNAN

[campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/challengewalk](http://campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/challengewalk)



## Social Skills Program

# Playing and Learning to Socialise

Is your child going to school in 2019?

**FREE Program**  
For children aged 3.5 to 5 years living in the Ambarvale/Rosemeadow community

Does your child need practice with their social skills?






Term 1 & 2,  
2018

Wednesdays  
10.30am - 12noon

Ambarvale Public School,  
Copperfield Drive, Ambarvale

Term 1 - 14 Feb to 11 April

Term 2 - 9 May to 4 July



## Program

- |            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| Session 1  | Greeting Others                 |
| Session 2  | Taking Turns:                   |
|            | Talking and Listening           |
| Session 3  | Taking Turns at Play            |
| Session 4  | Sharing                         |
| Session 5  | Asking for Help                 |
| Session 6  | Identifying Feelings            |
| Session 7  | Empathy                         |
| Session 8  | Overcoming Fear<br>and Anxiety  |
| Session 9  | Managing Frustration            |
| Session 10 | Calming Down<br>and Speaking Up |

Bookings essential



Toy+  
Mobile Book  
Library



benevolent  
SOCIETY

### IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO SCHOOL IN 2019?

Campbelltown City Council Mobile Toy and Book Library, in partnership with Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy and Junction Works, offers a

## FINE MOTOR SKILLS PROGRAM

### FREE School Readiness Program

for children 3.5 to 5 years living in the Ambarvale and Rosemeadow community

#### Program includes:

Parent workshop, pre-screening, small group sessions, free borrowing of fine motor equipment and post evaluation sessions.

All sessions are delivered by a trained Occupational Therapist and Early Childhood Educators

#### Sessions will focus on:

- fine motor skills
- pencil grasp
- scissor skills
- muscle control and more.

Does your child need a little practice with their pencil grasp or scissor skills?

#### Where?

Islewood Community Centre  
2 Lillimer Way, Ambarvale

#### When?

Monday morning 10.30am - midday  
Term 1 - 12 February to 11 April  
Term 2 - 7 May to 2 July



Bookings essential, phone Sarah on 4645 4723

Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services



Free

Toy+  
Mobile Book  
Library

### Parent-Child Mother Goose Program

Cuddle... Communicate... Connect...

The Parent-Child Mother Goose program supports attachment and interaction between parents and their children, up to five years, living in the Ambarvale/Rosemeadow area through sharing of songs, rhymes, finger plays and storytelling.

#### Tuesday mornings

8 weeks - per term

Term 1 - 13 February to 3 April

Term 2 - 8 May to 26 June

Term 3 - 31 July to 18 September

Term 4 - 23 October to 11 December

10am to 12noon

Glen Alpine Community Hall

139 Heritage Way, Glen Alpine

Free  
morning  
tea

#### Program benefits:

- Assists children in their social and emotional development and maturity.
- Aids the development of language skills.
- Enables families to form new friendships and increase neighbourhood connections.
- Shares information about local services.

Bookings are essential. Please contact 4645 4723.

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# GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

**Mobile Blood Service visiting:**

**Bunnings, Campbelltown**

1 Kellicar Rd, Campbelltown

<b>Monday 26 March</b>	<b>12.30pm – 6.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 March</b>	<b>8.30am – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	<b>8.30am – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	<b>12.30pm – 6.00pm</b>

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

**Please bring photo I.D.** with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95  
or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)

 **Australian Red Cross  
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