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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



The other day I read an article about **teachers and their determination to make a difference** to the lives of their students and this is true for well over 95% of teachers. (Of course we can all think of a small number in our experiences just weren't in it for the right reason - I'm proud to say none fit that description at TAPS). Just like over 95% of parents really do want the best for their child.

I'm pleased to say that 100% of our teachers want to make a difference for your children.... So I'm asking you to 'trust us'. We really do care about your children. We want them to succeed academically and socially and we want them to enjoy coming to school as well.

Our teachers spend hours outside of school planning and preparing lessons that are both engaging and effective. They work on learning goals, success criteria and actively seek and give feedback to students. Many of our teachers also give up additional time support the community and to provide opportunities in sports, dance, STEM Ed, Tournament of the minds, public speaking, spelling bees, choir just to name a few. Also, a lot of extra time is given supporting many students with their wellbeing and emotions.

We value partnerships with parents with so we can work together to ensure success for our students your children (our kids) and of course sometimes respectful disagreement will occur and that happens with human beings of course I'll ask that at all times these differences of opinions be kept respectful and more often than not can usually be worked out. (It's not about winning an argument it's about trying to do what's right for the child).

SCHOOL SECURITY

1300 880 021

24 Hours

**THIS WEEK AT
TAPS
Week**

WEEK 3

Thurs 9th Aug
Grandfriends

**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
UPDATED WEEKLY**

The best thing you as a parent to help your child at school is to

- ♦ Prepare them to be respectful citizens (kind, helpful, compassionate, friendly, honest polite and so on);
- ♦ Encourage them to collaborate well with others (get along, listen to, compromise, give and take, share and so on);
- ♦ Develop their resilience (don't give up, cope with mistakes and learn from them, enjoy challenges and so on);
- * Have a positive attitude (look for the good in all situations, know that bad things can often pass quickly and that good things are around the corner, don't blame others, enjoy life and spread happiness, smiles and so on).

This topic of partnerships brings me to **Connect Meets & Re-Connect Meets**.

These meetings are a great way to build partnerships between students, parents and teachers. They are important to celebrate growth, improvements and successes. It is a great way to encourage children to take more responsibility in their learning. It also allows us as parents and teachers to have a positive influence on learning, attitude and effort. (People both kids and adults are more likely to change with support, encouragement, acceptance, respect and negotiating rather than blame, nagging, criticism etc)

So ... thank you greatly if you have been a part of this process. If you weren't able to but still wish to see your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to contact them as arrangements can still be negotiated.

Visitors from Japan

Yesterday we once again show cased our great school to visitors from Koshigaya city. We hosted students, teachers, leaders and Australian hosts. They visited classes and observed quality lessons in maths, English, reading support and STEM ED (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). During these lessons, they observed our work in formative assessment (learning goals, success criteria and feedback) as well as our innovative teaching. Our visitors were greatly impressed with our students (their learning and manners), our teachers (their passion and hardwork) and our school. They have asked to return in 2019.

At a special assembly, we swapped gifts. An Aboriginal Message stick and Aussie treats from us and a 2019 Japan world cup Rugby ball and origami for us. Our senior dance performed and the Japanese students entertained us with a performance of their own. Both groups were excellent.

Massive thanks for B.I.N.G.O and the up-coming, 'Purple day'

Thanks again P&C for giving up your own time to engage the community and fundraise for the school (our playground should be starting soon). Last Friday the P&C ran a BINGO Night where they have spent many hours drumming up prizes and organising the event. This event was also supported well by the community and many staff.

Many of you would know now that Mrs Thalia Ward who has been part of our school community for 13 to 14 years has been unwell (a mystery and nasty bug, by the end of this term she will have been off for 2 terms). As a staff, we have been assisting where we can and now the P&C and community are asking what they can do to help... so On Friday children, may wear something 'Purple' and donate a gold coin (be mindful that shoes, etc for primary sport are still necessary). Canteen will also be selling cup-cakes ranging from 50c to \$2. Finally a tin will be kept at the canteen for donations. All money will support Mrs Ward and her family at this difficult time.

Child Protection

Last term and this term classes will be covering Child Protection as part of the PD, Health, PE syllabus. Lessons will involve understanding appropriate relationships, how individuals care for each other, recognising and responding to safe and unsafe situations, appropriate and inappropriate touching, developing positive relationships and support networks and developing assertiveness (NO, GO, TELL). These lessons help students to learn about how to be safe and how to seek help from trusted adults. Child Protection is all of our responsibility. If you see or hear something that puts a child at risk please report or seek advice. All children have the right to be safe.

Be a part of Education week, Grand-friends day and Book parade

Come along if you can next Thursday and be part of this wonderful event where we will have performances, all classes parading as a book character and open classrooms. For more information see the note which is also all over our facebook page.

Oh dear - retirement ... we wish you well Mrs English...

Just to let you know the wonderful and hardworking Cherylne English has decided to retire. Cherylne has worked in administration and the front office for 30 years at our school and been with the Department of Education slightly longer. We wish her health and relaxation in her retirement and thank you for her work and passion for our school community and the positive impact she has had.



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**Thomas Acres
Public School**



SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE INVITED TO
GRANDFRIENDS

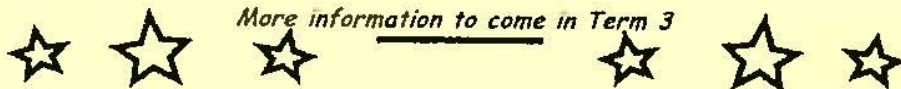
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OPEN DAY



THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2018 ★

9:10AM - 12PM

More information to come in Term 3



The logo for the 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The text is arranged in four rows: '2018' in the first row, 'NSW' in the second, 'PREMIER'S' in the third, and 'READING CHALLENGE' in the fourth. Each letter is a colorful block with a different color and a small illustration of a child reading or a book on top of it. The entire logo is underlined with a red line.

2018 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Just a friendly reminder

For students participating in the NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE, keep on reading and recording the books you have read on your list.

PLEASE return your completed lists to the office by 24th AUGUST WEEK 5.

Thank you to those who have already handed in their completed lists.



Starting A Child in Kindergarten 2019

Thomas Acres Public School

Thank you for considering enrolling your child at Thomas Acres PS. For us to get to know each other we would like to invite you and your child to the following events in 2016



Kindystart Sessions



Date	Time	Children	Parents
Tuesday 30 th October	2pm -2.50pm	Kindergarten rooms	School Library for Welcome Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 6 st November	2pm -2.50pm	Kindergarten rooms	School Library for Literacy Information Session
Tuesday 13 th November	2pm -2.50pm	Kindergarten rooms	School Library for Maths Information Session

Orientation Day

Tuesday 20th November 9.30am – 11am

Children: in the Kindergarten classrooms

Parents: in the School Hall where you will receive Information as well as an Orientation Pack



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1 Support Unit Excursion All day Year 3 PBL Reward 09:00am	2	3 Ned's Kindness Adventure (Y 2-6) 09:30am	4	5
6 Education Week All day	7	8 Year 4 PBL Reward 09:00am	9 Grandfriends Open Day All day Book Fair 09:00am Book Parade 09:00am	10	11	12
13	14	15 Stage 1 Ranger Jamie Excursion All day	16	17 PSSA Gala Day All day	18	19
20	21	22	23 Sue Whiting Visit 09:00am	24 Athletics Carnval All day	25	26
27	28 Multicultural Day Assembly 12:00pm	29 Year 5 PBL Reward 09:00am	30 Fathers' Day Stall All day	31	1	2