What a very busy start to the term we have had, and already our students have participated in a multitude of activities.

Thank you Mrs Ball for all your hard work and dedication with our Robotics students. They had a fantastic time and the Robotics Cup and participated well together.

Our athletics children also performed well at the Port Curtis Trials. Well done to Cassidy, Eliza and Bailey on their selection in the team.

Last week saw the majority of our students travel to Biloela for the High School student’s performance of ‘Into the Woods’. Congratulations to the Biloela High School students on such a fantastic performance. Those children who didn’t attend the performance worked with our new Bee Bots to complete challenges – lots of fun.

Today sees our Year 4 to Year 6 students travelling to Gladstone to participate in the Literacy Carnivale. I’m sure they will enjoy working with authors and getting tips on how to improve their writing.

On Thursday we have students attending the High School for the Maths Competition. Good luck to these students.

From the Principal’s Desk.

Strive to be Kind Day

This Friday we are wearing yellow to celebrate Strive to be Kind Day! This week I am on the search for children doing Random Acts of Kindness. Being Kind is something that we should all strive to do, each and every day.

P&C

Congratulations to Cathy White – President and Leisa Vickers – Vice President who were duly elected to executive roles at our last P&C meeting.

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We acknowledge the Gangulu people past and present on whose land we walk, we work and we live.
**P&C NEWS.**

**Thangool Fly in** - Unfortunately this event was postponed due to the wet weather until the long weekend in October 1,2,3. This weekend is the last weekend of the September holidays, the NRL Grand Final weekend and a 3 day weekend for most people. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us with this event we will let you know if we decide to proceed with our stall at the new event.

**Air conditioners** - Our next fundraiser (Thangool Races) will help upgrade air conditioning units within the classrooms. Attached to your newsletter today is the roster for the Thangool Cup. Please consider volunteering your time for this event as it is an easy and fun way to raise funds for the upgrading of air conditioners. Please note we have at least two more fundraisers this term. Some of our members will be catering for the Grazing BMP Expo at the Civic Centre next Wednesday and we will also be catering for the Cree Bull Sale on Friday 26th August. We will need donations of cakes and slices for this event. Please let Kim know (49958140) if you are able to assist with the Cree Bull Sale catering.

**Tuckshop** - Fruit Salad Shakers are available for $3.00 each. Meat and Salad Shakers are $4.00 each and Salad Shakers are $3.00. New this term: Mini Fruit Cups for $1.00.

Workers 29th July - Amanda G; Crystal; Amanda W
Bakers 29th July - Waverney; Cathy

Workers 5th August - Margaret; Deb; Adele
Bakers 5th August - Tina; Peta

**School Banking** - School Banking takes place on a Tuesday. If you wish to join in with School Banking at our school, please pop into the Commonwealth Bank in Biloela and mention School Banking at Thangool School. Please see below the new competition flyer for Term 3.

**Uniforms** - Black School Jumpers with the logo on them are now in stock. These jumpers are $18.00 each. We also have good supplies of all polo shirts. Uniform Orders will be filled on a Thursday. We are now specialising out the Black Unisex Basketball Shorts for $5.00, orders must be via the red bag. Orders of the new shorts and skorts will be arriving soon.

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**A sky full of prizes to be won.**

The Dolearmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers.

**Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights**

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, you’ll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supermove prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights
Congratulations to our students who attended the Robotics Cup at The Central Queensland University last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Ball for all her hard work and dedication in organising and preparing our teams for the competition. The students had a fantastic time and learnt very important team work skills.
**Q Parents**

Thangool State School is pleased to be providing parents with access to a new online portal called QParents. Parents will have access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere through a smartphone, tablet or computer. Parents will be able to notify the school of an absence, update personal information and view academic records and invoices. To access this portal parents must first register for QPARENTS. During the last week of term 2 we sent home the information regarding QParents within the envelope containing the report cards. If you would like to register for QParents, can you please return your forms to the school as soon as possible. If you can’t find them please also contact the school for replacement forms.

**School Dental Van**

We have been contacted by the School Dental Van to let Parents know that if they are interested in their child utilising this service, could they please complete the forms that were sent home at the end of last term and return them to the school as soon as possible.

**Reading Squad Morning Tea**

On Wednesday 3rd August, Thangool State School will be holding a morning tea to say thank you to our Reading Squad volunteers for all the wonderful work they are doing within our school.

**Strive To Be Kind Day**

This Friday, we are asking children to come dressed in yellow for “Strive To Be Kind Day”. This Friday is also the 1st anniversary of Sid Dowling’s sudden passing. As a school community we’d like to show our love and support to Melissa, Scarlett and Albie by doing something practical and kind. If you are able to make a meal that can be frozen for the Dowling Family this would be gratefully appreciated. Meals can be dropped off to school up until Monday 1st August. Please place meals in disposable containers. Thank you in anticipation of your kindness to a family who is still very much grieving the loss of a loved one.

**Project Club Day and Smiling for Smiddy**

**Monday 29th August 2016.**

Start thinking about your entries for Project Club Day 2016. Our annual day will be held on Monday 29th August 2016 in conjunction with Smiling For Smiddy. As usual the riders are heading this way and will call into our school on Monday afternoon to spread the news about the importance of sun safety.

We will be asking families to donate a plate of cooking (slice, cake, sandwiches etc) for the riders to have for afternoon tea. These events are both really special to our school and fantastic for the students to participate in.

Look our for more information in the next newsletter.
THANGOOL “LIMITLESS” GROUP REACHES NEW HEIGHTS!

Early on the last day of Term 2 the Grade 6 students, together with our Principal Karen Hyde, piled into the Scripture Union ‘troopy’ ready for an adventure at Capricornia Caves. After many weeks of working together as a group, our students were ready for some practical challenges to test out some of the areas of their personal growth - together with some fun and excitement of course!

Chappy Pete from Rockhampton High School joined us, and with the trained staff encouraged all of us to challenge ourselves on the various rock-wall climbs. One of our Limitless maxims is “challenge by choice”, which means that no-one forces anyone to do things, but we recognise that we grow a little more towards our potential each time we challenge ourselves, overcome more of our fears and realise more of our inner strengths. Another major component of the programme is learning to trust others, and to be trustworthy. This was played out as students learned how to belay and anchor, and then trust each other to help with the climbing and abseiling.

A further principle of the Limitless programme is the importance of looking after the ‘little guy’ - this person will change in the group depending on the activity, as we have witnessed during the term. It has been wonderful to see each student grow in courage in various areas, mostly because of the encouragement and trust developing between the participants!

We had time to reflect and regroup while some took advantage of the (freezing cold!) pool before heading off for the caves....

While heights terrify some people, others are more spooked by confined spaces, as we were to see when we went adventure caving. This involved exploring the underground caves with minimal light and sometimes very small apertures. At one stage the group crawled through a
short tunnel into an underground space, and then had to work out how to find the exit - that took some problem-solving, but they achieved it! Another time they had to crawl upwards into a cramped cave called ‘the whale’s belly’ and then exit through a very narrow pipe-like structure which led out into the open air. Again the students needed to help each other and work out the best way to get the whole group through. There was a real sense of wonder and achievement (and at times, relief!) on everyone’s face as they emerged into the sunlight - and realising they had basically climbed right through a mountain via those amazing cave structures!

Finally, after admiring the spectacular views, we climbed down the steep descent before heading home, our ears ringing with the excited chatter re-living the day’s experiences. What a wonderful end to the term!

Footnote: Thanks to a kind passer-by Karen and I didn’t have to change to punctured tyre :) Thank you to all the parents who dropped off, picked up and permitted their children to join us on this Limitless excursion!
- Selma Dudge, School Chaplain.
PORT CURTIS TRIALS

Congratulations to Ashton, Bailey, Cassidy, Eliza and Jack who competed at the Port Curtis Trials in Boyne Island last Friday. Congratulations to Bailey, Cassidy and Eliza who were selected in the Port Curtis Team to compete at the next level. Well Done! We are so proud of your achievement.
HLTAID001 Provide CPR Refresher Course

What: HLTAID001 Provide CPR Refresher

When: Wednesday 31st August 2016

Where: Tree of Knowledge Training Office (previously known as 100% Training) 22 Gladstone Road Biloela QLD 4715 (between the traffic lights and BP-Next to Vet)

Time: 9am (approx. 2 hours)

Cost: Refresher $70/person (no GST)

Bring: Driver's licence + USI

*If you could please bring copies your previous certificates if you have not completed them with us previously, that would be greatly appreciated.

Lunch: Not supplied but plenty of time to go home or downtown. We have a fridge/microwave available also.

Attire: Casual

Payment: We have EFTPOS available or can take exact cash but we do not keep change.

Please contact Kelli Perry on 0428922001 for more details.

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Biloela Rugby Union Club-Juniors

5-18 years (Girls and Boys)

Sign On

Friday 22nd July

4:00 – 5:00pm Skill development

5:00 – 5:30pm 7’s comp* (11 -18 yrs)

At the Rugby ground, near the Biloela Showgrounds.

$50 per child for an 8 week course (Includes insurance, playing fees and a participation gift on 9th September)

Learn the fundamentals of Rugby – including balls skills, scrums, lineouts and tackling in a safe and supportive environment.

BBQ and Canteen operating

For further information please telephone after 5pm:
Dean Brewer 0467924615

* subject to numbers