From the Principal’s Desk.

**Book Week Dress-up Day – Friday 26th August**

Children may come to school on Friday dressed as their favourite book character. Please remember that children will still need to wear closed in shoes and wear a wide-brimmed hat for play. Can’t wait to see all the costumes!

**Rip It Up Reading**

For children who are on the Rip It Up reading program this is the only homework that they need to complete each week. The children on this program have made great improvement in the short time that it has been running. Please remember that Mrs A is running Rip it Up Reading homework sessions at school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

**Newsletters to be emailed**

As of Term 4 we will trial sending home newsletters via email. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available for you to pick up from the office if you prefer the hard copy. There are many benefits to emailing newsletters as the printing, stapling and distributing of the newsletter takes up valuable teacher aide time as well as being costly to the school. Attached to your newsletter today is the email address that is currently registered to your child. Please take the time to check the email address and notify the office of any changes that need to be made.

**Support Worker’s Day**

Next Wednesday 31st August we are celebrating Support Worker’s Day with a Brunch. Our Teacher Aide’s, cleaners and Groundsman are instrumental to the effective running of our school and we are very lucky to have such dedicate, hard-working and professional staff working with our team to ensure every child is achieving and improving. Thank you to each and all of you for making our jobs just that little bit easier.

**Homework Survey**

We are looking at reviewing our current Thangool Homework policy and ask that you return the enclosed survey to have your say about homework for your child. We are mindful that homework should be beneficial to all students and not too demanding on parents and teachers. Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated.

**Project Day and Smile for Smiddy**

Don’t forget these important events are on Monday. I know that the children are so excited by both events.
Next Meeting - Our next meeting will be held on Monday 10th October 2016 at 3.15pm

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.

Thangool Cup - Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to work at the Thangool Cup. The funds raised from this event will support the school swimming programme and also the upgrade of air conditioning units within classrooms.

Cree Bull Sale - We will also be catering for the Cree Bull Sale on Friday 26th August. We will need donations of cakes and slices and sandwiches 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. We now have gluten free bread and gluten free wraps for children who are gluten intolerant. From next week we will have gluten free chicken Nuggets as well.

Workers - 26th August - Amanda G; Amanda W; Deb
Bakers - 26th August - Waverney; Kelli

Workers - 2nd September - Zoe; Margaret; Darren
Bakers - 2nd September - Tanya; Tracey

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 - NEW Skorts and Shorts have arrived! 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. A new order form is attached to your newsletter today.

Smiling For Smiddy Day - Monday 29th August

Could all families please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share with the riders from Smiling for Smiddy on Monday afternoon. Afternoon tea will be around 2.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Good Luck to everyone entering items for Project Club Day.
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. Donations can be dropped into the tuckshop on Monday morning.

Project Club Day is an exciting day for all our students. It is like Thangool School’s own mini Show Day, students can make, bake and create items to enter into the categories. Each entry must be the student’s own work and there are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Students can then donate their cooking etc for the auction in the afternoon. Students are able to bring money to bid in the auction and our younger students will be assigned an older students to help them should they wish to participate. Parents are welcome to come along to the auction as well and it will be starting at 1.00pm this year. A prize is awarded to the highest point scorer for boys and girls. Attached to the newsletter today is a list of all the categories.

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.

Lost Property

Please take the time to check the labels on your children’s jumpers as there are currently a number of children missing jackets and jumpers. Also there is a large amount of jumpers, jackets and tracksuit pants on the lost property table. If you are at the school, please take the time to see if anything belongs to your child as most of it is unnamed.
This term, Year 3/4 are researching sports, the Olympics and Brazil. During this unit, their room is decorated with the Olympic flame, a palm grotto and a rainforest area. The students add their learning goals to the rainforest trees.

In English, everyone has completed group country projects and sport projects. Students are divided into groups according to the country they researched and are competing for Olympic gold. Next the students will write narrative stories in the form of a diary of a sportsperson. Mathematics has been busy, with our visiting pre-service teacher helping the students to grasp Measurement concepts. Students have had hands on measuring tasks and compared different units of measurement and their purposes.

In Geography, students have learnt about cartography. They are researching Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest before looking at the problems of deforestation. In Science, students are learning about Contact and Non-contact Forces. They are experiencing how these forces are involved in various sports. They are going to design a game as part of their assessment.

During Art lessons, they are looking at line, shape, colour and crazy artworks. With Chappy, they are doing the ACTION program. In this program, they are learning to recognise and develop strategies for dealing with anxiety.

Mrs Reimer has been working in this class as a Pre-service Teacher for 3 weeks.
Brisbane International School’s Tennis Challenge

Congratulations to Dylan, Eliza, Lincoln, Bake, Tyler, Ryan, Cameron, Kaylee and Anthony who represented Thangool State School in Gladstone on Monday 15th August in the Brisbane International School’s Tennis Challenge. It was a very long day for our students but they were all outstanding and did our school proud. Thangool Team 1 finished 2nd overall and were beaten in the play offs by 1 point again, narrowly missing the chance to play at the Brisbane International January. Thangool Team 2 finished 5th overall out of 15 teams. A fantastic effort everyone. Well Done!
### Attendance Rate

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### Health News

In Health this term, we are learning about the different food groups and how they help to keep us healthy. The Year 3,4,5 and 6 classes are also learning about why exercise is good for us and how food safety is important.

Ask your child what they have learnt today and if you have any questions please call the school.

Check out www.eatforhealth.gov.au for more information.

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**Parent’s ‘Chappy’ Time**

I’d love to catch up with as many parents as possible, so you are all invited to a SPECIAL morning tea! – Chappy Dell

**Thangool Parents!**

Please join me for a cuppa, a chuckle and a chat. Have some morning tea and relax. Ask questions or just enjoy the mood and the food!

**DATE:** Tuesday 6th September  
**TIME:** 9:00-10:00am  
**VENUE:** Thangool SS Staff Room  
**E:** SMILE 😊  
**BYO:** See you there!
Reading Hour

Quiz Night
Friday 2 September

6.30pm for a 7pm start

Biloela ANZAC Club
$10 per person
Teams of 6 (max)

Biloela Kindy
Quiz Night

Book your table by calling the Kindy on 4992 1327
Emailing biloelakindyparent@bigpond.com
or message us on Facebook

Packets of HOT nibbles available to feed your table $60
These must be pre-booked and pre-paid - contact Kindy