Well this year has really flown, and here we are at the very last newsletter for 2016. As I reflect on the year that has gone I am feeling inspired and excited, for what we have achieved and what we plan to achieve in the future for our great school. This year has seen us continue the implementation of Age Appropriate pedagogies in the Prep room and extending this range and balance of best teaching practices across all year levels to engage and motivate our students to be active learners. We will continue this journey into 2017. We have developed our Communities of Practice High Performance Team which has involved our entire staff in teaching and learning that always has the child at the very centre of everything we do. We have participated in a variety of cultural, academic and sporting events with varying level of success (Eisteddfod, robotics, athletics, swimming, cross country, readers cup…to name a few). We have developed activities for children to engage in during break times – Kids Shed, Gardening Club, Photography Club, Robotics, Smart Moves…etc.

We have continued to review the systemic and consistent delivery of the Australian Curriculum in our school and will continue this work into the future to ensure that our children are reaching school and regional benchmarks. We will continue to focus on the wellbeing and development of each and every student and strive to make a difference in the lives of all who walk through our gates.

I thank my team of dedicated and hardworking professionals for their passion, enthusiasm and positivity in creating the safe and supportive learning environment that we have here at Thangool State School. I am excited to be returning next year to continue our journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our staff, students and parents and look forward to building on these relationships next year.

Thank you to our kids for making me smile each and every day. Thank you to our great community for helping us to make a difference in so many students lives. Thank you to my staff for caring each and every day. Together we make an awesome team. Please have a happy, safe and relaxing break. Travel safely and enjoy the festive season with family and friends.

Graduation Night

Congratulations to all our Year 6’s as they attend their Graduation Dinner tonight. We wish them all the best and hope they have an enjoyable night.

Year 4/5 and Sharrie Van Itallie Introduction

I started my teaching career in Emerald in 2005. I worked 2 years at the high school and then began teaching in primary schools where my passion for teaching and learning really took off. After 5 years in Emerald it was time for a coastal change. During my 7 years at Yeppoon I have taught in primary schools and also taken some time off to start my own family.

When I am not working I love to spend time with my family. We love spending time at the beach, camping and fishing.

I am really excited for our move out to Thangool/Biloela. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and becoming a part of the Thangool State School community.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

Sharrie Van Itallie

PAOLA AWARD

Term 4 - Wk 7 & 8
Prep - Nathan
Yr 1 - Kayley; Tiana
Yr 2/3– Zoe P; Zoe B
Yr 3/4/- Greg
Yr 4/5/6– Eliza– Mae
Cameron

RULE OF THE WEEK!

PAOLA SAYS,
WE CARE
WE LEARN
WE ARE SAFE

We Are Safe
Play safely in identified areas

Attachments/Notes

We acknowledge the Gangulu people past and present on whose land we walk, we work and we live.
End of Year Break Up - Thank you to all the families who attended our End of Year Function last Tuesday night. After a successful year, the P&C has been able to donate $3000.00 towards classroom resources that will be purchased early in the New Year. Thank you to all the families that have supported the P&C during the last 12 months. It is with sadness, that we farewell three families from the P&C at the end of this year. Thank you to the Stewart, Loader and White Families for all their support over the years.

Tuckshop - This week is our final tuckshop for 2016. 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. GLUTEN FREE CHICKEN NUGGETS ARE NOW IN STOCK! We also keep Gluten Free Wraps. Thank you to all our fabulous tuckshop volunteers and to all the families who have supported tuckshop this year.

Workers - 2nd December Adele; Leisa; Karen
Bakers - 2nd December Cathy

School Banking - This week was our last week of School Banking for 2016. Special thanks to our School Banking Co-ordinators Kelli and Leisa for completing School Banking each week this year. Our Term 4 prize winner will be announced on Parade on Monday 5th December. School Banking will resume again in Term 1 2017.

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.

End Of Year Dance - The End of Year Dance is fast approaching. The P&C will be providing each student with a free sausage on bread and slushie. There will be other food items and drinks available for parents to purchase. We will also be selling Glow Sticks. Sausage on Bread $2, Slushie $2, Soft Drink $2, Hot Chips $3, Foam Thunder Stick $3, Glow Wand $4 and Glow Necklace $2.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday night.

Uniform Shop Days - There will be a uniform shop day held on Thursday 8th December (8 - 9am) and 2.30-3.30pm). We will also be having a uniform shop day on Thursday 19th January 2017 from 8.30am to 10.30am. Order forms can be collected from the office or from the school website.

Edsco Online Book Ordering - Today, you will receive your book lists and class allocations for 2017. Once again, Edsco will again be offering parents the opportunity to purchase their book packs for delivery to their door. Orders must be placed by 7th December to qualify for free postage and postage tracking. Orders placed before this date should receive their order before Christmas.

Holiday Wishes - We would like to wish all our families Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are travelling over the holidays, please take care and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017. To our Year 6 Students, congratulations on completing your final year of Primary School at Thangool State School. We wish you all the best and encourage each one of you to reach your goals and fulfil your dreams.
School Dance

Our students have been working hard to create their dances. They have been working as a team to create their dance. Come along on Wednesday Evening 7th December from 5.45pm to be thoroughly entertained by their presentations.

The P&C will be providing a free sausage on bread and slushie to each child at the school. Parents will be able to purchase other food items and glow sticks.

Sausage on Bread $2.00  
Slushie $ 2.00  
Soft Drink $ 2.00

Foam Thunder Stick $3.00  
Wand Glow Sticks $4.00  
Necklace Glow Stick $2.00

Break Up Day - 9th December

On Break Up Day, our day will look like this.

Brain Break - The P&C will be providing Watermelon

Shared Lunch - 11am - The whole school will be having a shared lunch under the building. We are asking each child to bring a plate of food to share. We will have some P&C volunteers who will be able to heat up some food if necessary. Please provide instructions if you would like the food heated up.

Assembly - 12.00 - Our final assembly will be held at 12pm in Possum Place. Please come along and celebrate all the learning that has taken place during the term. At this parade, our School Leaders for 2017 will be announced.
Powers Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Jamen Goodger and Felicity Carr who were Age Champions at the Powers Swimming Carnival last Wednesday night. A fantastic achievement for these students.
As the end of the school year approaches I like to look back and celebrate how the students have grown and developed. At Thangool I have been particularly impressed with their increasing engagement in the teamwork activities I set, as most of the games include some degree of inter-personal challenge. Often, children who find emotional regulation and compromise difficult prefer to withdraw from a game, or blame others for their perceived lack of success. However, there is now a good level of participation by 100% of students. Well done Thangoolians! Similarly during the Grade 6 Limitless programme, I’ve witnessed a huge amount of personal growth - which I hope and pray will prove a valuable foundation for them as they graduate to High School in 2017.

I am grateful to the flexibility and encouragement of all the teachers at Thangool, who have included me in their crowded curriculum to help with the social and emotional development of your children, and I feel blessed knowing that I can continue here for two days a week next year. I love catching up with parents too, as I understand that your job is as stressful and confusing as it is rewarding and valuable. May I take this opportunity to wish all families a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas!
Thangool Inc.

Christmas Fair and Twilight Markets

Thangool Rec Reserve

4pm Saturday 10th December

Ham Wheels • BBQ • Bar • Jumping Slide & Castle
Entertainment • Markets • Plus a visit from Santa!

Holiday Greetings