



# Thangool State School

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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
The Mission of our school is to facilitate each child with reaching their level of excellence; Intellectually, academically, socially, morally and physically.

## Date Claimer:

### February

3rd - Free Dress Day Blue and Yellow for CQRHS

### March

17th - St Patrick's Day (wear green)

21st - Harmony Day (wear orange)

31st - 90th Celebrations for Thangool School.

## PAOLA AWARD



### Term 1 - Wk 1

Prep - Miles, Kaylee

Yr 1 -

Yr 2- Noah

Yr 3/4/- Philip

Yr 4/5 - Ryan

Yr 5/6- Lincoln

## RULE OF THE WEEK!

PAOLA SAYS,

WE CARE

WE LEARN

WE ARE SAFE

We Learn

## Attachments/Notes

- Tuckshop Menu
- Uniform Order Form

## Wednesday

1st February 2017

### From the Principal's Desk.

Welcome back to an exciting and inspiring New Year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break spent with family and friends. Our little school has grown over the holidays and our enrolments are currently at 136 students. Welcome to all our new students and their families, we hope you enjoy your time with us. We also welcome new Teaching staff, Mrs Van Italie on the Yr 4/5 class and Mrs Klease who works Fridays in the Yr 3/4 room. Both these teachers bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with our community. Ms Tash Byrne is also joining our Teacher Aide Team in a casual capacity. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2017 an exciting year in learning.

This year our Expert Teaching Team CoP (Communities of Practice) is focusing on consistent curriculum delivery, expert teaching teams and effective pedagogical (teaching) practices. All members of our staff are aligned with one of our mini-CoPs to improve practices around Reading, Numeracy, Attendance and WellBeing within our school. It excites me to see all members of our staff dedicated and enthusiastic, and inspired to achieve great things for our students and our school.

The reading CoP are working on the effective teaching of reading using the 'Big 6' and you will hear more about this through newsletters and information sent home. The numeracy CoP is working on the effective teaching and learning of Number Facts. The attendance CoP is working on reaching our attendance target of 94% and have devised some great incentives to do this. The wellbeing CoP are working on presenting a workshop on Resilience to students, and to Parents and staff. They are also working on our Mud Pit which is very close to being ready to use – back to nature!

### Student Leaders

Congratulations to all our Student Leaders for 2017. It was great to see lots of family members at our badge ceremony on Monday. I look forward to working with our leaders to achieve great things this year. Well done to all of you – you should be very proud!

### Condolences

Our condolences go out to the Hill family on the very sad passing of Merv last week. Merv was an important member of our school community and touched the lives of so many of our students and families. In honour of Merv and in accordance with his wishes we will have a fundraiser for the CQ Rescue Chopper on Friday. Students can wear blue and yellow on Friday and make a donation which we will pass on to Merv's family.

### Kid's Shed

The Kid's Shed operates during first lunch break Tues-Fri. This is a place where kids can go to 'chill out' on the couch, cook, listen to music, make, play games.... all under the supervision of a teacher. Yesterday we cooked/ate pancakes and shared these with our awesome staff.

### 90<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

This year Thangool State School celebrates its' 90<sup>th</sup> year. We will be holding a celebratory day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March which will include Inter-house Cross Country, End of Term Assemble and a games afternoon. Each of our classes is adopting a local 'Oldie' to work with during their history lessons.

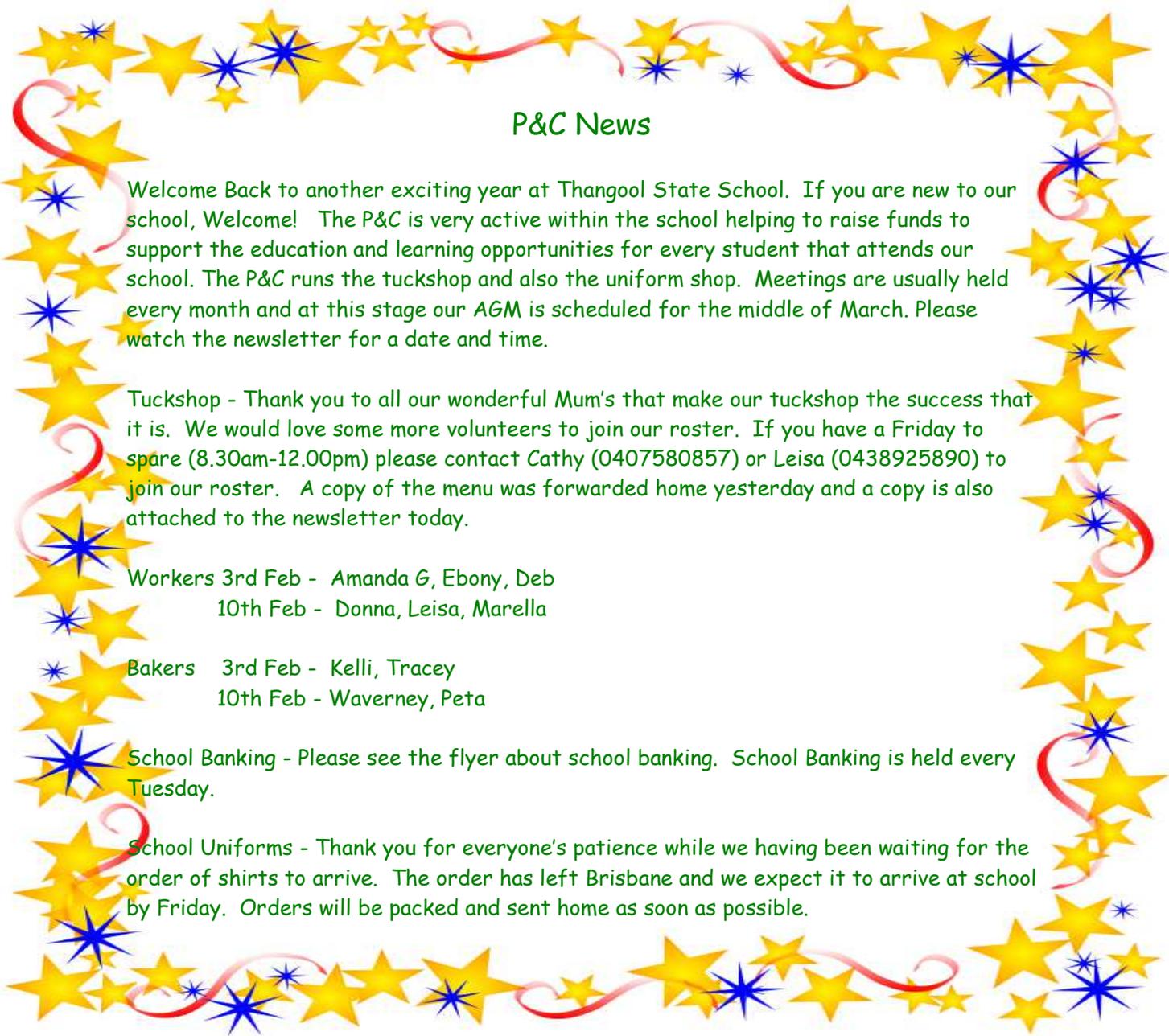
Have a great week!

### Kindness Calendar

Give someone a compliment for something they are good at.

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





## P&C News

Welcome Back to another exciting year at Thangool State School. If you are new to our school, Welcome! The P&C is very active within the school helping to raise funds to support the education and learning opportunities for every student that attends our school. The P&C runs the tuckshop and also the uniform shop. Meetings are usually held every month and at this stage our AGM is scheduled for the middle of March. Please watch the newsletter for a date and time.

Tuckshop - Thank you to all our wonderful Mum's that make our tuckshop the success that it is. We would love some more volunteers to join our roster. If you have a Friday to spare (8.30am-12.00pm) please contact Cathy (0407580857) or Leisa (0438925890) to join our roster. A copy of the menu was forwarded home yesterday and a copy is also attached to the newsletter today.

Workers 3rd Feb - Amanda G, Ebony, Deb

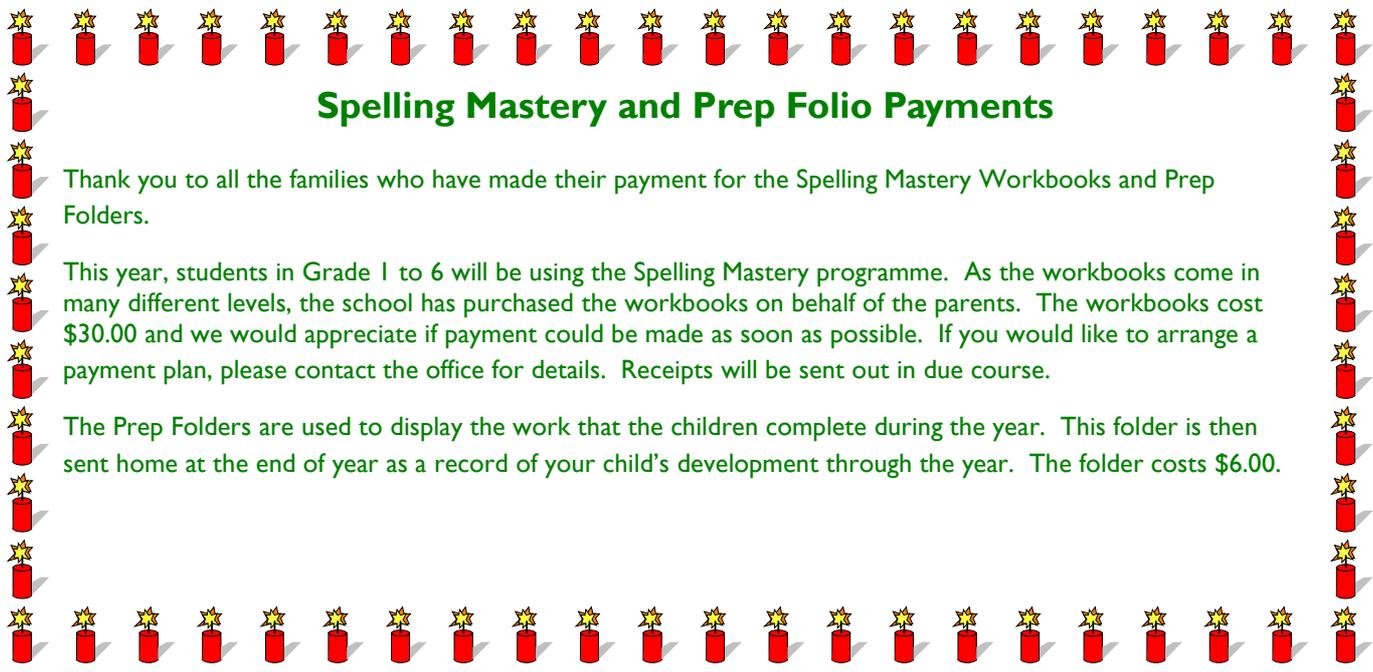
10th Feb - Donna, Leisa, Marella

Bakers 3rd Feb - Kelli, Tracey

10th Feb - Waverney, Peta

School Banking - Please see the flyer about school banking. School Banking is held every Tuesday.

School Uniforms - Thank you for everyone's patience while we have been waiting for the order of shirts to arrive. The order has left Brisbane and we expect it to arrive at school by Friday. Orders will be packed and sent home as soon as possible.



## Spelling Mastery and Prep Folio Payments

Thank you to all the families who have made their payment for the Spelling Mastery Workbooks and Prep Folders.

This year, students in Grade 1 to 6 will be using the Spelling Mastery programme. As the workbooks come in many different levels, the school has purchased the workbooks on behalf of the parents. The workbooks cost \$30.00 and we would appreciate if payment could be made as soon as possible. If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office for details. Receipts will be sent out in due course.

The Prep Folders are used to display the work that the children complete during the year. This folder is then sent home at the end of year as a record of your child's development through the year. The folder costs \$6.00.

## 2017 Staff

Prep - Mrs Ellen Brewer/Mrs Lisa Tansy (week about)  
Gr 1 - Mrs Bev Boal  
Gr 2 - Miss Sally Mableson  
Gr 3/4 - Mrs Lyn Geraghty (M-Th) Mrs Alex Klease (Fri)  
Gr 4/5 - Mrs Sharrie Van Itallie  
Gr 5/6 - Mrs Fiona Byrne(M-Th) Mrs Karen Hyde (Fri)

Music - Mrs Rhona Bechaz  
Technology - Mrs Emma-Jane Burnham  
P.E/Health - Mrs Sarah Beckman  
Learning Support - Mrs Alison Ball  
Guidance Officer - Mrs Shauna Cameron  
I/T - Mr Daniel Green  
Grounds - Mr Bob Moschioni

Teacher Aides - Seija Munster, Jenny Barron, Marion Buchanan, Cathy White, Ronda Armstrong, Bronwyn Emerson, Tash Bryne

BSM - Michelle McMahon

Admin - Cathy White (M-Tue)

Dear Parents

I'm not sure how your recent holidays panned out, but after driving nearly 10,000 kms over the Christmas break, I've realised that, despite all the amazing sights I've seen, there is no place like home among the wonderful people I work and play with! I have returned to school with a renewed appreciation for all the dedicated staff and beautiful children here! Thankyou for sending them to Thangool so that I can share a little in their lives. I feel privileged to be able to take part in class activities to help with their of social/emotional development, and to be a part of Kids Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you see me around, please stop and say hello - especially if I haven't met you before!

I want to share this great quote with you from Mother Theresa. Parenting can seem such a thankless task sometimes it's worth remembering that you have the future of the world living in your home!

Chappy Selma

*I alone cannot change the world, but I  
can cast a stone across the water to  
create  
many ripples."*

**Are You a  
READING SQUAD SUPERHERO?**

We are looking for volunteers to become part of our School Reading Squad. You will read to children and listen to children read.

Do you have a small amount of time each week or fortnight to make a difference in the life of a child?

School Families (Parents, Grandparents & other relatives) and Community Members are welcome to join us for Morning Tea at the school on Wednesday 8th February at 10.00am and become part of this exciting School and Community Partnership.

Our school will assist volunteers in applying for a Working Children (Blue) Card if necessary.

**Create a passion for reading in children!**

**Make a difference in our school and community.**

Phone 49 900 333 for further information.



# Badge Ceremony 2017

On Monday afternoon, we held an Annual Badge Ceremony. In front of Parents, Grandparents, Friends, Staff and fellow students, our 2017 School Leaders made their pledges for their leadership position. Congratulations to all our School Leaders in 2017, we know that you will all do a



# Get involved in our School Banking program.

Thangool State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young students to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites points, which they can redeem for exciting rewards after they have completed 10 deposits.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

## Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week the students need to hand their banking deposit book to the Teacher on Duty at Brain Break.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)