DATES TO REMEMBER
FEBRUARY
Fri 19 Prep photo for the newspaper (12.00pm)
Interschool Sport Commences (year 4, 5, 6)
Wed 24 Brisbane Lions AFL side visiting
MARCH
Thu 03 Chess Competition Walkervale (9:00am—2.30pm)
Fri 04 Clean Up Australia (Schools) Day
Mon 07 Student Leaders Induction Ceremony (2:00pm)
Tue 08 Three Way Reporting (afternoon/evening)
Wed 09 Centenary Meeting (6:00pm)
Mon 18 National Day Against Bullying

PLEASE COME ALONG TO A CENTENARY MEETING
and help prepare for our 100th birthday in 2017.

REGULAR EVENTS
Every Monday 2:30pm
Parade in the hall (Everyone is welcome)
Every Tuesday and Friday 8:15 — 8:45am
Chess Club (near tuckshop)
Every Tuesday
Student Banking
Every Wednesday 8:30am
Breakfast club
Every Wed, Thu, Fri
Tuckshop is open for lunch (first break only)
(Volunteers are always needed. Please help)
Every Wed, Thu, Fri
Icy cups for sale 50c (Bottom covered area)

BELL TIMES
8:45am Start of the day
11:00am First break
11:40am End of first break
1:30pm Second break
1:55pm End of second break
3:00pm End of the day

Win this Easter Basket
Tickets $1 Each
Extra Raffle Tickets books
are available in the office
Raffle Draws on 21 March

This Week’s Top Attending Class

Students of the Week

Everyone — With High Expectations and CARE
Cooperation Acceptance Respect Effort

Great state. Great opportunity.
To date I have introduced you to Duck Hands, Lines and Numbers and today it’s the Code Levels.

Students at Thabeban will learn about the sound pics (letters) and associated sounds for each level. In Prep (and in 2016, Year 1 and Year 2) the students start from Green Level looking at just the 6 sounds in that level (SATPIN).

They start with the sound that each makes and look at words they can hear those sounds in, before they look at the sound pic (letter) that makes the sound. Think about how many words you can make using just the s (as in sip), a (as in gin), t (as in tap), p (as in pan), i (as in tin) and n (as in snap) sounds. Your children are discovering that there are LOTS.

This table shows the Code Levels and the sounds that are learnt in each level. Have a try yourself. If the word is ‘trample’, how many sounds can you hear, duck hand them, draw a line for each one, number each line and then write the sound pics (letters) for each line. (Hint: there are six lines)

YEAR 1
If anyone has any Dominics that they no longer need, Year 1 would love to have them to use as their Maths resources.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Is your student in year 4, 5 or 6? Are they playing interschool sport?
If you have answered ‘yes’ to these 2 questions, can you answer ‘yes’ to the next 2?
Have you returned the Medical form to your student’s sports teacher?
Have you paid your bus money to the office?
If you have answered ‘yes’ to these 2 questions, thank you, and you don’t need to read any further. However, if you have answered ‘no’ to these 2 questions please return the form, and/or pay the money ASAP. Students can’t play if it is not done.

CHAMPIONS READ (and read and read and read)!
READING COMPREHENSION
COMPREHENSION is understanding the text we’re reading.

This week the comprehension strategy focus in our classes is ACTIVATING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. Prior knowledge is unique to each reader. By knowledge, we mean what the reader already knows about the reading process, vocabulary, topic, concept and text types or genres and the language features of these.

By ACTIVATING their PRIOR KNOWLEDGE, readers are able to connect with what they already know and this gives them a base on which to build further knowledge.

When you are reading with your child, ask them to ACTIVATE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE before they read the text. Looking at the front cover, title or author! What knowledge is he/she taking into the read?

Happy reading Mrs D

ATTENDANCE GOAL 95% ATTENDANCE
We are so close to our target. After three weeks we are at 94.9%. 95% attendance for the whole school = seven students away across the school each day or one student away per class each day

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 3/4/5/6 You are our first class of

Perfect Pupils

Year six are the first class this year to have 100% attendance for the entire week.

This is great leadership from our senior students.

There are also other classes very close to being perfect pupils. Keep coming to school everyone

THREE WAY REPORTING (Thursday 8 March)

Why have Three Way Reporting? Here are the benefits...

Parents:

- Have an opportunity to share valuable information about their child with the teacher. They are taking an active role in assisting their child to achieve his/her goals. A greater knowledge of what learning their child is doing leads to parents being able to better support learning at home and school.

Staff:

- Are able to share the plan of action to support a student’s learning with all the important people at the same time. It improves communication and allows a greater opportunity to celebrate student achievement. It also identifies further teaching and support needed at school and home.

Children:

- Have ownership of their work and can highlight pieces they are proud of and the achievements they have made. Students can better track their own learning progress and can take greater responsibility and ownership for their learning.

It is time for our children to join in the discussion about their learning and achievement at school.

No longer will children sit out of the conversation between parents and staff about their achievements. Instead each child will be part of the meeting. Together staff, parents and child will set goals, work out ways to reach those goals and celebrate the child’s achievements.

Our first three way reporting session will be held on the afternoon & evening of Tuesday, 8 March.

Put this date in your calendar now!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUNDAY CHILDREN’S TOURNAMENTS 2016
Sunday Children’s Tournaments will most likely be held on 28 February, 27 March, 24 April, 29 May, 31 July, 28 August, 30 October and 27 November. A 2016 Grand Prix will be held in conjunction with the Sunday Tournaments. There will be two free draws of $10 and $15 each Sunday. For scoring, a competitor gains three points each Sunday they attend. If a lower rated player defeats a higher rated player, they will get four points. If a higher rated player defeats a lower rated player, they will get one point. In the event of a draw a higher rated player defeating a lower rated player will get half a point. If a lower rated player draws with a higher rated player they will get two points.

QJ ratings will be used or competitors. If a competitor has no QJ rating, the DOP will allocate a rating.

Players attending for the first time do not have to pay the playing fee of $10 on that day! Many lucky draws for vouchers from Macs, Subway, Red Rooster, Eagle Boys and Cold Rock Ice Creamery!

A Mentham Chess Club Secretary

Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor!
The Australia Bureau of Statistics is seeking enthusiastic and community-minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a difference in your community.

Area Supervisors are:

- Hard-working people with great social skills.
- An extra income.
- Can work around a busy schedule.
- Eager to make a difference.
- Help your community.

The Census is a once in five years opportunity to make a real difference.

This Census moves you ahead.

More Information and Timetables coming soon!

Staff Parents

The Playgroup Queensland Play Van is coming to Thebanam State School

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am
Date: Wednesday, 23 March 2016
Place: Thabeban State School
Cost: Free

For more information contact Thabeban State School Playgroup on 07 5472 9000 or email TSSPlaygroup@education.qld.gov.au

The Thabeban Centenary (29 April 2017)

Our next meeting is on Wed 9 Mar at 6:00pm in the staffroom

Please come join us and make 2017 a year to remember