Term 1 Week 8
17 March 2016

This Week's Top Attending Class

Students of the Week

Adults - Providing Quality Teaching and Support

Everyone - With High Expectations and Care

Great state. Great opportunity.
LAST CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER?
Please ask the teacher for an interview time.

CHAMPIONS READ and read and read and read!
The week’s focus strategy is SELF-MONITORING!

SELF-MONITORING is a vital part of comprehension. Readers have to be aware of their thinking as they read and realize when understanding has stopped. We’ve all had the experience of reading something and getting to the end or somewhere along the way with it, and realizing, ‘I have no clue what I’ve just read’. Good readers will realize this has happened and stop to do something about it. We need to work out where the breakdown has occurred—it might be a word, sentence or paragraph—then use a fix-up strategy such as rereading, reading on, stop and thing, visualising or adjusting the reading rate.

The most important part of SELF-MONITORING is to realize there has been a break down in understanding and to stop.

Students in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been working on this strategy during Week 8 and will continue to, in Week 9. Modelled/Shared, Guided and Independent reading sessions will all have SELF-MONITORING as the focus.

Next Week:
Self-monitoring continues.

https://vimeo.com/152635809
This is a link to a video that will help explain some more about SSP.

CELEBRATION DAY NEXT THURSDAY.
Prep—Year 3 Easter Fun Activities
Years 4-6 Moore Park Beach Fun

SSP (SPEECH SOUND PICS)
SPELLING STRATEGY—In the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 classes, the students are using the SSP spelling strategy. Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 are learning to use it, too. As they grow more confident (and competent) at hearing the right sounds and number of sound in words, this spelling strategy will become more and more valuable.

Below are the steps in the Spelling Strategy and beside them I have used the strategy to work out how to spell THABEBAN:

- say the word
- listen for the speech sounds and work out how many there are (duck hands)
- draw a line for each sound and number it
- choose the sound pics (clouds)

Thabeban
I use my duck hands to help me decide that I can hear 7 sounds

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Remembering that I use the clouds for the SOUNDS I hear and not the SOUND PICS I think I use, these are the clouds I use to help me spell it correctly.
P&C 2016 EXECUTIVE TEAM
Our 2016 P&C team was voted in at yesterday’s AGM. Congratulations to our 2016 executive team.

President—Kahlia Eldridge  
Secretary—Simone Hewetson  
Treasurer—Kylie Goodman

It is fantastic to once again have all executive positions filled. Special thanks to outgoing treasurer Russell Neale. Russell will not be lost to the P&C however as he will be on hand when he can to assist.

Our P&C is a strong voice who work as volunteers to ensure that all children of Thabeban State School get the best education they possibly can. Please support them by coming along to a P&C meeting. Next meeting is Wednesday 4 May.

FUN RUN CROSS COUNTRY 14 APRIL
Fun Run booklets are coming home. This is a great fundraiser for the school and the students really enjoy it. Please encourage your student to get active and sign up as many sponsors as they can. More sponsorship = bigger prizes for them, and more funds for the school to make Thabeban fantastic.

EASTER HAT PARADE NEXT THURSDAY 2PM IN THE HALL
Everyone is invited to join us on the last day of this term for our Easter Hat Parade. Students are busily making hats for this fun afternoon.

There are no prizes for best hat. It is purely an afternoon of fun and is a great way to finish off the term. Young children not yet at school are very welcome to participate. (Please come along and bring your hat!)

C.A.R.E. & HIGH FIVE
Helping our children to deal with times of trouble (when someone else is not showing CARE) is our CARE focus leading up to the National day Against Bullying tomorrow. How can we react when someone is bullying us and annoying us or being disruptive? The trick is....

1) to not make the situation worse  
2) to not get into trouble ourselves for how we react

The High Five Can Help.
The High Five is not new. In fact many schools use the High Five already. Some use it well and others use the High Five very badly. The secret is in teaching the High Five strategies consistently and modelling how it works.

When schools don’t do this the High Five just becomes a dobbling process.

We will aim to teach the High Five strategies as best we can this term and make it a process that students and adults can use when someone is not showing CARE.

Don’t forget to wear something blue tomorrow (gold coin donation for Beyond Blue). Our local member Leanne Donaldson will be joining us.

BLUE SMOOTHIES ON SALE in the TUCKSHOP

PHOTO DAY 13 APRIL
Wednesday the first week back in Term 2, will be our Photo day. Full uniform will be required as well as the best smiles. Envelopes went home last week for you to look at the options and place your order. If you didn’t get one please call into the office.

Siblings: Do you have 2 more children at the school and you would like to have their photo taken together? Call into the office and pick up a ‘siblings’ envelope.

Don’t Miss Out
Easter Basket Tickets
$1 Each

Extra Raffle Tickets books are available in the office

Raffle Drawn on 21 March

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE (SUNDAY 17 APRIL)

Thabeban has been lucky enough to secure a day to conduct a barbecue at Bunnings in Bundaberg. We will be looking for helpers (4 per hour) to make this a successful fundraiser.

The date is SUNDAY APRIL 17 (First Sunday after the holidays). More information soon.

Top Attendance Tree

Only 5 days left this term!  
Come to school every day and enjoy the last week of a great term.

Every Day Counts

THABEBAN STATE SCHOOL’S VISION IS...  
CHILDREN: Learning, Learning and Learning  
ADULTS: Providing Quality Learning and Respect  
THABEBAN STATE SCHOOL’S MISSION IS...  
HIGH EXPRESSIONS and HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS
DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
Fri 18  National Day Against Bullying (BLUE SHIRT DAY Gold Coin)
Sat 19  Local Council Elections (Vote at Thabeban State School)
Thu 24  Last day of Term 1
      EASTER HAT PARADE 2PM (Hall)
      All welcome (including younger children)

APRIL
Mon 11  First day of Term 2
Wed 13  School Photo day
      CENTENARY MEETING 6pm
Thu 14  School Cross Country
Sun 17  Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Mon 18  The Melbourne Cup is coming to Thabeban (fancy dress day)

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 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

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National Day Against Bullying
Wear something Blue
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(Gold Coin Donation Please)

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A Block Upgrade

Over the next few months the outdoor area adjacent to our oldest building will be upgraded. This area was our bike rack enclosure and unfortunately is the most unsightly area in our school. The upgrade will see this outdoor area transformed into a welcoming seating and garden area that will link the catering facilities of the turkshop with the community meeting rooms of A block.

Tree Removal

Education Qld are currently consulting with Thabeet State School about removing the palms trees at the entrance ramp of A block and replacing the two camphor laurel trees next to the western side of A block with two shade trees more suitable to the built up environment.

Reason

There is currently no stormwater drainage around A block or the covered area. To be able to install an effective drainage system the palm and camphor laurel trees need to be removed. Education Qld propose to replace the existing trees with trees and plants that do not have spreading or invasive roots. These trees and plants would be surrounded by raised garden beds with seating. The new trees would, over time, grow and offer considerable shade to the area but not damage the drainage system in place.

Education Qld understands that removing or replacing trees can be a sensitive issue and therefore would like to obtain feedback from the school community. Replacing the existing camphor laurel trees in particular is something that will be very noticeable in the short term but in the long term will ensure that the upkeep and maintenance of the A block outdoor seating and garden area is sustainable.

Please contact the principal, Mr Ken Parcock, with your feedback regarding this issue (in writing if possible) so that he may work with Education Qld to determine the most appropriate course of action.

(Please supply your feedback by the last day of this term, 24 March 2016).