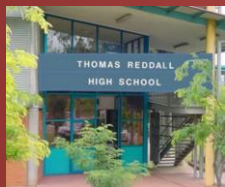


Thomas Reddall High School Newsletter



Focusing on our Future

Issue 7 Term 4

5 November 2018

Principal's Report

Mrs J Fuller (Principal)

Welcome to Term 4! It is incredibly hard to believe how quickly the year has flown. Thanks to all of the parents and carers for their incredible support throughout this year – it really has been appreciated and the settled start to Term 4 can be attributed to that.

Staffing Changes

This term we have welcomed Mrs Ana Latu as Head Teacher of Mathematics. Mrs Latu comes to us bringing a wealth of experience from Eagle Vale High School. She has been warmly welcomed by the student body and has made an exceptional start to her time at Thomas Reddall HS. We would like to thank Mr Sambucco for all of his efforts in the role of relieving HT Mathematics. He did an exceptional job, over a long period of time, and we are very grateful to him. At the end of last term, we also farewelled Mr Gongupalli who received a transfer to Castle Hill HS. We thank Mr Gongupalli for all of his dedicated years of service to our school and wish him all the best as he embarks on the next steps in his educational journey.

HSC

The HSC is well and truly underway and all reports are that our students have been excellent, not that we expected anything less! We encourage all students to continue to 'focus on their future', the end is so close and you have all worked extremely hard to get this far. Any student who has missed a HSC exam, or has been N-Determined, are ineligible to attend the Formal. The Formal looks to be a lovely celebration for those students who achieved the ultimate secondary educational goal – the HSC – congratulations!

2019 Planning

Last Monday, our Executive spent the day evaluating our current School Plan, examining our data and

formulating plans for 2019. We continue to strive to meet one of the main goals of the Department of Education which is "Every student, every teacher, every leader, every school improves every year." We have had an outstanding 2018; and recognise that we can always do better and that is what we will be working towards in 2019. We will have a few changes to our Executive positions to improve the outcomes for your children and drive the necessary improvements that we wish to see for your children. I will be able to give more details about this when we have finalised the details.

Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards

On Monday October 22, 2018 Mr Abboud, Mrs Callaway and myself had the pleasure of attending the Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. We had 5 students recognised and could not be prouder of the following students and their achievements:

Dylan Cassidy – Attendance

Tru Flack – Attendance

Portia Flack – Attendance

Akaysha Manning-McGuire – Creative and Performing Arts

Bree Crawford Taylor – Leadership

Well done to you all and keep up the exemplary efforts!

Lateness

This term we have launched our new lateness procedures and we have seen a dramatic decline in the number of students late. This is excellent! Students need to be at school, ready to start their lesson in their classroom by 8:20am – this has always been the expectation and the start of the school day. Any student who arrives between 8:20 – 8:35am will have a detention equivalent to their lateness during Break 1. For example, if they are 5 minutes late, they will receive a 5 minutes detention from their class teacher. Any student who arrives after 8:35am will



receive two detentions – one with their class teacher and one with a member of the executive for 15 minutes at Break 2. We need to break the cycle of poor attendance and lateness if we are going to improve the educational outcomes for students. We understand that from time to time, there may be an acceptable reason for your child to be late. Unfortunately, for some students lateness is every day and that is unacceptable. It disrupts your child's learning and it disrupts the learning of all of the other students when they arrive at school. Please help get your child in to good attendance and punctuality patterns by ensuring they are at school before 8:20am each day.

Year 12, 2019 Study Camp

We are planning a Year 11 Study Camp for late March, 2019 at Teen Ranch in Cobbitty. It has been significantly subsidised (by two-thirds) to make it affordable enough for all students to attend. Your child received information about this last week. Please ensure they return the permission note and deposit as soon as possible so that we can secure the booking.

2019 Fee Deposits

All students in Years 8-10 would have received letters informing them of their subjects for 2019. Also included was a fee deposit, this 20% needs to be paid by Friday November 2. All fees finalised by the end of Term 1 will see a 10% discount applied. Fees are important and used to purchase valuable resources for all subjects. Public education is not free and we do rely on parents to make a small contribution, via the fees, towards the resources provided for their children. We appreciate and thank you for your support.

Book Packs – Year 7 & 8

We are also looking at the idea of book packs for our Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) students to ensure that they have all of the necessary equipment. It will be at a significantly lower cost than purchasing them at the local shops, so we hope that parents will appreciate and support this initiative that will save them money and a trip to the shops! More details to come on this later in the year.

Healthy Canteen Strategy

Thanks to all of the parents and students that have supported our Healthy Canteen Strategy. It has been great to see students enjoying healthy food at break time. It definitely fuels them for better learning. We listened to the feedback from parents, carers and students and have changed the menu and dramatically decreased the prices which hopefully makes it more affordable for families. The Canteen will only get better and better as we adjust to our new menu and pricing.

Unfortunately, I will be absent for Week 3 and 4 following some surgery. Mr Abboud will relieve as Principal during this time and I know he will do an outstanding job. Please refer any Deputy Principal issues to Mr Lugg who will relieve for Mr Abboud during this time. I will return in Week 5.



Deputy Principal's Report

Mr P Abboud (Deputy Principal)

Exciting times at Thomas Reddall High School with the re-launch of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PB4L) on Friday 26 October. We got to unveil a new system of merit to the students that rewards students for their positive contributions to school life. We also got to unveil our new school mascot – **"Tommy the T-Rex"**, who was a big hit with all the students and the staff as well. Tommy will make regular appearances both at school and external events where our school is participating so be sure to look out for a 10 foot high maroon Tyrannosaurus Rex who likes to encourage everyone to do their best.



2018 has really flown by as we have hit the home stretch and are now getting ready for a gruelling assessment period for the students. Almost all students will be having tests and tasks designed to evaluate their learning this year. Please support your child through this period and encourage them to apply themselves the best they can to their studies both at school and at home. Shortly, after the assessment period is over staff will be working on reporting to parents about your child's progress, which will culminate in the distribution of reports in Week 9 or 10. Shortly beyond that 19th December we will all be enjoying the fruits of a well-earned Christmas break.

In recent years we have tried to encourage students to take more pride in their own work in the classroom, and despite our best efforts some students have struggled to ensure that they have the correct tools

for learning. From 2019 we have attempted to keep simple for families when preparing their children for school. We will be making up book packs for Years 7 and 8 students with all the necessary books they will need for the year. The book packs will include all required exercise books, display folders and some stationery items. At this stage a definitive price is yet to be set but our estimates have the packs around \$20 to \$30 each. Of course, each student will require a calculator for Mathematics and if your child doesn't have the appropriate Scientific Calculator they are able to be purchased at the front office for \$18. Details of the book packs will be available in the next newsletter and via our Skoolbag and Facebook pages when they are finalised.

Finally, I would like to thank all students and caregivers for their continued support in providing our students with the appropriate school uniform. We are working hard to encourage all students adhere to our uniform policy and appreciate the support of our parents and caregivers. 2109 we will continue make great leaps forward with uniform and look forward to your ongoing support.

For the Year 12's the HSC exams are just about done, and will be a huge relief for most of our students who are about to embark on a whole new world. To those students, we wish them all the very best and don't forget to come back sometime and tell us how you're going.

School starts at 8:20am EVERY day. Be on time! Every minute you are late is a minute of learning you miss out on.

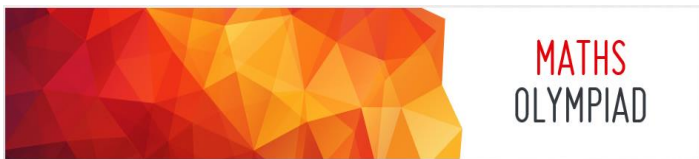


Mathematics Report

Mrs A Latu (Head Teacher Maths)

Welcome back to Term 4. I am the new Head Teacher of Mathematics and I would like to thank all the students and staff for making me feel so welcomed.

Just a reminder that the Yearly exams for Years 7-10 are in weeks 3 and 4. Please revise the topics and ask your teachers for help. After the exams, students are still expected to attend class and complete their best work.



Miss S Mesba (Mathematics Teacher/Year 7 Advisor)

Thomas Reddall High School created a strong mathematics team, led by Ms Mesba, from our best year 7 and 8 students. Each month we competed in a competition where we had to solve difficult logic based problems. Students worked together to help decode problems and create creative strategies to tackle them. The competition concluded at the end of Term 3. Final results were mailed to the school. Our team has placed in to top 20% of the state, with six students placing in the top 10%. Thomas Reddall is very proud of this achievement and the hard work displayed by the students.



HSIE Report

Mrs B Jones (Head Teacher HSIE)

We have hit Term four and here in HSIE we have a lot of exiting learning happening.

Year 10, have been learning about Popular Culture in Australia and are due to hand in their Decade Study Assessment. So far, we have seen some really funky invitations, record covers and lolly bags. Keep them coming Year 10

Year 9 are learning about World War One and Two. We are pleased to announce an exciting incursion. We have the group Living History coming to T-Red and students will get to explore artefacts from World War I as well as dressing up like a soldier and see a life size model trench. This will take place on the 14th of November. It is a compulsory incursion so all students meet syllabus expectations in regards to site studies. Any student who does not attend will be provided with an alternative project to complete.

Year 8 are examining interconnections in Geography and are learning about how to be a good global citizen and how globalisation connects the world.

Year 7 are almost finished their unit on Ancient Egypt and will be moving on to studying Ancient China. They have loved looking at all the gory bits of mummification in particular.

We would like to remind students that we expect them to come to class prepared to learn with their workbook and equipment. Ideally, more than one pen.

Start the Day Right
Head to the Breakfast Club
Before school from
7.50 – 8.10am
In the kitchens



See You There

Support Faculty Report

Ms Emily Jarrett (Support Teacher)

In the support unit this year students have completed a variety of different tasks in Project Based Learning that have led to some wonderful community-based work. In term one and two students created a decorative mural which now sit in the Support Playground. This involves all of the 'big cats' that the classrooms are named after. Mr Edward's current PBL class are making decorative pictures using the techniques of wood burning. As you can see from the photo the students have created some interesting designs that I imagine the children in local hospitals are going to really like. This term Mr Edwards's class are going to be selling door signs, so if you are interested in buying one please contact the Support Unit.

Other PBLs include showcasing our support unit for future students in a video, the students have excelled at this and are working hard to showcase the wonderful events and classes we have in support. One of the other PBL classes are for term three and four, are creating bags for the homeless full of personal care items. This involves students working on both computers to research and using sewing machines to create the bags from recycled materials. The students have worked hard in this PBL and continue to see strong results.

This term we are continuing our swim training program again. Students will be taught a comprehensive swimming program with qualified instructors.

Term four also includes our Year six transition program as we begin to welcome the students that will join us in support next year.



Tantalizing, Tremendous, All Round Terrific T-Red Day

By Yr. 7 Student

Friday 14th September, our school held its annual multicultural day, creatively re-named T-Red Day. The SRC run fundraiser was full of fun activities for the students to engage in that highlighted the international diversity of the pupils.

Students were asked to dress as farmers and bring a gold coin donation to support the "Dilly Drought Drive", a foundation created to support famers suffering in the current drought. Thanks to the support of the students and teachers, the school managed to raise a whopping \$1,500 for the foundation.



The day held numerous events also collecting donations. They included: a dunk tank, snow cones, hairspray, milkshakes, a handball workshop, cultural dance workshop, Aboriginal cooking workshop, art workshop and the day bookended with performances by pupils from all years and some special performances from visiting schools and guests.



Students participated in the performances by drumming, dancing and just having fun. SRC co-ordinator Mrs. Calvert says the day was a massive success and would like to hold the day again next year, and I'm sure the students wouldn't say no to that.



Macarthur Zone Netball Gala Day

Mrs. K. McCarthy (Coach)

On Friday the 21st of September, Mrs. Calvert & I had the pleasure of accompanying 30 students, representing T-Red at the Macarthur Zone Netball Gala Day, held at the new Narellan Sports Hub.

Year 8 – Girls Team	Year 10 – Girls Team	Year 10 – Boys Team
Layarna Brooks-Aue	Samaha Abumustafa	Kostya George
Faye Fa'alavaau	Aleah Basafacan	Mark Lloyd
Victoria Hendry	Ashlee Brennan	David Mataia
Susana Maposua	Hanna Hendry	Bailey Proctor
Kalaia Mathew	Leeza Malili	David Stone
Roserita Muave	Miriama Mangi	Tai Tavesi
Hosanna Tepani	Shylove Tanga	Johnson Toleafoa
La-Tisha Teuhema	Rachel Tuimanua	Braiden Yann
Sofaia Vaki	Sarahlyn Vaiuta	
	Folau Vaki	

All 3 teams played against teams from Camden, Mount Annan, Picton, Elderslie, Robert Townson and Elizabeth Macarthur High Schools. Our Year 10 girls & boys teams displayed good skills & managed to win a few games against some tough competition, but it was our Year 8 girls' team who proved to be most successful. They won all 7 of their games, displayed excellent skills & sportsmanship & were the overall winners for the Year 8 competition. The girls were each presented with a trophy at the end of the day. Congratulations girls & well done to every student who participated. Special thanks to the parents who came along to cheer our teams on & to Mr. McLeod for driving the bus.



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