Another wonderful week full of learning has passed us by. The students have experienced their first lessons of History, explored simple sentences and action words in picture books, identified verb and noun groups in the book ‘The Twits’, consolidated their use of the prediction reading strategy and continued their work on two pieces of art.

This week promises to be another big one!

**Illnesses and Absences**
Last week saw our numbers hover around the 8 students mark due to illnesses and absences. Thank you to those parents who kept their ill children home and for keeping us informed on their wellbeing. Just a reminder to use your best judgement as a parent as to whether to keep your child home if you know they are feeling under the weather – despite their begging to come to school. Your assistance with this will help ensure the long term health of your child and that of the other students and staff at Theebine.

**Administration of Medication at School**
Sometimes it is necessary for students to have prescribed medicine given to them during the school day. Schools require medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner to administer any medication to students (including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol, cough mixture or alternative medicines). If medication is required to be administered by staff during school hours a ‘Request to Administer Medicine’ form will need to be completed and signed by the prescribing health practitioner. These forms can be obtained at the office if the need arises.

**P&C Meeting**
The first general P&C meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 26/2 from 2:30. All are invited with an afternoon tea being catered. Dates will follow for the P&C AGM.
Theebine Playgroup
My adventures around the school last week found me in the old tuckshop area under the library. After dusting the cobwebs off me and ensuring no spiders decided to call me home, I discovered all of the Playgroup equipment. I have been informed that the Theebine Playgroup was once very active over a long period of time. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in starting things back up again please have them get in touch with me at school. It would be great to be able to contribute to the early development of the little ones in the surrounding communities.

Changes to Guitar Lesson Times
Starting next week guitar lessons will be occurring on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:30 instead of the usual morning time. This is due to a change in the specialist teacher timetable. The change will ensure that the morning session can now be used for engagement in core curriculum learning.

Tuckshop
Our thanks go to the P&C and Michelle Jenkins for getting the Tuckshop up and running for 2013 and also to the volunteers who have been cooking up a storm and assisting. Special mention goes out to Susan Neumann for filling in on short notice this week J

Wet Weather
I appreciated the quick response and forward thinking of parents on Tuesday due to the heavy raining. It was great to see parents helping each other out with transportation, pick-ups, drop-offs and, er, dry-offs…… What a great school community!

Until next week……stay dry,
Ian Marsden
TENNIS COACHING/HOT SHOTS at BAUBLE

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coach Matt Watkins will commence the Hot Shots Coaching program on **Friday 22nd February** at the Rossendale Tennis Club, 38 Bauple-Woolooga Road i.e. – opposite the southern Bauple exit across the Bruce Highway 5 klm’s from Bauple township.

Lessons will be held Friday afternoons from **3.30pm to 4.15pm** for the Beginners group (ages 5-9) and **4.15pm to 5.00pm** for Intermediate group (ages 10 and up). The program is for a **minimum block of 7 weeks**. Costs will be **$65.00/pupil or $120.00 for 2 children** in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week.

Please return this completed form to the club by **Friday 22nd February**.

**Note:** Fees can be paid in two instalments at the start of lessons 2 and 4

Name......................................................................................................................
Age........ Grade............. Phone/s.................................................................
Parent or Guardian Signature.................................Email..........................................................

For more information phone Matt Watkins on 0417070129 or Mary-Anne Walters on 07 4129 2589 or 04 3837 4091 email: mwalters2@virginbroadband.com.au

Cash payment or Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please.

Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786 student’s name as reference please.

**ALL PLAYERS WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE THEIR OWN HOT SHOTS TENNIS SHIRT!**
Anyone who is interested in either Working/Cooking please ring Michelle Jenkins 0409 580 121.