Welcome to the 2013 school year!

I am very excited to be given the opportunity to ‘hold the fort’ for Warrick during the six months that he is at Kandanga State School. I have heard many good things about the school, its students and the school community from a number of people and I am looking forward to doing my all to ensure all Theebine students have a safe and supportive learning environment in which they can do their best at all times.

Floods

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding in the delay to the start of school and I hope that things get back to normal for all families as quickly as possible given the circumstances.

Book Packs

There has been a delay in receiving some book packs / items (mainly Year 1’s) that came with the book packs in a delivery next week. We will work around this in the classroom to ensure minimal disruption to the students’ learning programs and will supply school resources in the meantime.

Included in the book packs were the Go Maths Student Journals aligned to the former Queensland Syllabus. As all Queensland state schools are now implementing the Australian Curriculum I made the decision to purchase the Go Maths Australian Curriculum Edition (ACE) Student Journals for each Prep to Six student at no additional cost to families. Year 7 students will be working from a different Maths textbook scheme which the school has purchased.

This will ensure that the students are engaging with resources aligned to the current content descriptors and learning expectations expected of all Australian students.

I anticipate that we will still be making use of the Go Maths Student Journals that came with the book packs in a number of ways throughout the year.
Australian Curriculum - History
As mentioned above, all Queensland State Schools are continuing the implementation of the staged rollout of the new Australian Curriculum. This year History will be making an appearance in the classroom as a distinct Learning Area having been included within the SOSE subject in past years. Information about the content of this new Learning Area can be accessed via www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/history.

Swimming
Starting Monday (4th February) students will be attending swimming lessons at Deep Blue Aquatics Swim Centre in Gympie. The school will be subsidising the costs for students so that each lesson will cost $3.00 per lesson. We are currently working on issuing invoices to each student in the near future, however payments can be made either every week or in bulk for Term 1 at a total of $24.00 per student if you wish to pay early.

Please note that we have the facilities for EFTPOS payments.

Guitar and Piano Lessons
Once again we are very lucky to be able to offer the tuition of two highly talented musicians in Glen Fox - Guitar, and Mary Devlin - Piano. Tuition for these instruments is offered for Grade 1 upwards at a subsidised price of $2.00 per lesson. Glen offers Guitar lessons every Tuesday morning and Mary is offering Piano lessons every Friday morning. Please find the permission slip for participation in Guitar/Piano. PERMISSION SLIP for Guitar/Piano - Is attached to the back of the newsletter.
School Maintenance
The teaching spaces at school will be having the roof replaced between 1 – 4 February (weather permitting). It is planned that the majority of the replacement work will be done over the weekend in order to limit the interruption to learning time.

Also planned is the painting of the exterior of the two classroom areas and the interior surfaces of the library. It is anticipated that this will occur during Term 1 and, once again, plans will be in place to limit interruption to student learning time.

Water Tanks
Installation of the four water tanks and catchment system is complete. The school now has the capacity to hold around 124,000 litres and thanks to the recent deluge we have enough tank water to last us quite a while.

Here’s to a great school year!

Regards,
Ian Marsden

2012 Term 4 Invoices
Parents please note that Term 4 invoices for piano, guitar and swimming will be issued in the near future.

EFTPOS Payments
Parents please note that we have the facility to take payments through EFTPOS however we request that this is used on the days Danielle is at work which are Tuesday & Thursday each week.

BOOK CLUB - Issue 1 February 2013
Please find attached the 1st Book Club for the year. If any families who wish to place an order for this book club please return all forms and money to the school by THURSDAY 14 February 2013.
Anyone who is interested in either Working/Cooking please ring Michelle Jenkins 0409 580 121. No Tuckshop until Week 3.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please ensure that if your child/children are away for the day, or any length of time, you contact the office or send a note, so that we know where your child/children are. Once again thank you for your co-operation in this.

Thank you

Please cut off and return if you have any changes

DETAILS UPDATE ADVICE

CHILD’S NAME: ..........................................

CLASS: ..............................

NEW DETAILS: (eg. address, phone numbers, emergency contacts)

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PARENT / CAREGIVER’S SIGNATURE:

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Theebine Hotel

⇒ Bookings appreciated 5484 6182
⇒ Friday Night– Publicans Draw
⇒ Raffles and Joker Draw
⇒ Live Entertainment VERY 2ND Sunday from 1pm
⇒ Sunday BBQ lunch 12:30pm start/Raffles
⇒ Accommodation
⇒ Weekend, Courtesy Car

• MEALS AVAILABLE 7 Days
  Lunch 12-2pm  Dinner 6-8pm
• FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
  (2nd & 4th Friday of Month)
  4pm till late
• THEEBINE P&C MEAT TRAY RAFFLES
  (2nd & 4th Friday)
  5-8pm  $50 meat tray  $2 per ticket