



THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Local Schools Local Decisions

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is currently undertaking a consultation process on the topic of Local Schools, Local Decisions.

This reflects the idea that the schools that make decisions about teaching and learning at the school level can produce much better educational outcomes for students.

The consultation is looking at the following areas- Making Decisions, Managing Resources, Staff in our Schools, Working Locally, and Reducing Red Tape.

The questions for each of these areas include the following.

What should be in the school's power to decide, what should be in the region's power to decide and what should be in the state's power to decide.

Research suggests that the more decision making which occurs at the school level the better the outcomes for students and communities.

For further information, please go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lslld and look for the online discussion forum.

The Drainage Work Progresses



Dates From The Planner

November 9

School Council Meeting

November 10

Stage Two Excursion - Awabakal Cultural centre

November 11

Final Day Swimming

November 15

Cake Stall – Year 3 to supply cakes

November 16

Cricket vs Tarro PS

November 17

Wahroonga Public School Band Visit

November 21 – November 25

Year 5 Camp – Wangat Lodge

November 28

P & C meeting – 7pm in SPR

December 6

Carols by Twilight

December 8

Celebration of Learning

December 12

Farewell Ceremony/Morning Tea

December 13

Celebration of Achievement

2012, Here we Come

The Department requires anticipated enrolment numbers for next year. This information is required to determine staffing and accommodation levels and must be as accurate as possible.

Please notify the school office if you know your child will be leaving Thornton Public School at the end of the year or not returning after the Christmas vacation. (This does not apply to Year 6 students progressing to High School).

Wahroonga Visits Thornton

Next Thursday morning, the Wahroonga Public School Band will be visiting Thornton for a special performance.

The performance will run from 9:00am and all students will be attending.

What a great experience!

Staffing Update

Ms Guinane will be on leave from next week until the end of term.

Ms Gordon will be teaching 1G during this time.

Those Carols are a'Coming

Plans for the 2011 Carols are well in hand.

Running on Tuesday the 6 December between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, it promises to be a super evening.

Items from all grades, the choirs, the staff and even a special guest performer will help us have a great evening.

Make sure it is in your diary!

The Sky Is Falling

Next Tuesday, Thornton school will have a visit from a Police Rescue Helicopter.

The students will have a firsthand view of the helicopter and listen to the pilots and paramedics.

Full details are yet to be finalised, as the visit will depend on a many factors.

Here's hoping!

Thornton Smiles

The sports photos have arrived and can be viewed at the school office. Order forms are available for any parents wishing to purchase any photos.

We Love Our Cakes

Our cake stall will be held on Tuesday 15 November and cakes will be supplied by Year 3.

It is a great opportunity for our children to raise money for the 'Queensland Flood Appeal' - our charity in 2011.

SRC

Last week in SRC there were three motions carried. 6P talked about the basketball court needing new backboards, nets and repainting all the lines on the court. 6M talked about getting a new bike shed with a roof because bikes are getting wrecked from the rain. The wire has lots of holes in it and students go under it and play in the bike shed. 5B want to have a school dance group because it would be a good way to exercise and have fun at the same time.

There were lots of motions that we talked about in SRC but they were defeated.

Thornton's Got Talent

Don't forget that our Talent Show will be held in Week 8 on Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December. All entries have to be in by Week 6. It is still \$1.00 to enter and \$1.00 to watch. Please bring all entries to Room 7 and give to Hannah. Please bring your money with your entry form with your name(s), class(es) and act. We only have a few acts so please bring your entry in!!

Thank you

Yr 6 Farewell Committee

Sport News

What a massive week in sport!!

Cricket – with 5 regular team members away at the Hunter Region Sports Awards Thornton's Cricket team underwent some last minute recruitment, Captains Travis and Connor were delighted with the teams fielding and communication. Thornton won the match by 35 runs over Maitland Public School.

Thank you to Mackye, Callum, Quin, Jake and Austin who filled in on the day.

Last Monday the Boys Touch Football team travelled to Coffs Harbour to compete in the final 8 of the PSSA. After a slow start the boys finally hit their straps and won their quarter final 10-7 against Mulyan. The semi-final against Terranora Public School was a different story. With brilliant

driving and wonderful teamwork Thornton was never in danger and ran out winners 7-5. Onto the final where the combination of the heat and exhaustion from the previous two games was starting to take its toll. Our opponents in the final were South Wagga. A formidable outfit that hasn't lost a game in two years!!

The boys worked hard in the first half and were unlucky to be behind by 1. After a good half-time talk the boys attacked with a new plan. Try for try all half until the final play of the game when Jackson dived over.

Undefeated State Champions out of 667 schools!! What a massive effort and a huge congratulations to Lachlan, Joe, Jayden, Jackson, Daniel, Liam, Tom, Brayden, Jacob, Jye, Bayley and the Captain Gary.

I'd like to personally thank the boys on their effort throughout the year, amazing!! Also to the parents who have supported and travelled around the state, THANK YOU!!



Our Winning Cricket Team!

Thank you

Our environment group would like to thank Eaglesmith Greenwaste Services for the set up and removal of the greenwaste bags used in our Conservation Australia Volunteers cleanup days of the bush area.

Munch & Eat News

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday	9.11 – Melissa I, Kristie Lee A
Thursday	10.11 – Kerrie B, Jodie R
Friday	11.11 – Paula A, Lisa M, Jodie B
Monday	14.11 – Sandra A
Tuesday	15.11 – Jodie B, Alison T, Emma H

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

Thank you
Cheryl & Vanessa

P & C News

Family Favourite Recipe Books

Recipe books are being sold at the canteen for \$10 each. They would make a good gift for family and friends for Christmas.

Bing Lee

Don't forget to mention Thornton Public School when making purchases at Bing Lee Thornton. Our school receives points for every purchase which can then be used to purchase items for our school.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be our last meeting for the year. It will be on Monday 28 November at 7pm in the SPR. Please bring a plate for supper. All welcome.

Community News

KU Maitland Mobile Preschool Enrolling Now

KU Maitland Mobile Preschool offers a high quality preschool program for children aged 3 to 6 years old.

- ▶ Qualified, experienced staff
- ▶ Play-based learning programs
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We operate **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays** at Pat Hughes Community Hall, Thornton.

For more information, visit www.ku.com.au or contact:



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