

THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Year 5 Off on Camp

Next week, Year 5 are off to Wangat Lodge for an environmental camp. The Lodge is set in the mountains near Chichester Dam and is surrounded by bush.

The students will enjoy some great walks through beautiful rainforest, listen to stories of Aboriginal life before European settlement, and develop an increased awareness and appreciation of our unique bushland.

The students will be busy all day and all night. Building friendships, being independent and enjoying life in a different environment will create memories that will last forever.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Year 5 teachers for organising and attending this camp.

Other fantastic opportunities at Thornton school this week include the visit by the Police Rescue Helicopter today and the visit by the Wahroonga Public School Band on Thursday.

Both of these activities are outstanding examples of learning taking many forms. The resulting writing and discussion will certainly be based on rich and exciting experiences.

Our Wonderful Gold Award Winners

Josh Wood x 2
Andrew Hudson
Gemma Liddell
Jordan Murphy
Bentley Titmuss
Cooper Daley
Caitlin Field
Rory Sleeth
Jenny Slater



Dates From The Planner

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 5

Choir Performance – Thornton Mall

December 6

Carols by Twilight

December 7

Choir Performance – St Josephs Home

December 8

Celebration of Learning

December 12

Farewell Ceremony/Morning Tea

December 13

Celebration of Achievement

Be Aware

Parents are asked to please talk with your children about not talking to any strangers.

It is safest to stay in groups, to not approach any vehicle and to be careful and watchful when moving around the streets.

We Care for Our Kids

For students who come to the sick bay, very clear processes occur.

In the first instance, their condition is assessed. If there is any thought that the illness or injury is serious, the parent is called. Of course, if the incident is very serious, an ambulance will be called.

If the child has a minor complaint, a short time to rest occurs. If the child feels OK, they may go back to class. If their condition does not improve, a parent is called.

The school always errs on the side of caution and phones parents if there is any concern.

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).

Year 5 Camp

Year 5 camp begins next Monday. Payments must be finalised this week. We look forward to fun and exciting time at Wangat Lodge!

Reminder

Just a reminder to any adults NOT to use the student toilets when visiting at school or waiting to collect students.

When purchasing shoes, please buy black shoes. Senior girls are reminded that common sense is needed with regards to headbands, jewellery and make up.

Student Banking

The last day for student banking for the year will be Thursday 1 December.

Thornton's got Talent

Just a reminder about the Talent Contest. If you want to enter you will need to bring in your \$1 per person and note with your name, class and act on it as soon as possible. The Talent Contest will be in Week 8 now because Year 5 will be at camp in Week 7. If you want to watch the Talent Contest remember to bring in your \$1 to watch on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 8.

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.

Munch & Eat News

Volunteers Christmas Night Out

Don't forget that our canteen volunteers night out is this Friday night at 6.30pm at the Hunter River Hotel.

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday	16.11 – HELP NEEDED
Thursday	17.11 – Tanya S, Melissa M
Friday	18.11 – Linda G, Mel R, Kellie S
Monday	21.11 – HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	22.11 – Tabatha J, Kylie M

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

Thank you
Cheryl & Vanessa

P & C News

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.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

All families should have received raffle tickets yesterday. Please return all sold/unsold tickets and money to the office by 30 November.

The raffle will be drawn at the Carols night on Tuesday 6 December.

Carols Night

An order form from Subway went home yesterday as this year there will be no BBQ on offer. Please return your order with correct

money to the office by Monday 28 November. Your order will be delivered on the night of Carols. If you haven't received an order form and want one there are copies available at the office. If no order is placed families will need to bring a picnic tea.

Family Favourite Recipe Books

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.

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**
- ▶ **Safe, natural learning environments**
- ▶ **A full transition to school program**

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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HUNTER RIVER DRAGONS

a dragon boat racing club
in the heart of the hunter



Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011
8:30am - 12:30pm

You will get:

- ◆ paddling instruction
- ◆ sausage sizzle
- ◆ drink
- ◆ fun
- ◆ life jackets (if required)
- ◆ children's activities

\$5

Open Day

launching
the newest club
in NSW

Come on out
and
have a go

at
the *fastest growing sport*
in the world!



<http://hunterdragonboats.webs.com/>

Ages 12 to 60+
All abilities catered for

Where to go:


Hunter Region
Rowing Complex

273 Duckenfield Road
Berry Park

3km east of Morpeth

Back to School

School Reward Program - \$5 for each pair of school shoes. Ask in store for details



Our exclusive range of formal school shoes is built with sports shoe technology for extra comfort and support. We are the one-stop shop for your kids' sport and school shoe needs.

The Athlete's Foot Charlestown - Greenhills - Glendale

