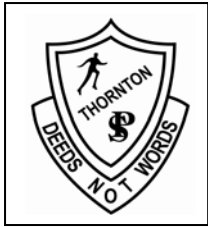


THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Christmas is Close When Carols are Sung

When Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer was sung by all 550 Thornton students on Monday, Christmas feels very close. This was in preparation for our wonderful Carols by Twilight. Every child will be involved in one or more items. Grade items, choir items and individual items will make for a fantastic evening of carols, fun and fellowship.

The Thornton staff have really excelled themselves and have put together a staff choir and a staff band. We are expecting Mrs Pugh's very talented daughter to be a special guest appearance and of course our many student items will be varied and energetic.

Families may choose to have subway, as organised by the P&C, or bring their own picnic dinner. There will be drinks for sale and lots of flashing things to get the kids into the mood.

The concert will be held on the far netball court with parents sitting on the other netball court or on the grassy bank or playing field.

Parents are asked to please bring a chair or a rug, be prepared to sing along with the carols and come along and enjoy the Carols by Twilight.

Next Tuesday 6 December - 5:30- 7:30pm

Our Wonderful Gold Award Winners

Callan Irwin x 2
Abigail Wagner x 2
Kaitlyn Buffet
Chloe Bashford
Emily Bashford
Madeline Morley
Connor Morley
Riley Blewett
Mackenzie James
Daniel Johns
Dylan Green
Alex Pitt
Prue Skimmings
Tennessey Jones

Dates From The Planner

December 1

Parent Pal Meeting – 2pm in SPR

December 5

Choir Performance – Thornton Mall at 2pm
Leaders speeches

December 6

Carols by Twilight

December 7

Choir Performance – St Josephs Home

December 8

Celebration of Learning

December 9

Parent Helpers Thankyou Morning Tea
Farewell Mrs Clayton Jones get Together

December 12

Farewell Ceremony/Morning Tea

December 13

Celebration of Achievement



Those Cakes Sure Were Nice

Did you know that the Australian Red Cross received \$890.36 from the Thornton Cake Stalls? We all enjoyed the cakes, the year 6 students enjoyed running the stalls and the Red Cross really appreciated the donation. Well done Thornton!

Staffing Update for 2012

Planning is well underway for 2012. Our wonderful Mr Sparke has been successful in gaining a permanent position at West Wallsend Public School, starting in 2012.

Mr Sparke has been an outstanding teacher at our school, has organised the sport with great enthusiasm and expertise and has been a real asset to the school as a whole.

We wish him the best in his new school.

We will miss him.

Miss Ingram will remain on leave for 2012 and

Ms Clayton Jones will be retiring.

If any parent would like to come and help the school farewell Ms Clayton Jones, be at the assembly hall at 2:00pm next Friday 9 December at 2:00pm

Our Best Carols Ever

To help the evening be the best it can be, parents are asked to;

- have their children here by 5:15pm,
- get all year 5 and 6 student to the hall as soon as possible,
- keep an eye on your children so they can get to the hall before their grade performs,
- bring a chair or rug. There should be enough room on the hill or playing field, and
- COME ALONG!

How Good Is Our P&C?

On Monday, our fantastic, wonderful, hardworking, enthusiastic P&C presented the school with the sum of all their fundraising this year, \$40000.

This money will be spent on getting Interactive White boards into every classroom and purchasing further books for guided reading.

THANKYOU...

Wangat Lodge, A Great Experience

Our year 5 students had a wonderful time at Wangat Lodge last week. Crashing through the rainforest, clambering over rocks and under pipes, swimming in the river, catching frogs and

communing with nature were among the many activities our students enjoyed.

A huge thank you to Ms Pearce, Mr Spiteri, Mr Millburn, Mrs Riley and Mrs McAtamney.

We Celebrate Learning and Achievement

On Thursday 8 December, all students will be recognised at the Celebration of Learning.

K/2 – will start at 9:30am

Yrs 3/4 – will start at 11:30 am

Yrs 5/6 – will start at 1:30pm

Students are to wear full school uniform.

Parents are warmly invited to attend.

On Tuesday 13 December, all students will participate in the Celebration of Achievement.

Special awards and class awards will be presented at this more formal assembly.

Yrs 3 - 6 will run from 9:15- 10:15.

K - 2 will run from 10:30- 11:30.

Students are to wear full school uniform.

The ceremonies will be held in the hall.

Reverse Christmas Tree

Thornton school is again supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Donations of packaged or tinned food and small children's gifts would be appreciated. Donations can be left in the red plastic bin in the school foyer. Our collection will be handed over to Neville Davis at our Carols Night.

School Website

If you are searching for the school website with 'Google' you need to click on the link 'thornton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au' and save this to your favourites for future access.

Thornton's Got Talent!

The Talent show is tomorrow and Thursday. We have already raised over \$50 for the Year 6 Farewell. Please remember to bring your \$1 on Wednesday and Thursday if you want to watch. If you are performing remember to bring your music or you will not be able to perform in the Talent show. Thank you for all the acts that have paid for the Talent show and most of all thank you to Mrs Johnson for getting the whole class involved in performing. The Talent show is going to be great and everyone is looking forward to it.

Munch & Eat News

2012 Roster

The canteen is losing quite a few volunteers next year. To continue to provide the service to our students we really need to fill some vacancies on our roster. Please consider helping out next year in the canteen. If you would like to go onto our roster could you please let the canteen know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday 30.11 – Janene L, Cheree S
Thursday 1.12 – Kellie W, Toni S
Friday 2.12 – Leanne N, Maria T
Monday 5.12 – Kristy B, Mel D
Tuesday 6.12 – Tanya H, Jenny H

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

P & C News

Christmas Raffle

Please hand in all sold/unsold raffle tickets and money into the office by Wednesday 30 November. The raffle will be drawn at the Carols night on Tuesday 6 December. If you require more raffle books they are available at the school office.

Carols Night

The Carols night will be held on Tuesday 6 December. If you haven't handed in your Subway order yet you have until tomorrow at the latest to get it in, Please remember we need correct money. Anyone who doesn't have a Subway order on the night will need to bring a picnic tea as there will not be a BBQ or any other food sold on the night. The P & C will be selling soft drinks and glow sticks on the night. A price list will be in next week's newsletter and will also be listed on the noticeboard outside the canteen.

Family Favourites Recipe Books

These are available for sale at the canteen for \$10 each. They would make a great Christmas gift for family and friends.

Bing Lee

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

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THURSDAYS - TERM 1 - 2012

Primary: 4.45 / 5.45 (7 – 12)

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