

THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Food for Thought

At a recent Principal's conference, I listened to a presentation on seven shifts that have occurred in the last forty years. The presenter spoke about truth moving from being seen as a notion of right, or wrong, to being relative. In the past people expected life to have a few ups and downs while the current generation think that life should be all easy.

Careers that once were linear and predictable are now a mosaic of opportunities and experiences. Written communication has moved from correct grammar, punctuation and spelling to a pure focus on function. (i.e; texting).

Learning was once seen as important in itself, whereas now it is based entirely on its usefulness. Respect used to be demanded and expected where now it must be earned. Lastly, the notion of risk was once seen as part of life where now if an accident happens it is seen as someone's fault.

The implications of these shifts in our schooling system are both subtle and profound.

Teaching generation "Z" means that we are preparing them for jobs that do not exist, in a world that will be very different, against a backdrop of changing values and ideas.

Thank goodness, basic skills such as reading, writing, mathematics and thinking are always relevant.

Regardless of what the world throws up, Thornton students will be well prepared to meet it head on.

Our Wonderful Gold Award Winners

Angus Atkinson
Lachlan Bashford
Hannah Want
Clare Patterson
Thomas Meldrum
Kiarni Telfer
Paige Hitchin x 2
Lonika Hitchin



Dates From The Planner

December 6

Carols by Twilight

December 7

Choir Performance – St Josephs Home

December 8

Celebration of Learning

December 9

Parent Helpers Thankyou Morning Tea

December 12

Farewell Ceremony/Morning Tea

Farewell Mrs Clayton Jones - 11:40am

December 13

Celebration of Achievement

December 14/15

Year 6 Surf Fun Safe

December 15

Aboriginal Celebration Afternoon Tea

WHOOPS

In last week's newsletter Mrs Clayton Jones' farewell assembly was notified as Friday December 9.

It is in fact on Monday December 12 at 11:40 am.

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.

Monday Farewell Assembly

At next Monday's morning assembly the students of families who are leaving the Hunter area will be given Farewell Certificates. Their parents have been invited to attend. Following the assembly the school community is asked to join them and Mr Millburn for a 'cuppa' to assist in wishing them well with their move to a new location.

Library News

A final request for any overdue library books to be returned to the library as soon as possible. Students were issued notices last week as a reminder. Lost or damaged books will either need to be replaced or paid for. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to drop into the library at any time.

I would like to thank the library monitors for the work they have done this year. These students have shown dedication and persistence throughout the year. They often give up their mornings, recess and lunch to complete the many tasks involved in keeping a library functional.

Thank you for doing such an awesome job and always being enthusiastic in your role of library monitor.

Thornton's got Talent

The Talent show was great. The Farewell Committee raised over \$450. The money is going towards buying a can of drink for everyone going to the Farewell. The money left over is for buying decorations. Thank you to everyone for coming to watch the Talent show. The acts were great. A big thank you to Mrs Maslen, Mrs Pugh, Ms Pearce and Mr Sparke

Beware

Two incidents of cars being scratched by vandals have been reported to the school this week.

Beware, and please, contact the police if any suspicious activity is seen.

Reports Distributed this Week

Reports will be distributed to all students this week.

Parents are more than welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher if they wish.

Please contact the office.

What a Night

Last Thursday evening, the guitar and keyboard students of Leigh and Pam I'Anson put together a recital concert. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

A very kind donation to the school was received from the I'Ansons. This money will go directly into our musical education program.

2012 already?

Parents are notified that school photos are organised for the Thursday 9 and Friday 10 February 2012. This is the end of the second week of school.

Our Class Party

Next week, class parties will run as follows
ES1 - Wednesday

S1 - Thursday

S2 - Thursday

S3 - Yr5 - Wednesday

S3 - Yr6 - Wednesday/Thursday

Details have been sent home via individual students

Munch & Eat News

Goujons for Recess

On Thursday we will have chicken goujons for recess as well as hash browns. They can be ordered for recess for \$1.00 for 3.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

All canteen volunteers are invited to attend the Parent Helper Morning Tea this Friday at 11am. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday.

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday	7.12 – Melissa I, Kristy-Lee A
Thursday	8.12 – Kerrie B, HELP NEEDED
Friday	9.12 – Paula A, HELP NEEDED
Monday	12.12 – Sandra A
Tuesday	13.12 – Jodie B, Allison T, Emma H

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

P & C News

Carols Night

The Carols Night is on tonight. The P & C will be selling soft drinks, lollies/chocolates and various flashing items. We will also be selling raffle tickets until 6.30pm. The raffle will be drawn on the night. Below is a price list:

Soft drinks:	\$2.00
Chocolates:	3 for 50c
Wonks Nerds:	\$1.50ea

Flashing Bubble Rings:	\$2.00ea
Flashing Spike Bracelets:	\$3.00ea
Flashing Head Boppers:	\$3.00ea
Flashing Wands:	\$4.00ea

All Subway orders can be picked up from this area at 5.30pm.

There will also be face painting and the cost is a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be given to the Salvation Army.

Family Favourite 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.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

Just to remind any parents that helped with the P & C over the year to come along to the Parent Helper Morning Tea on this Friday 9 December at 11am. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday.

Community News

Francis Greenway High School UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 25 January from 8am – 12noon.

No appointment is necessary.

This will be your last opportunity to purchase the uniform prior to the commencement of school for your child.

THE HUNT IS ON!

Thornton Beresfield Rugby League Club

is hunting new BEARS for the 2012 season!!

Registrations Jan 29th, Feb 2nd, Feb 9th!

First 20 U/6's register for **FREE!**

Register on these dates and receive **FREE** shorts and socks!!

For more information or a registration pack,

call Jackie on 0416 046 307



Are your children at school? Looking to go back to work or change your career?

This one semester, free TAFE course could be the answer to your questions.

Career Education & Employment for Women

Course No. 9072 – Certificate 2

- Builds Confidence.
- Study subjects which develop your work related skills and general education.
- Get the skills you need to enter the further study.
- Improve your communication skills.
- Improve your employment opportunities.
- Includes work experience.

Interested?

Ring Donna at Maitland TAFE 49302926 to register your interest or ask further questions:

Information Session **Wednesday, 25th January, 2012 at 10am – Room C.1.22**

Classes begin Tuesday, 7th February, 2012 – 9.30 to 2.30, 4 days per week

*Another course in Semester 2.

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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Children's Services
Since 1895

KU is proudly a not for profit organisation

Pre Christmas Holiday Tennis

& Sports Camps at Thornton Tennis Centre

"Greg Brownlow Tennis". Lead up to Christmas Holidays with our Junior Tennis & Sports Camps at the Thornton Tennis Centre!

Fantastic Tennis Games & Coaching, Soccer, Netball, Touch Footy & Cricket!

Great time to do your last minute *Christmas shopping*, while the kids have a blast at the Camp.

Play 1, 2, or 3Days!

Pre Christmas Camp

20th, 21st & 22nd December
(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

\$35 per day = 9am to 1pm

*Choose your days & sessions or do all
three days and receive 10% discount
Family Discounts Available Also*

Day 3 BBQ + Christmas Party

Lots of FUN!

Call Greg on: **49 668095** or **0414 642938** to reserve your place.

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