



# THORNTON THUNDER

*The Newsletter for Thornton Public school and its local community.*

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

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## **Leading the Way With Technology**

With the help of our wonderful P&C association, Thornton school now has an interactive whiteboard in every classroom. Using interactive whiteboards has revolutionised the art of teaching. Being able to create learning experiences which tap directly into multimedia presentations, the internet and software such as excel, one note, PowerPoint and movie maker means lessons have never been so engaging for students.

Studying a topic such as the Murray Darling Basin, and being able to click to a film clip, current flood data, satellite photo or recent research adds significantly to the whole experience. With careful guidance, the teacher then takes this information and tailors it into meaningful and relevant learning experiences for every student. The end result is well planned lessons, engaged students and quality learning.

The school's technology infrastructure will soon be expanded so that each classroom has a wireless capability. The use of net books, Ipads and other wireless devices will then be possible right across the school. Students being able to access the internet, their files or work on common software will then be possible in small groups, individually or as a whole class.

Combining wireless with Interactive Whiteboards means Thornton school is really leading the way with technology.

The end result, technology improved learning through more highly engaged students.

Preparing citizens for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **Our Wonderful Gold Award**

### **Winners**

Ryan Bartlett  
Ethan Burns  
Joe Dufty  
Lily Fairhurst  
Tennessey Jones  
Peri McBride x 4  
Chloe Mould  
Jade Newby  
Lachlan Ridley  
Rory Sleeth  
Angie Sly  
Ashley Sorensen  
Emily Watters



## **Dates from the Planner**

### **Tuesday November 13**

Cricket vs Kurri Kurri

### **November 14**

School Council Meeting

### **November 14 - 15**

Student Leader Talent Quest

### **November 19**

AECG Meeting

### **November 20**

Canteen Open day

### **November 20 - 21**

Stage Two Camp

### **November 27**

Choirs to Thornton shops 2:00pm

### **November 28**

FGHS Disco and Information Evening

### **November 29**

Scripture concert

## **Time Trial 2013**

In Term One 2013 a variation of times will be trialled. The new times will be

9:00 - 11:00 Session One  
11:00 - 11:37 Lunch  
11:37 - 1:37 Session Two  
1:37 - 2:15 Recess  
2:15 - 3:00 Afternoon Session

Having the two 2 hour sessions will maximise learning time.

The first session will be devoted to English. The second session will be devoted Maths and PE.

The third session will be devoted to the other Key Learning Areas.

Maximising the learning time into the most productive part of the day is vital.

Ensuring there is ample time for Maths instruction will boost learning and improve outcomes.

Many students already eat their lunch at 11:00am, and with the canteen's support, the trial has every chance of enabling our students to do the very best they can.

## **Kindergarten Assembly Changes**

The following Kinder assembly has been changed to:

Week 6 changed to Week 7 – Thursday 22 Nov at 11.45am

## **Email Trial**

The school is planning to email the newsletter to families in 2013. To help this run smoothly we will be emailing the newsletter to a different grade each week for the rest of the term. This week is Year 6 and next week will be Year 5. Please contact the office to update your email details.

## **Position Vacant**

### **Spring fair Co-ordinator**

**Wanted:** One energetic enthusiastic, hardworking, organised and wonderful person to work with a willing team to coordinate the 2013 Spring Fair.

Is this you?

Contact the school.

## **Safety First**

A huge thanks to the parents who heeded the request in last week's newsletter. Please remain vigilant with road safety, encourage your children

to avoid the skate park in the morning and always ensure you children never approach a strange car or intimidating person.

## **Our Choirs Rock**

For all those parents of young choir members, please be aware that the choirs have a number of bookings.

### **Tuesday November 27**

performance at Thornton shops

### **Tuesday December 4** (Whoops, wrong date last week)

performance at St Josephs Nursing Home

### **Thursday December 13**

performance at Green Hills Shopping Centre

Our choirs really do rock!!!

## **Remembrance Day**

Our student leaders represented Thornton School very well on Sunday November 11. Girl Captain Samantha Liddell read a section of the ceremony and Boy Captain Tom Green laid a book on the War memorial on behalf of our school.

A huge thanks to the leaders who could make the service.

## **Library News**

With the end of Term not too far off I remind parents and students to respond to the call of the annual big return of resources please!

Reminder notices are being sent out this week. The information on the notice includes the title of the book, the date due for return, the cost of the book and a generic message asking for the book to be returned as soon as possible. Students will be able to borrow up to Week 7 and I will be asking for all books to be returned by Week 8. Occasionally students will say they haven't borrowed the book or have already returned the item. If this is the case please let me know so I can check the shelves for the missing book. Often books will turn up after a big clean out of the classroom or their bedroom.

If there are any concerns please contact me at the library. From Week 9 letters requesting payment for the replacement of non-returned resources will be sent to parents/carers. This is sent only after a thorough check in the library and classroom for the non-returned item.

## P&C News

*OOOPS – WE GAVE THE WRONG DATE!*

The next P&C meeting is actually on Monday **26 November** NOT Monday 19 November as we told our new parents at Kindy Orientation – so if you know anyone who was going to attend, can you please give them the right date and our apologies???

As usual it will be in the SPR at 7pm. We have organised a guest speaker for the evening to talk about different options for purchasing school uniforms – this is always a conversation provoking topic. There is also a new mum who would like to mention a petition about a pedestrian crossing on Railway Parade, so we hope you can make it to share your opinion.

### *MELBOURNE CUP FANCY HAT & FASCINATOR SOIREE*

We had a great afternoon eating and chatting while we felt all pretty in our Cup finery and those of us that won the sweeps were very pleased with ourselves! There was certainly plenty of atmosphere for the race, especially when the kids and teachers turned up to watch!

Thank you also to Mrs I'Anson and her keyboard students for accommodating us by moving into the smaller room – and hearing our cackling.

### *CHRISTMAS CAROL RAFFLE*

Can you believe that it's that time of year already!?! Your P&C will be running a raffle with the fantabulous prizes being purchased using the points that **BING LEE THORNTON** have kindly been collating for us over the year from purchases made at their store when TPS is mentioned.

We really do appreciate their support (and great prices & product range) and always encourage community links between our school and local businesses. Can you tell I'm a fan? Probably because I love my shiny new microwave and dishwasher ☺

### *SPRING FAIR 2013*

That's right people – we have to start real planning of this bi-annual event!

If any of you are interested in helping out on the day (usually held in September) and/or have some ideas you would like to share please let us know. You can always speak to us personally or email us on

[thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com](mailto:thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com)

We would really like to get a working party together ASAP.

## *NEW FACES*

Your P&C have had plenty of opportunities of late to see lots of new faces who will be joining our TPS community and are really looking forward to meeting and personally welcoming those families to our school. Several of these families have already either attended events at school and/or expressed their interest in becoming involved in upcoming events etc.

Welcome to those of you who have started coming at this late stage of the year and we look forward to getting to know you all better.

Have a great week!!

Sharonne ☺

## 'Munch n Eat' News

### *2013 Roster*

I am currently working out next year's canteen roster. If you are not a current volunteer and you would like to come into the canteen to help out, even if only for an hour or so in the mornings, please call into the canteen and see us.

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday	14.11 – Joanne L, Janene L
Thursday	15.11 – Toni S, Kellie W
Friday	16.11 – Anne D, Deanne S
Monday	19.11 – Paula A, Allissa Z
Tuesday	20.11 – Tanya H, Melissa I

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.  
Cheryl and Vanessa

## THORNTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting  
Monday 19 November at 6.30pm  
at Beresfield Bowling Club

All positions will be declared vacant at this meeting as all Committee Members are stepping down.

The positions that definitely need to be filled are:

President  
Treasurer  
Registrar  
Merchandise Coordinator

Please attend this meeting as Thornto Junior Football Club needs these positions filled as without them our club cannot run.

Any queries please contact Belinda Gibbons (Secretary)  
[secretary@thorntonjuniorfc.com](mailto:secretary@thorntonjuniorfc.com)

## Community News



# Lay-by Now... Collect Christmas Eve

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- All Bikes Expertly Assembled
- Free after Sales Service
- Established over 85 Years



## Stead Cycles Beresfield

Cnr Lawson Avenue & Landor St  
Phone 4966 2141



OPEN 7 DAYS  
UNTIL CHRISTMAS

### Nutrition Snippet Vegetable Frittata - Spring Recipe

Eat It To  
Beat It



Put the spring back into your meals with this delicious vegetable frittata recipe.

#### Ingredients

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| 1/3 cup risoni pasta                    |                  |
| 100g mushrooms, sliced                  |                  |
| 1 medium onion, chopped                 | 1 tbsp olive oil |
| 1 medium tomato, chopped                | 6 eggs, whisked  |
| 1 medium zucchini, sliced thinly        | 2tbsp parsley    |
| 150g sliced leg ham, chopped (Optional) |                  |



#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease 20cm cake pan
2. Cook pasta in boiling water until tender. Drain.
3. Heat oil in large frying pan, cook onion, zucchini and mushrooms until just tender.
4. Combine pasta, veggie mixture, ham, tomato, parsley and eggs in large bowl. Mix well.
5. Pour mixture into prepared pan, bake for 45min.
6. Serve with your favourite salad. (Serves 4).

For more information about the *Eat It To Beat It* program phone 4923 0710 or visit

[www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit)



