



THORNTON THUNDER

The Newsletter for Thornton Public school and its local community.

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Thornton Has Talent

Over the last week, a small band of school leaders has been running the Thornton Talent Quest. Acts such as dancing, singing, and even comedy have made the sessions a lot of fun. One appealing aspect of the Talent Quest is that it is being organised by kids, for kids.

The leaders promoted the event, took names, organised the sound system and lights and collected entrance fees.

The other side of this event was the enjoyment of the audience and thrill of the performers strutting their stuff. In fact, listening to students stressing before their performance and then being so relieved when it was finished reveals how important the opportunity to participate in an activity like this is.

On another note, but still dealing with leadership, the twelve boy candidates and twelve girl candidates for student leader in 2013 were announced this week.

The best of luck is extended to these students as they try to get elected into the twelve leadership positions in the school. Being prepared to stand up and have a go reflects well on every candidate.

Our Wonderful Gold Award Winners

Jacob Anderson
Cooper Daley
Sarah Hanks
Natasha Loosemore
Indea Sams
Harry Schiemer
Sophie Sorensen



Dates from the Planner

November 26

4A and 5S to the We Create awards
P&C Meeting at 7pm in SPR
Student Leaders Posters Displayed

November 27

Choirs to Thornton shops 2:00pm

November 28

FGHS Disco and Information Evening

November 29

Scripture concert

December 3

Leaders Speeches and voting

December 4

Choirs to St Joseph's Nursing Home

December 13

Choirs to Greenhills Shopping Centre

December 17

Year 6 Farewell

December 19

Last day of school

Debating Team 2013

Over the last month 15 Year 4 students tried out for a spot in our 2013 team. Initially all impressed by their ability to speak fluently and clearly on a topic of their choice. The next hurdle was to generate and elaborate logical arguments on a given topic (for instance 'that dogs are better than cats', 'junk mail should be banned'). The final criterion was ability to rebut specific points of an argument. It was encouraging that so many students showed interest in taking up debating at the interschool competitive level.

Thanks go to the 2012 Year 5 and 6 teams for assisting with this term's activities. The present Year 5 team will become 2013 Year 6 team. I am pleased to announce that the following students will become the 2013 Year 5 team – Lachlan, Benjamin, Jordan, Jasmine, Mackenzie and Sarah.

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 5 and next week will be Kindergarten and Year 4. Please contact the office to update your email details.

Plans 2013

If any parents know that they will be leaving the school next year or that new families are arriving, please contact the school.

Parent requests for 2013 student class placement may also be sent to the office this week.

Reminders Please

Parents asked to please not send their child to school with a non-school hat. The temptation to wear them is too great and they are not accepted as part of the school uniform. ‘

Please, both staff and back car parks are not to be used for drop off, pick up or waiting.

This is a matter of safety first and foremost

Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Thornton public School, we are:

**Respectful,
Safe,
Responsible,
Learners.**

Position Vacant

School Banking: Due to work commitments our current school banking coordinators will be stepping down as of 2013. We require two parents to take on this position. It involves one hour a week and is quite a simple process and we will of course train the parents who would like to take on this role. If you have any questions please phone Lynne Howard on 0407 453 036.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations is extended to Ben Hughes who has been selected as a reserve for the Australian PEE WEE Ice Hockey Team. Great Job Ben!

A big good luck is also extended to the Sorensen girls as they head to South Australia for the National Athletics Championship next week. What an outstanding achievement girls.

Schools in Partnership

At Monday's assembly, Beresfield Bowling Club and Hexham Bowling Club were recognised for the kind donations. The funds will support our Tadpoles program in 2013 and a sports program in 2013.



P&C News

Only 2 meetings left in 2012!

The next P & C meeting will be next Monday 26 November at 7pm in the SPR – we so hope that you can make it!

Just a reminder that we will be talking about uniform purchasing alternatives and a petition for a pedestrian crossing on Railway Parade.

New Slushy Machine

The canteen is currently trialling a new slushy machine and mixture as our very well used and loved machine has finally given up the ghost ☺. The price will remain the same (\$1.20/cup) and the children have been loving the taste and having 2 flavours to choose from again. Just FYI – the new flavours have colours 110 (yellow) and 102 & 133 (green). These colours are totally acceptable in the healthy canteen guidelines but we, of course, prefer to let you know so that as parents you can make informed decisions about your kids canteen choices.

Bye Bye Vanessa ☺

We will soon be saying goodbye to one of our wonderful Canteen Supervisors – Vanessa – as she is moving on to a new job. Wonderful for her new workplace but very sad for us. This means that a paid position for 1 day/week will soon be advertised. Formal applications and interviews will need to be undertaken so this is a heads up to update your CV if you might be interested in applying for the job.

Exciting time of the Year

The P & C would like to congratulate all of the Year 5 boys and girls who were originally nominated for and those in the 2nd stage 24 who are running for School Leader positions in 2013. Good luck to you all for your upcoming campaigning and speeches!! It only seems like yesterday that you were all starting Kindy! Time sure is flying by!!

Christmas Carol Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sent home later this week for a raffle to be drawn at the Carols By Torchlight that will be held at school in just over 3 weeks. We are just in the process of collecting prizes – some of which will be purchased using the 'dollar points' kindly collated during the year from all of our school community purchases by our good

friends at BING LEE THORNTON. Remember to mention TPS whenever you shop there.

Spring Fair 2013

Still hoping to hear from more of you that might like to be involved in a working party to help organise the Spring Fair for next year. Feel free to catch us in person or email us on thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com and we will get back to you and start to get things a-happening!

Bero Bowlo & Ozzy the Mozzy

How great do the new TPS and Local Business Partnership signs look out the front of the school!?! Their kind donations of funds (in the \$1000's) will be invaluable to our school and its many projects. Did you know that Beresfield Bowling Club has a local courtesy bus? It does pick-ups AND drop-homes!! Did you know that Hexham Bowling Club does awesome Chinese dinners? Yummo!

As always thanks for reading

Have an awesome week!!

Sharonne ☺

'Munch n Eat' News

New Slushy Machine

We have a new slushy machine in the canteen. We now have 2 flavours, lime and orange. The new slushy mixture does however contain the colours 102, 133 and 110 and is amber on the Fresh Canteens guidelines. \$1.20 each available at recess and lunch.

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday	21.11 – Jenny H, Elaine D
Thursday	22.11 – Kristy B, Lisa K
Friday	23.11 – Kylie M, Karen J
Monday	26.11 – Andrea S
Tuesday	27.11 – Lynne H, Jodie B

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Vanessa

FOUND

A tame Galah has been found. If anyone has lost one or knows of someone who has lost one please contact the school.

Talent Quest Success



Community News



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Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 14th, 15th, 16th Jan 2013

(Mon, Tues, Wed)
Where: Maitland Tennis Centre
Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland
Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day
Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)
Age: 4 years to 16 years
Standard: Beginner to intermediate

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