



THORNTON THUNDER

The Newsletter for Thornton Public school and its local community.

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We Appreciate our Volunteers

Thornton school is so fortunate to have a great band of volunteers who help the students of our school in so many ways.

Parents and community members help our school by assisting with classroom programs such as reading groups, maths groups and creative arts. We receive enormous support as our many sporting teams engage in their many competitions. A terrific group act as Parent Pals and make a huge contribution to the learning of many students across our school. Our wonderful environmental helpers have worked so hard to make our school a real showcase of environmental education. Every Thursday we have a band of committed scripture teachers who help foster a Christian belief in our children. Our library also benefits from a number of keen volunteers who cover books and tidy shelves. Our canteen could never run as it does without a super band of volunteers.

In effort to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, we will be hosting a Thank You Morning Tea on Friday December 7 in the SPR.

Invitations will be distributed soon and we hope everyone can attend.

Our Wonderful Gold Award Winners

Monique Annan
Isaac Fairhurst
Trinity Hopton
Ben Hughes
Jacob Noble
Clare Patterson
Prue Skimmings



Dates from the Planner

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 6

Celebration of Learning

December 7

Thank You Morning Tea

December 11

Presentation Day

December 12

Whole school Retirement Assembly

December 13

Choirs to Greenhills Shopping Centre

Carols

December 17

Year 6 Farewell

P & C Meeting

December 19

Last day of school for students

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 school foyer. Our collection will be handed over at our Carols Night.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

The Parent Helpers Morning Tea will be held in the SPR on Friday 7 December at 10.30am. Please reserve that date as we would love to see you there to say thank you and show our appreciation for all your help throughout this year.

School Banking

The last day for school banking for the year will be Thursday 13 December.

Bank some money and you could bank yourself an IPAD Mini.

By simply making a deposit with school banking before Friday 14 December you will go in the draw to win 1 of 12 IPAD Mini's valued at \$369 each for Christmas.

Sport and Science Day

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will be participating in a range of sport and science activities on Monday 17 December. Students are asked to give a gold coin donation to their teacher by Friday 7 December.

We are also looking for donations of empty and clean small 300/600ml bottles and plastic 'Chinese' take away or margarine containers with lids. Please leave these items with your class teacher.

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 Kindergarten and Year 4 and next week will be Year 3. 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.

Staffing News 2013

A number of staff will be retiring in 2012.

Mrs Maslen will be finishing up at the end of the year after a long and successful career.

Mr I'Anson will be retiring after many years as a most successful teacher.

Mr Arjonilla will be retiring in 2012 as Assistant Principal.

Ms Moss has been successful through the merit selection process in gaining the vacant Assistant Principal position.

The vacant Deputy Principal position is currently in the process of being filled.

We welcome a new graduate teacher into our ranks in 2013. Ms Kate Hughes will be starting with us next year.

Some Dates and Times to Keep in Mind

Celebration of Learning

Thursday December 6

ES1 S1 9:30am

S2 - 11:45 am

S3 2:00 pm

Presentation Day Times

Tuesday December 11

Yrs 3-6 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Morning Tea 11:15 am- 11:45 am

K- yr2 11:45am – 12: 30pm

Carols

Thursday December 13

6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Claim the Date

I know it seems a long way off but,

SPRING FAIR

Saturday September 14 2013

Annual School Report Update

Every third family is currently being called with a series of questions around the areas of Literacy, student engagement and parent satisfaction. A

question concerning a possible review of the uniform is also included.

Thanks to all parents who so willingly participate in this survey.

How Great Are Our Kids

The stage two students returned last Wednesday full of smiles, stories and sighs of exhaustion.

The management of the camp were effusive about how well behaved, enthusiastic and well-mannered our students were during the camp.

Great job Stage two!!!!

Sports Success

Our wonderful national athletes, Sophie and Ashleigh Sorensen have performed very well at the national titles last week.

Ashleigh came 5th in her discus with a 33.48 m throw.

Sophie came 5th in her discus with a personal best throw of 34.18 and 4th in shot put with a PB of 10.71m.

We are all very proud of you girls.

Road Safety, Take Action

The local council has been approached to come to the boundaries of Thornton School to make sure that both motorists and pedestrians are behaving in a safe and legal manner.

Park in the correct zone, make sure you and your children cross at the crossing, and as a driver, be extremely careful when driving around the school.

P&C News

Thanks to all who came to last night's meeting, it was our biggest turn-out yet. We managed to talk about a heap of issues & ideas – the fact that you were all a captive audience as a result of the mega storm that came is beside the point lol.

We had a couple of guest speakers (Myles – a uniform manufacturer & supplier and Kate – a previous TPS P&C Prez & now Uniform Officer at HSPA) and started dialogue about other uniform & sales options that are available. Please don't panic – we are not rushing in to change the TPS uniform - that would involve long term and intensive consultation with the whole TPS community. We are just browsing possibilities.

Clever Kids

As we all know, TPS has a very proud sporting tradition, in both team and individual pursuits (congrats to the Sorensen sisters for their awesome efforts at the National Athletics Comp in Adelaide) but we also have extremely talented kids in the academic and performing arts fields. If you get a chance to listen to our various choirs performing at Thornton Mall & Greenhills, you'll hear what I mean. Congratulations to all the students who attended the Sydney Opera House yesterday for the WeCreate Ceremony and totally cleaned up in the awards department – Thornton Public School is on the map and rightly so!!! GO TPS!!!!

Raffle Tickets

Hopefully all families have a book of raffle tickets for our Christmas Carol Night Raffle? They will have gone home with your youngest. We have an awesome range of prizes – all electrical prizes come from **BING LEE THORNTON** and all but 1 were purchased using the points collated from shopping locally at their store. A BIG thank you to Bing Lee Thornton for their support of our school.

Thornton Public School P & C Canteen Casual Part-Time Position

Thornton Public School P&C Canteen currently has a casual, part-time position available for a Canteen Supervisor. This casual position is for 1 day/week (6 hrs) with conditions in accordance with the Retail Employees Award.

Selection Criteria – Demonstrated ability to work with others; Skills in Stock Control, Financial Management and Food Handling would be beneficial; Willingness to undertake Safe Food Handling course and Flexibility with days essential.

It is a requirement that a Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening Check are undertaken prior to the successful applicant's appointment to the position. Please apply in writing to the President of the Thornton PS P&C PO Box 3334 Thornton NSW 2322 or email to thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com Applications close Tuesday 4th December 2012. Interviews will be held on Monday 10th December 2012.

Last P&C meeting for 2012 will be on Monday 17 December.

It'll be nibbles after a quick meeting, so please feel free to bring a plate and come along for a chat.

Try to stay cool & have a great week
Sharonne ☺

'Munch n Eat' News

Limited Menu

The canteen will be having a limited menu tomorrow (Wednesday) and this Friday (30 November). Pies, sausage rolls, roundas, mac cheese, lasagne, spag bol and cheese and bacon rolls.

Recess and Lunch Changeover

Next year the students will be having their lunch break at 11am so we will need extra help in the mornings until 11am. We would like to hear from any new volunteers that would be able to go on our roster from 9am – 11am. We will need all lunches to be ready by 10.30 to pack in the lunch crates. Even if you can only help out from 9am – 10am that would still help. But we would like it to be a monthly roster so we can plan what help we do need. A form is going home with today's newsletter for full day volunteers as well as morning volunteers. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

From Monday 3 December we will have 3 special meal deals. These will be:

- ✚ Xmas Tree Meal – \$4.10
large pie, Quench and a surprise
- ✚ Stocking Meal – \$3.40
sausage roll, flavoured milk and a surprise
- ✚ Rudolph Meal – \$2.80
cheese & bacon roll, Focus drink and a surprise

If sauce is needed, just write it on the bag and add an extra 30c to the total

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday	28.11 – Tonia B, Leanne P
Thursday	29.11 – Heidi
Friday	30.11 – Help Needed
Monday	3.12 – Leanne F
Tuesday	4.12 – Emma H, Penny T

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

Community News



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