



THORNTON THUNDER

The Newsletter for Thornton Public school and its local community.

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Christmas is Close When Carols are Sung

When Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is sung by all Thornton students, Christmas feels very close. This is 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. Our many student items will be varied and energetic.

Families are asked to 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.

See you there,

Thursday 13 December - 6:00- 7:30pm

Our Wonderful Gold Award Winners

Keira Bryant
Meg Cromarty
Bryon Fensham
Makenzie Grant
Ethan Haberfield
Jack Johns
Kyle Logvyn
Georja Olive Conicella
Mitchell Scales



Dates from the Planner

December 6
Celebration of Learning
December 7
Thank You Morning Tea
December 11
Presentation Day
December 12
Whole school Retirement Assembly
Cricket Cup Grand Final
December 13
Choirs to Greenhills Shopping Centre
Carols
December 17
Year 6 Farewell
P & C Meeting
December 19
Last day of school for students

School Banners Have Arrived

If any parents are in the school grounds over the next few days, drop into the office to see our new school promotional banners. They look very good.

Well done to the communication Team.

Surveys are Done

With over 100 families contacted for the Annual School Report survey, the school has excellent information to base its decisions on.

A huge thank you to the people who participated in the survey. Full results will be made public in the near future.

Look Out for those Jack Hammers

Next week, a section of concrete near the Kindergarten rooms will be replaced. This means trucks; jack hammers and machines will be busy working in that area.

The small gate near the Kindergarten rooms will be locked and the area in question barricaded off.

How Wonderful Were Student Leader Candidates?

Our wonderful candidates gave excellent speeches on Monday, and judging by the quality of the speeches, the final result will be very close.

Best of luck to all who had a go!

You are all are to be commended on your effort.

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.

Thank You 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.

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 3 and next week will be Year 1. Please contact the office to update your email details.

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

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.

Into the Grand Final!!!

Thornton cricket team has progressed to the Grand Final of the Reg Kelly Shield!

The game will be held on Wednesday December 12.

Great job boys.



Reports Are Ready

Student reports will be sent home on Friday. Parents are more than welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher to discuss the reports if needed.

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

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.

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.

Term One 2013 Organisation

Parents are advised that the allocation of classes on day one 2013 will not occur until a confirmed count of students occurs.

This means the allocation may not happen until recess, lunch or perhaps the next day.

In the interim, students will be allocated to their previous teacher or another teacher who is available.

This will ensure that classes once formed will remain stable for the year.

Thank you for your understanding.

P&C News

Good Luck School Leader Candidates

Congratulations to all of the 24 candidates on their speeches yesterday – they all did such a great job and all put forward very convincing points as to why they should each be TPS Leaders – good luck to you all! It's wonderful to see how confident and mature you all are, especially since I remember seeing you all in kindergarten!!!

Christmas Carols – Thursday 13 December 2012

Don't forget to bring your singing voice and picnic dinner with you to school next Thursday evening for TPS's annual Carols night. The P&C will be selling cold drinks, friendship bands and Christmasy, sparkly, flashing goodies on the evening but it is a BYO dinner evening.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are due into school by next Tuesday 11th December to be drawn at our Carol Evening on Thursday 13th December 2012.

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.

Amazingly enough – that's it from me this week!!!
Sharonne ☺

'Munch n Eat' News

2013 Roster

Please consider joining our great team of volunteers on our canteen roster for next year. You could help out for either a couple of hours in the morning or a full day. Please fill out the form sent out with last weeks newsletter and send back to the canteen or just call in and see us.

Xmas Meal Deals

Don't forget our Christmas meal deals on at the moment.

Stocking Meal \$3.40

Sausage roll, flavoured milk, surprise

Rudolph Meal \$2.80

Cheese & bacon roll, focus drink, surprise

Xmas Tree Meal \$4.10

Large pie, quench, surprise

Volunteer Xmas Get Together

Just a reminder that our Xmas volunteer night out is this Friday night at 6.30pm at the George.

The roster for this week is as follows:

Wednesday 5.12 – Elaine D, Carol B
Thursday 6.12 – Kerrie B, Tanya S
Friday 7.12 – Linda G, Kellie S, Jill H
Monday 10.12 – Sandra A
Tuesday 11.12 – Tabatha J, Kim R

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

Community News



Lay-by Now... Collect Christmas Eve

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OPEN 7 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Nutrition Snippet Foam Box Veggie Gardens



This spring all you need to start growing your own vegetable garden is a foam box! Foam boxes are light and easy for you and your kids to manage.

Step One: Cut six drainage holes in the bottom of the foam box.

Step Two: Elevate foam box by placing it on some old bricks and fill with potting mix.

Step Three: Plant seedlings or seeds, making sure not to over plant (aim to plant around 4-6 seedlings per box).

Step Four: Water and care for your seedlings daily.



Try planting tomato, pumpkin and zucchini seedlings this spring.

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

www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatitbeatit



