

### THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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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 an effort to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, we will be hosting a Thank You Morning Tea on Tuesday December 3 in the SPR.

Invitations will be distributed early next week and we hope everyone can attend.

### Photo of the Week Thanks Mrs Souter and Defence Kids.



### **Dates For Your Planner**

Monday 25 November

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 26 November

6A to Newcastle Herald newspaper Competition

Wednesday 26 November

Environment meeting 11:00am

Thursday 28 November

POSSUM Group

Combined Scripture Concert

Monday 2 December

Prefect Speeches and Voting 11:45am

Choirs Sing Out Thornton Shops 2:00pm

Tuesday 3 December

Thank You Morning Tea 10:30am

Dance Groups performs at Thornton Shops

Wednesday December 4

FGHS Orientation Day

Thursday 5 December

Celebration of Learning

Presentation Day - 10/12

Carols - 12/12

Yr 6 Surf Lifesaving Day – 11/12

Yr 6 Farewell - 16/12

### **Electronic Device Policy**

The policy regarding mobile phones has been extended to all electronic devices. The school council considered the fact that many gaming devices now have still cameras and video cameras and can be connected to the internet on Wi Fi, and decided to treat them as a mobile phone. This will avoid them being used inappropriately.

That means all electronic devices must be off and in the child's bag. If a teacher sees the device, they will be taken for safe keeping and the child can collect them at the end of the day.

A huge thanks to parents for your support of this policy.

### **Celebration of Learning**

### Thursday December 5

Early Stage One 9:00 am

Stage One 10:00 am

Stage Two 11:40am

Stage Three 12:40pm

At the Celebration of Learning, every student receives a certificate of completion. A number of musical items are in the program as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

### **Presentation Day**

Stage Two and Three 9:30am – 11:00am

Early Stage One and Stage One 11:40am – 12:30pm

Coffee and tea provided in between the ceremonies.

At Presentation Day, awards for academic excellence, citizenship, sportsmanship and improvement are given for all classes. Our captains and vice captains for 2014 will be announced and reports from the P&C, the School Council and the Principal will be delivered.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

### Are You Here Next Year?

If any families are planning to leave over the Christmas break, please advise the school. Classes and staffing are now being drafted and accurate numbers are essential. Thank you ©

### Look out for our Performers

On Monday December 2, our choirs will once again be trooping over to the Thornton shops to perform. We will be singing from approximately 2pm to 2:45pm.

On Tuesday December 3, our three talented dance groups will prancing over to Thornton shops to perform. Again, they will be performing between 2pm and 2:45pm.

What a great way to showcase the talent in our school.

### **Congratulations and Good Luck**

Sophie Sorensen is competing at Nationals for Discus. What an amazing achievement!

Joe Dufty was awarded the Judges Choice Award at the recent Fast and Fresh Dance in Parramatta. What a talented dancer!

### **Class Placement**

Parent requests for 2014 student class placement may be sent to the office this week.

### **School Banking**

In 2014 the reward system for the Commonwealth Bank School banking program will be undergoing some changes.

### What does that mean for our Savers?

Children will only be able to carry over 9 tokens to next year so if they have 'extra' tokens at home they need to be redeemed before the end of this term.

In addition to the rewards on the redemption cards, there are currently 2gb USB drives available. The moneyboxes WILL NOT be available next year.

Remember that children collect 1 Dollarmite token for each deposit they make so there is still time to collect your 10 tokens and choose your reward.

### **Library News**

Next week will be the last week for students to borrow books.





### P & C News

Where is this Term going??

Amazingly enough we only have a couple of weeks left this term!!!

There's not a lot to go in my blurb this week but things are go...go...go behind the scenes!

You should have all received a book of tickets per family for our MEGA TOY AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!!!

Please return your tickets (sold and unsold) to the office in the bag they came home in or an envelope so we can mark your names off our list. It will give you a chance to check out the fabulous prizes on display while you are there!! If you need any extra tickets you can get them from our awesome office ladies.

### Landcare trees as gift ideas

We will send home the information regarding this great idea next week but see further down this newsletter for a quick run-down. It's a wonderful way to celebrate and commemorate those special people and events in our lives.

### Future Leaders

The posters of our candidates for 2014 School Leaders look amazing! Well done!!

Have a wonderful week everyone!!!

Sharonne ©

### Munch n Eat News

We apologise for the limited menu this week due to circumstances beyond our control.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 25.11 – Sandra

Tuesday 26.11 – Penny, Rebecca Wednesday 27.11 – Elaine, Leanne Thursday 28.11 – Leanne N, Karen J

Friday 29.11 – Salena (am), Alison, HELP NEEDED

Help is needed in the canteen on Friday 29 November.

Canteen Volunteers Xmas Night Out

We will be having our volunteers Xmas get together on Saturday 7 December at 6.30pm at the Commercial Hotel Morpeth.

Hope to see you all there.

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula



### Class Report - 6L

siege

long crazy

walking spying fighting

arrows food water swords

standing crying screaming

scary happy

victory

by Adelaide

EGG

huge heavy

cracking bursting growing

claws wings tail scales

flying flapping roaring

strong scary

DRAGON

by Angie



Foal

small brown

galloping eating drinking

horseshoe tail bridle teeth

training learning fighting

dusty dirty

Horse

by Ashleigh



metal

silver shiny

crafting burning melting

handle blade tip razor

shaping cooling joining

silver smooth

sword

by Lachlan



Egg

hard gigantic
bursting playing popping
tail spikes fur wings
flying cracking leaning
Dragon

by Byron



GOLDEN FLUFFY

POPPING EATING EXPLODING

POPCORN PEAS BUTTER BREAD

OPENING RECYCLING ROASTING

FLAVOUR BROWN

FOOD BY COOPER

SUMMER

HOT WARM

STEAMING BOILING ROASTING

SUN SHOES BALL TOWEL

BURNING TANNING PLAYING

HOT GOLDEN DRY

BEACH

BY GEORGIA



Jester

short funny

entertaining dancing prancing

child servant clown peasant

singing playing skipping

silly happy

Jester

By Sarah McCarten



war

bloody red

fighting killing stabbing

swords arrows bows mace

running chasing hitting

gruesome sad

war

by Jake Fensham



### Baby

little cute

dribbling crawling talking feet hands shoes clothes running working growing

tall heavy

Adult

by Jenna



Cheerleading

dangerous scary

throwing jumping landing

bows shoes makeup hair

dropping catching tossing

fun enjoyable

Cheerleading

By Jordan



Motte & Bailey

big colourful

burning falling turning

wood bridge fire stone

enormous grey

**Stone Keep castles** 

by Temeka

Shield

strong heavy

protecting thrusting surviving

iron silver surviver death

battling fighting dying

big different

Shield

by Ella Tobin



### PRINCESS

Beautiful classy

eating drinking dancing

crown gloves shoes lace

resting sitting drinking

old classy

QUEER

by Georgia Ehlefeldt



### **PRINCESS**

YOUNG PRETTY

DINE DANCE PLAY

DRESS CASTLE PRINCE MARRY

ORDER COMMAND REST

OLD LAZY

QUEEN BY STELIO



Paper

smooth thin
sketching doodling thinking
paint pencils paintbrushes crayons
painting glueing outlining
beautiful spectacular



Art by Kale

Kindergarten
daunting scary
laughing learning reading
teacher students parents books
writing spelling adding
new exciting



Year 6 by Jye

Princess

sweet kind

eating helping loving

dress shoe hair lace

changing learning ruling

royal beautiful

Queen by Jasmine



### **Community News**

# Maitland Tennis

### Centre

### Jan 2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

ro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

## When: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> January

(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

Name (1)...... D.O.B.....

Name (2)...... D.O.B......

Name (3).......Address...................

Phone (Home)......(Mobile)....

BOOK NOW: PH 49345016, 0421882055 or

Online @ www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

DON'T MISS OUT

# Are you looking for a gift idea for that hard-to-buy-for person?

# Would you like to buy a memorial gift to remember a special occasion, such as a birthday, graduation or to remember a loved one?

Our Land Care group is offering tree vouchers to enable them to plant a gift in someone's name.

Your \$5, \$10 or \$20 will buy a native Eucalyptus, Wattle or Bottlebrush to be planted in the school grounds.

A certificate will be provided giving details of the plant's location.

Please contact Thornton Public School via thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com for more information.



Thank you for supporting LandCare.