

# THORNTON THUNDER

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“Developing Learners for Life”

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## What's Good for Kids

At Thornton, we implement many initiatives which are aimed directly at improving student wellbeing. The Positive Behaviour for Learning approach allows our four explicit values; Respectful, Safe Responsible Learners, to be become something that we teach, reward and encourage every day.

The Restorative Practice approach sees students encouraged to take responsibility for their actions through careful questioning. This approach focuses on students developing empathy and understanding about how their choices affect others.

Our behaviour management practices for both class and playground allow students to be given choices, and for appropriate consequences to flow if those choices impinge upon other student's right to be happy or learn.

Our playground has a range of activities for the students to select so they can be engaged during the play periods. From the library and computer lab to craft, board games and dancing, there really is something for all interests.

Other approaches include the SRC, Restorative Circles, EQUIP and the Passport to Success. And making all this happen are our wonderful staff.

**We really do have a great school!**

## Photo of the Week

Fresh from the garden



## Dates For Your Planner

### Monday 2 December

Prefect Speeches and Voting 11:45am  
Choirs Sing Out Thornton Shops 2:00pm

### Tuesday 3 December

Stop Work Meeting 9:00- 11:00  
Thank You Morning Tea 11am  
Dance Groups perform at Thornton Shops

### Wednesday 4 December

FGHS Orientation Day

### Thursday 5 December

Celebration of Learning

### Friday 6 December

Reports go home

### Tuesday 10 December

Presentation Day

### Wednesday 11 December

Yr 6 Surf Lifesaving Day

### Thursday 12 December

Twilight Carols

### Monday 16 December

Yr 6 Farewell

### Tuesday December 17

Aboriginal PLP Afternoon Tea

### Wednesday 18 December

Last day of Term 4

### Tuesday 28 January 2014

Staff return to school

### Wednesday 29 January

Students return to school

## **Celebration of Learning**

### **Thursday December 5**

Early Stage One      9:00 am

Stage One            10:00 am

Stage Two            11:40am

Stage Three          2.15pm    (please note the correct time)

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.

**Sophie Sorenson**  
**National Athletics Competition**  
**Discus**  
**Personal Best, 7<sup>th</sup> in Australia.**  
**What a girl !**



## **Stop Work Meeting and Thankyou Morning Tea**

Parents were advised on Thursday that the Teacher's Federation have called a stop work meeting on Tuesday December 3 between 9:00 am and 11:00am.

There will be minimal supervision at school during this time.

Students may arrive at school from 11:00am.

### **BUT**

Our Thankyou Morning Tea will still be on.

11:00 am to 12:00pm in the SPR.

All our wonderful volunteers welcome!

### **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 be 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.

### **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 ☺

### **Reports Are Ready**

Student reports will be sent home next Friday.

Parents are more than welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher to discuss the report if needed.

### **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.**

### **Singing for the Oldies**

Information went out today to the students in the S1, 2, 3 and Harmony Choirs, and Thornton Dance Groups, that we will be performing at St Joseph's Nursing home on Monday December 9. We will leave school at 9:30 am and return to school by 12pm.

The cost is \$5:00 per child. We hope all performers can attend.

### **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.

## Newcastle Herald Writing Competition Success

A huge well done to Daniel Mayo whose photos won **Best Junior Photographer** in the Newcastle Herald Writing competition.  
An impressive achievement!



### Dinovember

Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.

See the dinosaurs: <http://bit.ly/1e70E5b>

### The world's oldest living creature

Care to guess what is .... oops .... WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Science fact: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/yearold-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/story-fnjwkt0b-1226759556979V>

### School Banking

The last day for school banking for this year will be Friday 6 December.

### Munch n Eat News

#### Volunteer Night Out

On 7 December at 6.30pm we will be having our Canteen Xmas get together. Please RSVP to the canteen by 3 December.

Hope to see you all there.

#### Meal Deals

For the next 2 weeks we will be having Christmas meal deals.

<b>Santa Pack</b> -	\$5.20 (chicken burger, lettuce, mayo, flavoured milk, frozen fruit cup)
Frosty the Snowman -	\$4.20 (sausage roll, slushy, cookies)
Rudolph Meal -	\$3.40 (cheese & bacon roll, Quench, mini muffin)

See coupon tear off slips at the back of the newsletter.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	2.12 – Carol
Tuesday	3.12 – Emma
Wednesday	4.12 – Janene, Alissa

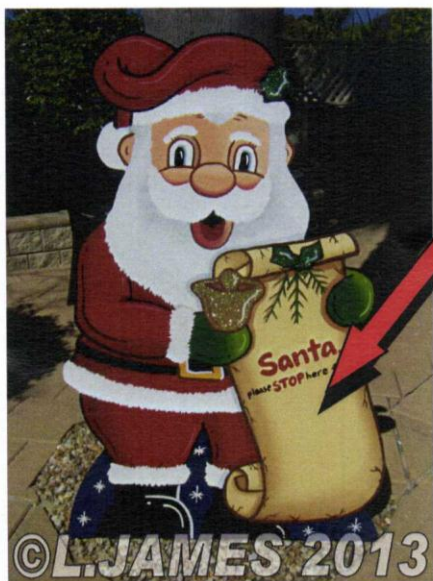


Thursday 5.12 – Heidi  
Friday 6.12 – Toni, Kylie

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.  
Cheryl and Paula

## Community News

# PERSONALISED XMAS CUTOUTS



WE CAN PUT YOUR KID'S NAMES,  
FAMILY NAME, BUSINESS NAME,  
STREET ADDRESS OR EVEN YOUR  
OWN XMAS MESSAGE **HERE**

CHOOSE FROM..

- "SANTA. PLEASE STOP HERE FOR"... + KIDS NAMES (UP TO 10)  
OR
- "SANTA. PLEASE STOP HERE FOR- THE (YOUR SURNAME) FAMILY"
- "GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS LIST... + KIDS NAMES (UP TO 10)"
- "MERRY XMAS FROM THE (YOUR SURNAME) FAMILY"
- "MERRY XMAS FROM (YOUR STREET ADDRESS OR BUSINESS)"
- "MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

OR  
CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN MESSAGE

**VERY LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE  
ON SALE THIS WEEKEND**

**ph 0400316114**



**2014- Registrations – Mark your Phone or Calender today**

**Club: Irrawang Netball Club**

**All Ages boys and girls**

**When:**  **February 2014**

**9am to 12pm**

**Where: Raymond Terrace McDonalds**



# MAITLAND ALIVE

FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAM & ADULT'S CAFE

13TH-19TH JANUARY 2014 — MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
AT EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL  
FOR YEARS K-12 AND ADULTS

FOR MORE INFO AND ONLINE REGISTRATION VISIT:

[WWW.MAITLANDCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.MAITLANDCHURCH.ORG)

## Maitland Tennis Centre

Jan 2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: [www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au](http://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)..... D.O.B.....

Address.....

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

Email.....

BOOK NOW: PH 49345016, 0421882055 or

Online @ [www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au](http://www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au)

**DON'T MISS OUT**



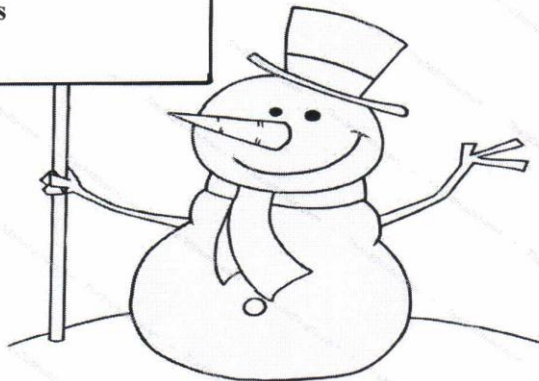
NAME.....

CLASS.....  
FLAVOUR OF MILK

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**COME TO CANTEEN  
TO RECEIVE YOUR  
FROZEN FRUIT CUP**

Sausage Roll  
Cookies  
Slushy

**\$4.20**

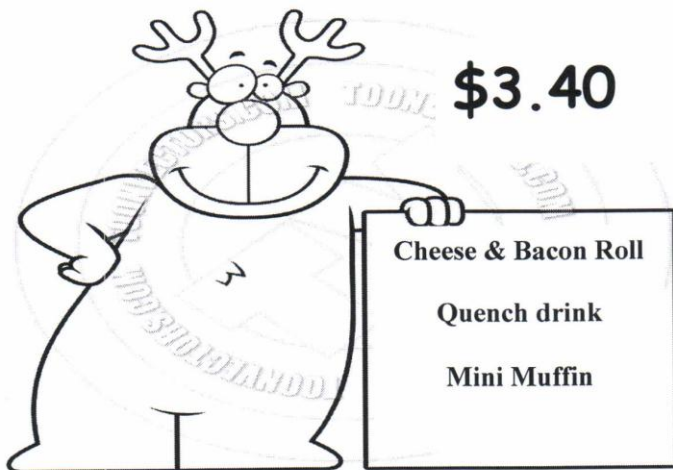


NAME.....

CLASS.....

**Add 30 cents for sauce**

**COME TO CANTEEN  
TO RECEIVE YOUR  
SLUSHY**



NAME.....

CLASS.....

FLAVOUR OF QUENCH

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