

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Look Out Santa, Thornton Carols Are On!

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.

Our wonderful P&C will be running a BBQ with drinks and lots of Bubble wands to get the kids into the mood.

The Carols concert will be held on the netball court with parents sitting 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 12 December – 5:30- 7:30pm

Photo of the Week

Boys Hip Hop



Dates For Your Planner

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

Friday 31 January

Kindy 2014 start

PSSA Knockout Cricket Vs Niagara Park

After returning victorious from our match against Belair P.S, we were up against a very tough opponent in Niagara Park for a spot in the semi-finals. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Niagara bowled extremely well and fielded outstandingly. It made it very difficult to score runs. At the close of innings we finished on 52 runs. Lewis chipped in with 15 not out and Callum scored a steady 19. At the change of innings our concentration turned to our bowling and fielding. We came out firing and were hungry for early wickets. Our fielding was excellent yet again. However their openers batted with great technique and achieved the score without losing a wicket in the 16th over. On Tuesday, Niagara Park went on to win the State Final against Jasper Road.

The boys have played some outstanding cricket over the year against some very strong schools. They improved immensely and displayed the Thornton spirit in every game. Personally, I couldn't be prouder. Well done to Callum for being a fantastic cricket captain. A massive thank you to our entourage of travelling parents and carers for being so helpful and encouraging. A special thanks to Linda Gabriel and Lynne Howard for their diligent scoring and support. Bring on 2014. Go Thornton!



Day One Organisation 2014

On Wednesday January 29, , 2014, all students in years 1-6 will start back to school.

They will return to their previous teacher, except Kindergarten (2013) who will be taught by our current year 6 teachers, until numbers are confirmed.

Once the numbers are confirmed, the students will be assembled in stage groups and classes for 2014 organised. The exact timing of the class formation is unknown. However it is expected that students will know their teacher by the end of the first day.

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.

Thankyou Morning Tea a Great Success

The Thank You Morning Tea was again a great success. Over 50 parents, teachers and volunteers helped to make the morning a very pleasurable one.

Thank you again!

Look out for our Performers

Our choirs and dance groups rocked the Thornton Shopping Centre again on Monday and Tuesday. Super performances, an enthusiastic crowd and outstanding support from the Thornton Shops helped make the excursions really worthwhile.

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 have been sent home today.

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

A reminder that the Harmony Choirs, and Thornton Dance Groups, 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.

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.

THANKYOU for the donations so far.

Kinder Sport

Kinder sport is now finished for this year. Kinder are to wear full school uniform on Tuesday for Presentation Day. There will be no assembly next week.

Stage One Assembly

There will be no Stage 1 assembly next week.

We're all in this Together

Have you seen our latest whole school photo hanging in the foyer?

The kids love trying to find themselves in it.

Check it out

Preliminary Calender for term 1 2014

A preliminary calendar for 2014 will be included in next week's Thunder.

For the Love of Science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right. Listen to the podcast:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science>

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>



Stage One Choir



Stage Three Dance Group

P & C News

MEGA-TOY RAFFLE

It's nearly time!!! Tickets (sold & unsold) need to be returned to school by Monday 9th December but more are available at the office and will be sold on the night of our wonderful CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENING next Thursday 12th December – we can't wait!!!

Our amazing P & C husbands (thanks again Andrew, Rhys & Steve) will be busy cooking a BBQ for you revellers and some wonderful helpers will be breaking out the Christmas Tattoos and bubble wands so don't forget your picnic blankets and chair and bring your festive spirit!!!

PRESENTATION DAY!

We are so looking forward to next Tuesday showing just how proud we are of our TPS kids and are honoured to be presenting some of the awards. We also can't wait to meet our new School Leaders – it's such an exciting time of the year!!!

Hope you are all nearly organised for the Christmas season!
Sharonne

Munch n Eat News

Meal Deals

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

Santa Pack -	\$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	9.12 – Help Needed
Tuesday	10.12 – Tanya – Help needed
Wednesday	11.12 – Meredith – Help needed
Thursday	12.12 – Kerrie, Tanya
Friday	13.12 – Ann, Deanne



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

Community News

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

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School holiday fun
for children aged 5-12 years

Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking
Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncl@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 6th January 2014 - Friday, 24th January 2014

Monday, 6th January Super Strike Wear a red shirt! Ten Pin Bowling	Tuesday, 7th January Crazy New Year Celebration Day Food Games Crazy Prizes Hair Calendar making	Wednesday, 8th January MOVIE DAY Wear a red shirt! Clarity with a chance of meatballs 2!	Thursday, 9th January Tie Dyeing Bring a t-shirt or pillowcase, singlet or something white to tie dye!	Friday, 10th January Widsummer Madness Slip 'n Slide Water bombs or Centennial Park T-shirt/swim shirt, shorts & towel required
Monday, 13th January Super Strike Wear a red shirt! Ten Pin Bowling	Tuesday, 14th January BLACK & WHITE DAY Fun...games...activities... come dressed in black & white!	Wednesday, 15th January Centennial Park Games Extravaganza	Thursday, 16th January Choc Overload! Games...cooking...fun!	Friday, 17th January MOVIE DAY Younger children (under 10 years) Older children (10 years & over) Prepare yourselves for a younger children
Monday, 20th January THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY CHALLENGE SURVIVOR at the Y!	Tuesday, 21st January Time for some fun in the sun with a... BEACH EXCURSION	Wednesday, 22nd January Centennial Park Games Extravaganza	Thursday, 23rd January We are Australian All things Aussie games, cooking activities, indigenous storytelling... and lots of fun!	Friday, 24th January Splash Port Pegasus lets us come! Toboggan rides Mini golf Giant maze

YWCA Hunter Region Inc.
24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL

CRN 555 010 881V

Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm
Scheduled program runs from
9.30am to 4.30pm

Childcare benefit/rebate available for eligible families.
Contact your nearest Centrelink office for information regarding reduced fees and CRN no. prior to returning YWCA Vacation Care Enrolment Form.
Annual family enrolment fee - \$10.00

Cancellations available on selection of alternative day prior to day of care if position available. All other cancellations and/or non-attendance deemed as absent and fees will apply.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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More information - www.ywcahunterregion.org.au

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CAROLS CONCERT
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Osborne Yuille



carols in the city

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL MAITLAND

FESTIVAL FROM 3PM - CAROLS CONCERT 7PM
www.carolsinthecity.org.au



SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2013

NO.1 SPORTSGROUND MAITLAND - BEHIND ART GALLERY

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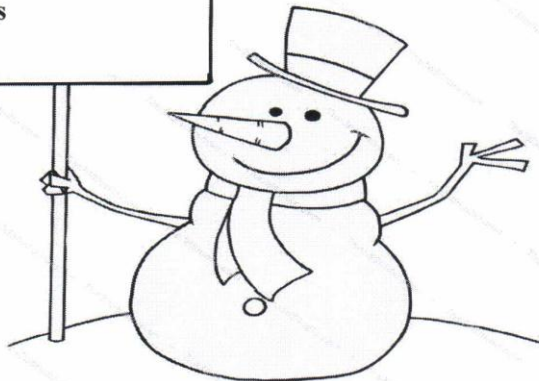
NAME.....

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FLAVOUR OF MILK

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

Sausage Roll
Cookies
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\$4.20

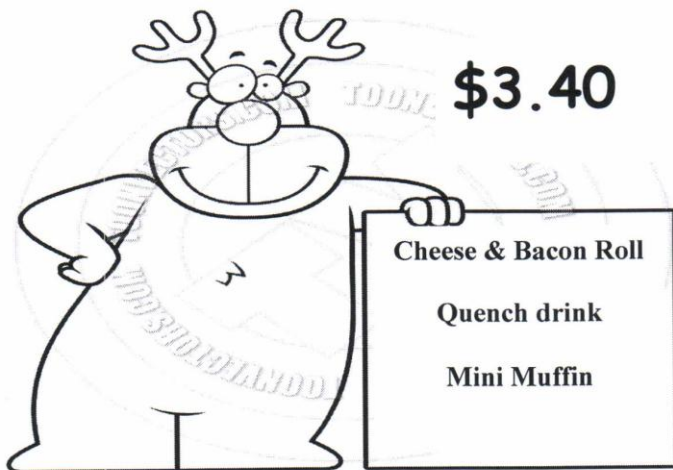


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