

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Trusting Out Teachers

Over the years, parents have been able to send in requests regarding class and cohort placement for the following year. Such requests have been accepted and, when possible, supported. However, this process has caused a number of difficulties and complications as teachers go through the process of balancing classes academically, socially and then with parent requests. In fact, at times, teachers professional judgment has been subjugated as parent requests have tried to be accommodated.

In the future, classes will be formed at the discretion of the teacher and assistant principal responsible for that grade. Teachers know the students academically and socially and are in the best place to make decisions about who gets on with who, who doesn't get on with who, which groups work best together and which students need to be separated. Teachers are the professionals who know the kids so they are best placed to make those decisions.

Class or cohort requests will only be considered if an appointment is made with Mr Millburn to discuss the reasons behind the request.

Obviously, with such large numbers in the lower division of the school, it is clear the school will soon be growing.

This approach will ensure we always have the children with the best cohort possible and in a learning environment that best suits their needs.

Photo of the Week

*All the maths gear collected and redistributed.
What a job Mr Carter*



Some dates from the planner

Kindergarten O Days Week 3 and 4
Leadership process starts Week 5
School Council November 5
Dads Awesome Day Camp Over 7/11
Twilight Markets and Movie Night 13/11
Celebration of Learning Thursday
December 4
Thank You Morning Tea December 5
Reports Home 5/12
Presentation Day 9/12
Y6 Surf day 10/12
Carols Thursday 11/12
Diamond Lizzy Morning Tea 15/12
Year 6 farewell 15/12
Clap Out and last day 17/12

BYO What?

2015 will see Thornton's first bring your own device class formed. At this stage, the class will be a composite year 5/6 class with the preferred device being an IPAD or IPAD Mini.

Expressions of interests from students in year 4 and year 5 will be sent home on Monday 10 November with an information session scheduled for Wednesday 12 November at 3:30pm in the Library.

Keep your eye out for further information.

DADS Awesome Camp over is Getting Closer

Please return the consent forms as soon as possible as the rissoles and coleslaw need to be ordered by Wednesday.

So far we have around 35 dads and 50 kids.

It will be a great evening so come along and enjoy.

Sport Photos

Order forms will go home on Monday to students that had their photo taken. Parents are able to go online to view and order photos or drop the order with payment to the school office. Orders close on Wednesday 26 November.

www.msp.com.au click on the Online Orders link and enter the Shoot Key 2R3TK3J7

Mobile Phones at School

A reminder to all parents and students that mobile phones must be turned off and in be the students bag if they are at school. Portable gaming machines and MP3 players are not allowed at school

Kinder O Days

We are officially over half way in the Kindergarten Orientation process. Next week's Orientation Day will be the last for our 85 students who will be starting at Thornton school in 2015.

As the parents of these students had a tour of the school on Tuesday and Wednesday, they saw classes working quietly, maths groups run in the connected classroom, students engaged in the computer lab and this year's Kindergarten playing happily around the Lone Pine Tree.

One parent commented, "This is a wonderful school".

So true!

Why aren't those students at school today?

A flash mob erupted at Greenhills Shopping Centre on Friday at lunch time.

All dance groups performed to an appreciative audience of parents and shoppers.

Great job kids and well done to Mrs Armstrong and Miss Varley for making it all happen.

And then they all went back to school.

Go Thornton.



Twilight Markets

The Twilight markets on Thursday November 13 will be an excellent chance to get some Christmas shopping done, mix with school community members and enjoy some child free time as the kids watch The Lego Movie in the hall.

Looking forward to everyone being there.

P&C Minutes

The Minutes of last week's P&C Minutes arte included in this week's Thunder.

Friday Sport

The sun is shining, the weather is warming up and sport is in full gear this term. To participate in outdoor sport activities students in Years 3 – 6 need to come organised on Friday with their hat. To ensure Thornton is a sun safe school, students who do not have a hat will be redirected to another classroom to protect them from the sun. Work will be provided for them to complete as we are aware that this is still important learning time. Don't forget your water bottle to quench your thirst!

Are You Here Next Year?

As always, if your child will not be here next year, please contact the office so we can adjust our numbers.

If you know of any families coming into the area, ask them to contact the school so we can include them in our planning.

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Where's the octopus

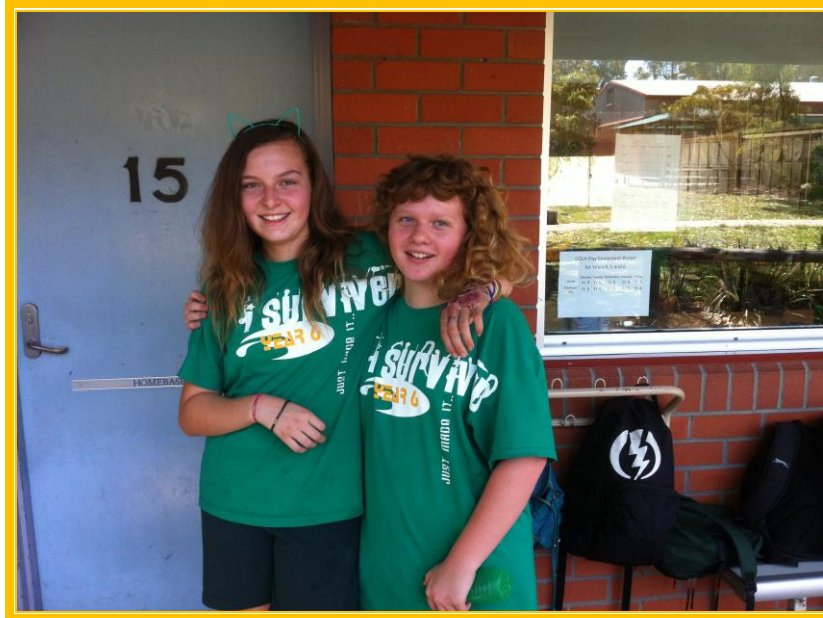
Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>



Year 6 and their shirt....

Munch n Eat News

2015 Roster

We are currently making up our roster for 2015. Please consider helping out for 2½ hours per month on a 9am – 11.30am roster. This is our busiest time of the day. Bring a friend and do the same day together.

Vanilla, Chocolate, Banana, Strawberry and Caramel Up & Go are now available in the canteen for \$1.60 each. These can be purchased before school.

Don't forget your eggs only \$3.50 from the canteen.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	3.11 – Sandra
Tuesday	4.11 – Penny
Wednesday	5.11 – Mel I, Jillian
Thursday	6.11 – Sarah
Friday	7.11 – Kellie, Suda

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

Thornton Public School P&C Minutes

Date: 20 October 2014

Venue: SPR

Meeting Open: 1907

Chair: Gillian Cleary

Minutes: Paulina Szczepanska

Attendees: Paula Anderson, Kerrie Bartlett, Gillian Cleary, Korine Coleman, Cheryl Doyle, Tracey Ehlefeldt, Tanya Holbert, Sarah Reid, Alissa Ziernik, Paulina Szczepanski, Lex James, Mark Kilburn

Apologies: Sandra Atkinson, Ann Douglas, Heather Flanigan

Nominations for position of Secretary:

Paulina Szczepanska
Nominated by: Sarah Reid
Seconded: Gillian Cleary
Election unopposed

Previous Minutes:

Minutes read from meeting Monday 29 September 2014

Motion: to accept Previous Minutes
Moved: Paulina Szczepanska
Seconded: Sarah Reid
Motion Carried

Matters Arising from previous minutes:

Visual Arts:

Term 1 2015 (wk 1-5)- All children will receive 1hr lesson with Lex James.
Term 1 2015 (wk 6-10) - Students will receive further tutorial by invitation by Lex James
Term 2 (wk 1-5) - All children will receive 1hr lesson with Lex James

Quote for Road

Pending requote - reduced criteria

Nepal:

Box not supplied. Appears some items may have been left with office.

Correspondence In:

Cookie Dough Fundraising Canvas Letter
Spell-a-thon Canvas Letter
Entertainment Books - still 60 outstanding (one (1) returned to committee)

Correspondence Out:

Insurance for P&C - Elite cover taken at \$822.00

Reports:

Treasures Report:

Opening Balance	\$8,465.32
Total Income	\$74.41
Tem Deposit rolled over	\$8,539.73

Canteen Treasures Report:

Opening Balance	\$2,656.90
Total Income	\$6,471.90
Total Expense	\$6,361.07
Closing Ledger Balance	\$2,767.73

Motion: to accept Treasures and Canteen Treasures Reports
Moved: Paulina Szczepanska

Seconded: Sarah Reid
Motion Carried

Principles Report:

K-2 Sports Day 16/9
Year 4 Cake Stall 16/9
Gold Lizzy Day 18/9
Talk Like a Pirate Day 19/9
Holidays - 20/9 - 6/10
Students return Tuesday 7/10
Year 3/4 16 - 17/10
P&C 20/10
Kindergarten O days Week 3 and 4

Coming Events

Cricket Game 22/10
Dance Group at Greenhills 31/10
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School Council Report:

- Enrolment policy updated
 - Need to look at 'out of Zoners, numbers at the school are increasing and the capacity to accept students that are not zoned to TPC has been reduced
 - Update to internet usage policy
 - Investigating BYO Device

Matters Arising from Council Report

- New uniforms to replace the 'white shirts'
 - Suggested Dark green with white strip at sides and same for sport except stripe in house colours
 - Not feasible at this time of year, long term venture due to time afforded to parents to change over to new uniforms, realistically 1-2 years.
 - Discussion deferred until 2016.

Next meeting Wednesday 29 October at 1515

Canteen Report

NIL

Sports Report

Ongoing

Environmental Report

NIL

Fundraising

- Bus Trip
 - Minimum numbers reached
- Twilight Markets
 - Movie night - Lego Movie - Justin and John to supervise and sell tickets on the night
 - 12 Vendors confirmed

 - Aim 20
 - Show bags have arrived, in office
 - Fairy Floss Vendor confirmed, machine available from OOSH - to be considered for future fundraising
- Carols By Candle Light
 - Fairy Floss - Canvas OOSH
 - Safe flames - sold on the night
 - Glow sticks - sold on night
- Bunnings BBQ
 - Tuesday 23 December
 - 5 Volunteers to work at any one time

General Business

- Parents may prefer to pre plan and budget for photos, can they be later in the year
 - Early is beneficial for fresh faces and uniform
 - When changed photographers, this was the only time available to TPS
 - Suggested maybe a reminder at the end of year, although this does not capture new parents that are caught unaware in first week of school
- Present full cost of education for each year at the beginning of the year
 - Would include all excursions etc (not photos as paid directly to vendor)
 - Allow parents to pay up front or pay in installments
- John requested a \$7000.00 donation to the Library by P&C
 - So far P&C have made around \$5000.00 (no spring fair this year)
 - Executive requested to review numbers and income potential prior to any committment

Motion: Carry over to next meeting
Moved: Korine Coleman
Seconded: Paulina Szczepanska
Motion: Carried

Meeting Closed: 2035

Next Meeting: 24 November 2014 at 1900 in SPR