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Christmas Shopping is Coming to Thornton

Next Thursday evening, our wonderful P & C will be running the Twilight Markets in our school grounds. At the markets, there will be range of fantastic items for sale. From balloons to jewellery to arts to crafts to candles to kid's clothes; there will definitely be something for everyone.

With the movie night coinciding with the market evening, parents can shop in uninterrupted bliss!

Simply drop your kids down to the hall by 6:00pm for a special showing of The Lego Movie.

An entry fee of \$5:00 on the night will give the kids a packet of chips, a drink and an excellent movie.

Kids may want to bring a pillow to sit on as it will be a "lie around the hall evening". Be aware that once students have come into the movie, they must stay for the duration unless a parent comes to pick them up.

The Barbeque will be running hot throughout the evening with sausage sandwiches and drinks available.

So, all in all, what a great evening we have in store for everyone who comes along.

Remember, the market will run from 5:00pm to 8:00pm .

The movie will run from 6:00- 7:30.

See you there!!!!

Photo of the Week

One of our Eastern Bearded Dragons



Some dates from the planner

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

Sport Photos

We now have the sport photos in the school office if any parent would like to view them. Photos can be ordered either online (with individual student shootkey) or at the school office. Orders close on Wednesday 26 November.

Celebration of Learning

Thursday December 4

Early Stage One 9:30 am

Stage One 10:30 am

Stage Two 12:00pm

Stage Three 1:00pm

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

Tuesday December 9

Stage Two and Three 9:30am – 11:00am

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

Morning 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 2015 will be announced and reports from the P&C, the School Council and the Principal will be delivered.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Talent Quest

Its Talent Quest time for all the amazingly talented students of Thornton Public School to show what their abilities are. The talent quest will be held on Wednesday 12 November at lunch time and Thursday 13 November at afternoon tea. The talent quest will take part in the school hall and will be a gold coin donation per person to watch the fabulous show.

The person/people who win the talent quest will receive a lolly bag and \$1 voucher to spend at the canteen. Competing students will need to prepare their music and hand it to Trinity or Jasmine by Tuesday 11 November.

If there are any questions do not hesitate to see Mr Millburn or Mrs Armstrong. We can't wait to see all the awesome talent in our school.

Trinity and Jasmine

Thank you

A big thank you to Greg Brownlow and his coaching team for donating their time and skills to Kindy this term.

We loved it!! Tennis is terrific!!

ICAS

Certificates will be presented at our Monday assembly on 17 November. Results will be published in next Friday's newsletter.

Remembrance Day

All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend the Thornton Public School's Remembrance Day Service on Tuesday 11 November. The service will commence at 10.30am and will be held in the school hall.

Prefect Nominations

Students who will be candidates for School Prefect will be notified on Monday.

Thornton Rocks the Perm Maths Competition

Congratulations to the following students who performed well in the Newcastle maths competition.

High Distinction

Sophie Sorensen (99.35%)

Distinction

Jarryd Morrissey
Jarrod McGrannachan
Lee smith
Ayman Palasara
Hunter Cole

Certificate of Merit

Aiden Spencer
Mackenzie Whiting
Jacob Briers
Lachlan Scott
Wil Cromarty
Bentley Titmuss
Jye McBeath
Avril Barrie
Olivia hanks
Mitchell Holmes
Matthew Burton
Kai Stephens
Anica Janse vanRensberg
Ben Burgoyne
Lochlan Vardy
Jasmine Maxted
Tamiah Betham
Melika Denmead

Certificates will be presented on Monday at assembly.

Student Reports Reflect Student Achievement

Semester two reports are currently being written by all teachers. The reports are based on thorough assessment and grade based discussion. The reports use the grades *Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic and Limited*. These grades reflect standards which have consistency across the school, the area and even the state.

Students who are working well and demonstrating an adequate knowledge of the expected outcomes, will receive a *Sound*.

For students working at a high level of commitment, who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the outcomes, the grade of *High* would be appropriate.

Outstanding effort and competence, with an ability to demonstrate the required skills in new situations, would be eligible for an *Outstanding*.

For those students who show a basic level of competence and understanding, the grade of *Basic* will apply.

For students who demonstrate an elementary level of understanding, the grade of *Limited* would be given.

In each case, the grade reflects the child's performance at that point of time. Students may move up and down the grades over a number of years depending on how they perform at each point of time. As is always the case, if there any questions, please see your child's teacher.

Swimming School

What an important program is the annual Learn to Swim program.

All the best to our 70+ year two students as they venture to Beresfield Pool for two weeks of instruction.

Staffing Update

Mrs Ziliotto is currently on long service leave until late November and Mrs Leslie Foster is covering in her absence. Mrs Harrison is away at the moment with Ms Burgin covering the support teaching role and Mrs Burgin is away with Mrs McGeachie teaching full time until Mrs Burgin's return.

Often teachers call in sick or have personal circumstances that require them to take leave. In every instance, we endeavour to cover the class with a casual teacher who follows the class teachers program.

Have a concern?

If parents ever have any concerns, they need to make an appointment to see their class teacher in the first instance. If that does not resolve the issue, then they are asked to make an appointment with the Assistant Principal on that grade.

Kindergarten,	Mrs Soklaridis
Years 1 and 2	Mrs Hooson
Years 3 and 4	Mrs Pugh
Years 5 and 6	Mrs Armstrong

In every case, organising a proper time is the correct way to deal with issues. Catching a teacher on the run is not fair on the teacher and does not allow the issue to be dealt with properly.

As is always the case, meeting to resolve the issue is the best way forward.

Soccer Report

In this past week the school has started a soccer competition with 14 teams. The first match was held on Monday afternoon with Extreme Team vs The Backstabbers. At the end of the first half Extreme Team were leading 1-0. In the second half the Backstabbers scored early but soon after Extreme Team scored and took the match 2-1.

The second match was Destruction vs The Pink Fluffy Unicorns. In the first half the Pink Fluffy Unicorns were winning 1-0 and out of nowhere Josh Logvyn scored a fantastic goal from halfway. At the end of the game Destruction gave it their all but lost the match 3-0.

Jacob, Isabel and Jessica 4/5R

Pink Ribbon Day is recognised by the Staff



Kindergarten 2015



And Their Buddies



P & C News

We would like to start with saying our deepest and sincere condolences go to the Morrissey family. The Morrissey family have children at our school and we are highly saddened to hear of their loss. The P & C committee have sent a gift box of food and essentials to the family on behalf of the school.

Can we please have some helpers for our Twilight Market and Movie Night! Preferably to help with the Sausage Sizzle!! If you are interested please send a message to Gillian on 0400832415.

The bus trip is still going ahead and there are a few tickets left if you wish to go. Please pay at the canteen.

We are having our seasonal Christmas Raffle again and we are after donations of prizes to be left at the office up until 8 December.

Raffle tickets will be going home shortly and this year we are doing two different raffles – one for children and one for adults.

The Twilight Market and Movie Night is next Thursday 13 November from 5pm – 8pm. The movie goes from 6pm – 7.30pm in the hall at \$5.00 per child. This includes a packet of chips and a popper as well as the screening of the LEGO MOVIE! The hall will be manned by Mr Lobsey and Mr Millburn and all children are able to go in (not just Thornton students).

Have a great week and we hope to see you all next week at our Markets on Thursday night.

Cheers

Gill, Korine, Sarah, Alissa and Pauline

Munch n Eat News

Pizza Orders

Don't forget the pizza orders are due back to the canteen by Wednesday 12 November.

Birthday Coming Up?

Order a Slushy or Frozen Fruit Cup or Milk Cup from the canteen instead of bringing cakes at a discounted price of \$1.00 for slushies and 50c for fruit/milk cups.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	10.11 – Leanne F
Tuesday	11.11 – Tanya H, Janene (am)
Wednesday	12.11 – Elaine, Jan
Thursday	13.11 – Maree
Friday	14.11 – Toni, Kylie

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

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