



# 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 Christmas things 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, (no alcohol or cigarettes) be prepared to sing along with the carols and come along and enjoy the Carols by Twilight.

See you there,

**Thursday 11 December – 5:30- 7:30pm**

## **Photo of the Week**

*Thank you to all our volunteers*



## **Some dates from the planner**

Prefect candidates speeches and voting 1/12

Year 6 Orientation Day 3/12

School Council 3/12

Celebration of Learning 4/12

Reports go home 5/12

St Joseph's sing and dance Out 8/12

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

Student return to school Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
2015

## **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!



## **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 ☺

## **Recycle It**

Did you know we now have a can recycling bag at school? Students and parents may bring in aluminium cans and place them in the bag behind the boys toilet adjacent to the staff car park. Each month, the cans will be weighed and money credited to the school account and used for environmental programs.

Great news.

## **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.

## **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 8. We will leave school at 9:30 am and return to school by 12pm.

The cost is \$5:00 per child. Notes will be sent out next week.

## **Prefect Candidates Speeches**

The candidates for prefect 2015 will be delivering their speeches on Monday at 9:30 am directly after the K-6 school assembly.

Voting will the happen in classes.

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mrs Armstrong and 6A for their efforts and achievements in the Newcastle Herald Newspaper competition.

Every photo in 'Thornton's stories' achieved a Highly Commended Award and Thornton won the Best Video Presentation Award.

Great stuff.

## Mad Potters???

Did you know Thornton Public School has a kiln that sits idle most of the time?

We would be open to any parent who could spare a few hours to assist with a pottery class.

Just say the word.

## Reminders...

### 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

### A What?

*An Exatostoma Tiaratum,*

*Or a Spiny Leaf Insect?*

Thanks 6A



## P & C News

We have had our last committee meeting for the year. Thank you to all who attend each month, your support is amazing and we thank you!

Carols is on 11 December starting at 5.30pm on the oval and there will be showbags, a sausage sizzle, bertie beetle and much more so come along and support our school while enjoying the children sing and dance Christmas carols.

We are after volunteers for our final fundraiser for the year at Bunnings Maitland on 23 December. There is a list with time schedules in the canteen that need names put in all slots, so if you are free please help us out. We need you!!

Have a great week everyone.

Cheers

Gill, Korine, Sarah, Alissa and Pauline

## Munch n Eat News

### *Volunteers Need for 2015*

If anyone could spare a couple of hours per month to help in the canteen from 9am – 11.30am please call into the canteen and put your name down on our roster..

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 1.12 – Sandra  
Tuesday 2.12 – Penny  
Wednesday 3.12 – Mel I, Jillian  
Thursday 4.12 – Sarah, Maree  
Friday 5.12 – Kelli, Hill, Sveta

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

# Maitland Tennis Centre

## JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

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

***When: 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<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.....

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**DON'T MISS OUT**      **PTO**



## Class Report – 1H

On Wednesday Emma came to 1H classroom to visit. We wrote about Emma.  
Emma is 19 months old.

Emma's visit.

Emma can walk now. Emma played with our toys. She can say lots of words.  
Emma has soft hair. Emma sat on Mrs Hooson's lap. Caelan McFarland

Emma came in to the classroom. Emma talked at the end. Emma went into Mrs  
Hooson's office. Mason Casson

Emma came to 1H's classroom today. She was cute her hair was cute too. She  
was funny too. She sat next to me and was cute. She had big cheeks and she  
was a baby. Kai Griffiths

Emma came to 1H's classroom in the morning. While Emma was here she  
talked to me. She said "mummy" and "goodbye". Emma came to play here  
because her mum went to the office to get something. Emma is very cute and  
funny. I like Emma. Destiny Wonnacott.

We studied volcanoes.

We watched a movie about volcanoes. Volcanoes have lava and ash in the  
volcanoes. There was a man who was near a volcano and ash and lava was  
spouting out of it. The man didn't go in the volcano. Hayden Mungoven.

The colour of lava is red. The colour of it outside is black. Lava can kill you.  
Volcanoes are made out of cooled stone. Smoke comes out of the volcano.  
Lava is scary. I've never seen a volcano. It's good I've never seen a volcano.  
Rachel Parkes

We watched a movie about volcanoes. In volcanoes there is lava. The ground  
near the volcano is hot rock. In the centre of the volcano there is really hot  
lava. When something goes in the volcano it erupts.

Marisa Cole

