



# THORNTON THUNDER

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

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## **The Last Newsletter**

As this will be the last newsletter for 2014, a huge thank you is extended to all Thornton Public School families. Highlights of the year have included the musical, the sports carnivals, the many excursions the students have enjoyed, the wonderful breakfasts for our Mums and Dads, the Camp Over and our fantastic award ceremonies.

We are very lucky at Thornton school to have a fabulous school community and thanks go to the wonderful P&C led by Gil Cleary, the School Council led by Kim Hooson, the Canteen Team and of course our amazing Environmental Warriors.

We are also very lucky to have the best students around.

To our kids who excel in academics, sport, music, art, drama and technology, well done.

To our many students who turn up every day, try their best in the classroom, enjoy their friends at lunch and afternoon tea and have a go at all activities, thank you. You are the reason we have such a great school.

To all Thornton families,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a wonderful holiday break.

## **Photo of the Week**

*Some proud students on Presentation Day*



## **Some dates from the planner**

Diamond Lizzy Morning Tea 15/12  
Choirs and Dance groups to Thornton Shops 16/12  
Carols mini performance 16/12 12:00pm  
Year 6 farewell 15/12  
Clap out and last day 17/12

## **2015 dates for your diary**

All students return to school  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Swimming Carnival Monday February 9, 2015  
Athletics carnival Tuesday March 17, 2015  
Cross Country Tuesday March 31, 2015

## Party Days

Parents are advised that party days are as follows.

Early Stage One    Monday December 15  
Stage One            Monday December 15  
Stage Two            Monday December 15  
Stage Three         Tuesday December 16.

## A Few Dates for your calendar

- January 30 House Captain Elections
- February 6 House Captain Inductions
- February 5/6 School Photos
- February 9 Swimming Carnival
- February 18/ 19 Parent Teacher Nights
- March 31 Cross Country
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## Carols Update

Despite our best efforts, the weather closed in yesterday and Carols was cancelled for 2014. This was very disappointing all around.

The students will have the chance to perform their dances and items in an informal run through of items next Tuesday from 12:00pm.

Parents are welcome to attend.

This will be subject to the weather of course.

## St Joseph's Nursing Home Success

What a fantastic performance the students of Thornton put on for the residents of St Joseph's Nursing Home on Monday.

Both the students and the residents get so much out of this experience, it is most worthwhile.

Thanks to all parents who supported this excursion.

## Please Note

No assembly on Monday

## 2014 Landcare Report

The Landcare group have had a busy productive year with planting, weeding, lots of watering and moving mulch around our gardens. Crops from our vegetable and fruit gardens were used in the canteen, selling watermelon and making pumpkin soup in the winter. We were also lucky enough to have two visits from Conservation Volunteers Australia to help us remove some of our more noxious weeds. Some of the volunteers this year included American, Korean, Austrian and Belgium visitors. The Frog Pond was opened and some new gardens were established along the rear access road.

A big THANK YOU to the wonderful students in the group, the GA's for their help and advice whenever we need it, teachers and the girls in the office.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and remember L.I.F.E – Landcare is for everyone.

Karen Brown  
Landcare Coordinator

## **Sing Out at Thornton Shops**

The Thornton Shopping Centre Management are very keen for our students to go over and have a sing out. On Tuesday 16 December, the students who performed at St Joseph's will head over to the shops for a local community performance. We plan to start around 9:30 am. Parents, as always, are welcome to attend.

## **Library News**

Our library monitors enjoyed a Christmas lunch together. A big thank you to all of them for their dedicated work over the year. Without their help the library would not run effectively. They help with putting library books away, helping students at afternoon tea, cleaning the library areas, supervising games and reading stories to the younger students.

Please bring back any overdue loans as soon as possible. If the book has been lost or damaged a letter will go home to parents/carers requesting replacement of the book. If there are any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Ms Foster  
Librarian



## **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 on Monday 15 December.

## **P & C News**

As this is our last newsletter for 2014 we would like to wish you all a very safe and merry Christmas and that 2015 is a great year for you all.

We do have one last fundraiser for the year and that is a Bunnings BBQ at Maitland on 23 December and we are in need of helpers from 7am – 5pm. There is a volunteer sheet in the canteen that you can put your name on if you are able to help out.

As the raffle tickets didn't go out our Christmas Raffle is not going ahead, instead the toys that have been donated already will be our raffle at the Bunnings BBQ.

Korine, Sarah, Alissa, Paulina and myself would like again to thank all our helpers throughout the year and we look forward to your help next year.

Enjoy your holidays and please be safe.

### **Munch n Eat News**

We would like to thank all our valued volunteers that have helped out in the canteen throughout this year. Without your help the canteen would not be able to provide the service we do to our students and teachers. Thank you so very much!!!

#### **LIMITED MENU WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

Only pies, sausage rolls, cheese and bacon rolls, roundas, mac cheese, spag bol, lasagna will be available on Wednesday. **NO NUGGETS, SANDWICHES, SALADS OR CHICKEN BURGERS.**

The canteen will be running low on some items until the end of term. We have sold out of Focus Flavoured waters.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 15.12 – Andrea, Renae  
Tuesday 16.12 – Tonia (am)  
Wednesday 17.12 – Alissa

#### **2015 Roster**

Wednesday 28.1 – Alissa  
Thursday 29.1 – Maree  
Friday 30.1 – Kellie, Jill, Tracy H

Hoping you all have a Merry Christmas and safe holidays. To those moving on good luck at your new schools.

Cheryl and Paula

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**FREE // DAILY 9:30-12 // K-9  
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Hi again,

It feels like the start of the year was only yesterday, but here we are as 2014 comes to a close. It was great to be able to be part of your Presentation Ceremony and it took me back many years to my days as a primary school student. I vividly remember the days when school carnivals, playground fun, and learning in the classroom were all that mattered. I also remember the pride in being recognised for your efforts and it was that same sense of pride that I saw at Tuesday's Presentation. I was pleased to see that not only have the Barclay Rock Ensemble excelled this year but there has been amazing achievements in the classroom and on the sporting field. It is certainly a credit to all of those involved.

This time of year also sees most people focusing on the holidays more than buying or selling property. However as the New Year rolls around there is a traditional surge of activity and I see 2015 being no different. If you are considering a move in the property market, then this is often a great time to take advantage of this increase in activity.

On behalf of the entire Barclay Property team we wish you and your family a safe, happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year. To the year 6 students moving onto high school, I sincerely wish you the very best as you grow into the citizens of tomorrow.

Yours truly,

Craig Rolls

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