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Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Ask the Right Questions

Next week, a selected group of parents will be asked to participate in a 5-10 minute survey as part of the Annual School Reporting process. The parents will be randomly selected and contacted via land line or mobile phone with the intention of contacting around 100 people.

The purpose of the survey is to determine how the school is going in relation to student well-being and community engagement.

The survey will focus on the wellbeing of the students, the level of engagement students feel towards school and how the many school programs meet individual needs.

What will add some spice to this year's survey is that **Hello World Travel** has donated two tickets to, **Hugh Jackman, From Broadway to Oz**. One family will be randomly selected from those who participate in the survey. The successful recipient will be contacted on Wednesday November 25. The tickets are booked in for Tuesday December 1 and include return coach travel.

So keep an ear out for the phone early next week, answer the questions as best you can and cross your fingers that your name is selected as the winner of this wonderful prize.

Photo of the Week

1G and their Flotsam Display!



Dates from the Planner

Week 7 and 8

Prefect candidates posters displayed

Monday 23 November

P & C meeting

Wednesday 25 November

FGHS Info and Disco Night

Thursday 26 November

Aboriginal Cultural Day

Wednesday 2 December

Prefect Speeches

Thursday 3 December

ESt1, St1, St2 Celebration of Learning

Friday 4 December

St 3 Celebration of Learning

Monday 7 December

Year 6 farewell

Tuesday 8 December

Presentation Day

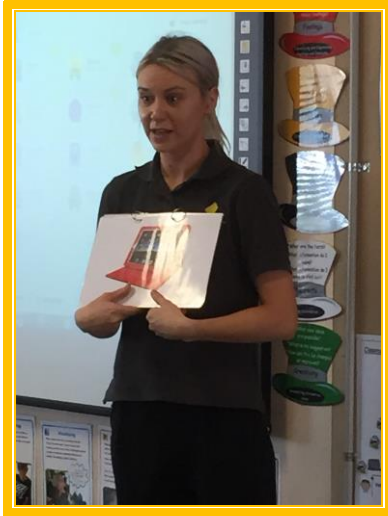
Thursday 10 December

Carols

Start Smart Program.

This week, the students of Thornton school have benefitted from a highly engaging session on financial literacy run by the Commonwealth Bank. Saving, interest, investing and delaying your purchases are lessons we could take heed of.

Our students will be well set up to make the most of their income as they grow older.



Congratulations and Farewell

It is with both sadness and excitement that we wish Mr Lobsey all the best as he takes on the substantive Principal job at Shortland Public School.

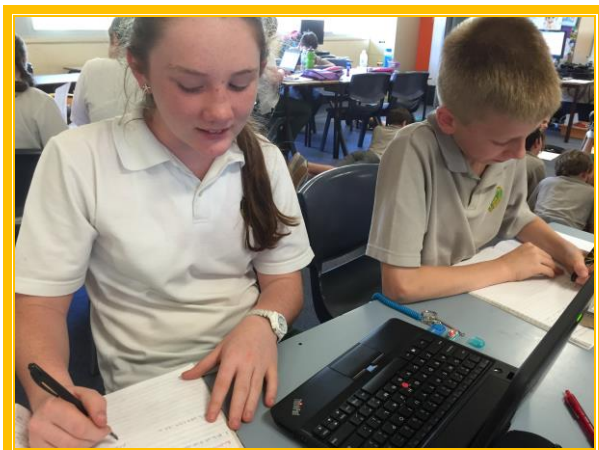
Mr Lobsey made a big difference to our school and will be missed. The Deputy Principals position is currently being advertised and will be filled for 2016.

Colour Run

What a great success!! Last Friday we ran our very first Colour Run at Thornton Public School. Everyone was full of colour by the end of the day and the enthusiasm by students and teachers was infectious. The Colour Run started with some energetic Zumba led by Meredith and Donna which set the tone for the event.

The overwhelming success of the fundraising will provide us with equipment to teach a gymnastics program run by our specialist PE teacher in 2016. A huge thank you to all the families who raised money for this event and to all the parent helpers who also helped to make the day a success. A video of the day can be found on the school's Facebook page.

Hard at Work, Maths



Aboriginal Cultural Day

Next Thursday, all students will be learning about Australia's first people in a day of action, activity and fun. The day will start with all classes learning about the importance of the welcome to country smoking ceremony.

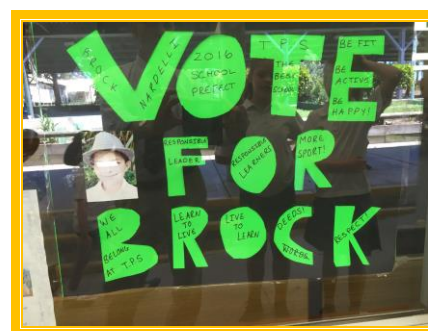
After lunch, the classes will move through a number of activities such as weaving, Dream Time stories, technology based activities and discussions.

After afternoon tea, the whole school will come together to view an Aboriginal man present selected dances and stories from his culture.

A great day is in stall and one that will build, everyone's knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia

What a Great Display

The Prefects Candidates have their posters displayed in the library. Well done everyone.



Prefect Speeches

Parents of prefect candidates are advised that the speeches will be given on Monday November 30 at 12:00pm in the hall.

For those prefect candidates who will be absent, a video recording of their speech will be played during the speech presentations.

Please be Careful

A gentle reminder to parents entering and exiting from the staff car park to not walk through the car park but rather use the footpath.

If parents can also be mindful of the rule that no student is to be on the equipment in the morning or afternoon. In the afternoon, some younger students may go on the equipment but if this happens, they must be under close supervision by their parent or carer.

Lunch time At Thornton



Hard at Work Reading



Library News

Just a reminder that borrowing from the library is finished for the year and for students to return all library books as soon as possible.

P & C News

Clothing Pool

Our clothing pool is located in the SPR and open Wednesday afternoons from 2.45pm till 3.15pm and Friday mornings from 8.45am till 9.15am.

They are seeking donations of white logo school shirts please.

Sale

There will be a \$2 sale on jumpers and jackets next Wednesday and Friday ONLY.

Christmas Raffle

We are after donations for our school Christmas Raffle. If anyone wishes to donate could they please bring their donations to the SPR on clothing pool days so it doesn't get mixed up with the school Christmas appeal.

We Need Your Help

Unfortunately some of our Committee has had to step down and will be unable to continue for another two year term. Our AGM is in March 2016 where all positions will be made vacant. Although there will be four of us staying on for another two year term we will have some positions to fill.

The positions that are and will be vacant are:

- ★ Canteen Treasurer and Vice Secretary – vacant now and next 2 years
- ★ Vice Treasurer – next 2 years
- ★ Vice President – next 2 years

You do not need experience in any of these positions as there will be training and assistance provided.

We hope that you have a great week and thank you for your ongoing support.

Gill, Alissa, Allyson, Penny, Kristie-Lee, Sarah, Stacey and Korine

'Munch & Eat' News

Volunteers Christmas Get Together

Don't forget to let us know if you can come to our get together next Friday 27 November at the Blind Monk, Beaumont Street Hamilton.

We would love to see you there.

Canteen Spending

If you are giving your child money to spend at the canteen, especially Infants children, could you please have a look at our menu and discuss the options for them to purchase. With the hot weather upon us we are having delays in serving when children are coming to the canteen with lots of money and they don't know what to buy.

This holds up the serving process as we then need to help them choose what they can have. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated by the volunteers and students.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	23.11 – Jenny
Tuesday	24.11 – Berlinda
Wednesday	25.11 – Alissa
Thursday	26.11 – Maree, Tonia
Friday	27.11 – Kellie, Jill, Robyn

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

THE NEW EQUIPMENT

BY 1N

On Wednesday we got to have a treat because we had a treat. On the weekend we had a big storm and a tree branch fell on the monkey bars. Then the people came and built a new playground. They built a new slide and it was a double blue slide. We think it is lots of fun and we played on it for a minute. It was so much fun and I didn't want to get off it.

Ameerah

Yesterday we went on the new equipment. The new equipment has a double slide that is blue. It has monkey bars and they are green. It has a cafe place under the slide I love the new equipment. I think KS and KG will love it. We got the new equipment because the old equipment broke.

Layla

Today we went on the new equipment. It is only for Year 2 and 3. The old equipment broke so we got the new equipment. It has a double slide.

Blake

The new equipment is great. The old equipment got damaged. The storm and the floods broke it. The new equipment is great. The slide is great. Mr Milburn thought the new equipment was awesome.

Connor

Yesterday we played on the new equipment. We had soft fall and it is soft. We got the new equipment because of the storm.

Dyon

On Wednesday 1N went to the equipment. The equipment has two double blue slides and monkey bars. We got the new equipment because the storm hit the old equipment. The equipment was fun.

Hasnain

Yesterday 1N went on the new equipment. The new equipment has a cafe and a blue double sided slide. The old equipment got hit by a branch in the storm. There were stepping stones and step as well. The new equipment was fantastic.

Jacob

On Wednesday 1N went to play on the new playground. There were some green monkey bars, one cafe, a climbing thing and also a rock climbing wall. It also had a double slide and a stepping thing. Last is the other wobbly stepping thing. We got it because the old playground got destroyed by the storm. 1N think the new playground is fun of lots.

Zander



The new equipment is fun. The new equipment is super fantastic. There was an adorable slide with cute blue stairs at the back. I had fun on the equipment. The old equipment was broken.

Jade

On Wednesday 1N went to the new play equipment. It looks like it is going to be lots of fun. We got the new equipment because the new equipment broke.

Jiahna

Yesterday 1N went to the new equipment. It had a double blue sided slide and some monkey bars too. We got the new equipment because the storm broke the old equipment. We think it is 1000 percent fun.

Joshua

On Wednesday 1N went on the new play equipment. There was a double blue slide. It was the best equipment and there was green monkey bars. The new equipment has a cafe. The new equipment was fun. The storm broke the old equipment.

Lucas

Yesterday 1N went to play on the equipment. We went after lunch. It was fun. Mr Milburn was watching us. We got the new equipment because the old equipment broke because of the storm.

Laylah

On Tuesday 1N got to have a go on the new equipment. It had a double blue slide and tricky monkey bars. I think it was fun. We got the new equipment because the storm broke the old equipment.

Makayla

On Wednesday 1N went on the new play equipment. It has a double sided slide. It is blue and good fun. We got the new equipment because the old equipment got broken by the storm.

Max

On Wednesday 1N went down to the new equipment. There were monkey bars and a double slide. We think that the new equipment is fun. We got the new equipment because the old equipment broke.


Mia

1N went down to the new equipment. The new equipment has tricky monkey bars. The new equipment has a double slide. 1N thinks that the new equipment is fun.


Olivia



Community News



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community conversation connection



Frocks and Locks: Fundraiser Bus Trip

Lovedale Long Lunch
Hunter Valley
14 & 15 May 2016 10am-4pm



Due to popular demand and overwhelming enthusiasm

Seats are now being reserved for the very first Thornton Public School bus trip to the Lovedale Long Lunch on Saturday 14th May, 2016.

Numbers are limited

To secure a place on the bus and take part in what is sure to be a fabulous day, please complete your details below and return it to the school office with a non-refundable deposit of \$20 per seat.

For more details about the event you can contact

Heather on 0488 136728 or P&C President Gillian 0400 832415

Please reserve _____ (number of seats) for the Frocks and Locks Thornton Public School P&C Association Fundraiser bus trip to The Lovedale long lunch on Saturday 14th May 2016.

I _____ (Your name) understand that this is an expression of interest and that the final price will be determined closer to the date. Final pricing is dependent on ticket pricing to the venue although we estimate up to \$140 per seat.

This price will include your Meal and Wine Vouchers for the venues.

I understand that my deposit of \$20 per seat is non-refundable and must be paid to the school office along with this contact.

Signed _____

Contact phone number _____