



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Prefect Elects

After excellent speeches from all prefect candidates and voting from year 2 to year 5, the following students were elected as prefects for 2016.

Congratulations to,

Girls: Lakeisha Balas, Phoebe Dunning, Lily Fairhurst, Maddison Holbert, Riley Keyes , and Tess Lawford.

Boys: Bodie Archer, Brendan Ashbourne, Justin Cowper, Isaac Fairhurst, Callan Pitt and Makye Telfer.

We look forward to hearing who the captains and vice captains will be for 2016.

This will be announced on Presentation Day.

Thornton School, Deeds not words

Photo of the Week

Our Defence Kids Craft Afternoon



Dates from the Planner

Monday 7 December

Year 6 farewell

Tuesday 8 December

Presentation Day

Wednesday 9 December

School Council AGM

Thursday 10 December

Carols

Friday 11 December

DSTA Farewell BBQ

Monday 14 December

Diamond Lizzy Day

Tuesday 15 December

Party Day

Wednesday 16 December

Last day term 4

Clap out of students leaving...

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 this year.

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 10 December

Barbeque from 5:00pm

Items from 5:30 - 7:00pm

No Assemblies

Parents are advised that there will be no assemblies next week.

Rehearsals for Presentation Day and Carols will be keeping the students busy.

School Council

The AGM of the school council will be held next Wednesday, December 9, at 3:15pm in the staff room.

What a savings!

As the year comes to an end, it is interesting to note that the electronic newsletter has resulted in a huge savings. With over 140 reams of paper saved, dozens of hours of administration time saved in the printing and distributing process and the ability to make each newsletter bigger and better than ever, it is clear the electronic newsletter is quite effective.

2016 dates

We might be getting ahead of ourselves but here are some dates for your diary.

Photos	4 and 5 February 2016
Swimming Carnival	8 February
Apology Anniversary	13 February
Canteen Meeting	16 February
P and C Meeting	22 February

2016 Musical

Yes that's right, we have already started planning for the 2016 musical. It will be performed in September and will be called, Kids in Paradise .

Nothing like being ready early.

Photos 2016

Parents are reminded that school photos occur in the first two weeks of school.

Costs are \$34 for a basic pack.

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Presentation Day

Tuesday December 8

Stage Two and Three

9:30am – 11:00am

Early Stage One and Stage One

11:40am – 12:30pm

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 ☺

Party Days

A reminder that Party Days are all on Tuesday December 15.

Individual stages will notify parents about the organisation of the day.

Farewell and Good Luck

Ms Genevieve Guinane will be taking leave next year with the intention of retiring.

Ms Guinane, we wish you well and thank you for your years of hard work and dedication to the students of our school.

We also wish Mrs Suzanne Wright all the best as she officially retires this year.



Farewell Mr Lobsey and Ms Guinane

Reverse Christmas Tree

We are once again having our Reverse Christmas Tree. All donations will be going to the Salvation Army for the families less fortunate.

It would be amazing if every Thornton Public School family could donate one present either big or small. All donations can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the office and will be presented to the Salvation Army at our carols.

Pics from around the school



Can you see the visitor?



Library News

I'd like to say thank you to our library volunteers – Leanne, Maree, Norma and Helen for the help they have given this year. I have had great support in the covering of many books and the running of book club. Thank you to all the students who have helped make book club a very successful year. Your support helps provide resources for the library. We also thank GAC shipping for supplying our book club bags.

Please remember to return any books asap to the library.



Stage One and Honey Bees

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, Kristie-Lee, Sarah and Stacey

‘Munch & Eat’ News

2016 Volunteers

We have quite a few days on our roster for 2016 that we need helpers for. If you would like to help out, even if only between 9am – 11.35am one per month, come and see us.

Also if you know of any new Kinder parents/carers that would like to help please let them know to either ring or come and see us.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	7.12 – Leanne
Tuesday	8.12 – Penny, Christine
Wednesday	9.12 – Mel
Thursday	10.12 – Kelly, Sarah
Friday	11.12 – Toni, Kylie, Berlinda

CARBONARA – OUT OF STOCK

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Free Family Fun Day at Harvest Saturday 16 January 2016, 10am to 2pm

Everyone is welcome to visit Harvest on 16 January 2016 to help us celebrate the opening of the Hunter Region’s newest Builder Display Village. Fifteen brand new display homes will be open for inspection from 10 builders.

The Mayor of Maitland, Cllr Peter Blackmore will officially open the Village at 10am. There will be plenty of free entertainment for all the family with a jumping castle, face painting, petting zoo, Lions Club BBQ and a free coffee van courtesy of Telstra!

As Harvest is an NBN connected community, the NBN van will be onsite to provide information. Whether you are thinking about building a new home or just interested in a fun day out in the local community for the entire family, visit Harvest on Saturday 16 January.

visit www.harvest-chisholm.com.au

Community News



**Carols
in the Park**

**Sunday 20th
DEC
6.30pm**

- Fireworks • Free Entry •
- Visit from Santa •
- Free Face Painting •

LINDSAY OVAL, BERESFIELD

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HOPE**

★ ★ ★ 38th ANNIVERSARY ★ ★ ★

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Leaves 10.00am PRECISELY for NEWCASTLE HARBOUR FORESHORE FROG POND

ENQUIRIES: 0415 490 710

Or email bigjohn@optusnet.com.au
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2016 School Photo Info

MSP Photography

School Photo Date: 4th February 2016

School Photographs will be taken early in the new year. Here is some information regarding the pricing and packages available. You will receive a personalised envelope early next year with options available to order online or with cash or cheque.

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\$44 Premium Pack
 New! See overview: 2x 10" x 15" + 1x 5" x 7" (with and without Portrait) + 1x 5" x 7" + 4x 3" x 5" + 4x 1.5" x 1.2" Portrait Download (best print quality)

\$41 Classic Pack
 See overview: 2x 10" x 15" + 1x 5" x 7" + 1x 5" x 7" + 4x 3" x 5" + 4x 1.5" x 1.2" Portrait Download (best print quality)

\$39 Value Pack
 popular choice See overview: 2x 10" x 15" + 2x 5" x 7" + 2x 3" x 5" + 4x 1.5" x 1.2" Portrait Download (best print quality)

\$37 Essential Pack
 See overview: 4x 5" x 7" + 4x 1.5" x 1.2" Portrait Download (best print quality)

\$34 Basic Pack
 See overview: 1x 10" x 15" + 2x 5" x 7" + 2x 3" x 5" + 4x 1.5" x 1.2" Portrait Download (best print quality)

* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

\$15 Gift Pack*
 all 10 items: 2x Photo Booklets 4" x 7" + 2x 5" x 7" + 1x Photo Calendar 10" x 8" + 1x Photo Calendar 7" x 7" + 4x Photo 6.5" Top 3.5" x 2.5"

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 See overview

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