



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Fun + Practice = Learning

The idea that learning needs to be fun and engaging has been around for a long time. As adults, we learn when things interest us, there is a need for the learning and we get satisfaction from the learning. As a child, this is called FUN.

When students are having fun, the learning becomes embedded much more quickly and tends to be longer lasting. Teachers spend a lot of time creating these learning environments and learning experiences.

From maths games to spelling games to science experiments to sports games; kids love the fun element in learning.

From the highly interactive and engaging lessons around Remembrance Day to the challenging production elements in creating short films, students learn best when they are engaged with the topic and the experiences have a large dose of fun and interest.

Underpinning these lessons is the teacher and the class' solid relationship. It is pleasing to note that every teacher of Thornton School has an excellent relationship with their class and that the whole learning experience is fun, meaningful and interactive.

Picture of the Week *Our performers at St Josephs.*



Dates for your Diary

November 18 DADS
Awesome Camp over
November 28, 29
Package Free Weigh In and
Package Free Day
December 7
Celebration of Learning
December 12
Year 6 Farewell
December 13
Presentation Day
December 14
Carols
December 16
Clap Out

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 ☺

Celebration of Learning

Wednesday December 7

Early Stage One 9:15 am (adjusted time)
Stage One 10:15 am (adjusted time)
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 13

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 2017 will be announced and reports from the P&C, the School Council and the Principal will be delivered.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

School Council

With three nomination forms, there will need to be an election.

The election slip is at the end of the Thunder and is available from the school office.

All election forms must be returned by Friday 25th November.

We Love Our Volunteers

To show how much we appreciate our volunteers. The school will be holding a Breakfast For You on the 9th December from 8:00am.

Keep the date in mind if you are one of the many people who assist our wonderful school in so many ways....

Be Careful

With the recent visit of a snake to our school grounds, it is timely to remind all children about the correct procedure if they see a snake.

Stop, Go and find an adult.

Stuff Our What?

Stuff Our Bus...

Have a look at the Bus idea later in the Thunder.

What a great idea. Further information to follow.

Farewell Miss Cromptvoets

Miss Cromptvoets will be relieving as Teaching Principal at Mallowa Public school for the last 4 weeks of this term. Mr Simon Collins will be teaching 2C in Miss Cromptvoets place.

Miss Cromptvoets will be returning to Thornton in 2017.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Candidates for Prefect and Captain 2017
We look forward to seeing your posters up next week in the Library.
The following student were successful,

Girls

Kaitlyn B.
Emily C.
Elissa T.
Emily K.
Imogen T.
Samantha T.
Ashley N.
Sarah H.
Naomi K.
Brooke-Lynn M.
Kiara F.
Tamia P.

Boys

Jack T.
Jesse C.
Brodie D.
Rory C.
Noah B.
Ricky C.
Cameron H.
Jacob T.
Levi Mc.

Library News

It's that time of the term where we are getting close to the end of year and all books need to be returned. Next week will be the last opportunity to borrow and I ask that all books are returned by Week 8. Please check at home for any overdue books.

School Pic's



Dance off



FGHS Japanese Club



Harvest Band



STOCKLAND STAR



This year Thornton Public School are participating in the Stockland Star Competition! Our star has been created by 3J and some of our Year 6 students. The theme is 'Christmas' and Thornton's design came from a variety of exciting ideas on Christmas from 3J. Our star will be displayed above Customer Care at Stockland Greenhill's.

Family, friends and shoppers can vote for their favourite star. With every purchase made of \$10 or more in the centre shoppers are then entitled to 1 vote.

Voting for the Stars will commence on Monday 7th November and will conclude on Sunday 4th December, 2016. Winners will be announced Thursday 8th December 2016.

Voting for our Stockland Star is simple, you can simply take a photo of your receipt using your smart phone and submit instantly via a dedicated website. For those not smart phone savvy, there will still be the traditional entry method available via Customer Care.

School prizes to be won

Prizes will be awarded as follows for each band:

1st Prize: \$3,000 Stockland Gift Card

2nd Prize: \$2,000 Stockland Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$1,000 Stockland Gift Card

Keep an eye out for our beautiful star and please support Thornton Public School by casting your vote our way!



Waste free lunch day – Tuesday, 29th November

Example of items in a waste-free lunch. Thanks Jamie and Declan for showing us your great lunch boxes.



What is a waste-free lunch?

Waste free lunches contain only items that are eaten, composted or recycled. They don't contain wrappers or packaging that will be thrown away in the rubbish bin. Using reusable containers and drink bottles is the cornerstone of a waste-free lunch! Reusable containers with different compartments will keep sandwiches intact and make treats easy to pack.

Waste-free lunches are easy. Pack lunches in the evening. Put leftovers from dinner directly into your box. Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Buying items such as juice, yogurt, crackers and biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste.

Why pack a waste-free lunch?

- **Less waste being sent to landfill.** Landfills are reaching capacity and incineration creates air pollution.
- Empower our kids to make positive changes for the planet.
- Eliminate the need for processed, pre-packaged foods.
- **A cleaner school, making Thornton PS a nicer place to work and assist students in taking pride in their school.**

Example of lunch items with waste lunch

Sandwich in disposable cling wrap or plastic sandwich bag

Chips or pretzels in a plastic/foil packet

Juice in a squeeze pouch, with a plastic straw

Yoghurt in squeeze pouches or plastic 'shot' bottles

Individually-wrapped muesli bars

Pre-packaged fruit salad in a small plastic tub or tin

Pre-packaged 'snack pack' of crackers and cheese spread

Individually-wrapped confectionary bars or cakes

Individually-wrapped cheese sticks / strings

Example of items in a waste-free lunch

Sandwich in a snug-fitting reusable container

Snacks in a reusable container

Water or other drinks in a reusable and resealable bottle, filled at home from a bulk container

Yoghurt in a small reusable container, filled at home from a bulk container

'Trail mix' in a reusable container

Whole fruits without packaging or fruit pieces in reusable containers

Raw or salad vegetables such as carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and celery, plus a small container of dip.

Muffin, fruit bread or biscuits in reusable container

Cubes/slices of cheese in a reusable container

A Day in 3Z



3Z

Martha Baker sailed to Australia on the ship Lady Penrhyn. Martha Baker arrived in New South Wales in 1788. Martha was a servant, she married Walter Batley on 21 February 1788 in Sydney.

I think she is a bad girl because she stole stuff from people.

By Aaliyah

The name of my convict is David Kilpack. He was born in 1760 and was convicted of stealing one live turkey, one live rooster, two live hens and two live ducks. He was sentenced to death but it was commuted to life in Australia. The ship he was on was the Scarborough.

David arrived in New South Wales in 1788. He was part of a group of 24 convicts which overthrew their transport vessel bound for America and returned to Britain.

I think it was harsh to send the convicts to Australia and make them do dirty work.

By Codey

The name of my convict is John Usher. He was born in c.1769. He was a convicted of stealing five yards of linen he was sentenced to seven years. He sailed on the ship the Alexander. He arrived in 1788.

John Usher was a jeweller. He lived with Margaret Carter and they had a son in 1792 on Norfolk Island. His wife died in 1792 and he returned to Sydney.

I think it must have been tough for him when Margaret died.

By Noah

The name of my convict is Elizabeth Thackery. Elizabeth was on the boat the Friendship and Charlotte.

Elizabeth married Samuel King. Elizabeth died in 1850. She was 89 years old.

I think it was unfair that Elizabeth had to go to gaol because she stole things to buy food.

By Olivia

The name of my convict is Ann Fowles. My convict was born in 1765. She was convicted of stealing clothing.

She was sentenced to seven years in Australia. Ann Fowles arrived in New South Wales in 1788 on the ship the Lady Penrhyn with her baby.

I think Ann Fowles was a very bad girl because she stole clothes and it was not fair that the baby was on the ship with her and that it was just cruel because the baby could have died and that's sad.

By Gorgia

The name of my convict is William Boggis. He stole a sheet. He travelled to Australia on the ship call the Scarborough. He arrived in New South Wales in 1788. William Boggis received 100 lashes for stealing a shirt and was sent to Norfolk Island.

By Brendan

'Munch n Eat' News

MUNCH N EAT NEWS

Nachos day Kinder, year 1

Tuesday 22nd November is Nachos day for Kinder and Year 1. All other classes will be on a limited menu.

Well we have already had 2 nachos days this week, making over 170 nachos. Thank you to all our lovely volunteers that helped out on these days. Hope the children enjoyed them.

The roster Week 6 Term 4 is as follows:

Monday 21.11 – Kellie

Tuesday 22.11 – HELP NEEDED – Kinder, Year1 Nachos Day – LIMITED MENU

Wednesday 23.11– Elaine

Thursday 24 .11– Jess

Friday 25.11 – Ann, Jenny

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

I KNOW
the value of
your neighbourhood

If you're interested in knowing the current value of your property, whether it be to satisfy your curiosity, perhaps for a future sale or just to ensure that your home is adequately insured, just pick up the phone or get online and contact me.

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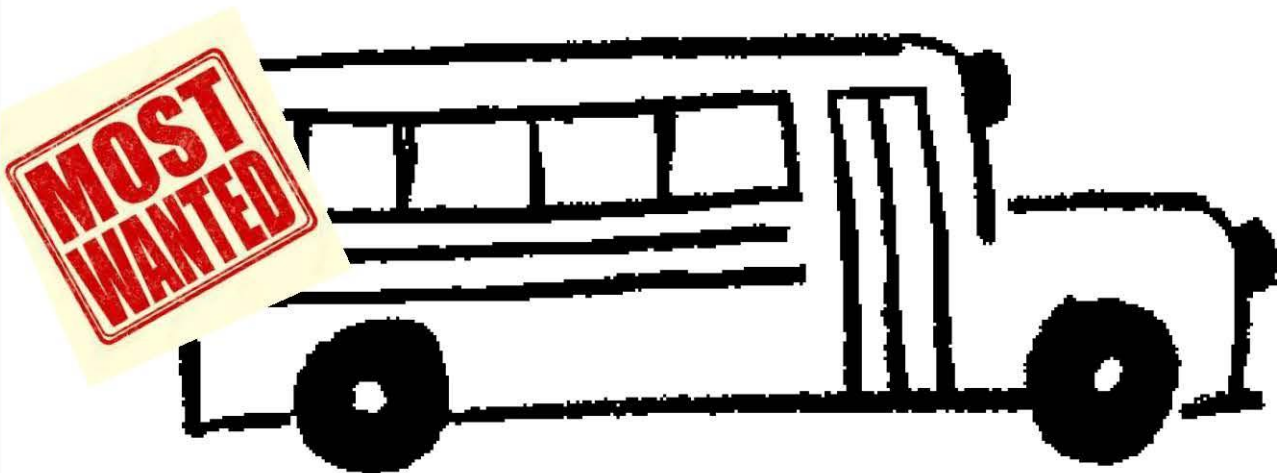
HELP US STUFF OUR BUS

BRING YOUR NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO

YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Before Friday 9th December

READY TO DISTRIBUTE TO NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR GATEWAY
LEARNING COMMUNITY



Peanut Butter

Vegemite

Jam

Boxed Crackers

Weet-Bix

Cereal

Chunk Soup

Meal in a can

Baked beans

Spaghetti

Tinned Fruit

Longlife Milk



DROP 'N' SHOP

WE KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED WHILE YOU
SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 22, 2016

8AM – 8PM

THORNTON PAT HUGHES COMMUNITY HALL
1 TAYLOR AVENUE, THORNTON NSW 2322

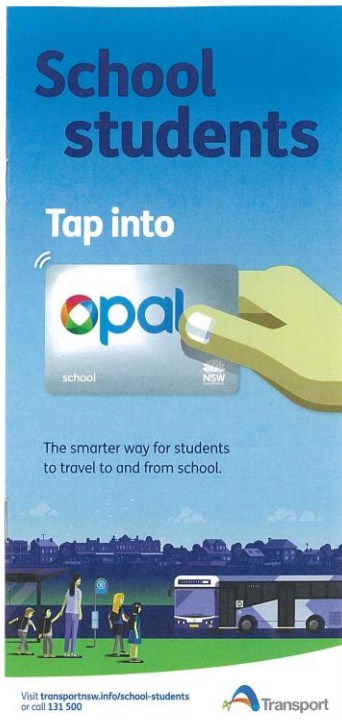
We will keep your kids entertained while you do your essential Christmas shopping. Whether you are a morning shopper or an evening shopper we can cater for you. Shop & Drop will be held on Thursday 22nd December at Thornton Pat Hughes Community Hall between 8am and 8pm. There are four sessions to choose from, each 3 hours long. We will run fun activities throughout each session such as Gymnastics, arts and craft, cooking, movies, games and more! Suited for ages 4-15yrs. For more info please see our website www.gymnastics21.com.au or call Samantha today on 0421 506 775.

 **Gymnastics 21**

2017 Bus passes/ Opal cards

Any student going into Year 3 in 2017 must reapply for an opal card for bus travel and return the application to the office.

Students who are going into year 7 must apply for an opal card and return the application to their high school.



School students

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school

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Transport

Who needs to apply

Most students who already have a school student travel pass won't need to apply for the School Opal card. It will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the school year in 2016.

An application is needed if the student

- Has not had a travel pass before
- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- Is changing address

How to apply

Step 1

Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's school for endorsement.

Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



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THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Election

We have 3 nominations for School Council

The Nominees are:

- Leanne Fitzsimmons
- Lisa Matthews
- Cassandra Daniel

Please number preferred candidates 1 to 3 and return to the office