



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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PLAN What does it Mean?

In the semester one and two reports, the PLAN parent report is included. The PLAN parent report is a product of the PLAN software that the school uses to track student learning. To explain; a student's learning is tracked on a continuum from Kindergarten to year 10 in the areas of numeracy and literacy. In literacy, a student's learning is broken into eight specific areas such as comprehension, phonics and reading texts. In numeracy a student's learning is broken into areas such as fractions, place value and counting. In both literacy and numeracy, the learning continuum is broken into clusters, with students being plotted on a cluster based on the skills they demonstrate. For example, a student might be on cluster 8 in comprehension and cluster 8 in writing. For a year two child, that is within their expected level. The intention of the report is to give parents an accurate snap shot of exactly where the child is at and then give ideas how to help their child further along the learning continuum. The PLAN parent report replaces a teacher comment for those areas as it is felt the information being given is far more detailed and comprehensive than what can be conveyed in a short written comment. The PLAN parent report is included in the general school report to complement the information and to further enhance a parents' understanding of their child's performance. As is always the case, if parents need further information, make an appointment see your child's teacher.

Picture of the Week

The A1 Exhaust and Mechanical Junior Engineering Challenge



Dates for your Diary

November 28, 29

Package Free Weigh In and
Package Free Day

November 30

Year 5/6 to Surf Life
Saving...

December 5

Prefects Speeches and voting

December 6

Year 6 Orientation Day

December 7

Celebration of Learning

December 12

Year 6 Farewell

December 13

Presentation Day

December 14-16

Carols (weather dependent)

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 ☺

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....

Gateway Learning Community Food Drive – lets fill a bus!!!!

Please send a non-perishable item in so we can help those in our community who are struggling at this time of the year. Each class has nominated a particular product they will be collecting. **Items due by Friday 9 December.**



Class	Item	Class	Item
6A	pasta	2H	tinned spaghetti
5/6A	tuna/salmon	2R	savoury biscuits
5/6S	long life milk	2C	tinned soup
5/6Y	noodles	2AB	sweet biscuits
4/5WS	jam	1G	toothpaste/toothbrushes
4P	pasta	1N	pasta sauce
4K	tin fruit	1D	cereal
3/4M	tin fruit	1S	tissues
3J	cereal	KS	savoury biscuits
3Z	vegemite	KC	peanut Butter
KD	baked beans	KL	rice

Ryka The Indigenous Performer Was a Real Hit

Ryka, an Indigenous performer, came to our school yesterday to give the girls and boys a performance around Torres Strait and Aboriginal dance, song culture and language. He was very engaging and the kids loved the show.



Congratulations

A big congratulation to Leanne Fitzsimmons and Lisa Matthews who will be the Thornton School Council representative for 2017/2018.

Look at our Wonderful Prefect Candidates for 2017.

On Monday the 5th December at 12.00pm, these students will present a speech to the whole school. Voting will take place after that.

Congratulations

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.
Dylan M



What a Night We Had Last Friday!!!

With over 75 dads and 110 kids, the DADS Awesome Camp over was another terrific night. Having the Newcastle Astronomy Club was a real hit as was the marshmallow cooking, scavenger hunt and of course Commando with Mr Spiteri.

Thanks to all who attended and to Mr Carter, Mr and Mrs Colefax, Mrs Hooson, Mr Mulconry and Mr Spiteri who gave their Friday night to the boys and girls of our school. Good job!



Our Band Hard at Work!



15,878 What?

Did you know what Thornton Library had 15878 books borrowed from our library. This is an average of 28 books per student per year!

The highest borrowing class was 2C with 984 books borrowed. This is an average of 39 books per student per year.

We have a fantastic library which is well used by all students. Having 15,878 book borrowed is certainly a testimony to that.

P.S. The library will be painted over the holidays so look out for a new fresh revitalised library that will be even more attractive for our wonderful students.

And a Few PE Pics.



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.



Kindergarten enjoyed a special trip over to Thornton Library today

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

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

All About Snails By 1N

Snails

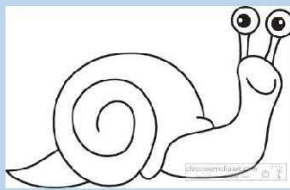
Snails have four tentacles and they have a slimy foot. They have a hard shell. Snails have a swirly tail at the back of their shell. They hide in their shell. They are a min beast. Snails eat rotten plants and rotten food. They move very slowly. Snails are herbivores.

Ava

Snails

Snails have 4 tentacles, teeth and a tongue. They are slimy and they eat rotten food. They are herbivores and they move by slithering.

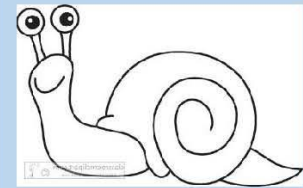
Maxwell



Snails

Snails are in Australia and they eat grass. They are normally found in a garden. Snails are soft and tiny.

Sam



Snails

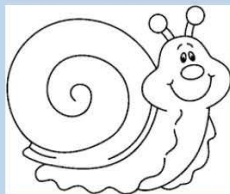
A snail has a hard shell. Inside the shell is mucus. Their body is called a foot. They have 4 tentacles. The 2 bottom ones are for smelling. A snail eats rotten plants and they are herbivores. A snail moves slowly. Snails move slowly because they don't have feet like we do.

Savannah

Snails

Snails have mucus and they have a hard shell and a soft body. They are a herbivore and they carry their homes. They are fantastic creatures. Snails have 4 tentacles and two of the tentacles are for seeing and two tentacles are for smelling and tasting. A snail tucks into its shell when it is scared. They eat rotten food and plants.

Allirah



Snails

Snails look like a mollusc. Snails have 4 tentacles. Two of the tentacles are their eyes and the other two are their things to feel with. Snails move and leave a trail of slime behind them. That slime is called mucus.

Samantha



Snails

Snails look like little creatures. Snails are tiny and slimy.

Logan

Snails

Snails leave a trail. They have a hard shell and they are slimy. They eat rotten food.

Dakota



Snails

A snail is a mini beast that you normally find in a garden. Sometimes you find them in long grass. They slide and leave a trail. A snail is so slimy. They are also small. They have a soft body and a hard shell.

Taylah

Snails

Snails look slimy and they have a shell. They have teeth on their tongue and they have four tentacles. Snails eat rotten food and they are herbivores. Snails slither to move. The girls lay eggs.

Izabelle

Snails

Snails are slimy. They eat grass, flowers and rotten plants. Snails slither along leaving a snail trail. They have a shell that grass cannot get in. Snails can slide. They have a hard shell, 4 tentacles and they are herbivores.

Shelby

Snails

A snail is a min-beast and they eat rotten food. Snails are herbivores so they eat plants. Snails have teeth on their tongue and they have 4 tentacles. Snails move very slowly.

Jordan

Snails

Snails are herbivores. They eat plants. They are very slow. They look pretty. Snails have hard shells. Snails lay eggs. Snails have teeth on their tongue.

Summer

Snails

Snails eat rotten food and they have 4 tentacles. They have a foot and they lay eggs. Snails have a hard shell.

Kinnesha

Snails

A snail has 4 tentacles and it also has teeth on its tongue. It eats rotten food and it is a herbivore. It slithers along the ground. Snails look like a slug. It is a pest. It is a mollusc. They are fascinating.

Thomas

Snails

Snails are slow and they look like a slimy mini beast. They eat rotten plants. They are a herbivore. Snails have a foot and the foot is the body.

Taj

Snails

Snails have 4 tentacles at the end top ones are eyes. They have their teeth on their tongue. They eat grass, leaves and rotten plants. Snails slither along slowly. They are molluscs and they are herbivores.

Joshua

Snails

Snails are herbivores. They eat plants and rotten food. A snail has a hard shell and a soft body.

Christian

Snails

Snails are molluscs and they are a herbivore. Snails live in gardens.

Jim

Snails

Snails are herbivores. Snails leave a trail. Snails eat rotten food. Snails look nice. Snails have a soft body and a hard shell.

Summah

Christmas Support for the Troops

Defence welcomes all expressions of public support for our people deployed on operations overseas.

The most effective way for you to show your support is to send an e-mail message to the troops at supportthetroops@defence.gov.au. These messages of support are circulated widely to Australian personnel.

Defence will continue to provide a system for the public to send care parcels to our deployed personnel for Christmas 2016

There is no change to existing free postal arrangements for family and friends to send mail and parcels to their deployed loved ones and mates.

The RSL Australian Forces Overseas Fund prepares care packages that are dispatched twice yearly to Defence personnel deployed on operations. These care packs contain various non-perishable items, a letter of appreciation on behalf of all Australians and RSL Membership contact details. Importantly, these packs are professionally prepared and meet all Defence and host nation transport and import requirements. Donations to the RSL Australian Forces Overseas Fund can be made at www.rsl.org.au/Support-Us. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and every donation is individually acknowledged by the RSL.

For members of the public who still wish to send general care parcels to deployed personnel over the Christmas 2016 period, the Australian Forces Post Office address below will be open from Monday 7 November to Wednesday 7 December 2016.

An Australian Defence Member
AFPO *60*
Australian Defence Force NSW 2890

In order to ensure an equitable distribution of parcels it is requested that all donations be gender-neutral, and be addressed to 'An Australian Defence Member', not to a specific job title, trade or unit member.

To ensure that all items are able to be delivered to our deployed forces, donors are asked to ensure that packages contain non-perishable goods only. Previous experience has shown that items that are not robustly packaged can break open during transit, which can lead to infestation and spoilage of perishable goods. Please ensure that parcels do not contain alcohol, tobacco, pornography or culturally offensive / inappropriate written material.

Defence will cover the cost of postage up to a cubed weight of 2kg to all operational zones using an Australia Post "Bx2" box. For items exceeding 2kg, the full cost will need to be covered by the individual posting the item.

The troops really appreciate being thought of back home. Any questions please email me at kristine.soutar@det.nsw.edu.au .

‘Munch n Eat’ News
Volunteers Christmas get together.

Our volunteers Christmas get together is on Friday night 9th December at 7pm at the northern Star Hotel at Hamilton. We would love to see all our canteen helpers join us. Please RSVP to Cheryl or Paula by 1st December

MUNCH N EAT NEWS

The roster Week 8 Term 4 is as follows:

Monday 21.11 – Leanne
Tuesday 22.11 – Penny, Christine
Wednesday 23.11– Angela
Thursday 24.11– Charmaine
Friday 25.11 – Stacey, Ann, Gill

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

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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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in the Carols Park

Bring your family, friends and a picnic
and join us as we celebrate Christmas

6.30pm Sunday 18th December
Lindsay Memorial Oval, Beresfield

- free entry · visit from santa ·
- live music · face painting ·
- **9pm fireworks** ·

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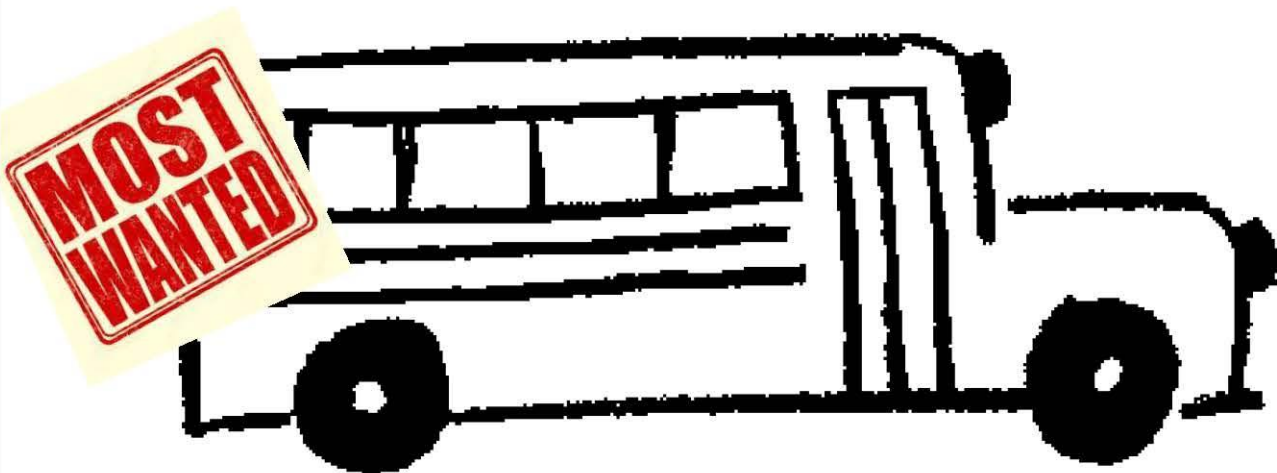
HELP US STUFF OUR BUS

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**

YEAR 7 - 2017
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
FGHS

When

Wednesday 30 November 2016

5:15 Meet at Library for School Tour

6:00 Meeting in Library with supper to follow

- **Year 7 School Fee 2017= \$50**
- Book packs available **\$50** on the night,
- Calculators \$20
- Representatives from Harvey Norman -BYOD

Where

