



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Where Has the Year Gone?

It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed our new kindergarten students and inducted our sports house captains. How the year has flown! However, the coming few weeks have quite a few things happening.

Remember that next week we have our prefects' speeches on Monday at 12:00pm. On Tuesday our wonderful year 6 go to their high school for the Orientation Day and Wednesday the Celebration of Learning will be held.

On Friday we recognise and thank our many volunteers with the Thank You Breakfast and the following week we have our Diamond Lizzy Day on the Monday and Presentation day on Tuesday.

It seems the busier we are, the more quickly time flies. Perhaps that is why the year has flown. With so many great things happening at Thornton school, it is no wonder the year and the years flick by.

Enjoy the next two weeks.

Picture of the Week *Year 5/6 at Surf Life Saving*



Dates for your Diary

December 5

Prefects Speeches and voting

December 6

Year 6 Orientation Day

December 7

Celebration of Learning

December 9

Thankyou breakfast

December 12

Diamond Lizzie Reward Day

Year 6 Farewell

December 13

Presentation Day

December 14-16

Carols (weather dependent)

December 16

Clap Out

Remember the Thankyou Breakfast on Friday 9th December from 8:00 am

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

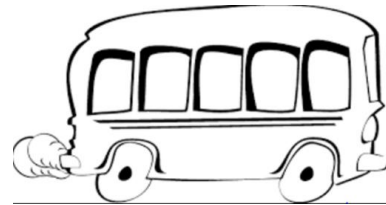
Children can come as well and play on the grass outside the SPR.

This is our way of saying THANKYOU.

See you there...

Gateway Learning Community Food Drive – Lets Fill That Bus!!!!

Thank you for stuffing the bus, what a wonderful contribution to the local community.



Staffing into 2017

Next year Mrs Legge will not be at Thornton as she will be taking leave for 2017. Our counsellor Mrs Faye will be heading to the Cessnock area and of course Mrs Pugh will be enjoying her retirement. We welcome Miss Lauren Kelly to our school as a new permanent teacher. Other changes will be communicated as the details become clearer.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Mrs Ianson for her kind donation. Mrs I'anson provides keyboard tuition to a number of our students. Her contribution will be used to support the school's music program.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our new School Council Executive.

Alyson Gardiner is School Council President

Leanne Fitzsimmons is our new school council secretary.

CAROLS Update

The school is getting ready for our CAROLS 2016. With items being practiced and sound systems ordered, it will be a great evening.

Remember, the event will be on either Wednesday 14th December or if the weather is threatening, Thursday 15th December.

The time will be from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

If both days are no good, Friday lunch time will be last opportunity.

The decision regarding the days will be communicated to families as early as possible via the school's Facebook and the school's APP.

The P&C will be running a BBQ.

With great weather, we will have a lovely Carols evening at the wonderful Thornton Public School.

Prefects Speeches

The prefect speeches will be held from 12:00pm in the school hall.
Voting will occur soon after that.
Parents are welcome to attend.

Reports

Reports will be distributed to families next Friday.

Celebration of Learning

Wednesday December 7

Early Stage One	9:15 am
Stage One	10:15 am
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
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Early Stage One and Stage One	11:40am – 12:30pm
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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.

Harvest Tuition Program



School Pics



Year 5 and 6 at Surf Lifesaving at Stockton Beach



Lego at Lunch Time



Package Free day went very well reducing our wrappings from over three kilos to barely none

Package Free Day

Package Free Day on Tuesday this week was a huge success. Students from across the school reduced the amount of waste they produce from packaging by bringing their food to school in reusable containers. On Monday we collected the packaging from lunch time to be weighed, it came to 3.35kg. On Tuesday we collected the packaging again and it weighed 1.2kg, that's a 64% reduction in waste. Keep thinking sustainably.

Mrs Welsh and Ms Foster



Library

Borrowing for the year has now finished. Could all books be returned as soon as possible. I'd like to say a big thank you to our library volunteers – Leanne, Maree and Helen for their ongoing support throughout the year. Many books have been covered and book club has continued to be successful. Thank you to all the students who have helped make book club another positive year. Your support helps provide resources for the library. Well done to our very dedicated library monitors. The library would not function without you!

Please remember to return any books asap to the library.

Thornton Public Library is participating in the Summer Reading Club. What a great way to continue your reading over the holidays.

Click on the link for further details. www.summerreadingclub.org.au



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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 .

Defence School Transition Aide Francis Greenway High School

Whole Position Salary: \$ 28 000

Contract Term: 2017

Closing Date: 9/12/2016

Location: Francis Greenway High School

Job Description:

The occupant of this position will provide information and support and develop a range of activities for children of Defence members and families to ease the impact of mobility and service related parental absence. This position is a temporary position of approx. 7-10 hours/week

The Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) is a school/education authority employee and is responsible to the principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Contact Officer: Jo Edwards (applications should be emailed to Joanne.M.Edwards@det.nsw.edu.au)
For further information, phone 49641282

Selection Criteria:

Your application for this position should be no more than two A4 pages in length and should specifically address each of the selection criteria listed. Short listing and selection will be based upon responses to these selection criteria and the attached Duty Statement.

- SC 1 Sound communication skills both oral and written, and the ability to communicate effectively with primary school aged children, school principal and staff, parents, Defence Members and their families.
- SC 2 Demonstrated ability to organise own work, set priorities, meet deadlines, work independently and as a team member and maintain confidentiality.
- SC 3 Ability to plan, organise and deliver activities and resources relating to the needs of Defence families.
- SC 4 Ability to acquire quickly an understanding of the operations of the school.
- SC 5 Possession of a current driver's licence.

Additional Factors:

All applicants for school based positions are required to disclose information regarding criminal convictions for certain offences. Criminal history of any appointee will be checked under the relevant State/Territory legislation. Other working with children checks as required by State/Territory Education Systems.

Work Environment:

Schools perform a vital role in providing quality educational services to their students to assist them to acquire knowledge and understanding, to pursue special interests, to strive to achieve excellence, and to develop social and vocational skills. Schools also aim to facilitate and support the participation of parents and carers to enable a smooth transition and rewarding educational experience for young people from Defence families.

Duty Statement:

Under direction of the Principal or Principal's nominee: -

A Defence School Transition Aide provides assistance to Defence children and families.

This may include:

- Assisting Defence parents and children to become familiar with the school and its facilities;
- Co-coordinating appropriate welcoming and farewelling activities for Defence children involving the school community;
- Supporting children at school during times of parental absence from home for service requirements;
- Monitoring Defence children's personal issues such as friendship, peer groups and classroom difficulties;
- Contributing items of interest to the school newsletter;
- Providing opportunities for Defence families to meet other Defence families within the school community;
- Being a contact for new parents of mobile Defence children in the school;
- Maintaining contact with Defence families who are enrolled in the school.
- The DSTA is not a teacher or counsellor nor is it intended that the DSTA work with one student on a long term basis.

'Munch n Eat' News

Thursday Teachers have a stop work meeting, so there will be no lunch orders on Thursday. The canteen will only be open for over the counter items i.e. ice blocks, slushies etc.

The roster Week 9 Term 4 is as follows:

Monday 5.12 – Jenny
Tuesday 6.12 – Mel
Wednesday 7.12– Help Needed
Thursday 8.12– Stop work meeting – Cathie, Maree
Friday 9.12 – Elaine, Jill, Ann

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula



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- **9pm fireworks** ·

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22nd December 8am – 8pm
Thornton Pat Hughes Community
Hall

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