



# THORNTON THUNDER

**Thornton Public School and its local Community**

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Principal: Mr John Millburn

**Term 4, Week 9**  
**No 37**

**9 December, 2016**

## Moving On

It is with considerable sadness that I am informing the wonderful Thornton community that I will not be principal here for the next two years as I have been successful in gaining the position *Principal School Leadership*. This is a position which is a bit like a Principal's consultant and will be based in the Maitland Office.

The position lasts for two years after which I can return to Thornton Public School. A relieving principal will be acting in my absence during this time.

I have spent six very happy years at Thornton and have enjoyed the many great relationships I have made with staff, students and parents.

We have a fantastic school here and make a huge difference to so many people.

I will certainly miss everyone and wish you all the very best for your future.

Take care and Merry Christmas

*John Millburn*

## Picture of the Week

*The Mighty Harvest Rock Ensemble*



## Dates for your Diary

**December 12**

Diamond Lizzie Reward Day

Year 6 Farewell

**December 13**

Presentation Day

**December 14-16**

Carols (weather dependent)

**December 15**

Mrs Pugh's Farwell Assembly

**December 16**

Clap Out

**2017**

**January 27**

Staff return

**January 30**

All existing students and new Kindergarten Students K-6 return

**January 31**

New to the area students start

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> December or if the weather is threatening, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Congratulations to our Prefects Elect**

### **Girls**

*Kiara F*

*Brooke-Lyn M*

*Sarah H*

*Emily K*

*Ashley N*

*Naomi K*

### **Boys**

*Dylan M*

*Cameron H*

*Noah B*

*Brodie D*

*Jesse C*

*Rory C*

*The captains and vice captains will be announced on Presentation Day.*

## **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.

## 2017 dates

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

- February 1 House Captain Elections
- February 3 House Captain Inductions
- February 6 Swimming Carnival
- February 6 P and C Meeting
- February 14/15 February School Photos
- February 21<sup>st</sup> January Parent Teacher evening and K-6 disco...
- March 14 Athletics Carnival
- March 31 Cross Country

## Party Days

A reminder that Party Days are all on Wednesday December 14.  
Individual stages will notify parents about the organisation of the day.

## How Quickly They Grow up....

A few pics from our Celebration of Learning. Kindergarten 2016



## ***Farwell and Adieu***

*A Farewell and Good Luck Assembly will be held next Thursday at 2:30pm for our wonderful Mrs Pugh who will be retiring.*

*We invite all parents, ex-students and other community members to join with us as we wish Mrs Pugh all the best for her future.*

## **Thank You Breakfast a Real Treat**

It was lovely to see so many of our volunteers come along and be spoilt at the Thank You Breakfast today.

Again, we can't do what we do without you!

Thank you!



## **School Banking**

School Banking has finished for 2016. We look forward to all the students banking again in 2017.

## **Library**



**137** books still overdue and only one week of school left. Please return your books as soon as possible.

Miss Foster





Our wonderful library monitors celebrated all their hard work with an end of year Christmas Party.

### **‘Munch n Eat’ News**

#### **LIMITED MENU LAST DAY OF TERM**

On the last day of term, we will have a limited menu of pies, sausage rolls, mac cheese, lasagne, spag bol, roundas and cheese and bacon rolls. **NO NUGGETTS, NO CHICKEN BURGERS AND NO SALAD ITEMS.**

We would like to say a huge “THANK YOU” to all our helpers for this year, whether you helped out on a special day or were on our roster. We are losing a few valued volunteers this year due to children going to high school, moving out of the area and work commitments. Without your help our canteen would not be able to run.

The roster Week 10 Term 4 is as follows:

- Monday 12.12 – Leanne, Mel
- Tuesday 13.12 – Help Needed
- Wednesday 14.12– Alissa
- Thursday 15.12– Rachel
- Friday 16.12 –Gill, Stacey, Ann

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# Thornton Netball Club 2017 Season

## Registration Information



Maitland District Netball Association has moved registration dates forward for the 2017 season. **TNC Online registrations will open in December and final online registrations will be accepted on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.** Get your registrations in early to avoid late payment fees.

Club contact details are as follows:

President:	Kim Hooson	0422 220 667	Registrar:	Renee Muddle	0404 690 369
Secretary:	Kelly Hickey	0431 063 033	Treasurer:	Pam Wilson	0402 773 342
Uniforms:	Alisha Falua	0403 670 932			

Email: [thorntonnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:thorntonnetball@hotmail.com)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Thornton-Netball-Club-310809352289307/>



### Important Dates:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 10am – 1pm at Thornton Public School SPR (access via Taylor Ave)  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017 10am – 1pm at Thornton Public School SPR (access via Taylor Ave)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Thornton Public School SPR (access via Taylor Ave)

Meet the Coach date TBA

Maitland District Netball Association Competition is due to commence on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017.

## Keep in Touch

### How to Access Thornton Public School App.?

Most up to date information relating to our School Calendar, Newsletter and Notification



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Search for Thornton public school  
Download the Thornton School



### Thornton Public School

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Password



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**JANUARY 2017**

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**

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**Where:** Maitland Tennis Centre, Cnr Page & Lawes St, East Maitland

**When:** 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> January (Mon, Tues, Wed )

**Time:** 9.00am to 10.30am per day

**Price:** \$60.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)

**Age:** 4 years to 16 years Beginner to intermediate

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6.30pm Sunday 18th December  
Lindsay Memorial Oval, Beresfield

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

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# DROP & SHOP!



**22<sup>nd</sup> December 8am – 8pm**  
**Thornton Pat Hughes Community**  
**Hall**

We will keep your kids entertained while you do your essential Christmas shopping. Lots of activities to do such as Gymnastics, arts and craft, cooking, movies, games and more! Suited for ages 4-15yrs.

W: [www.gymnastics21.com.au](http://www.gymnastics21.com.au)

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