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Thornton Public School and its local Community

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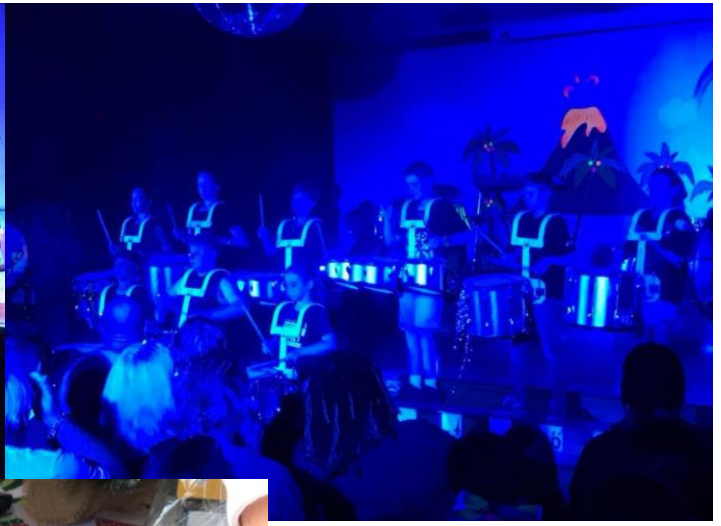
Principal: Mr John Millburn

Term 4 Week 9

8th December 2017

MAD NIGHT

A great event held last night at TPS hall. The performers were outstanding. Thank you to all teachers, staff, parents and community for your contribution to the night. It was a wonderful showcase of our CAPA groups and programs.



TPS Term 4 2017 Calendar

WEEK 10	
Monday 11.12.17	Volunteer Breakfast; Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 12.12.17	Presentation Day K-2 and 3-6
Wednesday 13.12.17	Party Day for all students K-6
Thursday 14.12.17	Carols Night
Friday 15.12.17	Last Day of Term 4 for students

Presentation Day Tuesday 12th December

Year 3-6 starting promptly at 9:30am

K-2 starting promptly 11:40am

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 2018 will be announced.

Class Party Day

A reminder that all Class Party Day celebrations will be on Wednesday 13th December. Teachers will notify parents about the organisation for their classes.

2018 Organisation

Planning is well underway for 2018. Our school continues to grow quite quickly and these last few weeks have seen more new enrolments for 2018.

We are currently working on placing our expected enrolments of 664 students in 2018 classes and teacher allocations. We are unable to let children know what class they have for next year, as enrolments are still being accepted for local (in-zone) students. If you are aware of any families who are yet to enrol, please encourage them to come into the school office or phone for an enrolment package.

New Classrooms

Our new demountable building is ready for handover next week. We have placed another request for a further classroom for the start of 2018.

Staffing

There are a number of staff changes for 2018. We are currently awaiting the appointment of at least 2 new classroom teachers.

The Principal Bulk Recruitment process is underway to fill the vacancies created by the appointment of 35 new roles of Director, Educational Leadership which commence in Term 2 2018. Mr Millburn has been appointed in one of these new roles. The Principal position for our school is part of this recruitment process. Local panel interviews will be held in Term 1 2018. Mr Tony Gadd (Relieving Director Public Schools NSW) will be at the P&C meeting on 5th February 2018 to discuss the selection process and a parent/community representative for the local panel interviews.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A list of supplies for 2018 will be sent home next week for any parents who may like to keep an eye out for specials over the Christmas break. Thank you for supporting your child to have the best start to 2018.

Library

Please return all library books as soon as possible. Currently we have 500 overdue resources.

Overdue notices will go home this afternoon. If books cannot be found please contact Miss Foster in the library.

Books lost or damaged will need to be replaced or paid for.

Caroline Foster
Teacher Librarian

Banking

Week 9 Thursday 7th December 2017 was our last banking day for the year, any rewards will be held over to 2018 Banking will resume Term 1 Week 2 2018

2018 Enrolments

Planning is underway for our students who will be enrolled at Thornton Public School in 2018. Please contact the school office if:

- You have a child or know of any families who have a child turning 5 on or before 31 July 2018
- Student/family is relocating or not intending to return to Thornton Public School next year
- You have new neighbours or friends who are in area and wishing to enrol for 2018



A huge thank you to NSW environmental trust for providing funding to support schools developing environmental programs.

In 2015 our school applied for a \$3500 Eco Schools Grant to further develop our endangered Lower Hunter Spotted Gum Ironbark Forest remnant. As you may already know, Thornton Public School is situated on 9 hectares of ground in the middle of Thornton. Our school buildings and grounds take up approximately half of this area. The rest is our treasured forest. Over the years we have applied for many grants to help preserve this forest for future generations.

We recently completed this Eco Schools grant, which involved clearing weeds, developing a learning track for students to engage with the environment. This forest is very close to the original state. We purchased gravel and mulch, seats, signs and seedlings to restore this particular area. Conservation Volunteers Australia came for 2 days to weed the specified area as well as our Junior Landcare group who helped to mulch the path. The end result is spectacular. We hope to continue restoring the rest of the area in the coming years. If anyone in the community is interested in supporting our Junior Landcare Group, please leave your name at the office and we will contact you in the New Year.

A huge thank you to the following people for their hard work and contributions:

Karen Brown (Landcare co-ordinator)

Kevin Swallow (organising the groundwork's)

Thornton Public School Junior Landcare students

CVA Australia for organising Boral to sponsor one of the weeding days



Vickie Hooson
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader



Salvation Army Donations

On behalf of the Maitland City Salvation Army we would like to ask for the support of Thornton Public School in collecting donations for our Christmas Appeal.

For over 5 years Thornton Public School's donations have been an important part of our Appeal and have allowed us to support families in the Thornton – Beresfield area, including families who attend Thornton Public School. We are seeking assistance with donations of toys, non-perishable food or gift vouchers.

All Donations will be collected on 14th December

The Maitland Salvation Army not only provides assistance to families at Christmas but provides ongoing assistance throughout the year to local families in the Thornton area as well as the wider Maitland Region.

Regards
Maitland City Salvation Army

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MUNCH N EAT NEWSLETTER

Colour Run Help

We'd like to thank everyone that helped out in the canteen and on the sausage sizzle stations on the colour run day last Friday. We had a huge day and without your help it would not have run as smooth as it did. Thank you so much!

Limited Menu last day of term Friday 15/12/17

We will have a limited menu on the last day of term, Friday 15/12/17. You will NOT be able to order nuggets, Chicken Burgers or salad items including salad sandwiches. Pies, Sausage Rolls, Mac Cheese, Lasagne, Carbonara and Cheese and Bacon Rolls ONLY, unless out of stock before end of term

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA MONDAY 11th December at 7.45 am

All of our wonderful canteen volunteers are invited to the Volunteers Morning Tea next Monday 11th December at 7.45am.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 11.12.17 Leanne
Tuesday 12.12.17 Melissa I
Wednesday 13.12.17 Kelly
Thursday 14.12.17 Maree, Cathie
Friday 15.12.17 Rachel

ROSTERS 2018

I will hopefully get a roster out before the end of the term. For those of you on our facebook volunteers page, I will put the roster up on that.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED OUT IN THE CANTEEN AT ANY STAGE THIS YEAR. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!! WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE THAT WE DO TO OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. THANK YOU!

We hope that everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and enjoy the break. See you all next year.

Thanks
Cheryl and Ann



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THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thornton Public School Canteen operates under the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy. The aim of the canteen is to provide healthy food options to the students and staff at reasonable prices. We are open every day for lunch and afternoon tea.

We are always in desperate need for new faces in our canteen. If you can help out one day per month or fortnight that would be most appreciated. We especially need extra helpers in the period between 9.00am and 11.30am, as we need to have the students' lunches ready to pack by 10.30am. If you cannot spare a whole day once per month, please consider helping out for two and a half hours per month, or fortnight.

If you are interested in helping out, either for a whole day or just the couple of hours in the mornings, please fill out the form below and return it to either the office or the canteen. If you have friends who would like to volunteer at the same time as yourself, you can be rostered on together. Just write their name on the form as well.

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Cheryl Doyle/Ann Scorer

Canteen Supervisors

Thornton Public School Canteen



YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL CANTEEN

I am available on :- Please circle day, how often and length of time

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

FULL DAY(9.00 – 2.30)

MORNINGS (9.00 – 1.30)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Child's Name _____ Year _____



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THORNTON PUBLIC P & C CANTEEN

MUNCH N EAT

Thornton Public School P & C Canteen are currently transitioning the menu to come in line with the new Healthy School Guidelines. We have been working on our menu over the past 12 months and are very close to complying with these new guidelines.

The guidelines state that the menu needs to have a ratio of 75% everyday foods and a maximum of 25% occasional foods. As we already had many healthy options our transition to the new strategy should not be too difficult. We would love our families to encourage regular selection of the everyday items on the menu.

Our canteen operates Monday to Friday for lunch and afternoon tea. Students can order for either break. We offer over the counter orders, or for your convenience we offer online ordering. We use flexischools.com.au for our online ordering. Occasionally we will have special items that appear on our online menu only, for ease of catering. The setup for [flexischools](http://flexischools.com.au) is very easy and just requires you to create a login and either direct debit or transfer funds via visa/MasterCard. Once you have credited the account you can start to order. This saves lining up and ordering over the counter and the students remembering to come to the canteen to order.

At lunch time, the teacher sends two students up to the canteen to collect the class lunch box and they hand out the lunches to the students. If the student has an afternoon tea order, each individual child needs to come to the canteen to pick up their order.

We are always in need of volunteers to help out in the canteen. Any time you can give us by volunteering would be a great help, even if it is only for half an hour or an hour in the morning. Our busiest time is from 9.00am until 11.30am and this is when we would like extra volunteers. A volunteer can go on our roster one day per month or even one day per term, Grandparents are also welcome to help out. The kids love seeing their parent/carer in the canteen. If you have a friend that you would like to come and volunteer with, we can put you on the roster together.

If you have any questions about the canteen, our menu or how the canteen operates, please don't hesitate to call in and see us.

Thank you and welcome to Thornton Public School

Cheryl Doyle and Ann Scorer

Canteen Supervisor

School students

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Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.

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.

Visit transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500



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Thornton Netball Club 2018 Season

Registration Information



Important Dates:

Saturday 10th February 2018 10am – 1pm at Thornton Public School SPR (access via Taylor Ave)

Saturday 24th February 2018 10am – 1pm at Thornton Public School SPR (access via Taylor Ave)

Wednesday 28th February 2018 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Thornton Public School SPR (access via Taylor Ave)

Meet the Coach date: Wednesday 21st March 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Thornton Public School under shelter.

TNC Online registrations will open in January and final online registrations will be accepted on Saturday 10th of March. 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

Email: thorntonnetball@hotmail.com

Facebook:

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



Maitland District Netball Association Competition is due to commence on Saturday the 5th of May 2018.





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WHERE Medowie Christian School, 6A Waropara Road, Medowie

WHEN Sunday 25 February 2018, 10.00 am–12.00 pm

RSVP by Friday 9 February 2018 via email to dco.hunterRims@defence.gov.au, please include

- * members name and PMKeys number
- * number of adults and number of children
- * contact number and email address

MORE INFO www.defence.gov.au/dco

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