



Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

19th November 2018

There are now twenty two school days left of the 2018 school year with the last day for students being Wednesday 19th December. Term 4 is as always a very busy yet enjoyable time in all schools. We have just completed swim school and luckily had pretty good weather so all of the students and staff did not mind getting in the pool. Last week our 2019 Kindergarten Orientation Program wound up with 103 little people eagerly waiting for next year now so they can come to big school. Next week we have a large part of the 3-6 school away at the Stage 3 Canberra excursion and the Stage 2 camp. I am lucky enough to have a seat booked on the bus for the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra and know we will have an awesome time away.

There are many other things we have to fit in to these final few days including Christmas Carols, High School Transition day, Presentation Day, our Positive Behaviour for Learning celebration, Year 6 Farewell and Year 6 clap out as well as many others. We also have nomination speeches and elections for next year's student leaders. We are all very interested to see who our new leaders are - Good luck to all who have been nominated. It is going to be a very busy time and I look forward to the fun and excitement the coming weeks will bring.

Reports to Parents

All teachers are currently working on our student's end of year reports which will be sent home on Friday 14th December 2018. Students from Years 1 - 6 are reported using a common grading scale which is based on clearly defined state-wide syllabus standards. The common grading system is mandatory in all public schools in NSW. As always if you have any questions regarding your child's report or progress, contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

Bus Behaviour

Please speak to the driver, contact the bus company or inform the school if children are causing issues for your child on the bus. Do not take matters in to your own hands. Be aware that parents approaching students in a confronting manner could be reported to the police by other parents.

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Wylie

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PRESENTATION DAY

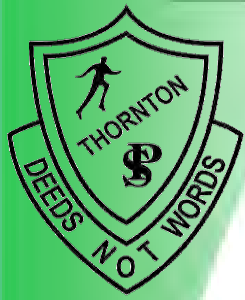
This year parents will be notified that their child is to receive an award on Presentation Day via email.

These emails will be sent out on Monday 26th November.

If you have recently changed your email address please notify the school office immediately.

Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
Wednesday 21st November	NO cost, all students	Aboriginal Performance
Wednesday 28th November		Book Club Orders
Wednesday 28th November	5pm—6pm	FGHS Transition to High School Parent Information Evening
Thursday 29th November Friday 30th November		Foster Camp
Monday 26th November Thursday 29th November		Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 4th December	All Day	Year 6 Transition to High School, Students go to High School they will be attending in 2019
Monday 10th December	After School	Year 6 Dinner/Farewell
Tuesday 11th December	Primary 9.30am Infants 12pm	Presentation Day
Wednesday 19th December	3pm	Students Last Day of 2018
2019		
Wednesday 30th January	9am	Years 1 –6 Students Return
Wednesday 30th January Thursday 31st January Friday 1st February	Times to be Confirmed	Kindergarten 2019 Best Start
Monday 4th February	Times to be Notified	Kindergarten 2019 Start School
Monday 4th February	9am—3pm	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival— Maitland Pool
Tuesday 12th February	9am—3pm	School Photos



Book Club

Book Club catalogues have been sent home. Orders are due by **Wednesday 28th November 2018**.

You can place your order online at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub>. No late orders accepted. Please note if you are paying by cash that all orders must have the exact money enclosed. No change is available at the library.

Gate

The Front gate is now Electronic, push the button and wait to be let in.

The Gate will be shut at 9.10am and reopened at 2.45pm .

Please do not push the gate.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day—Award recipient notifications

This year, parents will be notified by email if you have a student who will be receiving an award at presentation day. Parents will be notified by email on Monday 26th November 2018.

Please ensure your email address is up to date.

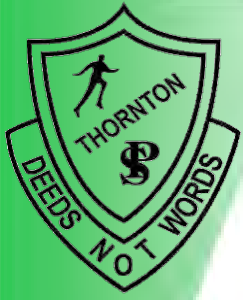


**ITEMS
WANTED**



All classrooms are running low on tissues, paper towel and liquid soap.

Donation of these items would be appreciated and can be delivered directly to the classrooms.



Stage 3 Report

121 Stage 3 students will next week travel to Canberra for our educational tour of the national capital. During our four-day visit, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate has been factored into the cost to parents.

We can't wait to begin our journey and share with you all the wonderful things we see and do! Keep an eye on Facebook for updates of our activities each day.

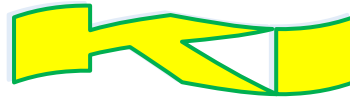
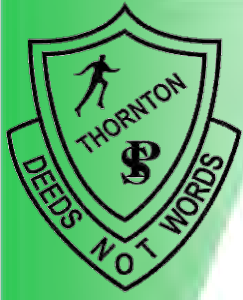




1/2T

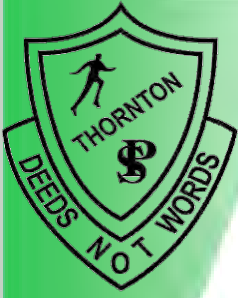
This week 1/2T have been reading the story 'Clink' by Kelly DiPucchio. Clink was a state-of-the-art robot with the dazzling ability to make toast and play music at the same time. But that was many years ago. Now children want new and snazzier toys and Clink is left all alone sitting on a shelf and gathering dust. 1/2T have completed some wonderful pieces of writing on Clink such as writing a letter to the shopkeeper to persuade him that Clink is an amazing robot. They have also written their own narratives with Clink going on a spectacular adventure and have produced some very creative artworks to match their writing!





KI have been learning all about patterns in maths. We know how to continue patterns and create our own patterns using different materials. We love working in groups on different activities.





Environment

This week our students contributed to National Recycling Week by bringing limited rubbish for their lunch and afternoon tea. They weighed the amount of rubbish they collected over the week. This was a great exercise to educate students how much collective rubbish can be produced. Australians produced 64 million tonnes, or 2.7 tonnes per person of waste in 2014-15, according to the National Waste Report. Most of this rubbish goes to landfill and could be recycled or composted. At Thornton we are making an effort to become more environmentally conscious by recycling or composting our waste, bringing in reusable containers and using less plastic in our lunch boxes.

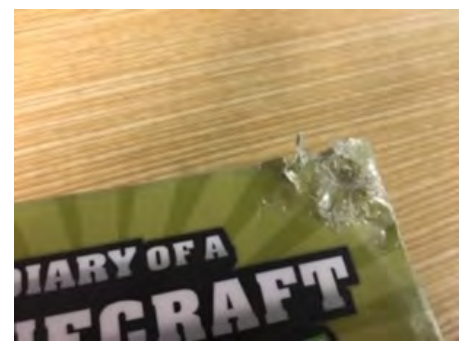
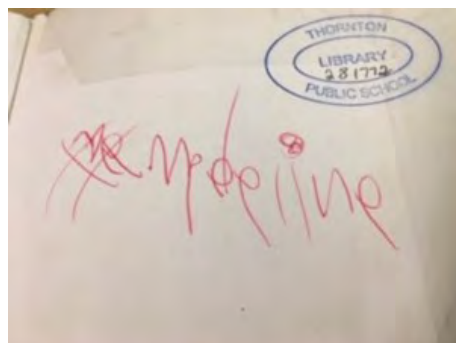


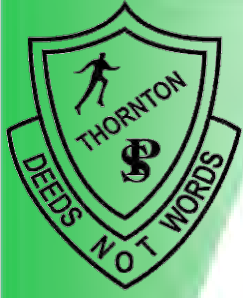
Library

Last Friday students were handed overdue notices for outstanding library books. As we are nearing the end of term please return these items as soon as possible. Week 7 will be the last week of borrowing for our students.

We have some great readers in our school. This year we have had over 20,000 books borrowed by our students. We also have 360 students receiving the Premiers Reading Challenge Certificate with 40 students receiving a Gold Certificate.

Please look after our books. We have some great resources in our school which are unfortunately not always looked after. This week I've had several near new books handed back to me damaged. We discuss with students how to care for our books. Please reinforce this at home.





Kindergarten 2019 Orientation

Last Tuesday and Wednesday saw the final two sessions of Kindergarten 2019 Orientation.

The new kindergarten children met their buddies and participated in outside play while interested parents attended an "EXPO" in the hall.

This included information stations regarding:

School Canteen, School P&C, OOSH, School Banking, Lowes-School Uniforms and more.

General information from Mr Wylie, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hooson, Mr Collins, Mrs Fletcher (DSTA),

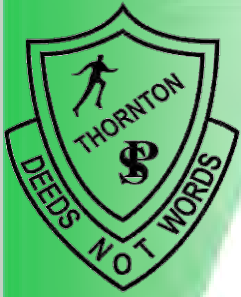
Mr Emery (HSLO) and Mrs Sok was given as well.

I am sure the parents have a great deal of information to think and read about before school begins.

Thank you to all the parents who supported Kindergarten Orientation.

We look forward to seeing and getting to know you in the new year.

Mrs Sok



PBL News

This weeks PBL Affirmation is;

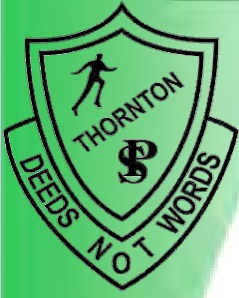
I walk safely on hard surfaces.

This means we... walk under the shelter and on footpaths. We walk in the hall and all covered areas.

Teachers are handing out deeds to students who ... walk safely; during wet weather, outside classrooms and to and from the toilet.

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Canteen News

This weeks winner of the Flexi Schools free lunch competition is:

Cooper Waldron 3/4Z

Please see the ladies in the canteen to claim your free lunch

Congratulations Cooper

Canteen Roster

Week 6

Monday 19th—Sarah and Denise

Tuesday 20th—HELP NEEDED

Wednesday 21st—Tash

Thursday 22nd—Tash and Sahra

Friday 23rd—Melissa, Tash and Kath

Week 7

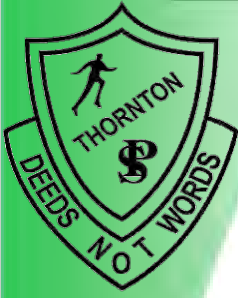
Monday 26th— HELP NEEDED

Tuesday 27th—HELP NEEDED

Wednesday 28th—Tash

Thursday 29th—Tash and Kath

Friday 30th—Tash, Kath and Sveta



FRANCIS GREENWAY

— HIGH SCHOOL —

Bring your Own Device (BYOD) Year 7 2019

Students in Year 7 2019 at Francis Greenway High School will be involved in the relaunch of our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy. By facilitating BYOD, we can empower our students, giving them direct involvement in the way technology is used in their learning. Year 7 students will be required to bring a suitable computing device that meets our school's BYOD requirements to school every day from 2019. We have established a partnership with Harvey Norman to provide you with affordable, compatible devices. Please see the specialists in the Rutherford store to meet all of your BYOD needs for 2019 or view the compatible devices on their website <http://www.harveynormanbusiness.com.au/fghs2018portal>

Our Francis Greenway High School BYOD handbook can also be found via the link below.

<https://goo.gl/hBtjNe>

For any further questions please contact the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Jess Lassam on

0249 641 282.





SOMERSET ELC
OFFERS A
SUPPORTIVE
AND HOMELIKE
ENVIRONMENT
BASED ON THE
REGGIO EMILIA
APPROACH.

"Our 2 children have been at Somerset for the last 12 months and we could not recommend them enough. My husband and I moved to the area as a result of a Defence Force posting. Somerset impressed us from the beginning with the large spacious classrooms, beautiful handmade furnishings and caring staff. As a Teacher, I wanted an educational program that still allowed my children to play and be in a natural environment, opposed to a plastic one. We love the fact that the service is quiet, affording our children individualised attention.

We are so grateful to all the beautiful Somerset Educators."

Nicki, Rob, Charlie and Benji



"Adele has been at Somerset ELC close to 2 years now. We chose it for the long hours and convenient location. The staff are lovely and always keep us informed about how Adele was throughout the day. Her speech has improved and she has gained so much independence. They have great entertainment and educational visits such as the wildlife park, dentist, fire brigade, magic and puppet shows. With a 6.30am open, chickens for the kids to care for and friendly staff, it really works for my family. Thank you for looking after our girl"

Matt and Adele



Our qualified Educators are friendly and nurturing



The pets in our centre help children learn to care for others



Focus on providing a natural, organic learning environment



We are a sun safe Centre

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**Beresfield Barracudas Swimming Club
Welcomes New and Existing Members to the
2018/19 season!**

**Friday Nights at 6pm
From Friday 19th October – March 2019
Come along for a try before signing up!**

Online registrations are now open – see website below

\$100 per swimmer

7 Y/O + under are FREE, thanks to the Optus Junior Dolphin Program

Costs include National, State and Local affiliation fees

All new swimmers must bring their birth certificate to the 1st club night

To register:

WEBSITE www.beresfield@nswswimming.com.au / or via club lane: nsw.swimming.org.au
Or on a club night: try before you buy!

For more information:

COMMITTEE available @ 1st club night: Fri 19/10 Beresfield Pool

EMAIL barracudassc@optusnet.com.au

PHONE **0438 581 087** to speak with our Registrar, Jacqui / Alternate PHONE **0413 337 184**

FACEBOOK For all updates LIKE the Facebook page!

About Beresfield Swimming Club Inc

We are a family oriented swimming club which encourages members to develop their skills at their own pace. Our Club Meets are based on improving on your best times in each stroke. We have races suitable for beginners over 15m through to competent swimmers over 50m, 100m and 200m. Competency is assessed by times and proficiency, with swimmers being graded for each stroke from beginners in E-grade through to A-grade for the fully proficient swimmers.