



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient

Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

5th November 2018

Week 4 – can you believe it?!

What an excellent start to Term 4. Once again there is lots happening at school. I would firstly like to congratulate Mrs Sok and her amazing team of ES1 teachers for the fantastic job they do with Kindy transition for students in 2019. I had the honour of addressing parents at the Wednesday transition day and it was so great to see so many students and parents joining Thornton P.S. This extremely valuable experience gives teachers the opportunity to observe our new Thornton P.S. students for 2019 and build relationships for successful transition into big school.

Well done to Mr Atherton and the talented bunch of students who represented our school at the solar car challenge last week. Mr Atherton spoke highly of the students' hard work ethic and sportsmanship throughout the day. Our school got a first in the sprint and a third in the pursuit challenge on the day. They have won \$250 to be spent on buying more STEM resources for Thornton P.S. Congratulations!

Being top 8 in the state is something that doesn't happen very often. Last week our crafty girls' cricket team, led by Miss Volani, played against Eleebana. It was a close match and there were a few more nerves than previous games. Our girls lost in the end but didn't give up.

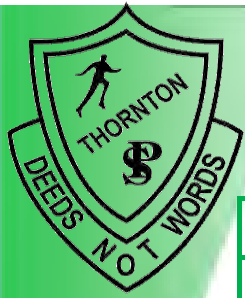
We had 2 spectacular sports people represent our school at the State Athletics Carnival last week; Logan Morrissey and Bailey Whiting. Congratulations for representing the Hunter at the state level. What an achievement!

Lots of great things to look forward to for the rest of the term. We have excursions to Canberra and Forster planned for Stage 2 and 3. Currently, Year 2 students are having a great time at swim school to prepare them for swimming in the summer holidays which are only 6 weeks away.

Looking forward to the rest of the term!

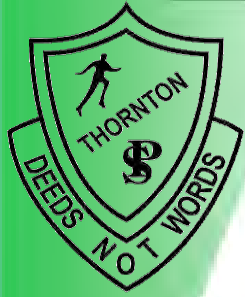
Mr Collins

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Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
Wednesday 21st November	NO cost, all students attend	Aboriginal Performance
Monday 29th October until Friday 10th November	11am—1.30pm	Year 2 Special Swim Scheme
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



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

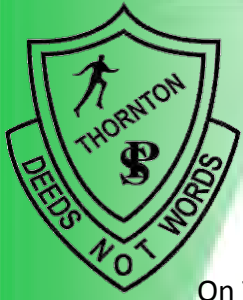
This year, parents will be notified by email if you have a student who will be receiving an award at presentation day. Parents will be notified by email on Monday 26th November 2018.

Please ensure your email address is up to date.



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

CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY

On Thursday we enjoyed our Crazy Hair and Sock day! We also had a sausage sizzle. We would like to thank Mr Collins, Mr Swalwell and our year six helpers for assisting with the sausage sizzle. Thank you to everyone for donating a gold coin or buying a yummy snag. Money raised will go towards the Year 6 graduation as a gift to the school.

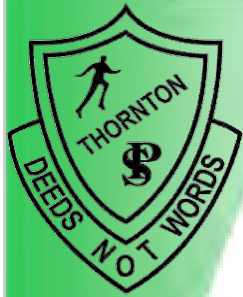
Leadership

Year 5 students are starting to think about leadership for 2019. If you are interested in being a school Captain or Prefect, notes will be going home in Week 4 detailing the process. We look forward to seeing some of our wonderful young leaders stepping up and nominating themselves for these important roles.

From Abbey and Zahra 5/6A







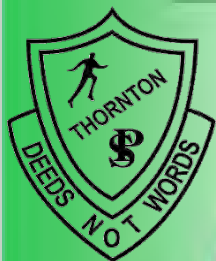
5/6s



Happy Halloween!

Our classroom is more of an art gallery! We love art and we love creating it. This week lots of students have been busy making solar cars and representing Thornton Public School in sport. That hasn't stopped us from creating some spooky Halloween artworks! Here's a few pictures of our super creepy artwork!!

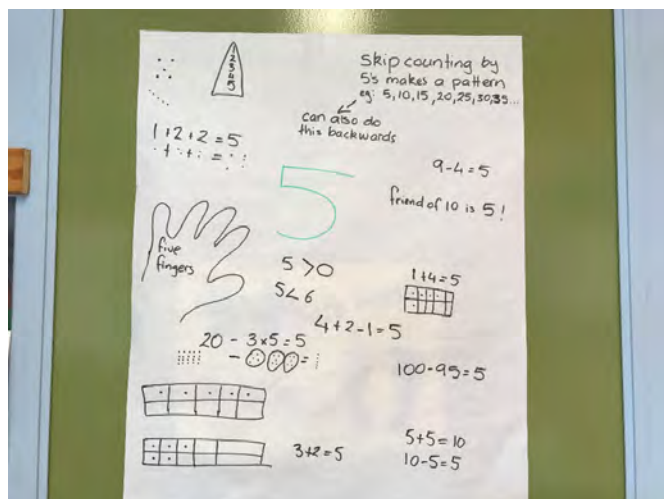
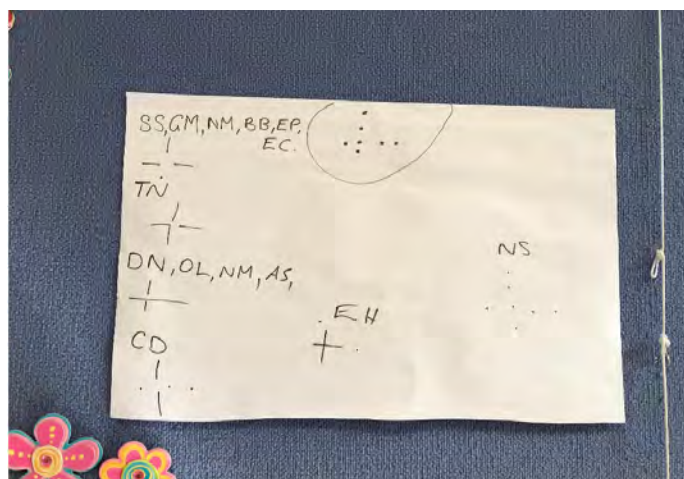


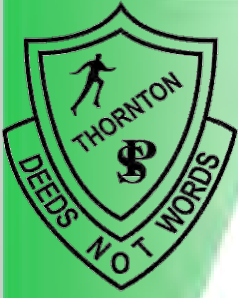


1/2F

1/2F were excited to return for Term 4. So far this term we have really enjoyed reading "Ada Twist Scientist" a book about a budding young scientist who asks a lot of questions! We have also learnt about some female scientists, Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie. A lot of us think we would like to be scientists when we grow up because we are very good at asking questions. Our favourite activity each day is our number talks where we focus on a collection of dots or a number and talk about what we know about it. We are getting really good at revoicing the thinking of others, adding on to what others have said so far, explaining our reasoning and sometimes revising our thinking. Swim school has also been a lot of fun!

Mrs Stretton, Mrs Crimston and 1/2F.





Early Stage One Report

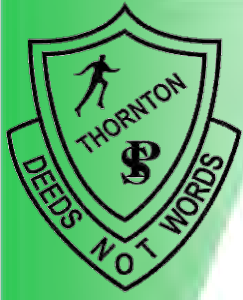
There was great excitement amongst Kindergarten last week as we commenced our first of three orientation sessions for Kindergarten 2019. Our current kindergarten students were very welcoming to any newcomers they saw and assumed the role of 'big kids' brilliantly. They are ready for Year One!

Our K-2 athletics carnival has been rescheduled to Thursday 29 November (third time lucky) - mark it in your diaries! Please refer to this and future Newsletters for other important upcoming dates.

Time to consolidate reading! Please keep up the great work with 'familiar reading' at home. Our home reading program offers students the chance to revisit books they have read in class allowing them to experiment with fluency and expression. Please encourage your child to take on the character's role while reading and to practice 'reading like talking'. Sight word practice may also enhance reading and writing skills.

As the end of year is fast approaching, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher about any concerns you may have regarding your child. A phone call to the office or written note is usually the best way to make contact.

Have a great week!



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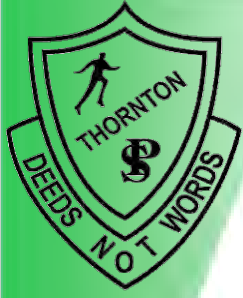
On Thursday 1st of November KC participated in the 'crazy hair and sock day' at school. KC turned up to school with their craziest hair styles and most unique socks! All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and loved the sausage sizzle! We were also able to do some wonderful writing about the day.



Yesterday was crazy hair and sock day at school. I had blue hair and tigers on my socks.

Lani





Kindergarten 2019 Orientation

On Tuesday and Wednesday parents and their children joined us for the first week of Kindergarten Orientation 2019.

It was lovely to see so many parents supporting our orientation program.

It aims to assist children to transition smoothly into kindergarten.

Parents were in the library listening to Alison Marshall from Maitland City Council on Road Safety.

Amy Pollitt from Early start Speech Pathology informed parents regarding speech and language in the early years.

Mrs Hooson our Instructional Leader spoke about Best Start and literacy.

Lots of important information for the parents to absorb.

Meanwhile...

Our new kindy kids were in Rooms 5 and 6 becoming familiar with our kindergarten teachers and classrooms.

They participated in play based activities, enjoyed fruit break, listened to a story and loved singing with the teachers.

Kindergarten Orientation will continue into Week 4 and 5 where the children will meet their buddies.

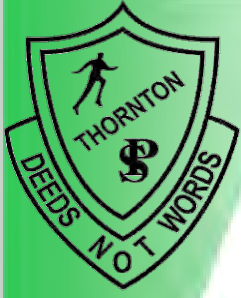
Mrs Sok

PE

During PE this week 1/2 WS enjoyed playing a warm-up game of Islands before focussing on basketball dribbling skills (photos attached).

All classes are currently focusing on basketball skills during PE this term with Mrs Lubans. K-2 are focussing on dribbling, passing and catching, while Years 3-6 are developing all their game skills including dribbling, jump shots, lay ups and defensive skills.





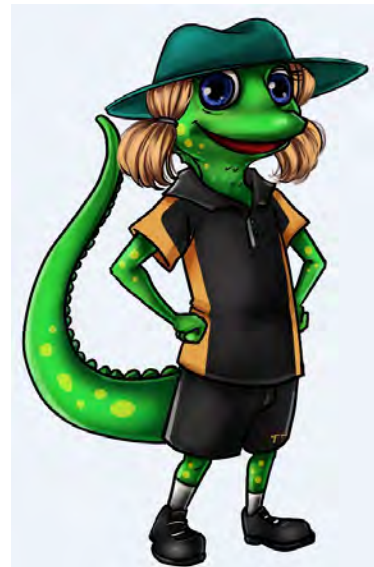
PBL News

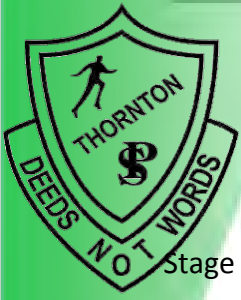
This weeks PBL Affirmation is;

I set an example for other students

This means we... act in a way that encourages others to be respectful, follow the Lizzy 5, care for classroom equipment and use kind words.

*I set an
example
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students.*





Solar Car

Solar Car Challenge

Stage 3 students competed recently at the Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival.

Four teams entered the competition and were responsible for researching, designing, constructing and racing a mini electric vehicle.

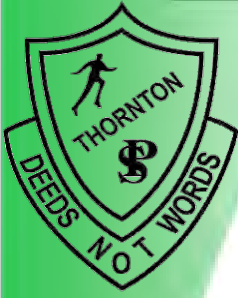
All teams competed in both the sprint and pursuit categories. The sprint involved two cars racing on a straight track for 20m, while the pursuit involves two cars starting at opposite sides of an oval track and racing until one car chases down the other.

All teams competed strongly in the sprint category and after an electrifying grand-final (that required several re-runs and a video finish) the TPS Sparks finished 1st!

The pursuit was a technical challenge with the cars requiring speed and control to move around an oval track. Again all teams raced well with TPS Sparks finishing in 3rd place.

Congratulations to all the TPS solar car teams for proudly representing Thornton Public School.





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.



Change of Date

Bero and the Gateway schools unite for our community to "Stuff the Bus"

Francis Greenway High School, Beresfield, Blackhill, Millers Forest, Tarro, Thornton and Woodberry Primary Schools are again uniting for this year's Stuff The Bus.

This is a great opportunity to help the families in our local community.

How? By donating any of the following items:

Kindergarten Corn Flakes
Weetbix
Rice Bubbles

Stage 1 Chunky Soup (about 500g cans)
Baked Beans (about 420g cans)
Spaghetti (about 420g cans)

Stage 2 Tinned Fruit (about 410g cans or plastic jars)
Peanut Butter (375g or larger)
Jam (about 500g)
Crackers (1 box)
Longlife Full Cream Milk (1l)

Stage 3 Pasta (500g)
Pasta Sauce (500g jars)
2 Min Noodles (5 pack or larger)

All tins should have a pull-tab.

Extended period.....

**All donations should be delivered to Thornton PS Office
by Friday 16th November**

Stuff The Bus? Following the collection period, the Francis Greenway HS mini-bus will drive to each school to 'stuff the bus' full of food and deliver it to St Paul's Anglican Parish for re-distribution.

Food items are distributed by St Paul's Anglican Church. St Paul's currently provide bags of groceries free for 40 people a month. This is the only place in the 2322 postcode that is able to provide food assistance at any time with no questions asked.



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.