



Thornton Public School

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Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

3rd December 2018

To all of our wonderful Year 6 students as you move on to the next stage of your schooling we wish you all the best and hope high school brings you many years of rewarding education, fun and happiness. I know you all enjoyed a wonderful last couple of weeks. Enjoying a great night at your farewell and graduation evening, it was lovely to see students dance the final dance of the night with their mums and dads. Also the Canberra excursion, the PBL rewards day, the Year 6 clap out and so many other great moments. I have really enjoyed getting to know our Year 6 students and it is sad to see them leave the school. Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who graduated from Thornton Public School in 2018. Good bye and good luck!

Presentation Day - Congratulations to our students who received an award at our presentation day during the week. All of the recipients of awards were extremely worthy winners for their dedication to their work and their effort at Thornton Public School in the 2018 school year. Well done to all of the students who performed on the day as well. The performances were a testimony to our great creative arts program and our wonderful teachers.

End of Year Reports - All students should have received their Semester 2 Student Report for 2018 this week. We encourage parents to read the report together with their child, discussing the positives and possible areas for future improvement. If you have not received your child's report then check to see if your child has it in their bag. If they do not, then contact the school to organise another one.

Next year we are anticipating 685 students in 28 classes and have all students allocated to a class at this stage. However, with a number of new enrolments in recent days and some students moving away it is difficult to organise classes with any certainty as we are very close to gaining another class. As soon as we get the accurate figures on day one next year we can have all classes finalised.

Years 1-6 will return on 30th January, 2019 for their first day of school and Kindergarten will start on the 4th February, 2019 - for their first day.

Have a great holiday, a very Merry Christmas and an outstanding New Year.

Stuart Wylie - Principal

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Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
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



Years 1-6

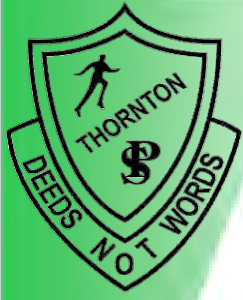
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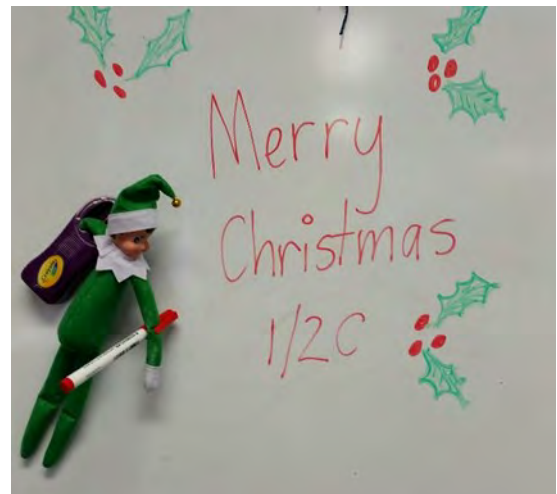
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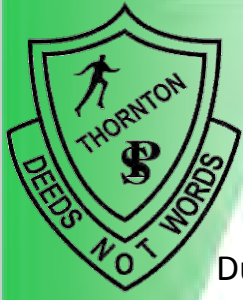


1/2C

A Cheeky Elf Visits 1/2C



Each morning when we enter our classroom we are very excited to see what mischief our elf got up to the night before. 1/2C

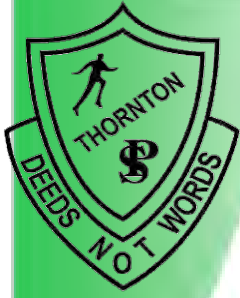


PE

During PE lessons, ES1 and Stage 1 classes have been working on their skipping skills. Skipping is a great activity for students to practice at home and develops coordination and fitness while being fun. The long ropes were lots of fun this week as students learnt how to time their jumping while also turning the rope for others. These skills are part of the Active Lifestyles strand in the PDHPE syllabus.

Nicole Lubans (PE teacher)





Library

HOLIDAY FUN – MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY

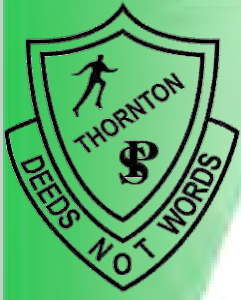
CURIOS CREATURES

Discover the world of curious creatures these school holidays. Our school holiday activities are all about creatures, real to the imagined, the mythological to the robotic. There are Dr Seuss, Fantastic Beasts and Crazy Critters on the Move activities or make a robotic buzzbot or a creature feature movie. Kids too can be curious creatures at the Body Detective and Curious Kids Science Workshop or explore your artistic side at the Fantastic Sea Creatures Art Workshop.

Check out our great range of January 2018 Holiday Fun activities at <https://www.maitlandlibrary.com.au/whats-on/for-kids/holiday-fun/january-curious-creatures>

[Bookings are open now.](#) For more information phone Maitland Library on 4633 6952





PBL News

This weeks PBL Affirmation is;

I can use the Lizzy 5 in my community.

This means we... follow instructions from adults, listen to others, keep my hands and feet to myself, be kind to family and friends.

Teachers are handing out deeds to students who ... make good choices, listen to each other, use an inside voice and speak calmly.

*I use the
Lizzy in
my
community.*





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

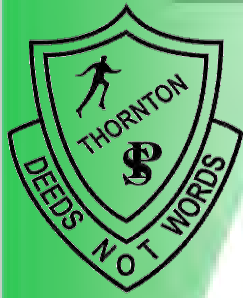
Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

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THORNTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



REGISTRATION INFORMATION!

Registration opens on Monday 7th January 2019

Registration Days

Sunday 3rd and Sunday 17th February 2019

Pat Hughes Hall 9am - 3pm

Free socks and shorts for all players!!

**COME ALONG FOR A BBQ LUNCH, ASK QUESTIONS AND
TO LOOK AT THE NEW UNIFORM.**

More information...

website: www.thorntonjuniorfc.com

facebook: Thornton Junior Football Club

email: secretary@thorntonjuniorfc.com

phone: 0488664064

Thornton Netball Club 2019 Season
Registration Information



Important Dates:

Sunday 3rd February 2019 9am – 3pm at Pat Hughes Community Hall Thornton

Meet the Coach date: Wednesday 20th February 5pm – 6:30pm

TNC Online registrations will open 7th January and final online registrations will be accepted on Friday 8th of February. Get your registrations in early to avoid late payment fees.

Club contact details are as follows:

President: Kim Hooson 0422 220 667 Secretary: Kellyan Hickey 0431 063 033

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 30th March 2018

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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.



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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.