



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient



Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

18th November 2019

I hope you had an opportunity to come to our school during our 100 Year celebrations. It really was a wonderful community occasion and there were lots of happy faces and wonderful stories from past students and staff throughout the week. A special thankyou to Amanda Wilson and Yvonne Fletcher for all their hard week in organising our week of activities and thankyou to all of our staff for getting involved and ensuring that our students and community had a great week. I would also like to make a special mention for all the hard work of our wonderful P&C and Maitland Baptist Church Child Care (OOSH), Lions Club, Thornton Scouts, Thornton Junior Football Club, Maitland Basketball Association and Coates Hire for donating the Portaloos.

2020 Student Leaders - Last week we had 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 and well done for the high quality of your speeches.

Raising Concerns - Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community. We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child.

Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school.

It is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children. However you must not raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school) but should instead report your concerns to a member of the executive team. Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

If a parent, carer or other community member raises their concerns directly with a child (or their parents while they are at school) this may result in the access that person has to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

We greatly value the contribution parents, carers and other community members make to the school community and do not wish to take any action that impacts on their participation in school activities.

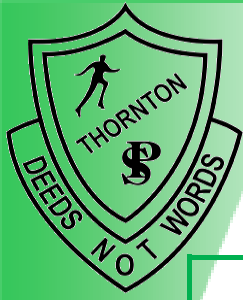
Please let us know if you have concerns about the behaviour of another person's child while they are at school or on school related activities.

Raising your concerns directly with the child (or his or her parents while they are at school) could result in your access to the school site being restricted or withdrawn through the Inclosed Lands Act.

End of Year Reports - All teachers are currently working on our student's end of year reports which will be sent home on Monday 16th December 2019. 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.

Have a great week,

Stuart Wylie Principal



Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
Thursday Odd Weeks	1.50pm—2.20pm	Kindergarten Assembly
Thursday Odd Weeks	2.25pm—2.55pm	Stage 1 Assembly
Thursday Even Weeks	1.50pm—2.20pm	Stage 2 Assembly
Thursday Even Weeks	2.25pm—2.55pm	Stage 3 Assembly
Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st November	TPS	Interrelate
Tuesday 3rd December	9am	High School Transition
Monday 16th December	9am year 3-6 12pm years K-2	Presentation Day

Hat reminder

Students at TPS are required to wear hats whilst playing in unshaded areas to minimise the risk of life threatening skin diseases later in life.

As part of the uniform policy and sun safe strategy a student's hats must not have writing or drawings on the outside of them. Students will be asked to put these in their bags until they are cleaned and will be asked to play in shaded areas.

Hats are available from the school office for \$15.00

We thank you for your support.



Deputy Diaries

Welcome to week 6! Today there are 35 sleeps until Christmas!

What a wonderful time we all had for our 100 year celebrations!!

The highlight had to be our 100 Year Fair! We hope that you all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all of our dedicated staff and amazing P&C and parent body for giving up their time to ensure that everyone had a fabulous day!



It has been fabulous to have 117 little people and their families join us for Kindergarten Orientation over the past few weeks. We cannot wait for you all to come to big school in 2020!

Our teachers have been busily writing reports. Reports are due to go home on Monday 16th December. We look forward to celebrating your child's academic success with you!

Our PBL team have some VERY exciting news coming in the next week for any student that has demonstrated our school values of

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..stay tuned!!

Until next time,

Mr Collins and Mrs Wright

Kindergarten Orientation 2020

It's hard to believe that it's that time again-**Kindy Orientation**.

Last week excited children and parents visited for their 1st of 3 sessions in preparation for beginning school in 2020.

Children spent time in the Kindergarten collaboration classrooms- playing, learning new routines and forming new friendships.



Parents participated in learning as well.

Jenny Martin, our School Counsellor, presented useful information and handy hints on building resilience in children.

Amy Politt, speech pathologist, spoke about speech and language in the early years.

Jessie Wright, Deputy Principal K-2, discussed the importance of reading to children.



Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our Orientation Program and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks.

Mrs Sok



Early Stage 1

Can you believe we only have 5 weeks left of the school year? That means roughly only 20 more days of learning!!!

ES1 students have been steadily applying their prior learning to make improvements in academic areas. Of particular importance to note is the level of improvement made in writing. The teachers have seen some amazing pieces of writing from studious and competent Kindergarten students. Have a chat with your child about their learning and get them to tell you what they have been learning about, what they like about school and maybe even get them to write something for you to show you their progress!

Here are some friendly reminders for you:

- Please make sure your child has a school hat to use at play time to avoid sunburn as the days continue to get hotter and hotter
- Please ensure your child has a drink bottle of water each day
- Please talk to your child about the importance of safe and sensible playground behaviour and what it looks like at Thornton Public School. A number of children have needed reminders to make better choices in their playground behaviour to ensure that everyone has a fun and safe playground experience.

Let's savour these last few weeks of Kindergarten!

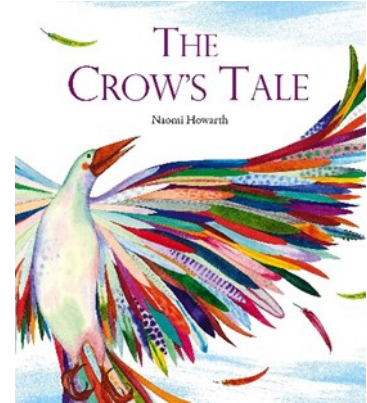
The Early Stage 1 Teachers



KI

KI have loved reading and discussing *The Crow's Tale* by Naomi Howarth. We are getting better at 'quality talks' where everyone shares their ideas about the story, take turns to talk and carefully listen to the person speaking.

"A perilous journey will need to be done.
Our bravest and best must go to the Sun.
Without the Sun's warmth we'll have nothing to eat.
So – which one of you will ask of some heat?
ALL of the animals wanted to go,
But no none could do it except...
Rainbow Crow!"



Inspired by a Lenape Native American myth, this beautiful picture book shows how courage and kindness are what really matter. KI cannot wait to write about this book soon. Our writing is getting neater and smaller as we prepare for Year 1. Please enjoy our detailed art using a combination of pencil, texta and watercolour to depict







3Z

Happy 100th Birthday Thornton Public School !







Stage 3 News

Farewell

It's almost time to farewell our Year 6 students! The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday, 9th December. We hope all of our wonderful Year 6 students can make this celebration. Make sure you pay your \$45 to the office by Friday, 22nd November for catering purposes.

Don't forget to bring your Kindy photo in too! This will help us to create a fun display to recognise our outgoing class of 2019!



Disco Time

Year 6 will hold a series of fundraising discos at afternoon tea during Week 7. Students should come to the hall on their allocated day for some fun dancing!



COST: A gold coin donation, which will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

Year 6 will also be selling lolly bags. Bring an extra gold coin if you would like some sweets!

Early Stage 1: Monday, 25th November

Stage 1: Tuesday, 26th November

Stage 2: Wednesday, 27th November

Stage 3: Thursday, 28th November

Class Merit Award Winners



Well done to our Stage 3 Merit Award winners from Week 3. We have decided to reintroduce class merit awards to reward those students who are achieving their individual goals and setting a great example in their day to day work.

Students can still receive merits for 10 Lizzie Deeds and class PBL awards.

Our next Stage 3 assembly will be held on Thursday, 21st November at 2.30pm.

6AC News



Thornton Public School's Centenary

Students in 6AC had a fantastic week last week celebrating our school's 100-Year milestone. We learnt all about life at TPS 100 years ago, as well as some major national and international events over the past 100 years.

Our week culminated in a great day on Friday with the 100 Year Fair. Our **6ArCade** in Rooms 9 and 10 was a hit, with teachers, parents and students coming along to try out our unique Minute-To-Win-It style games.



A DAY IN A LIFE OF 6AC



A Day In The Life...

Don't forget to check out our website, [A Day In The Life of 6AC](#).

We are regularly updating the site with all the fun and interesting things happening in our classroom.

Scan the QR code below to go to the site.



Congratulations to all of the Children's University Graduates!



TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

Christmas is a time for giving, so at Craig's Barber Shop, we are running a toy and food drive to support Maitland Neighbourhood Centre's vital services in our region.

SEEKING FAMILY-FRIENDLY DONATIONS (E.G. BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES) OR CHRISTMAS LUXURY ITEMS (E.G. MAKE-UP CORDIAL, LOLLIES, CRACKERS)

All donations to be received by Friday 13th December to:

Shop 26 - 1A Taylor Ave, Thornton

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www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Book club brochures have been handed out and last date for orders is 22nd November. Please note no cash orders are being taken by the library, online orders only.

Congratulations to these students who will receive a Gold Premier's Reading Challenge award. This is for students who have completed the challenge five times.

4M – Zakariyah B, Amelia F, Izabelle F, Lachlan J, Summah L.

4L – Rico E, Roshni R, Rubi W.

4A – Amelia B, Siena G, Maddy N, Sophie R, Cali T.

5N – Cody A.

5M – Zoe B.

5E – Anissa D, Jasmine E, Amelia G.

5/60 – Maddison D, Cohen N, Helena S.

6A – Eaden A.

Special mention of Michael J in 6C who after seven years of completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive the Platinum Certificate.

These certificates are in the process of being printed and posted and will be handed out towards the end of the year.

Overdue notices have been sent home. As we are nearing the end of the year please return any overdue books as soon as possible. Week 7 will be our last week of borrowing for the year.

Trash Free Tuesday every Tuesday

What is a waste-free lunch?

Waste free lunches contain only items that are eaten, composted or recycled. They do not contain wrappers or packaging that need to be thrown in the rubbish bin. Using reusable containers and drink bottles is the cornerstone of a waste-free lunch! Reusable containers with different compartments will keep sandwiches intact and make treats easy to pack.

Waste-free lunches are easy. Pack lunches in the evening. Put leftovers from dinner directly into your box. Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Buying items such as juice, yogurt, crackers and biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste.

Why pack a waste-free lunch?

- Less waste sent to landfill. Landfills are reaching capacity and incineration creates air pollution.
- Empower our kids to make positive changes for the planet.
- Eliminate the need for processed, pre-packaged foods.
- A cleaner school, making Thornton PS a nicer place to work and assist students in taking pride in their school.

Example of lunch items with waste

Sandwich in disposable cling wrap or plastic sandwich bag

Chips or pretzels in a plastic/foil packet container

Juice in a squeeze pouch, with a plastic straw

Yoghurt in squeeze pouches or plastic 'shot' bottles

Individually-wrapped muesli bars

Pre-packaged fruit salad in a small plastic tub or tin pieces

Pre-packaged 'snack pack' of crackers and cheese spread

Individually-wrapped confectionary bars or cakes

Individually-wrapped cheese sticks / strings

Example of items in a waste-free lunch

Sandwich in a snug-fitting reusable container

Snacks bought in bulk put in a reusable

Water drinks in a reusable bottle

Yoghurt in a small reusable container, filled at home from a bulk container

'Trail mix' in a reusable container

Whole fruits without packaging or fruit
In reusable containers

Salad vegetables such as carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and celery, plus a small container of dip.

Muffin, fruit bread or biscuits in reusable container

Cubes/slices of cheese in a reusable container



Dear CU Children and Families,

I would like to write a letter of thanks and congratulations to all students that attended the recent Children's University graduation ceremonies. This year we welcomed onto campus 1500 graduating students and over 4,000 families across the six evenings.

The CU team would like to congratulate all students for their behaviour and enthusiasm shown throughout the evening. We planned for these evenings to be a celebration and recognition of the effort and time you have placed into all the learning opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you to all families that attended. We appreciate your presence on the evening, hope you enjoyed the celebration, and look forward to seeing you all again in the future.

Children's University continues to encourage children and their families to keep learning in their communities during the Christmas holiday period. All learning experiences that occur between now and Term 1 next year are added into the hours for 2020 Graduation. Please place a line in your passports to indicate that 2019 hours are finalised.

Our FACEBOOK page lists events over school holidays. **Children's University Australasia (Newcastle)**

Your passport hours continue across into next year. To be eligible for graduation in 2020 you need to have moved up into the next award category. For example, if you got 30 hours this year you would have to make it to 65 hours to get the Silver Award.

This program is an annual commitment. Children have the capacity to opt into the program each year. If you would like to be involved next year, please indicate this to your teacher in charge of the program.

Once again thank you, children for your enthusiasm for learning and parents for your support. If you or your family has any questions about the program, please contact us. If you would like to make suggestions for improvements or place a comment regarding the evening please do so at childrensuniversitynewcastle@newcastle.edu.au or call 49218739. Hope to see you all in 2020.

Children's University Newcastle Team



SPORT

State Athletics Championships

100 metres & the long jump & he really put in a fantastic effort on the day.



Jonathan S 5/60



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BYOD 2020

Bring your Own Device (BYOD) Year 7 2020

BYOD empowers our students by giving them direct involvement in the way technology is used in their learning.

In 2020, Year 7 students will be required to bring a suitable computing device to school every day. We have established a relationship with Harvey Norman to provide you with affordable, compatible devices. Please see the specialists at the Rutherford store to meet all your BYOD needs for 2020.

**OUR BYOD HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**PLEASE CONTACT SARAH BRETAG, HEAD
TEACHER TEACHING AND LEARNING, ON
49641282 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN 2-12 YEARS OLD

A PARENT EDUCATION COURSE

AT Woodberry Place of Friends – Schools as Community Centre
Woodberry Public school, Lawson Ave, Woodberry NSW 2322

ON Thursday's 24th Oct to 7th Nov 2019

AT 12:30 – 2:30pm

PARENTS WILL LEARN

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing strategies - the 3 choices model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour

PARENTS RECEIVE

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion

WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE?

The course facilitator is **Amy Blackwood Woodberry SACC and Belinda Reed Mindaribba LALC**

Both presenters for this course are licensed course facilitators

REGISTER TODAY

Facebook – Woodberry Place of Friends/Events/123MagicandEmotionCoaching

For more information contact –

Amy Blackwood or Dana Constable on (02) 4964 2174

Belinda Reed (02) 4015 7000

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For over 85 years, the School Banking program has provided a fun, engaging way for Australian children to learn about the value of money and smart saving.

Get your child involved

To get started, all they need is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on School Banking day and be able to participate in our exciting Rewards Program.

Track their savings

Your child can track their savings through the School Banking Savings Tracker or the CommBank Youth app, which is available to download from the App Store. It helps teach children real-life money skills, in a fun and secure digital environment.

To find out more visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Raise funds for your school

School Banking isn't just helpful for your child. It's also a great fundraising activity, as CommBank provides your school with financial support through our School Banking Contributions Program.

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Three ways to open a Youthsaver account for your child.



Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Log on to your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank)

Head to the menu on the top left corner, select 'Products & offers', then 'Bank accounts' and 'Student & youth accounts', scroll down to Kids and tap 'Open account'.



Visit any CommBank branch

What you'll need

You'll need an Australian residential address and personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver licence or citizenship certificate.**

If applying in branch, please bring along your child's birth certificate and/or any applicable Court Order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.



Your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet when you open a Youthsaver account in branch, or in the mail if opened online. They will use this wallet to make their School Banking deposits.

Things you should know As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider if you understand and can afford the risks of the product. If you are unsure, you should seek professional advice. At bank's discretion, resolution process can be accessed on 13 2271. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. The CommBank Youth app is free to download, however your mobile network provider charges you for accessing data on your phone. The CommBank Youth app is available on iOS operating system 9.0+. Terms and Conditions available via the app. NetBank access with NetCode SMS required. You can set this up when applying for a new account. Existing customers simply visit commbank.com.au/youthapp and follow the steps. Only one child can log on per device for security purposes. **If the child is under the age of 18, the Bank will accept one of the following documents as acceptable identification on its own. Please note citizenship certificate can only be used as identification in branch. Birth certificate or the birth extract issued by an Australian state or territory, Birth certificate issued by a foreign government, (UN) or an agency of the UN. Citizenship certificate issued by the Commonwealth. Citizenship certificate issued by a foreign government. Note: If written in a language not understood by the person carrying out the verification, the document must be accompanied by a translation. For international travellers, IIR (MMAII) or Translators and Interpreters. Where a parent/ legal guardian is a signatory to the child's account, they are required to be identified to the acceptable identification standard.

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