



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient



Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

2nd December 2019

We have reached Week 8 of Term 4 and now have only eleven days until the end of the 2019 school year. It has been an incredibly busy year and we still have lots of things happening between now and the end of term. The last day of school for 2019 will be 18th December 2019. I would like to thank all of the community members who have supported our school and volunteered in so many ways this year. We have a great school and can only get better when working in partnership with our community. I would especially like to make mention of and thank our P&C committee who have done an incredible job representing parents throughout the year.

As a school we are always striving to improve our practices and work hard to ensure that our students are happy, safe and welcome in the school environment. Our teachers are dedicated to providing high level experiences for our students both educationally and in the area of student wellbeing. Many of our staff start incredibly early in the morning and many of us are here well beyond 5.00pm most days.

It is disappointing when members of our community use social media to run down the school and the commitment of our great staff. We regularly organise events and activities outside of our official hours of employment. Consideration is always given to our school community and in a school of this size we can never arrange activities that will suit the needs of all parents.

In relation to organising activities at times that suit working parents, there are large numbers of people in this day and age that do not work 9-5pm. No matter what time we organise an event some people will be able to make it and some will not (this is just a fact of life). When I go to a shop and they say they are closing in five minutes please finalise your purchase, I can't say that is inconvenient for me you get paid enough money so change your times of operation. The world is a better place when we respect each other and think before we post derogatory comments.

2020 Student Leaders

I look forward to announcing our incoming student leaders for 2020 at our Presentation Day in week 10. I would like to congratulate all of the very worthy students who have nominated for these important student leadership positions. I am confident that those students who are elected will lead the school well and be a great asset to the teachers and myself in 2020.

2020 School Year

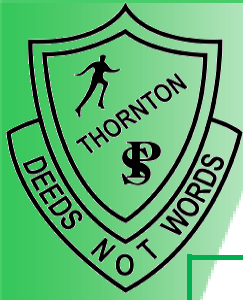
We currently have 750 students for the 2020 school year shared across 30 classes. Two demountable classrooms are currently being installed and will be finalised over the Christmas holidays to accommodate our 29th and 30th class. We are still getting new enrolments with new students moving to the area, which is changing our numbers constantly. If you are relocating over the break and your child will not be returning to TPS in 2020, please advise our front office staff if you have not already done so.

Year 6 Farewell

This night is one of the highlights of the year for Year 6 students, their parents and staff. We look forward to an enjoyable evening on Monday 9th December at East Maitland Bowling Club.

Have a great weekend.

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 5th December		Last day for Banking for 2019
Monday 16th December	9am year 3-6 12pm years K-2	Presentation Day

PRESENTATION DAY

Parents were notified by email on Wednesday 20 November 2019 if their child is to receive an award on Presentation Day.

HAS YOUR CHILD GROWN OUT OF THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM?

The school office is looking for uniforms that are no longer required at home. These are used at school when students require a change of clothes from time to time.

We are desperately after shorts/pants/ skorts in small sizes (to fit Kinder – year 2 students), however we appreciate donations of any size.

Kreative Koalas

CONGRATULATIONS

Today, myself and five students from our Kreative Koala group went to Tocal to be part of Kreative Koala design a bright future awards day. Our project involved using creativity to connect and inspire young people and the community to work together to act on U.N. Sustainable development goals at a local level. Our painting of the Koala represented life under the water and our digital learning journal represented the goal of responsible consumption and production. Thornton Public School received a merit award for 'best community project for change', an award for best artwork 'call to action', the Jenny Aitchison award for best digital learning journey and an award of highly commended for best animation. I would like to thank our hardworking students in our Kreative Koala team and Lynne Strong program director of Kreative Koalas for giving our school the opportunity to make a difference.

Caroline Foster
Teacher Librarian



KL

KL enjoy literacy and maths rotations each day where they are able to practise lots of great skills they have been learning!



Letter formation



Practising our sight words



Learning to use our doubles facts in maths



Independent writing



Mathletics on the iPads



Playing abcya on the computers is one of our favourites!



1C

Blazing Bushfires

1C have been very interested in the recent bushfires.

Because of their enthusiasm about bushfires, what started as a simple activity grew to so much more.

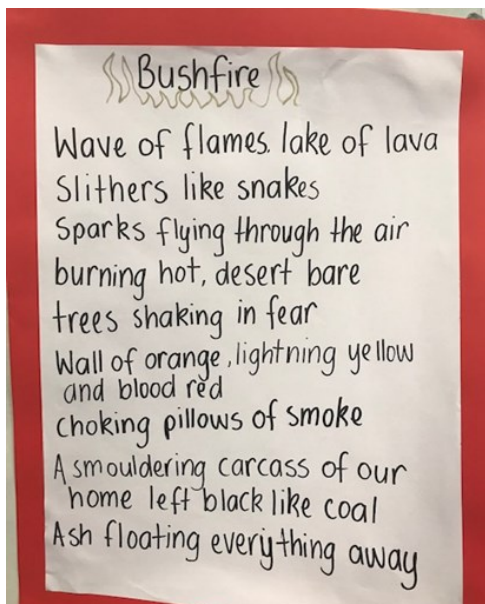
Check out our amazing work!

Amazing Adjectives

After watching a 'behind the news' episode we brainstormed and recorded adjectives and verbs to describe what we had just seen. Our children have an amazing vocabulary and used wonderful figurative language.



This is the poem we wrote together....



Bushfire
Wave of flames. lake of lava
Slithers like snakes
Sparks flying through the air
burning hot, desert bare
trees shaking in fear
Wall of orange, lightning yellow
and blood red
choking pillows of smoke
A smouldering carcass of our
home left black like coal
Ash floating everything away

Absolutely AMAZING Artists

We spoke about how art, through colour can take you to a place and ignite emotions. We tried to incorporate the colours we saw in the bushfire videos. We

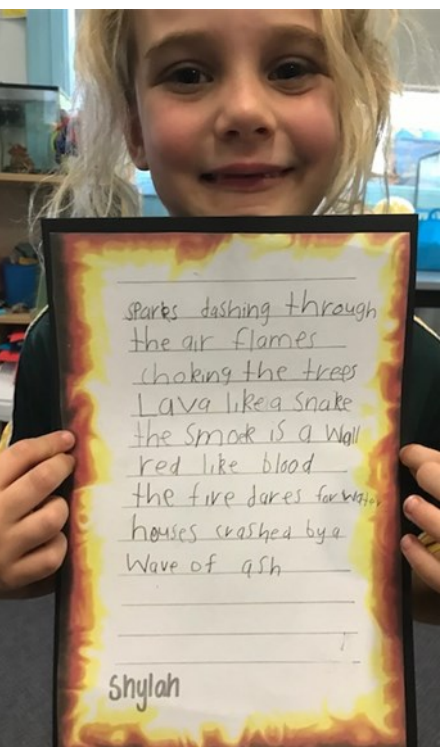
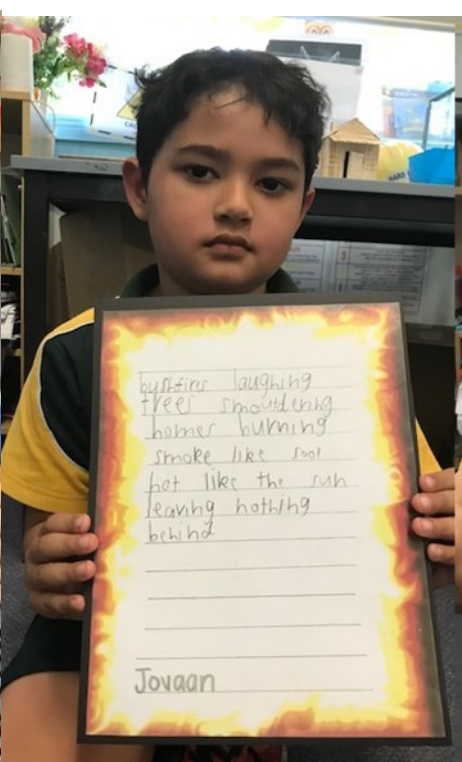
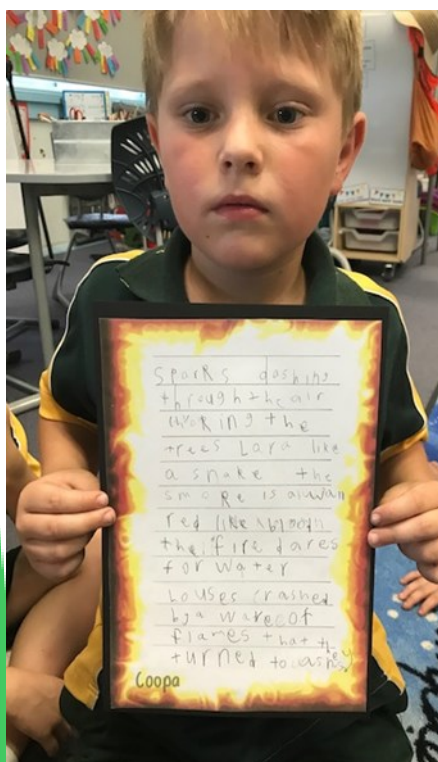
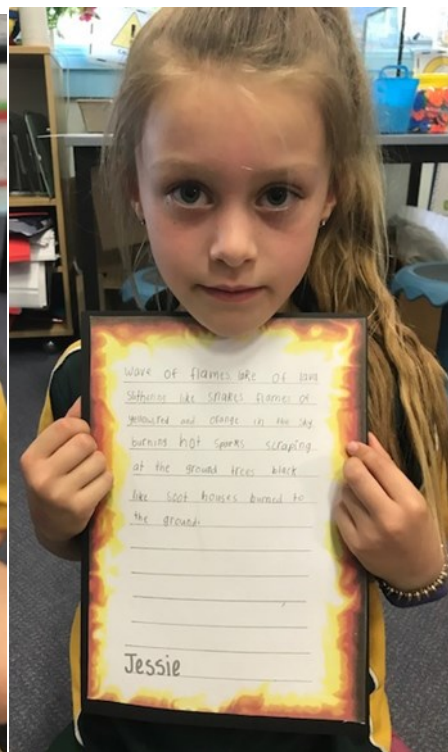
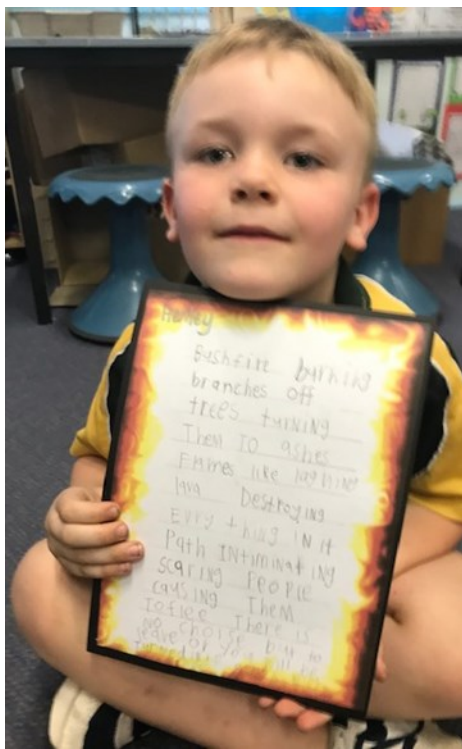
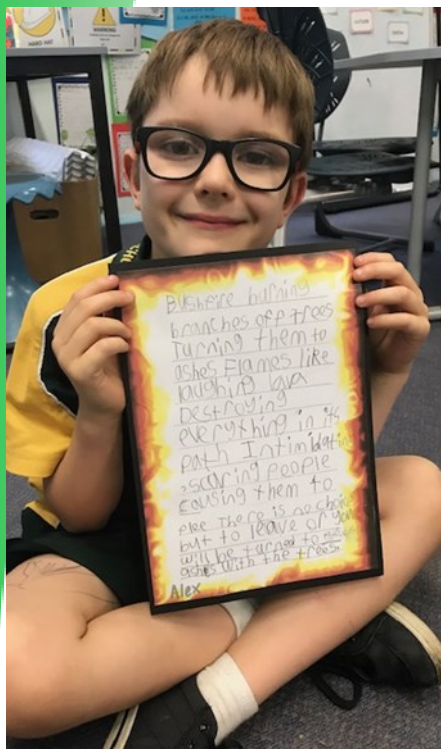


Wonderful Writers

Poetry is painting with words...



We spoke about how similes and adjectives can make the reader feel something. What do you think about their poems?



5M Touch Football

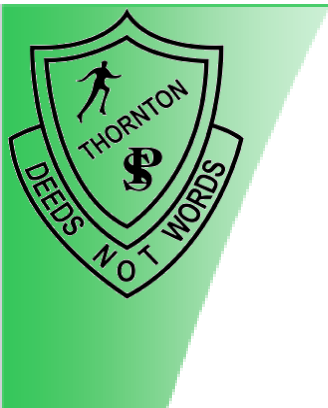


6AC

Fan & Pick

6AC have been utilising Kagan structures in class to encourage cooperative learning between students. This week students have been using fan and pick to ask questions and share ideas based on our weekly text study.





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

Thornton Early Learning Centre



2020 Enrolments Now Open !

Catering for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

*We are open 6.30am to 6:00pm,
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FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL

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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