



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Keeping our Student Safe

Our school has a huge responsibility to keep our students safe. One of the most important ways of doing this is have plans in place if things don't go so well. For example, if there was a fire or other major catastrophe and the students had to get out of their classes, an evacuation would be needed. Generally, this would mean evacuating the students to a place at the top of the school. However getting to an off-site location may also be required.

If a major problem happened that required the students to be kept in their classrooms, a lock down may be required. In this instance, students, teachers, staff and visitors would be required to stay in their rooms until the all clear is given.

To make sure we are ready for either of these situations, we regularly run evacuation and lock down drills. A lock down drill occurred on Wednesday while an evacuation drill is scheduled for the next few weeks.

As is the case with all practices, we check what went well and what didn't so in the event of a real situation we are all ready.

Photo of the Week

Such confidence before the game.



PS, we won by 3!

Some dates from the planner

Dance Group at Greenhills 31/10
Kindergarten O Days Week 3 and 4
Leadership process starts Week 5
Dads Awesome Day Camp Over 7/11
Twilight Markets and Movie Night 13/11
Celebration of Learning Thursday
December 4
Thank You Morning Tea December 5
Reports Home 5/12
Presentation Day 9/12
Y6 Surf day 10/12
Carols Thursday 11/12
Diamond Lizzy Morning Tea 15/12
Year 6 farewell 15/12
Clap Out and last day 17/12

Selective High School Placement 2016

For any parent of a child in year 5 who would like their child to attend a selective high school in 2016, the application process is now open. All applications must be completed on line.

For further information and to apply, please follow then link below,

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The website closes on November 17.

To receive an information package please contact the school.

Social Media Blues

Students under 13 years old should not be on social media sites such as Facebook or Instagram . Other forms of internet communication such as KIK, email or even texting, should be monitored and controlled.

Social Media is a wonderful thing when used correctly. It can also be very damaging when when used incorrectly.

Parents are advised to be aware of their child's internet decisions and make sure they feel comfortable about discussing any issues should they arise.

Raising good digital citizens

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills. That is, how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

Attention Year 3 and 4 Parents

Next week a permission slip will be sent home for your child to participate in the Preventing Anxiety and Victimization through Education (PAVE) survey.

In a nut shell, students will complete this survey in term 4, 2014 and term 4, 2015. They will, in effect, be the control group for a study being run out of Macquarie University.

The same students will be able to access the whole PAVE program when they are in year 6.

Parents are encouraged to read the information attached to the permission slip and return to school as soon as possible.

For any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Look Out Greenhills

On Friday 31 October, our dance squads will perform at Green Hills Shopping Centre. The dancers will perform from 12:00pm

Notes have gone out to the students involved. However, all parents are encouraged to come along and cheer our kids on.

Look out for that Fla..... Mob.....



Kindergarten Orientation

A wonderful group of children attended the first of three Kindergarten Orientations on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. With nearly 90 students enrolled, 2015 promises to be an excellent year!



Managing your Child's Weight

It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/managing-your-childs-weight>

Choosing the Right School Shoes

Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Creative Reading

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! <http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3>

Cricket Success

A close fought game of cricket was played on Wednesday against HVGs. After setting a formidable target, the Thornton team successfully batted past HVG's total, winning the game by just three runs. Great job team!

Playground Pics



Some boys have all the fun!!!



And girls too!

Are You Here Next Year?

As always, if your child will not be here next year, please contact the office so we can adjust our numbers.

If you know of any families coming into the area, ask them to contact the school so we can include them in our planning.

Munch n Eat News

Have a birthday coming up?

Why not come and see up at the canteen and order Frozen Fruit/Milk cups or Slushies for your child's class instead of baking cakes. If ordered for the whole class frozen fruit cups and discounted to 50c each or slushies discounted to \$1.00 each.

We are currently making up our roster for volunteers for 2015. If you would like to be put on our roster for one day per month please call in and see us. Any help is greatly appreciated. Pair up with a friend and help out on the canteen together. We need helpers for either full days or just from 9am until 11.30am.

Fandangles

There is a pricing error on our new menu. Fandangle ice creams are \$1.50 NOT \$1.60 as stated.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	27.10 – HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	28.10 – Eileen, Taryn
Wednesday	29.10 – Meredith (am), Jan
Thursday	30.10 – Linda, Wuanita, CANTEEN MEETING
Friday	31.10 – Bruce, Salena (am), HELP NEEDED

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 4P

CAMP

On Thursday 16 October Stage 2 went on camp with Mrs Pugh, Ms Osborn, Miss Cromptvoets and Mrs Nowland. We went to Morisset.

When we got there we were introduced to our group instructor. 4P's was Rosie Pom Pom from last year's daughter. Rosie said our group was the best group ever. After we were told who our instructor was we were told our cabins. I was in a cabin with Lakeisha, Riley, Georgia, Maddison, Skye, Montana, Stephanie and Kyra.

Orienteering was our first activity. Another word for it is Gnome Hunting. I was in a small group with Maddy, Georgia and Kyra. My group and Patrick's group won.

The Giant Swing was THE best activity. I went all the way to the top which was 15m high. Mrs Pugh didn't have a go which was a bit sad.

After lunch was the second best activity. It was The Dual Flying Fox. I went with Maddy and I won. We had to run the flying fox back to the top. I still won. The flying fox was our last Thursday daytime activity.

We had our dinner which was spaghetti bolognaise. After dinner we had shower hour. I got in second. It was great because I got heaps of time to chill before County Fair.

At the County Fair I was working at the Bungie run. My team came third and our reward was going first for hot food at breaky. When we finished County Fair we had a camp fire and a story.

Sleep was next and I didn't have much sleep because I wasn't comfy.

We were woken up at 6.45am to start packing. Riley couldn't find her shoe. When we finished packing we had breakfast. It was pancakes, tinned spaghetti and toast.

Our first of Friday's activities was archery. Archery can tell your future. My future is that I will work in the sewer. I will walk to work and I live in mud world.

Our very last activity was rock climbing. I tried all the difficulties from hardest to easy. I got the closest to the top of the medium wall. Rosie was very proud of me.

Lunch was the last thing we did at Morisset. We had hot dogs in hamburger rolls and iceys.

When we had said our goodbyes we left to go home. We got back to school at 2.30pm.

Yolande Atkinson



BEING AT CAMP

On Thursday 16 October Stage 2 went to camp at Morisset. It took 45 minutes to get there in the bus. We had to bring lots of different clothes, a suitcase, a sleeping bag, a day pack with a torch, a drink bottle, sunscreen, insect repellent and a raincoat.

When we got to camp we were introduced to all the instructors Rosie, Dragon and Lauren. Then Rosie call out the cabin groups. After that we had morning tea which was sandwiches. Rosie called out the groups with the instructors. I was in Rosie's group.

My group's first activity was Orienteering (Gnome Hunting). We got split into groups to hunt for gnomes. My group had four people Maddison, Yolande, Georgia and myself. There were 15 gnomes and we found 11 of them. After Orienteering we went back to the cafeteria and had lunch, doughnuts and more sandwiches.

Our second activity was the Giant Swing and it was 20m high. The first person on the giant swing was Daniel. We had to put a harness on him then Rosie clipped him to the rope and we pulled a different rope and he got up to the top. Daniel had trouble finding the green ball. He eventually found it and he came flying down. Daniel was screaming nearly the whole time he was on the giant swing. I went third last and went all the way to the top.

Straight away we went to the Flying Fox. I went second on it. There were two flying foxes next to each other so I got to choose a partner and I chose Elke. It was really fun because I was going fast and I nearly hit a tree.

After that we had dinner, spaghetti bolognese. Then it was shower hour. The school has one hour to shower. Once we had a shower we had a wear something that was not PJs.

I put back on what I had on before and got ready for the Fair. We got pretend money and we could have a go on a surfboard and a bungie cord. We could get fairy floss, fairy bread, hairspray, milkshakes and make-up.

Next it was brush your teeth and go to bed time. I brushed my teeth then went to bed and fell asleep quickly.

When we all woke up we had breakfast, It was pikelets, toast, cereal and spaghetti. After breakfast we had to get dressed.

Archery was next. It was really hard to get the arrow in the target. After everyone had one turn Rosie said this round of archer was going to be a fortune teller. The first arrow you shot will tell you what job you have when you're older. If you get the yellow circles (in the middle) you are going to be a camp instructor. If you get the red circles (second middle) you test new video games. If you get the blue circles (third middle) you get to be a street sweeper. If you hit the ground you work in sewers and I hit the ground so I am going to work in the sewers.

The next arrow is where you are going to live. If you get the yellow circles (in the middle) you live in a mansion, red circles (second middle) you live in a treehouse, blue circles (third middle) you live in a normal house and if you hit the ground you live nowhere. I really wanted to live in a treehouse but I hit the ground so I'm going to live NOWHERE!

After archery we went back to the cafeteria and ate some doughnuts. Then we went to Rock Climbing. Daniel went first and I went about 10th. It was really hard to climb the rock climbing wall so I didn't go to the top.

We went back to our cabins to pack our clothes. Once everyone packed we went and said 'GOODBYE' then we went into the buses and went home.

Kyra Dunning

