

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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We Appreciate our Volunteers

Thornton School is so fortunate to have a great band of volunteers who help the students of our school in so many ways.

Parents and community members help our school by assisting with classroom programs such as reading groups, maths groups and creative arts. We receive enormous support as our many sporting teams engage in their many competitions. A terrific group act as Parent Pals and make a huge contribution to the learning of many students across our school. Our wonderful environmental helpers have worked so hard to make our school a real showcase of environmental education. Every Thursday we have a band of committed scripture teachers who help foster a Christian belief in our children. Our library also benefits from a number of keen volunteers who cover books and tidy shelves. Our canteen could never run as it does without a super band of volunteers.

In an effort to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, we will be hosting a Thank You Morning Tea on Thursday November 27 in the SPR.

Invitations have been distributed and we hope everyone can attend.

Photo of the Week

Our year 2 swimmers



Some dates from the planner

P&C Meeting 24/11

Aboriginal education committee meeting 24/11

Thank You Morning Tea 27/11

Prefect candidates speeches and voting 1/12

Year 6 Orientation Day 3/12

School Council 3/12

Celebration of Learning 4/12

Reports go home 5/12

St Joseph's sing and dance Out 8/12

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

What a savings!

As the year comes to an end, it is interesting to note that the electronic newsletter has resulted in a huge savings. With over 140 reams of paper saved, dozens of hours of administration time saved in the printing and distributing process and the ability make each newsletter bigger and better than previous, it is clear the change has been a good one.

Recycle It

Did you know we now have a can recycling bag at school? Students and parents may bring in aluminium cans and place them in the bag behind the boys toilet adjacent to the staff car park.

Each month, the cans will be weighed and money credited to the school account and used for environmental programs.

Great news.

Three 3 Year Planning Process

A huge thank you to the parents who participated in the 3YP forum and who have subsequently been surveyed in the school playground by our prefects.

The results of this process can be seen below.

These are the most important skills and attitudes as determined by our community.

Communication skills

Academic Skills

Life skills

Having a happy attitude

Striving for personal best

Respect for authority, others, adults

Personal responsibility

Tolerance

Empathy

These have then become three strategic directions which will guide the new school plan.

Strategic Direction 1

Evidence driven practices which achieve demonstrated improvements in student learning.

Strategic Directions 2

Connect quality systems to support excellent leadership and teaching.

Strategic Direction 3

Student success as respectful, safe, responsible learners.

Annual School Report Survey

A huge thanks to the many parents who participated in the annual school report survey. This survey was conducted by phone and involved ringing every second parent and asking them questions about the schools performance.

Full details will be published after the school council meeting.

Reverse Christmas Tree

Thornton school is again supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Donations of packaged or tinned food and small children's gifts would be appreciated. Donations can be left in the school foyer. Our collection will be handed over at our Carols Night.

Love Those Posters

A huge good luck to our prefect Candidates who currently have their posters up in the library.

Matthew James
Ben Crebert
Noah Green
Jarryd Morrissey
Bentley Titmuss
Shane Dixon
Lachlan Scott
Wil Cromarty
Archy McBride
Andrew Farnham
Jacob Briers
Dylan Bartlett

Charlotte Hughes
Elizabeth Lawson
Emmy Blanch
Emily James
Felicity Walker
Mackenzie Whiting
Teagan Douglas
Ashley Crawford
Olivia Hanks
Layla Smedley
Nina Smedley
Ella Wolstenholme

We look forward to hearing your speeches

Love those Pizzas...



Kids, homework and lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Homework tips: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

Maths at home

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Maths at home: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Some more swimming pics



Our Reading Recovery Stars



P & C News

Christmas Carols

Don't forget the Christmas Carols are just under 3 weeks away and we are after helpers for this night and donations for our \$2 Christmas Raffles. There will be kids and adult prizes. Donations can be left at the school office.

Bus Trip

Just a reminder that our bus trip had to be cancelled for this weeked.

Bunnings BBQ

We are having a Bunnings BBQ on Tuesday 23 December at Maitland and we need helpers. Even if it is only for 1 hour and your help would be appreciated. Call Gill on 0400832415.

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting is on Monday night at 7pm in the SPR. There will be a light supper provided and babysitting is available. This is our last one for the year so come along and have a look at what we have planned for the rest of the year and 2015. All welcome.

Have a great week everyone.

Cheers

Gill, Korine, Sarah, Alissa and Pauline

Munch n Eat News

Birthday Treats

Instead of baking cakes for birthdays what about giving the children in the class a frozen fruit cup or a slushy at a discounted price, 50c for frozen fruit cups and \$1 for slushies. Just come and see us at the canteen.

Eggs

Eggs are for sale at the canteen for \$3.50 per dozen.

Thank you to all our helpers on 'Pizza Day'.

Volunteers

Please consider volunteering in the canteen next year. If only for the 2½ hours until 11.30 once per month. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Get Together

Our canteen volunteers Christmas get together is Tuesday 9 December. Please let us know if you will be coming.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	24.11 – HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	25.11 – Eileen
Wednesday	26.11 – Jan
Thursday	27.11 – Wuanita
Friday	28.11 – Bruse, Elaine Salena (am)

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.
Cheryl and Paula

Learn to swim


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visit dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or call 13 13 02

 **Office of Sport & Recreation**

Class Report – 2/3N

I like going to swimming because it has been really hot and it has kept me cool. I think I have really improved with my swimming because now I know how to do a safety float and a safety jump. Takira

I like swimming because I got to learn some new things that I didn't know how to do before. I can now tread water for 5 minutes. Amelia

I have really enjoyed going to swimming every day and getting in the water. My swimming ability has really improved and now I can swim 50 metres without stopping. Zahra

2N Swimming Lessons

I learnt how to glide off the wall. I loved going to swimming every day. Cody



I like doing back scull at swimming. I think I can swim better after our two weeks at the pool. Hayden

I really like swimming because my group gets to go into the deep end. I have been using a kick board to help me get better and I can swim further now. Jack

I learnt lots of new things at swimming. I learnt survival backstroke and sidestroke. I have been having lots of fun and now I can swim the length of the whole pool. Joey

I have been learning how to do survival backstroke and I get to go into the deep water. It is lots of fun when we have to get the rings from the bottom of the pool. Joshua

Worth going to

Caring Instructors

3N Camp

Giant
Swing

Awesome

Gnome
Hunting

Great fun

Spectacular



Archery

Excellent

Flying
Fox

Fantastic

Incredible

Fun

Outstanding

2/3N Excellent Artworks

Kiara



Dylan



Amelia



Alyssa



Breeanna





Now Open

Come in and take advantage of our opening specials

A local family owned business

Shop 26 Thornton Shopping Centre
1 Taylor Avenue Thornton

0414 723 303



Check us out on Facebook



Neighbourhood
watch.

Beresfield Swimming Club Inc. and Beresfield/Tarro/Woodberry

Neighbourhood Watch invite members of the public to join us for

"RESUS SUNDAY"



cpr training

Basic CPR is a skill everyone should learn.

An introductory CPR activity presented by a qualified instructor

Beresfield Swimming Centre – Anderson Dr, Beresfield

Sun 23 November 2014, 9am to 11am

Free pool entry for participants.

Please register by sms to 0413 337184 with your name(s)

For further information contact Sharon on 0412 660 557

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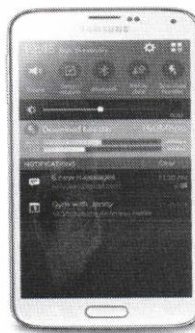
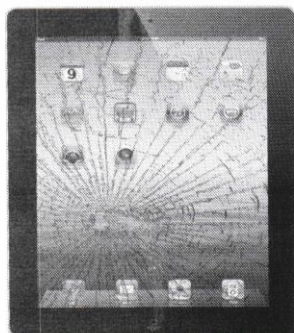
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