



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

Term 1, Week 2
No 2

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Parent Teacher Information Evening

By now, most parents would have met their child's teacher in person or been contacted by phone. This first contact sets the year up on a positive note and establishes a relationship that is so important to students reaching their learning potential.

Next week, the Parent Teacher evenings will be held. At these evenings, parents will hear how the whole stage work together to run sport, library, daily PE, choirs and whole stage focus areas. Parents will then be broken into class groups and hear how English, maths, science, HSIE and creative arts are covered in the busy day to day classroom routine.

This year, a number of information stalls will be set up outside the library. These stalls will have information about **school wide technology**, the **Passport to Success (PBL)** and **Restorative Practice**. Parents may come and go from the stalls from 5:15pm – 5:30pm or 6:15pm – 6:30pm before each Information Evening begins.

Being informed of how classes, stages and schools operate, allows parents to engage their child in meaningful conversation about their experiences at school. Knowing about the sport routine, the PE routine, the reading group process or the stage focus areas opens up the opportunity for rich discussions. This benefits the child as they feel their learning is valued. It also benefits the parents as they connect with the learning of the child.

One of our key statements is **Clear Communication**. This is one way that the statement becomes a reality!

Photo of the Week

Can you see the melon?



Dates for your Diary

Monday February 10

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday February 12

School Council Meeting

Parent Teacher Evening Yr 1-2 5:30

K 6:30

Thursday February 13

Apology to the Stolen Generations Anniversary

Parent Teacher Evening – Yrs 3-4 5:30

Yrs 5-6 6:30

Wednesday February 19

Environment Meeting 11:00am

Thursday February 20

Possum Group. 8:30 am

Zone Basketball Trials

Gateway Learning Community Leadership Day

Friday February 21

Athletics Coaching starts

Stage 3 Assembly

Monday February 24

P & C Meeting – 7pm in SPR

Voluntary Contributions and School Levy

Information regarding the school levy and Voluntary Contributions will be sent out next week.

Congratulations to our Wonderful House Captains

Our House Captains and Vice Captains were officially inducted today.

Well done

Bradman

Captains Teliah Clarke, Ethan Haberfield

Vice Captains Sarah Ingram, Jackson Healy

Grey

Captains Coby Jenkinson, Elizabeth Lawford

Vice Captains Marlee Gray, Aiden Meskauskas

Newcombe

Captains Melika Denmead, Callan Greathead

Vice Captain Tamiah Bethan, Jayden Matos

Pannowitz

Captain Nikita Lehman, Lewis Bell

Vice Captain Ben Woodland, Jade Howard

Looking Good!

Well, 540 students, 21 classes, numerous family photos and a number of leader photos and photos are done for another year. Generally everything went smoothly. Having the photos early in the year is good in many ways but does cause some problems with envelopes getting home and the need for payment so early in the year.

A huge thank you to everyone for making sure their children were all ready for the photos.

We look forward to seeing them in the not too distant future.

Term Planner

The term planner is included in this week's Thunder. Sometimes, things do change and this will be notified in the **Dates for your Diary** on the first page of the newsletter.

Super Swimmers are Ready to Go

With the current forecast, we are expecting an excellent day on Monday for the 2014 Swimming Carnival. Parents are asked to please remind their children to wear a shirt at all times except when they are in the pool and to be very mindful of the sun. Sun Screen is available at the pool and students will be reminded to slip, slop slap!

Greenies Rule

We are very lucky to have an interested group of teachers and parents who come together twice a term to discuss the many environmental programs we run at Thornton school. If any parent is interested in joining, contact the school or simply turn up on Wednesday 19 February at 11:00am.

We generally meet on the table outside the staff room. Come along and get involved.

GLC Leadership Day

On Thursday 20 February Thornton is hosting a Gateway learning Community Leadership Day. A major draw card for the day is having John Marsden as the key note a speaker. Thornton will be inviting out captains, vice captains, prefects and sports leaders.

What a great day it will be.

Issues

It is certainly true that a worry shared is a worry halved. If parents have any concerns at all, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher, the assistant principal, Mr Lobsey or Mr Millburn.

Apology Anniversary

Next Thursday afternoon at 2:30pm, the students of the school will come together to recognise the anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, celebrate our wonderful school and create our Assembly Candle for 2014.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Stating the Bleeding Obvious

Clearly, the following items should never be brought to school.

Weapons of any kind, drugs or other offensive material.

P & C News

Can you believe it's already the end of Week 2!?!

We hope all the kindy kids are still keen and not too tired, that all of the parents and carers aren't too lonely and are finding ways to fill in their days!!!

Parking Before & After School

As some of you may be aware, our wonderful local police have increased their patrols of our school zones, making sure the safety and well-being of all of our kids is ensured during these busy times of the day. Accidents can happen so quickly so we appreciate their efforts in all aspects of their job! There are signs on the main entrance gates outlining what all of the signs around the school mean.

Just a reminder that the drop-off zones are just that – for dropping off and quick collected only – not a parking/waiting bay.

Please use the crossings – they are manned by our sensational crossing safety officers who make our kids and families safety paramount rain, hail or shine.

Courtesy parking – Thornton is a large school – lots of families – lots of cars so can you please make sure that you position your cars close to signs and leave only a reasonable distance between you and the car parked in front – come winter when it's freezing and pouring with rain we will all appreciate the gesture.

Next P & C meeting is Monday 24 February at 7pm in the SPR – you are all welcome and we hope to see you there.

Have an awesome weekend
Sharonne ;-)

Munch n Eat News

New Summer Menu

A new menu will be going out next week. Due to the increase in our costs we have had to increase the price on some of our items:

Flavoured milk	NOW \$1.60 each	Salad Sandwiches	\$3.50
Juices	NOW \$1.60 each	Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$4.50
Hash Browns	NOW 30 cents each	Ham Salad Sandwich	\$4.50
Custard Cups	NOW \$1.00	Chicken Salad Wrap	\$3.50
Ham Salad Wrap	\$3.50	Salad Wraps	\$3.00
Small Salad Boxes	\$4.00	with Ham or Chicken	\$5.00
Large Salad Boxes	\$5.00	with Ham or Chicken	\$6.00

Special Infants Day

On Monday all of our Primary students will be at their swimming carnival so we are having a special day for our Infants children. We will be selling these items at lunch and recess or until sold out:

Fairy bread 30 cents per half slice of bread

Ice cream in a cup with flavouring and sprinkles \$1.00

Fresh fruit sticks 30 cents each

Any help would be greatly appreciated. It is a great day to come and have a look at how our canteen operates and see all the lovely smiling faces of our infants children.

We will be trialing hard boiled eggs as a snack item from Monday 50 cents each

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 10.2 – Amanda, Dianne, Janene – **and anyone else that would like to help for Infants Day**

Tuesday 11.2 – Tori J(am)

Wednesday 12.2 – Alissa, Jodie R(am)

Thursday 13.2 – Heidi, Emma(am)

Friday 14.2 – Allison, Ann, Deanne

If you have any questions or would like a tour of the canteen please feel free to come and visit us.

Thank you

Cheryl and Paula

Term 1 2014

Thornton

Public

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	27 Jan Holiday	28 Jan SDD	29 Jan Year 1-6 return Kindy Best Start Interviews	30 Jan Kindy Best Start Interviews	31 Jan Kindy start House Meetings House Captains elections
2	3 Feb Assembly	4 Feb	5 Feb PSSA AGM Aboriginal Ed Committee	6 Feb Canteen Meeting 11:45 School Photos	7 Feb Welcome Morning Tea 8:30 House Captain Induction School Photos
3	10 Feb Assembly School Swimming Carnival	11 Feb AECG Meeting Thornton 9:00am	12 Feb School Council K-2 Parent Teacher Evening	13 Feb Apology Anniversary 3-6 Parent Teacher Evening	14 Feb
4	17 Feb Assembly	18 Feb Spider Day	19 Feb Env Ed C'te Meeting	20 Feb Possum Group Scripture Zone Basketball GLC Leadership Day	21 Feb Zone Tennis Trials Athletics Coaching 1 Stage 3 Assembly 2:15
5	24 Feb Best Start Interviews Assembly P&C meeting	25 Feb Cake Stall Yr K	26 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival Communications Team	27 Feb Scripture	28 Feb Athletics Coaching 2 Clean up Australia Day
6	3 March Best Start Interviews Run, Throw and Jump Meal Deal Week Assembly	4 March	5 March	6 March Possum Group Scripture Stage Two Assembly 2:15	7 March Athletics Coaching 3 Kindy Assembly 12:00 Stage 3 Assembly 2:15
7	10 March Assembly	11 March AECG Ashtonfield 4:00pm	12 March	13 March Scripture Selective HS Test	14 March Athletics Coaching 4 PSSA Winter Trials Soccer, hockey, netball\ Milkshake Day .
8	17 March Assembly	18 March Athletics Carnival	19 March Env Ed C'te Meeting School Council	20 March Possum Group Scripture Stage Two Assembly 2:15	21 March Harmony Day Kindy Assembly 12:00 Stage 3 Assembly 2:15
9	24 March Assembly P&C meeting	25 March Cake Stall Yr6 Athletics Carnival Back up	26 March Aboriginal Ed Committee	27 March Scripture	28 March School Cross Country
10	31 March Assembly Young Leaders Day Sydney Parent Teacher Interviews	1 April Parent Teacher Interviews	2 April Parent Teacher Interviews	3 April Possum Group Zone Cross Country Parent Teacher Interviews Scripture Stage Two Assembly 2:15	4 April Parent Teacher Interviews Kindy Assembly 12:00 Stage 3 Assembly 2:15
11	7 April Assembly	8 April	9 April Bronze Lizzy Day	10 April Scripture	11 April Easter Parade 11:40 am ANZAC Service 2:15pm

Community News

Bella's Lunchbox
Open Monday to Friday 7am - 2.30pm
Shop 2, 13 Hartley Drive
THORNTON NSW 2322
PHONE: 0249 668076
FAX: 0249 668078



NOW OPEN NIGHTS
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
FRIDAY
5PM TO 8PM
Phone orders welcome
Dine In Or Takeaway
As of 12.2.14
PREVIOUSLY 'Yummy Lunches'



MAITLAND JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Registration dates for season 2014:

Tuesday Feb 4, Thursday Feb 6 and Thursday Feb 18th at Lorn Park Bowling Club, and Saturday Feb 8 at Marcellin Park.

Tuesday and Thursday sessions are from 5pm to 7pm at LPBC and the Saturday session is from 9am to 12pm with canteen and BBQ.

Registration costs are all inclusive of registration, insurance, referee fees, training shirt and water bottle. There is no need to put your hand in your pocket for anything else throughout the season.

Registration costs are:

Under 7s = \$50
Under 8s to Under 10s = \$120
Under 11s to Under 14s = \$140
Under 15s to under 18s = \$180

These prices are reasonable when you consider that they include referees fees that were paid separately in previous seasons. All boys will receive their training shirt and water bottle at registration.

At all registration sessions we will also be selling shorts, socks, headgear and a full range of Maitland Rugby Club merchandise, including caps (snap back & baseball), beanies, scarves and car stickers.

Mark these dates in your diaries and be part of the Blacks Family in 2014!



Registration Days

Saturday 1st Feb – Thornton Public School SPR 10am – 1pm

Saturday 8th Feb – Thornton Public School SPR 10am – 1 pm

Wednesday 12th Feb – Thornton Public School SPR 5pm – 7pm

****** SPECIAL **** All NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR 5-7YRS \$115 includes Rego & Bodysuit SAVE \$100**

10yrs & under \$115 – includes free gift from Netball NSW, Hat, Shirt & Netball

11yrs – 17yrs \$125

18yrs+ \$150

******* PLUS ---- ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL RECEIVE A FREE GIFT *******

For further details contact Kristen Swan (Registrar) ph. 4964 4731

Or Tracy Williams (President) 0422 276756

WALLSEND SWANS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Located at Bill Elliott Oval, Maryland

2014 Registration Dates At:

- (i) Stockland Jesmond Shopping Centre
Saturday 1st February 9.00am - 12.00pm
- (ii) Bill Elliott Oval, Maryland Drive (Maryland)
Sunday 16th February 9.00am - 12.00pm
- (iii) Wallsend Plaza Shopping Centre
Saturday 22nd February 9.00am - 12.00pm

Catering for:

NAB Auskick: 5 to 8 Years (Friday Evenings) - \$75
(*Includes 2014 Auskick Pack)

Juniors: 8 to 17 Years (Sundays) - \$85 (*New junior players receive club polo shirt, shorts & socks)

******* NO WEEKLY FEES *******

For further information please contact Steve Lewer on 0459 082 162

