



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Parents plus Teachers Equals Quality Education

We are indeed lucky at Thornton school to have a number of opportunities for parents and school staff to come together. The P&C is a good example of parents and school staff working together for the benefit of our students. The Communication Team is always looking for new and exciting ways to promote the school. The School Council provides an important vehicle to oversee policy decisions and the Environment Committee is on the lookout for ways to improve our grounds.

Each of these groups has one vital ingredient, parent presence and parent commitment. The role of the parent in these groups varies from adding ideas, reviewing documents, planning activities to taking leadership roles.

In each case, the parent input is vital and appreciated.

There are a number of opportunities for parents to be involved. The P&C is looking for a new executive, the School Council has a vacancy and the Environment Committee and Communications Team could always do with an extra set of hands.

Together we can make a difference.

Photo of the Week

Ready for school



Dates for your Diary

Thursday March 13- Tuesday March 25

Life Education Van

Friday March 14

Zone winter sports trials

Athletics coaching session 4

Tuesday March 18

Athletics carnival

Wednesday March 19

Environment Meeting

School Council

Stage Two Assembly

Friday March 21

Special Assembly to open Frog Pond

Kindy Assembly

Tuesday March 25

Year 1 to Newcastle Museum

Year 6 Cake Stall

Wednesday March 26

Year Two to Newcastle Museum

Friday March 28

School Cross Country

Notes that went home this week:

- ✍ Life Education
- ✍ Athletics Carnival
- ✍ Year 6 Canberra
- ✍ Stage 1 Museum

Early Arrivers

Students are not to be at school before supervision begins at 8:30 am. If any students do arrive before this, and that may be only a few minutes, they must sit on the seats outside room 3 until supervision begins.

International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS)

Dates have been received for the ICAS assessments. Students who are interested in these tests may pick up an entry form from the office.

Further information will be sent out next week.

Computer Skills	May 20
Science	June 4
Writing	June 16
Spelling	June 17
English	July 29
Mathematics	August 12

Sports Success

Our swimmers who competed at the regional carnival this week, all swam very well with many achieving PBs in their selected events.

Great job swimmers.

Our cricket team played Tenambit today and after a close game were narrowly defeated. We will still be playing Reg Kelly Shield.

Tara Hobbs Ladd competed at the NSW RSL State Championship last weekend and came 3rd in her Butterfly and 4th in her Breaststroke. Well done Tara.



Cricket at Beryl Humble

2014 homework planner

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

Great books for tweens to read

Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/helping-tweens-to-love-reading/ideal-books-for-tweens-to-read>.

Science Assignment Starters

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters>



Kindergarten



Sprint training

Prefect Report

Sports

Weekly sport activities have commenced with a consistent turnout of students. Activities have included soccer, football, cricket, duck duck goose and an obstacle course. The weekly sports activities have proven a great success.

Community

The Kindergarten cake stall was a sweet event with hundreds of cakes, slices and other goodies provided by the Kinder families. Over \$180 was raised by the sweet toothed students of Thornton Public School.

Welfare

The commencement of class points during assembly lines have made a significant improvement to the behaviour of students of student in 3 – 6. Students are expected to sit quietly in their lines before the second bell rings, This will allow students and their teachers to get back to class in a timely manner to continue their learning.

Environment

The restructure of the classroom environment award, allows all classes to have the opportunity to achieve a certificate of excellence. All classes will receive a checklist of expectations to do with classroom cleanliness (with exception of the teacher desk). The awards will be presented at Monday assemblies every fortnight.

Special Assemblies

This term has seen the recognition and celebration of the National Apology anniversary. All students received a small piece of wax to create a school candle to symbolise harmony and the whole school coming together. We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day at the end of this term.

P & C News

Lil Champs!

Congratulations to all our sensational zone and region swimming participants! You are all champions for giving it your best shot and representing our school with such determination and excellent sportsmanship – we are very proud of you all!!

New P & C Exec – any questions??

As we announced last week – the majority of us will not be re-running for our positions on the P & C Executive so if you are interested in any of the positions and have any questions about what being a member of the team means – feel free to drop us an email at thorntonps.p.an.c@gmail.com or give the office a call and they can give us your number.

Bing Lee continue their support!

There are so many amazing local businesses that lend a hand whenever they can but Bing Lee Thornton has been collecting points for us to use as real money for years. We use these in-store dollars to purchase electrical products that we use as raffle prizes – all you have to do is mention Thornton Public School when you make a purchase and they do the rest.

Have a great weekend

Sharonne ☺

Munch n Eat News

Our new menu has gone out with previous newsletters. There have been some price changes to: Chicken burgers, Mac cheese, Spag bol, Lasagne, Hash Browns, Salads and Wraps, Juices and Milks, Custard.

Please check the menu for new prices. There are spare menus at the canteen.

If you are giving your Kinder student money to spend at the canteen, it might be an idea to have a look at the menu and talk about what they could buy with the amount of money you are giving them.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	10.3 – Andrea S, Dianne J
Tuesday	11.3 – Amanda G, Amy D (am)
Wednesday	12.3 – Jodie R
Thursday	13.3 – Heidi, Emma M (am)
Friday	14.3 – Allison, Ann, Deanne

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

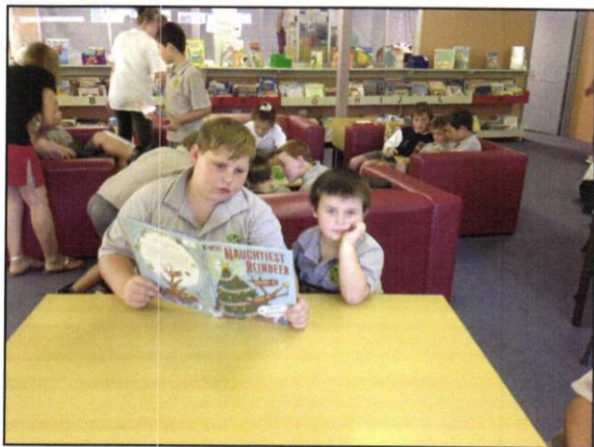
Class Report –

5/6S Reading with KS students at the school library.

Developing:

✚ Social skills Leadership Literacy Confidence





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