



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Get the Right Info

Building upon the parent information sessions held in week 3, the staff would like to offer parent information sessions on aspects of English, mathematics or student welfare.

The intention of the workshops will be to build parent understanding of how children are taught mathematics, reading, and writing, and on how the school's welfare practices work.

Depending on what parents are interested in hearing about, a number of mini workshops that parents move around will be set up in the library.

Baby-sitting will be provided and of course a cuppa available

It is hoped that parents will be able to use this information to better help their child with homework, reading, maths and general relationship skills.

To gather the information needed for these workshops to be organised, parents are asked to complete a survey by clicking on the link below or copying the link into your internet browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XS7FYJC>

Once the data has been reviewed, dates and times will be organised.

Thank you!

Photo of the Week



Antarctic Landscapes, 5WS

Notes that went home this week:

Dates for your Diary

Thursday March 13- Tuesday March 25
Life Education Van

Tuesday March 18
Athletics carnival

Wednesday March 19
Environment Meeting
School Council
Stage Two Assembly

Friday March 21
Special Assembly to open Frog Pond

Monday March 24
P & C AGM 7pm in SPR

Tuesday March 25
Year 2 to Newcastle Museum
Year 6 Cake Stall

Wednesday March 26
Year 1 to Newcastle Museum

Friday March 28
School Cross Country

Monday March 31
Prefects to Young Leaders Day

Thursday April 3
Zone Cross Country

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.

Run, Jump, Sprint and Throw

A few reminders about Tuesday's Carnival.

- All students will need to bring their own lunch. The canteen will be open but will only be selling confectionary and drinks.
- If parents have a spare shade shelter, can they please bring it on the day and be prepared to set it up and take it down. They will be erected over the area where the children will be sitting.
- Please, all students need to have their hats and be responsible for their own sun screen. The school will be distributing sun screen throughout the day.
- Students, bring plenty of water.
- Wear your house colours.
- **Have fun.**

Kindergarten Assembly

Kindy parents are notified that due to the Frog Pond Opening, their Week 8 (next week) assembly will be cancelled.

Interrelate

Beresfield Public School is running parent sessions on sex education, puberty and changes on Wednesday April 9 in their school hall. Information regarding this opportunity is included in this week's Thunder.

Possum Group

8:00 am, Thursday March 20 in the Rainbow Room. All welcome.

Did you notice?

A very brief summary of the newsletter will be printed for the remainder of the term and distributed on Friday. This will be a trial. Feedback will be sought early next term as to it's usefulness.

Barclay Rock Ensemble during Rehearsal



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge is well under way. A note has been sent home and please only return the note if you do not want your child to participate. I am keen to encourage participation and endeavour to offer a wide selection of the PRC books to borrowers.

PRC books have coloured stickers for each level:

Books for K – 2 have a **YELLOW** sticker on the front of each book and are located in the Junior Fiction section of the library.

Books for Year 3 – 4 have a **GREEN** sticker and books for Years 5 – 6 have a **PURPLE** sticker and are in the usual alphabetical place on the fiction and non-fiction shelves. Our advanced readers may like to read books for Years 7 – 9 which have a **BLUE** sticker on the front and spine label.

Students from K – 2 are doing the challenge with teachers in class and in the library. All books read will be recorded by library staff. Students from 3 – 6 are doing the task independently, in class and in the library. Even if students do not reach the required number of books to be read, it is a great challenge to participate in to encourage reading of quality books. Students will be taught to record their books online during library time.

Parents or guardians needing to know more about what the Challenge involves may like to view the 2014 Challenge website <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. For Windows 8 users an APP is also available for download.

Those students who successfully complete the Challenge at Thornton Public will receive a certificate from the Premier of NSW.

Developing Resilience

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child>

P & C News

And so begins my second last P & C blurb! I can hear the sighs of relief!!! I'll try not to be too offended lol.

Athletics Carnival

The forecast is currently teasing us with a perfect Autumn's day for our Primary Athletics Carnival so hopefully it will stay that way.

The P & C will be running (NOT a race hahaha) a little canteen with some drinks and snacks only – NO hot food.

Thanks so much to Thornton Little Athletics, Bero Bowling Club and amazing volunteers and teachers for training the students in readiness for a fun day of best efforts and great sportsmanship!

Annual General Meeting

Is happening on Monday 24 March at 7pm in the SPR. Just a reminder that you will need to be a financial member to vote (in person or absentee) for the new P & C Executive on that evening – it will be great to see some new faces mixed in with our regular smiles!

Have a great weekend

Sharonne ☺

Munch n Eat News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 17.3 – Gillian (am), Annette
Tuesday 18.3 – Lynne, Emma
Wednesday 19.3 – Meredith (am)
Thursday 20.3 – Linda F, Wuanita
Friday 21.3 – Bruce, Elaine, Salena (am)

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

Community News

Important Notice: Community Safety Project

Taekwondo Australia

100 Scholarships Available Now

Korean Art of Self Defence / Olympic Sport

Quality Training with Experienced 6th Dan Black Belt Master Instructor and
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Training Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm-7.30pm

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MAITLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

2014 REGISTRATIONS

Maitland Football welcomes you to the 2014 season
Contact Evelyn on 0432 945 237 before registering online
at

www.myfootballclub.com.au

All players not previously registered with Maitland
Football must bring a birth certificate

For further information please contact Evelyn
on 0432 945 237

Class Report – 4P

SNOW LEOPARDS

The Snow Leopard is the mascot for the Winter Olympics.

They have a soft grey coat. They are white on their belly, head and limbs. They are marked with solid black and brown spots and their body is covered with brown blotches.

Snow Leopards prefer steep cliffs and rocky areas in the winter and they move to meadow and rocky areas during the summer.

The Snow Leopard's prey include wild sheep (such as Blaral, the blue sheep), wild boar, gazelles, hares, markbor, tahr, marmonts mice and deer.

Between January and mid-March their cubs are born. They are pregnant for 3 - 3 1/2 months and 2 to 3 cubs are born.

People are killing them for their fur.

By Lily Fairhurst

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Snow Leopards are a mascot of the Sochi Winter Olympics.

Snow Leopards are medium sized cats with long spotted fur. They are part of the mammal family. Their fur keeps them warm during the winter.

Snow Leopards live in rugged mountains of Central Asia. They prefer steep cliffs and rocky outcrops. They live in the snow.

Snow Leopards hunt wild animals for example sheep, goats, rodents, hares and game birds. They creep up to their prey and then they stalk it. Snow Leopards can jump 6x their own height.

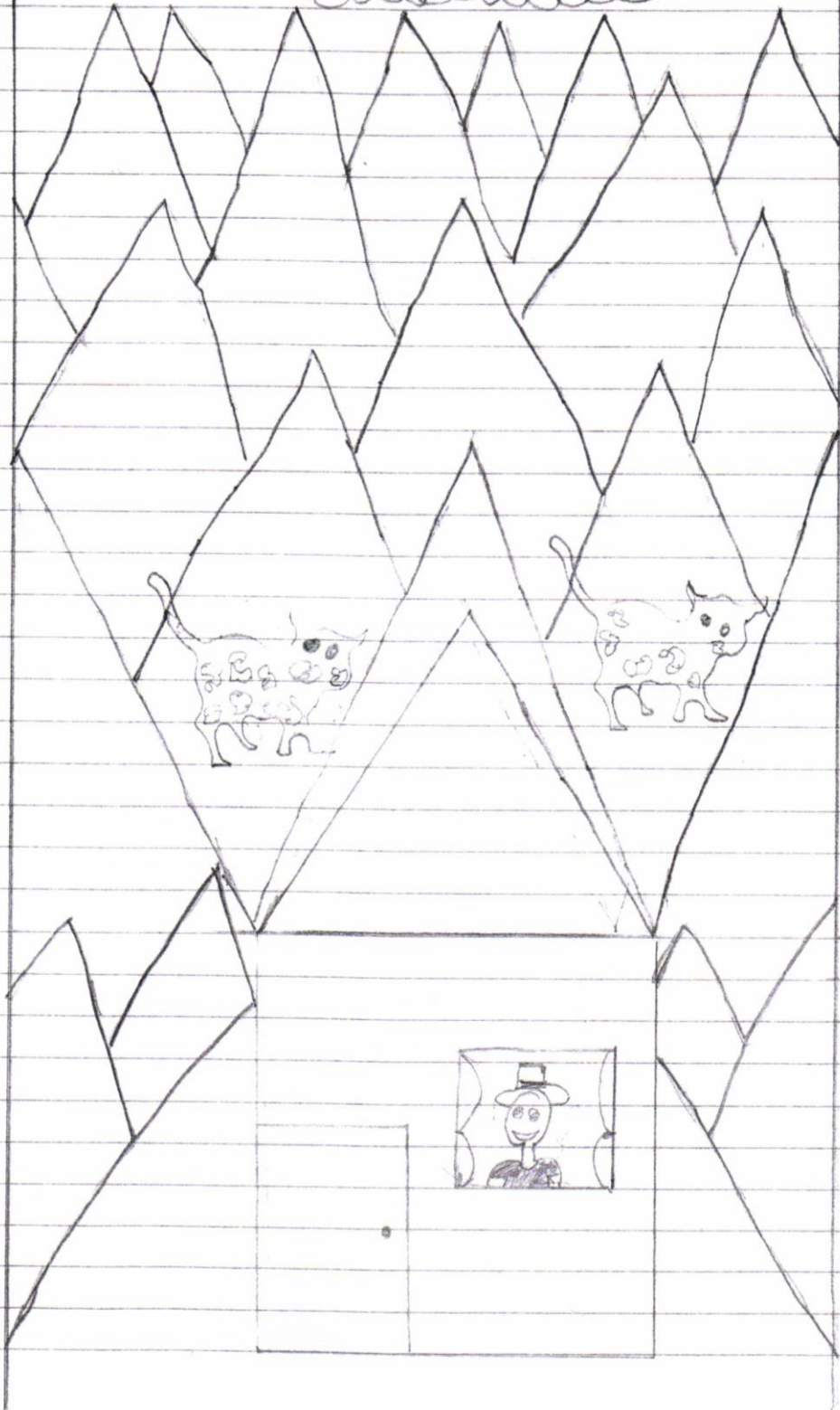
The normally move at dawn, They are rarely seen away from their habitat.

Wild Snow Leopards mating season is between January and March. The female and male will travel for a few days. On that trip the cubs will be born.

Snow Leopards are endangered because of their fur.

By Yolande Atkinson

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When kids ask "the" questions . . .



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Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . ***We know how to 'help break the ice'.*** Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1: "Where Did I Come From?"

1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: "Preparing for Puberty"

1 hour – Years 5 & 6

This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:

"The educator has a great way of putting things simply"

"Provided me with a solid foundation"

"Covered areas I hadn't thought of talking about"

"Entertaining and informative"

Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

FAMILY ADMISSION COST: 1 session \$25 per family • 2 sessions \$30 per family

Where: BERESFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Wednesday, 9th April 2014

Time: 6.00 pm SHARP ("Where Did I Come From?") 7:15 pm ("Preparing for Puberty")

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with student's name and class -----

A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family:

No. attending: **Session 1: "Where Did I Come From?"**

Session 2: "Preparing for Puberty"

Amount enclosed: \$ ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque (please make cheques payable to school)

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HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area.

These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately.

Product description	Price Incl. GST
Tattoo	\$0.50
Harold Sticky Note Pad	\$1.50
Harold 3D Keyring	\$3.00
Harold Activity Bag	\$3.00
Stationery Set	\$3.00

Product description	Price Incl. GST
Harold Wallet	\$4.00
Harold Calculator	\$5.00
Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00
Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support of the ideals of Life Education.

NB Harold Products are subject to availability



- ☐ I would like to donate _____ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.
- ☐ I would like more information on Life Education NSW

Name: _____ Phone (optional): _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email (optional) _____ Age: _____

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.