



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

Term 1, Week 8
No 8

21 March 2014

Harmony Day 2014

Harmony Day is managed by the Australian Government and coincides with The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect and is celebrated in schools and community groups across Australia.

As Australians, we come from many different countries around the world. From the Dream-time, to the Eureka Stockade, to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, from wartime to peace, we are a nation of diversity, strength and culture.

Over this week, the classes have been creating window displays that reflect their ideas on Harmony. These reflect class discussions and individual reflections.

On Friday, the students came together to celebrate Harmony Day by witnessing a game of soccer involving the teachers and students. The intention was to demonstrate the many skills and attitudes required for a harmonious sporting activity to occur.

Tolerance, cooperation, empathy and team work were demonstrated in an atmosphere of fun and competition.

Well done to everyone involved.

Photo of the Week

The Frog Pond Opening



Dates for your Diary

Thursday March 13- Tuesday March 25

Life Education Van

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

PSSA Tennis

Friday March 28

School Cross Country

Monday March 31

Prefects to Young Leaders Day

Thursday April 3

Zone Cross Country

Notes that went home this week:

Year 5 Camp Expression of Interest

Stage 2 Camp Expression of Interest

School Cross Country

Enrolment Information

Over the coming weeks, parents will be asked to check and confirm the information the school has on our computer system. It is particularly important that the areas of education and employment category are accurate as this information is used to determine the level of funding the school receives.

A more detailed explanation will be sent home with the current information.

Prompt completion and return of these forms would be appreciated.

Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report is now available on the school's website. Copies are also available in the school foyer.

Great Sports

Well done to our tennis team who won their round 1 PSSA knockout game on Wednesday.

The team play again next week. Good luck tennis stars.

Athletics Carnival Wrap Up

What a great day we had on Tuesday. Fine weather, enthusiastic students, supportive parents and a well organised program helped the day to be very successful.

A special thankyou to Derek Nowland for his assistance on the day. Much appreciated.



Congratulations to our wonderful Athletics Champions:

★ Junior Girl: Abbey Matthews

★ 11 Yr Girl: Teagan Douglas

★ Senior Girl: Sophie Sorensen

★ Junior Boy: Riley Blewett

★ 11 Yr Boy: Aidan Meskauskas

★ Senior Boy: Matthew Burton

Solution Focussed

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.

It is the class teacher who is the first port of call.

Run Like the Wind

A reminder that the school cross country will be held next Friday morning from 9:00am. If parents are available to help, that would be appreciated. Please contact the school or make contact on that morning.

Survey still Open

Have your say,

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

Sporting champions

Swimming and Athletics champions will be awarded with their medallions at Mondays assembly.

To all Frogs, We Are Open for Business

A wonderful frog pond opening was held on Friday. A special animated show reflected the many environmental programs running in the school, Mrs Karen Brown gave a great speech about how the Frog Pond was constructed and then all the children sang 'Garrumph Went the Little Green Frog' with great enthusiasm.



Note, due to mix up of dates, Mrs Robyn Parker did not attend.

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.

P & C News

Just a reminder that the P & C AGM meeting is on this Monday 24 March. 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 smilies!

Have a great weekend

Sharonne ☺

Munch n Eat News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	24.3 – Sandra, Di
Tuesday	25.3 – Rebecca, HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	26.3 – Mel, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	27.3 – Maree, Janene (am)
Friday	28.3 – Amanda, Kellie, Jill

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

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Quality Training with Experienced 6th Dan Black Belt Master Instructor and
Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Taekwondo Management Team Member.

Training Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm-7.30pm

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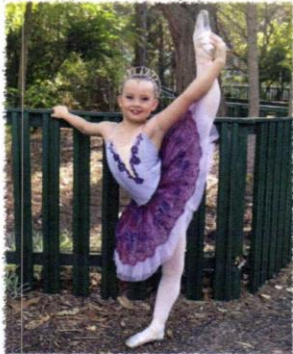
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INSTITUTE OF DANCE AUSTRALIA



Affordable Professional Training is Heading to Thornton!

Institute of Dance Australia is a Newcastle based dance school majoring in Classical and Contemporary dance and is extending their knowledge to the Thornton area. Classes will be held at the Thornton Public School Hall, offering classes in - Classical Ballet (RAD), and Drama! We are also looking to run adult Pilates classes, express your interest today!

Contact

0432 200 747

info@instituteofdanceaus.com

www.instituteofdanceaustralia.com

Limited places available for term two, contact us today to secure your child's position and opportunity to be apart of a quality dance program!

Maitland Tennis Centre

April 2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 22nd, 23rd, 24th April

(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (family Discounts Available)

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

Name (1)..... D.O.B.....

Name (2)..... D.O.B.....

Name (3)..... D.O.B.....

Address.....

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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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