



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Our Lizzies are Bronze!

Our Passport to Success program aims to reward and recognise students who are consistently showing our school expectations of being Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners.

Each fortnight, students who have displayed these expectations are awarded a maximum of 4 points. By achieving at least 14 points for the term, students became eligible for the first award, a Bronze Super Lizzie.

On Wednesday, students who had achieved the 14 points were awarded a Bronze Super Lizzie Certificate and a special Bronze Super Lizzie sticker to put into their Passport to Success. Over 94% of students achieved this milestone. What a great effort!

Today, the whole school came together for the Easter Parade. A wonderful parade was supported by many, many parents. All students participated in some way and the matching of primary and infants classes during the walk around added to the fun atmosphere.

Congratulations to our new P & C who worked tirelessly to run the Easter Raffle and of course all those who won prizes. There will be lots of chocolate in some households.

On another note, the staff of Thornton wish every Thornton family a safe and restful holiday break.

We look forward to seeing those bright eyes and smiling faces back with us next term!

Photo of the Week

Some of our runners at Zone Cross Country



Dates for your Diary

Monday April 28

School Development Day

Tuesday April 29

Students return

Friday May 9

Mother's Day Breakfast

School Resumes

Monday April 28 is a School Development Day. Students return to school on Tuesday April 29.

Mothers & Munchkins Breakfast

Mark the date in your diary for the Mothers & Munchkins Breakfast on Friday 9 May. Invitations will go home when school resumes.

Students will complete a portrait of their mother, or significant female before the breakfast.

These will be displayed for sale at the Breakfast for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds will go to the Pink Ribbon Foundation.

NAPLAN Dates

Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 are notified that the NAPLAN tests will be held between Tuesday May 13 and Thursday May 15, 2014.

Students participating have been notified.

Apologies about the incorrect dates in last week's Thunder.

ANZAC Day

If any parents are interested in experiencing ANZAC Day at Beresfield Cenotaph, keep in mind that the school prefects and interested students attend the service on ANZAC Day.

Meet at the Cenotaph at 5:15am.

Year 5 Opportunity Class

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) may apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form.

Application packages will be available in schools from 28 April 2014.

Tadpoles are Hatching

The tadpoles playgroup for students enrolling at Thornton in 2015 will be starting on Wednesday May 7 and run for 8 weeks.

For further information or to book a place, contact the school.

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common-sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk>

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn't found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult : <http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0>

Sports Success

Congratulations to sports superstars

Regional Soccer team

- ★ *Matthew Burton*
- ★ *Teagan Douglas*
- ★ *Sophie Sorensen*

Regional Cross Country

- ★ *Matthew Burton*
- ★ *Teagan Douglas*
- ★ *Riley Blewett*



Munch n Eat News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Tuesday 29.4 – Janene L (am)
Wednesday 30.4 – Elaine, Jan J
Thursday 1.5 – Kerry B
Friday 2.5 – Toni S, Kylie M

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

P & C News

Hi I'm Gillian Cleary the new P & C President for 2014 and I have a son in KM. On our first Thursday back (1 May) we will be having a Mothers Day wrapping day. For this to happen we need volunteers to help so come along to the SPR from 9am if you are available and help make our gifts pretty.

We now have a Committee but we still need a Vice Secretary. If you are interested please contact the school.

Our next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday 29 April (due to Monday being a pupil free day).

I would like to thank the past P & C for all their help with the transition for me and the parent volunteers who have helped get the Easter raffle prizes organized.

Have a great and safe holiday

Cheers

Gillian xxx

Class Report - KM





By Xayviah

By Balan



Community News

KIDS DISCO DANCE PARTY

Monday 14th April 2014 – Rainbow Room

Show Time 10.30am-12.30pm

Tickets only \$5

(Every Child will receive one free drink and lolly at the Disco)

Includes 2 hours of fun with dancing and games and prizes to give away.

All children 0 - 12 years of age (under 12 months free)

Tickets available now - on sale at Reception



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THORNTON TADPOLES PLAYGROUP

Term 2 Enrolment

As part of our Kinder Orientation Program we have established a playgroup within our school. Playgroup will begin week 2 of term 2 (7/5/14) and conclude in week 8 (18/6/14). Playgroup will be Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for both parents and children to become orientated into the school community. Play based, developmentally appropriate activities will be provided in a safe and stimulating environment supported by a parent/friend. Experiences will be planned to develop a range of skills.

Tadpoles will operate during Terms 2 and 3. Playgroup places are limited. If numbers exceed the places available sessions will be reduced to a minimum five week program per family.

Criteria for Tadpoles Playgroup

- * The child is intending to enrol in 2015 Kindergarten at Thornton Public School.
- * The child will be accompanied at Tadpoles by a parent or nominated person. Please note that the nominated person must have a letter signed by the parent.
- * The parent/carer is involved in the activities on the day with their child.
- * The parent/carer assists in the setting up and packing up on the day.

Parents of children who fit these criteria and who would like their child to participate in Tadpoles may call and place their child's name on the Tadpoles list with the staff at the school office.

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Thank you.

