



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Big School many Opportunities

The school's Key Statement, *Big School, Many Opportunities* is certainly apparent around the school at the moment. Auditions for the musical, *Kids in Space*, are currently underway and many students are trying to be cast as one of the leads. Classes are also learning the words and the choreography for the songs they will be performing.

The netball team, rugby league team, boys soccer, girls soccer and basketball teams are all busy training for their respective games and gala days.

Thornton currently has a senior dance group and a junior dance group who rehearse at lunch times. A boys hip hop groups will also be starting up soon.

Debating season will soon be with us and Ms Foster will be getting a chess group and a Tournament of Minds group running shortly.

Starstruck dance and Starstruck choir are also rehearsing, getting ready for the upcoming show. All in all, Thornton school offers many opportunities because it is a big school. Having such a talented team of teachers, all working for the benefit of our students, really helps to make our school the great place that is.

Thornton School
Learning, Caring Opportunities

Photo of the Week

Rock On!



Notes that went home this week:
Thompsons Pie Drive
Entertainment Books

Dates from the Planner

Week 4, 5 & 6

Mr Millburn Study Leave

Tuesday 20 May

Cake Stall - Year 1 to supply cakes

Knights Senior Knockout

Wednesday 21 May

Tadpoles

School Disco (*note change of day*)

Thursday 23 May

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket

Netball Gala day

Monday 26 May

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 28 May

Tadpoles

School Council

Wednesday 4 June

Visiting Show.

How APPY are we?

Thornton now has an APP that can be downloaded for Iphones and Android phones.

Search Thornton Public School

Username *community*

Password *thorntonps*

So far, there has been a lot of positive feedback. Any suggestions or comments, please make them.

Well Done Everyone!

Selling the Mother's day Portraits raised \$543:00 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

What a great contribution!

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

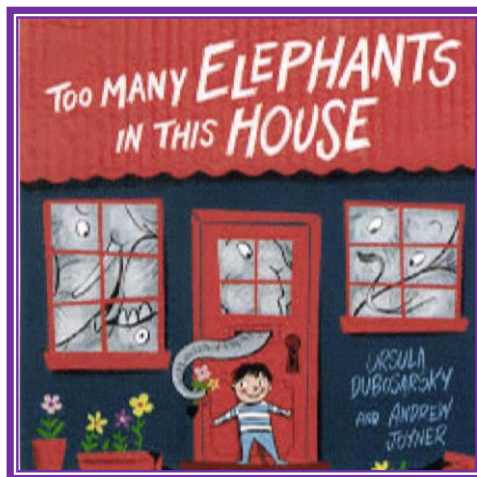
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Library News

On 21 May at 11am thousands of Australian students all across the country will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. This event aims to promote literacy amongst children and expose them to the magic and excitement of reading. Our school will be participating on this day and all classes will read 'Too Many Elephants in this House' by Ursula Dubosarky.



P & C News

Entertainment Books

If you received an Entertainment Book and you are NOT interested please just return to book to the school office or your child's teacher by Monday 19 May. Any family wishing to keep their book please return payment to the office or pay online with pickup as the option. If you need to order more books please contact me from the form inside the book.

This is the way the Entertainment Book people said to do this distribution and we thought we would give it a try. Please don't feel you have to purchase the book. The books run from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and will be able to be purchased from the canteen from Tuesday, so don't feel you have to purchase it straight away if you are interested.

Pie Orders

Orders and money are due back today. All orders will be collected on Monday morning so any last minute orders need to at the office before 9am on Monday morning.

Bus Trip

We need names and deposits by Friday 30 May.

Wishing everyone a great week.

Gill xxx

Munch n Eat News

Hot Dog Days

An order form is going home for a Hot Dog day.

Kinder and Year 1 will be on Tuesday 27 May, Year 2 and 3 (including 1/2C and 3/4C) on Wednesday 28 May and Years 4, 5, and 6 on Thursday 29 May.

All orders need to be back to the canteen complete with payment by Wednesday 21 May (this coming Wednesday). First 90 orders only for each stage/day.

The hot dog comes in a meal deal with any drink for \$4.60. Please state which sauce and drink you would like. Copies of the order forms will be in the canteen if anyone needs one.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	19.5 – Sandra, Dianne
Tuesday	20.5 – Rebecca, Penny
Wednesday	21.5 – Mel, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	22.5 – Maree
Friday	23.5 – Amanda, Kellie, Jill

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – KS

It has been exciting and interesting for KS to watch the earth moving equipment working under the big shelter.

Look what the children have written:

I am watching the truck.

Helena

The digger is digging up the concrete.

Lucas

My truck is going to the dump.

Zander

My truck is in the playground.

Dyon

The digger is in the playground.

Jiahna

The truck is leaving.

Olivia

Here is the digger.

Blake L

This is a truck.

Aymon

The truck is in the playground.

Sabilla

This is a digger.

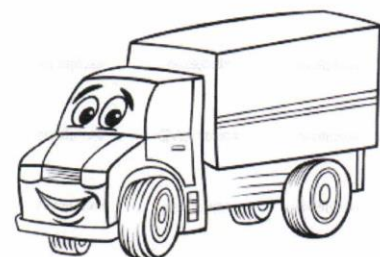
Nate

This is a truck.

Timothy

The digger is digging up the playground.

Alice



This is a digger.

Connor

The digger put the concrete in the truck.

Makayla

This is a truck.

Blake S

I am watching the digger.

Scarlett

The digger is in the playground.

JD



Community News



Proud Sponsors of the Barclay Rock Ensemble

On behalf of everybody at Barclay Property we hope you have had an enjoyable break and have a great start to term 2.

I recently spoke with your Principal, Mr Millburn and he was very positive about the progress that the Barclay Rock Ensemble has made. It was great seeing the ensemble perform at the Mother's Day Breakfast and catch up with some of you there. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of nurturing every child's talents whether it be academic, musical or on the sporting field. Personally, my 3 year old son loves to bang on anything that closely resembles a drum so it looks like we will have a loud household in the years to come.

On the property side of things, we have the opportunity to speak with so many homeowners and prospective buyers on a daily basis. The number one question we seem to hear is "How is the property market really going?" Naturally, our response is always upbeat however as they say, the numbers don't lie.

In the 6 months up to the end of March 2014 there were 50 residential property sales in Thornton with an average sale price of \$386,565. The highest price achieved was \$735,000. This represented a 1.6% fall in the average sale price from the previous 6 months which is better than the approximate 3% dip in property values across the Maitland LGA. In Thornton we continue to see strong buyer demand from first home buyers, investors and young families and the 9% surge in property sales between \$300,000 and \$400,000 reflects this.

Until next time...

Craig Rolls

Barclay Property

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COME JOIN THE ADVENTURE AT
2ND THORNTON SCOUT GROUP
 GOVERNMENT ROAD, THORNTON
 (just off the Taylor Avenue intersection)

Section	Age	Meeting Time
Joeys	6-8 Years	Tuesday 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Cubs	7.5 – 11 Years	Thursday 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Scouts	10.5 – 15 Years	Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
Try it out – first two sessions for newcomers are free!!!

For more information please contact:
 Kylie McClelland (Group Leader) on 0499 159 045



Annual Shopping Trip

It's on again. The sacrifices we do, as Mum's, to raise money for our school & kids.

DATE: 18th & 19th October

COST: \$250 P/P

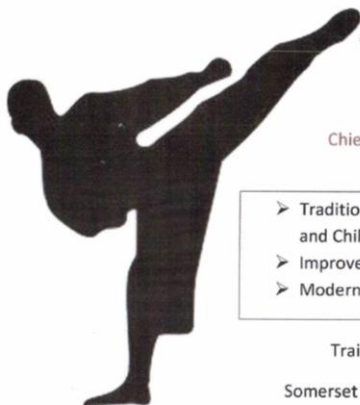
Deposit of \$50 to confirm seat to be paid by 30th May.

Final payment of \$200 to be paid by 23rd August.

Payments can be made at canteen or direct deposit into P&C Account.

Contact Ann for details or more information.

Ann-Mob: 0431265727



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