



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Providing the Best Opportunities!

What really goes on behind the gates at Thornton Public School?

I thought I would take this opportunity to let our community know of all of the wonderful and proactive activities the staff and Thornton Public School provide for the students.

At lunch time, we have Creative Group Time where students can freely go and participate in a number of activities that are indoors. These activities include playing board games, lego, colouring in, dancing and trains. The computer lab is open for our tech savvy students exploring the cyber world. There is also the manipulative play room in the Connected Classroom where students can use construction materials, play with dolls and puppets, build cars and trucks and play Uno. Rainbow Activities is a small group sport based program where one teacher takes 15 to 20 students that want to have a game of soccer or touch football in a different part of the playground with some friends for fun. We also have our teachers' aides providing activities on the basketball courts, oval and upper playground.

In the afternoon tea break, teachers are constantly training sporting teams. At the moment we have soccer, touch football, rugby league, netball and cricket, all training for up and coming competitions which involve well over 100 pupils. Our wonderful teachers' aides also organise games and activities in these break times and the library is also open for reading books, playing chess and draughts or for using the computers.

All of these proactive activities are established to provide the students of the school with opportunities to grow and develop, but most importantly to expose them to a large variety of experiences. So, if you have a child that says they have nothing to do in the break times at school, suggest some of these activities to stimulate their minds.

Photo of the Week

National Simultaneous Storytime



Dates from the Planner

Week 4, 5 & 6

Mr Millburn Study Leave

Monday 26 May

Pie Drive orders to be collected

P & C meeting at 7pm in the SPR

Tuesday 27 May

Soccer Gala day

Hot dog day – Kinder and Year 1

Wednesday 28 May

Hot dog day – Years 2, 3, 1/2C and 3/4C

Tadpoles

School Council Meeting

Thursday 29 May

Junior Knights Knockout

Hot dog day – Years 4, 5, 6

Wednesday 4 June

Visiting performance – Kinder to Year 6

Notes that went home this week:

Kinder Zoo Excursion

Year 6 Canberra packing list

Maitland Council Environmental Youth Forum

Brock, Corey Ms Osborn and Mrs Brown went to Maitland Walka Water Works for the Environmental Youth Forum on 15 May. It was a wonderful day out with the sun shining in the sky. There were many exhibits which included fire and what it does to nature, about what animals do with our rubbish and how it affects them. There were also hands-on activities such as tree planting. There were animals there including bearded dragons, snakes, blue tongue lizards, bush cockroaches, stick insects and turtles. There was a wetlands exhibit where we learnt about water quality. We learnt that fire can actually make plants grow, that our rubbish can cause serious problems for animals and how to plant plants properly. We all had a very good day learning about our environment.



School Musical

Next term we will be presenting our School Musical. The musical has a space theme and below are some costume requirements:

Kinder – long black trackpants and choose own pirate shirt

Stage 1 – black tights/pants, bright/fluro top (no prints)

Stage 2 – dark pants, white shirts (no prints)

Stage 3 – long black pants and long plain black shirt (no prints)

If there are any parents interested in helping with painting backdrops and/or are able to use a jigsaw please contact the office or see Mrs Burgin or Miss Varley.

Hunter Creative Arts Camp

Nominations are now open for the 2014 Creative Arts Camp to be held at Myuna Bay Sport and Rec Camp from Monday 1 September till Friday 5 September.

Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter.

After School Talk

Do you dread that after school talk?

As a parent, we want to know of all of the great things that our child did at school that day. How was your day? What did you get up to today? Did you learn anything? Often we ask these questions only to hear a response like, “nothing”, “dunno”, “um...I forget”.

Here are some tips to start that conversation:

1. Focus on just one part of the school with a more direct question. What was your favourite item in your lunch box? Who is the friendliest person in your class? Did your teacher do anything funny today? What was one kind thing you did today?

These questions are direct and only need a short response.

2. Start by telling them about what you did in your day. Outline all of the things you did briefly, focussing on the things that will interest them and then say, “That’s what I did today, what did you do”?

This strategy gives students a model of how to respond to your question.

3. If none of these work I would suggest greeting them with a big smile and simply focus on the things that you are going to be doing that afternoon. “What a great day, are you ready for the skate park”? “Hi darling lets race home and get ready for football training, (or dance, soccer, netball etc).

It is always great to be upbeat and happy so that this experience is a positive one for both you and your child!!

P & C News

Entertainment Books

Any unwanted Entertainment books need to be returned ASAP to the office and thank you to those who have returned theirs.

Thompsons Pie Drive

Pie orders have been placed and thank you to all the families who helped with this fundraiser. Pies will be ready for pick up on Monday 26 May from 12pm till 3.30pm in the SPR. All orders need to be collected by 3.30pm. If anyone is able to help on Monday morning with packing that would be fantastic so just come along to the SPR.

Annual Shopping Trip

Our Annual Shopping Trip is going ahead on the weekend of 18 – 19 October. This is an overnight trip. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting is on this coming Monday 26 May at 7pm in the SPR. All welcome.

Thank you to all the families that have helped us so far with the fundraisers!

Wishing everyone a great week.

Gill xxx

Munch n Eat News

Hot Dog Days

Please remember that the Hot Dog orders will go out on the following days:

Kindergarten and Year 1 (NOT including 1/2C).....**is on Tuesday 27 May**

1/2C, Year 2, Year 3 and 3/4C.....**is on Wednesday 28 May**

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.....**is on Thursday 29 May**

If anyone would like to come into the canteen to help out with the Hot Dog Day orders please just come and see us or you can just turn up on the day. All help is appreciated. Help would be needed between 10am and 11am.

We now sell Chill Iced Tea in the canteen in Peach and Raspberry flavours at a cost of \$1.60 each.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	26.5 – Leanne F, Gillian C (am)
Tuesday	27.5 – Tanya H, Janene L (am) - HOT DOG DAY Kinder and Year 1
Wednesday	28.5 – Elaine, Jan – HOT DOG DAY Year 2, 3, 1/2C and 3/4C
Thursday	29.5 – Kerrie B – HOT DOG DAY Years 4, 5 and 6
Friday	30.5 – Kylie M, HELP NEEDED

Thank you to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Community News

Sunday 8th June 2014
10am ~ 2pm
Railway Sheds Newcastle Foreshore

Family Fun Day

sids and kids red nose day
HUNTER REGION
An event to raise funds and awareness for SIDS and Kids Hunter Region.

Entertainment by Ruby the Clown
Come and meet Carly & Tresne from MKR

Magician
Airbrush Tattoos
Reptile Display
Face Painting
Craft Corner
Sausage Sizzle

Free Entry

SIDS and Kids Hunter Region is a not-for-profit organisation which provides ongoing bereavement support for those in the Hunter Region affected by the death of a baby or child during pregnancy, birth, infancy or childhood; for example: Miscarriage, Stillbirths, Neonatal deaths, SIDS, Accidents, Illnesses and Drowning.

For More Info Call 02 4969 3171

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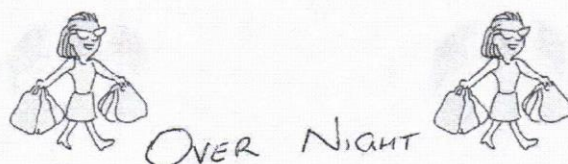
6pm — 7.15pm

TUESDAY & THURSDAY *

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about our special offer to help you get started.

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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 Gill for details or more information.

Gill's Mobile: 0400832415

*Our experiences may be different but our
struggles are the same.*

'It's all about Relationships'

A Learning Opportunity for ALL

"Trust yourself - Create the kind of self that you will be happy living with all
your life" (Golda Meir)

Where: Woodberry Learning Centre

When: Each Thursday from 24 July ~ 11 Sept. 2014

Time: 10am ~ 12noon and 6pm ~ 8pm

(Participants can choose the workshop that best suits their schedule)

Cost: Nil

Enquiries: Phone 4964 1473 or email: woodbrylc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Presenter: Maureen Sansom with special guest Nancy Snow

Learn a clear simple & practical model to understand yourself & others

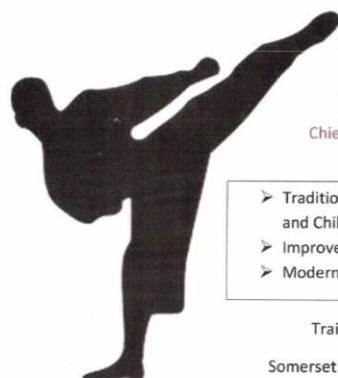
Learn how to access & connect to the real person behind the mask

People love to talk, communicate, discuss, write, approach others and share experiences and opinions.
Whatever they do to contact others, they have a desire to connect mostly because of their need to be loved,
to give love and belong. We achieve this through relationships with other people and also ourselves.
Relationships teach us how to love and be open to the love from others.



About the Presenter: Maureen Sansom - Adv. Cert. in the Clinical Practice of Reality Therapy.

Maureen is employed in a specialist educational setting for students with behavioural disorders and has had extensive training in the internal control psychology Choice Theory and Reality Therapy.
Maureen asks: "What would the world be like if all human beings practiced unconditional love and acceptance in their relationships?"



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Hunter Creative Arts Camp

Nominations are now open for the Hunter Creative Arts Camp – “Africa”

Nominations are now open for the 2014 CREATIVE ARTS CAMP to be held at Myuna Bay Sport & Rec Camp from Monday 1 September – Friday 5 September

The camp is aimed at students in years 5 & 6 with a passion for and exceptional abilities in music, art, dance or drama. This week long intensive camp provides students with access to industry professionals in their area of expertise. Students are exposed to the Secondary Syllabus in their art form, as well as learning to be responsible, resourceful and creating a sense of team as they work towards an end of camp performance for parents.

Theme: The theme for the Creative Arts Camp this year is “Africa” Activities and the end of camp performance will be based around this theme.

Accommodation: Students will be accommodated in modern and comfortable lodges that accommodate 4 to 6 students in each room. Each room has an ensuite. Lodges have heating, air conditioning, common rooms with TV and video.

Staff members are allocated to each lodge for supervision.

Meals: All meals are prepared on site by qualified catering staff in commercial kitchens. Care is taken to ensure food is tasty, nutritious and plentiful.

Activities: Students will undertake activities in their chosen art form as well as an activity in each of the other art forms. Creative arts activities are conducted from 8.30am – 4pm. Each evening after dinner students participate in activities led by Sport & Rec staff including a disco on Thursday night, indoor games and trivia competitions.

T Shirt: As part of the camp fee each student will receive a 2014 camp T shirt. This will be distributed at the camp and worn at the final presentation.

Cost: The cost of the camp is \$420. This includes all meals, accommodation, activities, supervision of students and a camp t-shirt.

The Nomination process: Staff may nominate a maximum of 15 students per school. All nominations must be online at <http://s.zoomerang.com/s/capacamp14teacher>

Parents must also complete a nomination form which can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/capacamp14>

When nominating; students, teachers and parents should be aware of the following:

- Please remember this is a program for Gifted and Talented students.
- In our experience, children who have behaviour problems in their school do not benefit from this camp as a certain level of self-discipline is required.
- The camp is residential. Students who are not used to staying away from home for extended periods should not apply.
- Due to the intensity of the program it is not possible to allow students to phone home.
- Mobile phones are not permitted at the camp as this will cause disruption to the program.
- Applying students should demonstrate self confidence and independence.

Students will not be considered unless both a staff nomination and a parent nomination have been completed.

Nominations close Friday 30 May 2014. No late nominations will be considered.

Do not send any money at this stage.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

- At the end of term 2 Students will be advised by email if their application was successful. They will be sent an offer to participate in the 2014 Creative Arts Camp. This will occur during the last week of this term
- On acceptance, students will be sent all details regarding the camp – what to bring, medical forms etc
- Students accepting to participate in the camp will then be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$200 to secure their camp position. (This will be required by 11th July)
- The balance of the camp payment (\$220) will be required by 1st August 2014

For further enquiries please email the camp coordinator, Karen Birrell Arts Coordination Officer karen.birrell@det.nsw.edu.au