

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Lets Get Pro-Active On Bullying

Thornton Public School is currently looking at the impact bullying plays in our school. We have recently conducted a bullying survey with the students to see if they have in fact been bullied, know of any bullying and if there is bullying, where it occurs. Whilst we are going through this process, which does occur annually, we thought it was important to clarify with parents and hopefully with students, what bullying is and what you can do about it!

Bullying: What is it?

Bullying is a pattern of repeated verbal, psychological or social aggression, that is directed towards a specific student by someone with more power and is intended to cause harm, distress and/or create fear.

What to do if someone is bullying you:

Tell someone you trust about it. If it is easier for you, write that person a note instead!! (People you might want to tell are: parents, teachers, the principal, playground safeties, or older friends).

If the person you told cannot help you or does not do anything, find someone else! Never keep being bullied a secret!

Try not to let the bully see you are upset. (Bullies are looking for signs that you are upset and they may do it more).

Avoid areas where the bully feels comfortable picking on you (for example, places where teachers cannot see you - such as corners of the playground, lonely corridors, and behind large furniture in the classroom).

Try to surround yourself with friends and people who will stand up for you.

I would encourage any parents to contact their child's teacher if they have any questions or concerns around bullying. The teachers spend the most time with the students at school and have a very strong understanding of your child.

At Thornton Public School we are **Respectful, Safe, Responsible, Learners**.

Photo of the Week

Our Debating Team



Dates from the Planner

Tuesday 10 June

Cake stall – Year 5 to supply cakes

Friday 13 June

Kinder excursion to Taronga Zoo

Monday 16 June

P & C meeting at 7pm in SPR

Wednesday 18 June

Aboriginal Cultural Day

Tuesday 24 June – Friday 27 June

Year 6 to Canberra

The Importance of Reading to Your Child

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions. You can help your child in reading when you:

- show your child that you value reading by reading whenever you can
- provide a variety of texts for your child to read to you, eg stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines, children's recipe books
- point out words on street signs, packets and labels
- encourage your child to predict what a book is about from the cover and illustrations
- re-read favorite books
- talk about the different purposes for reading a picture book, a novel, a TV guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopedia
- point out the different size and shape of words
- point out the first sound of a word and encourage your child to think of other words that begin with the same sound
- encourage your child to read books for enjoyment as well as for information
- praise your child when they are reading, eg 'well done - that was a difficult word'
- encourage a positive attitude to books
- encourage your child to talk about characters and events in texts
- encourage your child to make sound effects for the characters and events
- ask your child to think of possible beginnings and endings for stories read and heard
- praise your child when they are reading
- 'sound out' difficult words and/or give clues to the meaning of difficult words
- encourage your child to have a go at reading words that are unfamiliar
- ask your child to read on past the unknown word to gain clues from the rest of the sentence
- show your child how to find the meanings of unfamiliar words in dictionaries
- encourage your child to watch films and videos of books they have read
- talk about the ways in which a film version of a book compares with the print version
- encourage your child to borrow books from the library.

These are just a few tips to promote a healthy child/parent reading relationship. For any more ideas or specific tips for your child, please see your child's classroom teacher.

School Council AGM

Our Annual General Meeting for School Council will be held on Wednesday 25 June 2014 in the Staff Room at 3.15pm.

All positions will become vacant.

School council consists of a President, Secretary, the Principal, two staff representatives, two community representatives, P & C President and two parent representatives.

The Council meets eight times a year (being twice a term) and discussions are held with regard to all school policies (where they are reviewed and updated), school financials which the Principal has at every meeting for discussions. The meetings are held in conjunction with the P & C and Communications Team. We meet to also review the Annual School Report.

The School Council has been involved in seeking partnership from Beresfield Bowling Club, Hexham Bowling Club and Barclay Property who have all made a big difference to our School by supporting us with Sporting Programs, Tadpoles and the Barclay Rock Ensemble.

It is also a chance to have your say for any problems around the school for example, getting proper lighting over our pedestrian crossings as well as footpaths repaired by Maitland City Council.

Should there be any interest in these positions please contact the school for more details.

Munch n Eat News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 9.6 – LONG WEEKEND
Tuesday 10.6 – Lynne
Wednesday 11.6 – Meredith (am), Jan
Thursday 12.6 – Linda, Wuanita
Friday 13.6 – HELP NEEDED, Bruce, Sreta, Salena (am)

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

Community News

Maitland Tennis Centre

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(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre
Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland
Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day
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Standard: Beginner to intermediate

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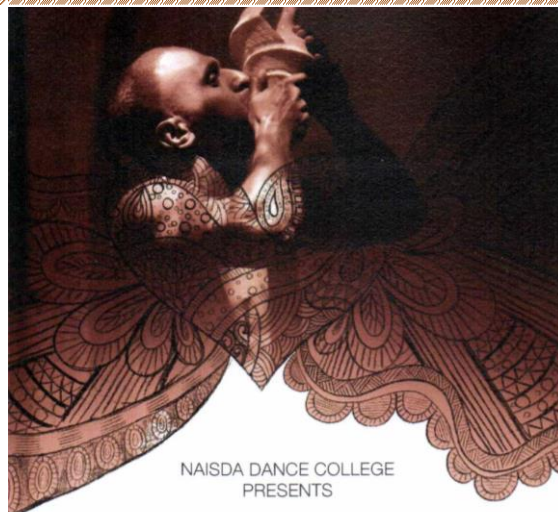


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NAISDA DANCE COLLEGE
PRESENTS

MUD MAP

DIRECTED BY AKU KADOGO

As we near NAISDA's 40th Anniversary, we reflect and celebrate the diversity that is NAISDA. *Mud Map* celebrates our Developing Artists ancestry and culture and the path they each have travelled to be here together at NAISDA. It celebrates the sharing of stories and experiences, their inspirations and bonds that form as their lives entwine in the craft of dance.

DATES/TIMES

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE	6.30PM
THURSDAY 26 JUNE	6.30PM
FRIDAY 27 JUNE	6.30PM

Each performance runs for approximately one hour.

COST

Gold coin donations will be accepted for entry.

VENUE

NAISDA DANCE COLLEGE
BUILDING 32
MT PENANG PARKLANDS, KARIONG

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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

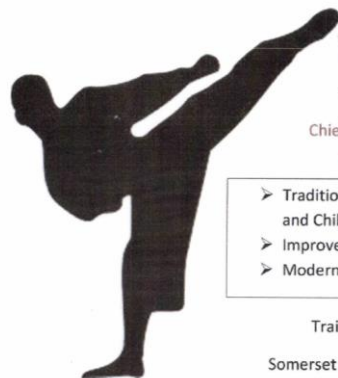
Learn how to access & connect to the real person behind the mask

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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