



# THORNTON THUNDER

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

**Term 3, Week 1**  
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## **A warm welcome to all Thornton families**

Term three is upon us and by all accounts it is shaping up to be the best yet. We will kick the term off with the *Teacher Tips for Busy Parents* workshops next Tuesday evening. These workshops will look at **Bullying No Way**, and how parents can help their children in **Reading** and **Mathematics**. The following week, Education Week will be upon us with an excellent program of music, drama and open classrooms. We wish our sporting teams every success as they compete in the many PSSA knockouts competitions this term and a special good luck to those competing at Zone Athletics. Remember to come along to the Trivia Night on the 1<sup>st</sup> August as well.

We have Musica Viva visiting in week 4, a school disco in week 6 and year five off to the Great Aussie bush camp in week 7.

At yesterday's Musical Committee meeting, the enthusiasm of the team was bubbling out of the room as the many jobs, ideas, organisational needs, special requirements, timetabling problems, ticketing plans etc etc were discussed.

This will be a brilliant experience for our students and a great show for our community.

So welcome to term three, it really will be the best yet!

## **Photo of the Week**

*The Year 6 debate*



## **Dates from the Planner**

**Tuesday 22 July**

Teacher Tips for Busy Parents

**Wednesday 23 July**

Basketball Gala day

Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting

**Thursday 24 July**

Canteen Meeting

**Wednesday 30 July**

Education Week Reception

**Thursday 31 July**

Education Week Thornton Open Day

## Get Appy

We have around 250 downloads of the school APP. It would be great to have every family with the App on their smart phone. It is a very effective way to communicate dates, messages and the newsletter.

Remember

User name      community

Password      thorntonps

Let's see if we can have 100% of families using it.

## Teacher Tips for Busy Parents

Next Tuesday from 5:00pm *Teacher Tips for Busy Parents* will be run in the school library and adjoining classrooms.

The evening will begin with a key note on Bullying No Way. The schools approach to bullying will be discussed and many proactive measures presented.

Parents will then be able to select workshops on

- Early literacy and numeracy ( K-2)
- Primary reading and mathematics (3-6)

Each of the workshops will be repeated so parents can go to both Literacy and Maths or choose one from the K-2 group or one from the 3-6 group.

A number of teachers are offering their expertise for these workshops so come along and get those *Teacher Tips for Busy Parents*.

5:00- 5:30    Bullying No Way

5:30- 6:00    Workshops session 1

6:00-6:30    Workshops session 2

Child minding provided in the SPR.

## Kids in Space Update

A comprehensive information note will be sent home next week outlining costuming requirements, ticketing information, Gold and Green Team classes and show times.

On August 7, a Kids in Space Mufti Day will be held to raise money for costumes and props. Keep an eye out for some space gear to wear on that day.

## Education Week Open Day

The Education Week Open Day will be as follows,

9:00 -9:45    Music And Drama performances.    MAD Morning

Items to include,

- Barclay Band
- Stage One choir
- Stage Two Choir
- Stage three Choir
- Harmony Choir
- Junior Dance Group
- Senior Dance Group.

10:00- 11:00

Open Classrooms

11:00-11:40

Please stay and have a picnic lunch with your child.

Congratulations to our Gateway Learning Community Education week Award Winners

Excellence in Student Achievement

Levi Clarke

Excellence in Teaching

Caroline Foster

Excellent service by a Non-Teaching Staff Member

Kevin Swalwell

Outstanding contribution by a community member

Renae Hartigan and Kim Kircher

Outstanding School Program

Barclay Rock Ensemble

The recipients of these awards will be recognised at the Gateway Learning Community Education Week Reception to be held at Thornton School on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 6:00pm.

### **Taking Care of Kids**

Parents are advised that if their child is on crutches, wearing a sling or in plaster, they will not be allowed on to the playing fields. They can still play in the other areas of the school. This is to discourage running games and the subsequent possibility of further injuring themselves.

### **Lowes School Online**

As part of their ongoing service to our school Lowes are pleased to announce our school is now online! This means we have a direct link on our website for parents to be able to purchase our school uniforms at their convenience. The same great service is still available in store, Lowes have just made it even easier for parents. It will also make it easier for new enrolments to view our uniform. There are great incentives for parents when they sign up.

The link to our school uniform order page is:

<http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=248>



## **Debating Success**

A huge well done to our two debating teams who competed on Tuesday against Minmi. Both teams performed very well and while the year 6 team were narrowly defeated, the year 5 team had a win. Congratulations to all involved and to Mrs Wilson Sevens who coordinates and coaches the team.

## **A Busy Sporting week next week**

Next week, we will see the boys and girls touch football teams playing, the boys and girls soccer team playing and the boys and girls basketball teams playing.

GOOD LUCK!!!

## **Assemblies Term 3**

Due to the musical, there will be no stage assemblies during term 3.

## **Stage 2 Public Speaking**

Stage 2 will be holding their Stage finals of Public Speaking next Monday 21 July at 9.30am immediately after our morning assembly.

All classes will have representatives and we have to select 2 students to represent our school in Week 4 at Nulkabar.

## **Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Last term Year 6 went on an educational tour of our National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding for students under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward those costs. This contribution will be paid directly to our school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australia Government for their support of this program.

We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students

## **Library News**

We have a busy term planned for the library this term. Students in all stages will focus on the book week theme 'Connect to Reading'. Here they will look at various texts nominated for the Children's Book Council Awards and complete activities in connection with this. Find out more by checking the library blog. The link is <http://thorntonps.edublogs.org> password: thornton

Important dates to remember:

- 📅 28 July to 31 July – our annual Book Fair will be held in the library. Brochures will be sent home next week.
- 📅 22 August – the final day to log Premier Reading Challenge (PRC) books. K – 2 this will be done for you at school. Students in Years 3 – 6 will need to log their own reading challenge books. They have been shown how to do this. They log onto the PRC website, enter their school username and password and enter the PRC number of the book. Any students having difficulty may come into the library at afternoon tea for help. More information can be found at the PRC website:  
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

## **P & C News**

### *Canteen Bench*

The P & C are proud to announce the new bench in the canteen that was built in the holidays. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to:

- ★ Scott from Newcastle Trade Kitchens – 26 Kinta Drive Beresfield and
- ★ the team at Egelton Plumbing – 188 Somerset Drive Thornton

We would also like to thank Korine and Chris Coleman for their great job they did to pull the old bench out and to do the new stunning splashback!! You guys did an amazing job.

### *Trivia Night*

The Trivia Night is coming up on Friday 1 August to be held in the school hall at 7pm. Doors open at 6.45pm. There are still a couple of tables available which are tables of 8 at \$10 per seat or \$80 per table. It is on the Horses Birthday so come dressed for the races or dress up with something to do with horses. The office is taking names and money right up until Thursday 31 July.

So if you don't want to miss out put together a team or we can put you with a team.

We are still looking for donations for prizes so if you wish to donate a prize or know someone who does please contact me on 0400 832 415 to get a receipt or to organise a letter. We do have some great prizes and we are still getting more in but the more the merrier!

This is a BYOG event!!

### *Bus Trip*

The bus trip is still going ahead on the weekend of 18 and 19 October. This is a weekend trip and deposits of \$50 need to be paid ASAP at the canteen and the balance of \$200 to be paid by the end of September. So why not come away for the weekend with some fun to be had and lots of shopping to be done with some great company??

### *Entertainment Books*

Some Entertainment books are still outstanding so could these please be fixed up if you have not yet returned yours to the office.

Our next P & C meeting is to be held on Monday 28 July at 7pm in the SPR. It is bring a friend meeting and this is where you can find out what is happening at the school, what your fundraising is paying for and be able to have a say about the topics that are discussed.

Till next week cheers Gill

## **Munch n Eat News**

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	21.7 – Leanne F, Gillian (am)
Tuesday	22.7 – Tanya H, Janene (am)
Wednesday	23.7 – Elaine, Jan
Thursday	24.7 – Kerrie B
Friday	25.7 – Toni, Kylie

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Thank you

Cheryl and Paula



Community News

## Thornton Primary School P & C

# Trivia Night

1<sup>st</sup> August 2014

6.45pm for 7pm start

\$10 per person

Tables of 8 (Arrange your own or be allocated a table)

## Celebrate the Horses Birthday

There will be a raffle and an auction, as well as other fun games . Local businesses have donated some fabulous prizes including:

- Anytime Fitness - 3 month Membership
- STRATCO - \$100 Voucher
- BJ's Workwear - \$250 voucher
- Helloworld -\$100 Voucher

And many more!

So bring a bottle (or two!), some snacks and your wallet and come and have a great night all for a good cause!

**Book your place at the front office**

## Are You Caring for Grandchildren?



### East Maitland Pine Tree "GAPS" Support Group

#### Providing Grandparents As Parents Support

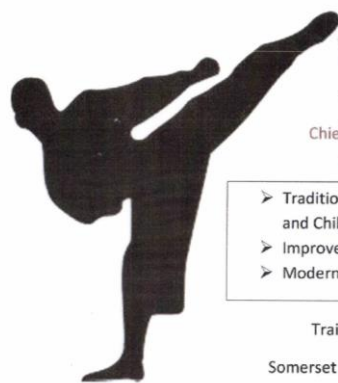
Come along and join our volunteers for morning tea, relax, meet new people, be involved in discussions with guest speakers discussing relevant topics and access information we have available.

**Venue:** St Peters Youth Centre,  
52 Banks Street,  
East Maitland NSW 2323

**Time:** Every Tuesday in School Terms  
From 10.00am till 12.00 midday



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