

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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"Lighting the way to a better world".

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "*Lighting the way to a better world*". Students who were in kindergarten in 1954 would now be 66 years old.

In contrast, students who are in Kindergarten in 2014 will be finishing primary school in 2020, high school in 2026 and tertiary education in 2030!

Yet, in both generations, students in our public education system *Light the way to a better world*. Our students certainly engage in quality learning in reading, writing, mathematics, technology and thinking skills. They are the way of the future and will help build the Australia of the 21st century.

Another important aspect of Thursday's Education Week Open day is the presence of our wider school community in the school. Research has consistently shown that positive perceptions of a school by parents, has a big impact on student learning. If parents support the school, like their child's teacher and value the activities being offered, students will get the most out of their schooling experiences.

As is always the case, parents, carers and family members are welcome to come along to the Education Week Music and Dance assembly, open classrooms and picnic lunch.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thornton School

Welcoming, Caring and Nurturing

Photo of the Week

Barclay Rock Band Rehearsing



Dates from the Planner

Book Fair...

Monday 28 July

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 30 July

Tadpoles

Education Week Reception (6:00pm)

Thursday 31 July

Education Week Thornton Open Day (9:00am-12:00pm)

Friday 1 August

Zone Athletics

Tuesday 2 August

Year 2 Cake Stall

Wednesday 6 August

School Council

Thursday 7 August

Kids in Space Mufti Day

Bully No Way Launch

Friday 8 August

Girls Touch Football

Get Appy

We have around 280 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

A small but interested group of parents (9) attended the *Teacher Tips for Busy Parents* workshops on Tuesday evening.

The key messages around Bullying No Way were raised as were excellent tips for parents when assisting their children with reading, writing and maths.

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 30th July from 6:00pm.

School Council Vacancy

There is vacancy on the Thornton School Council for a parent representative. If there is more than one nomination, an election will be required.

The position requires attending up to 6 meetings per year. At each meeting, the schools financial position is reviewed, current policies are discussed and school promotion ideas devised.

It is an interesting opportunity.

Please phone the school or contact Mr Millburn on John.Millburn@det.nsw.edu.au for further information or to submit a nomination.

The next meeting is the AGM and will be held on Wednesday August 6 at 3:15pm.

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.

Sporting Superstars

What an action packed week of sport Week 2 has brought us. The week started with the boys touch team taking out Patterson 5-4. The success of our touch teams, coordinated by Mrs Legge, continued on Tuesday with a victory for the girls touch team against Woodberry 10-1. Mr Carter and the girls soccer team also continued their winning streak with a 1-0 win against Telarah. On Wednesday, Mr Millburn and Mrs Nowland took the boys and girls basketball teams to the basketball gala day. The day resulted in the boys coming away with 2 wins and 2 losses. The girls mirrored these results and also represented our school in the semi finals. The rugby league team did our school very proud on Thursday at the Pickers Cup Gala Day. They displayed good spirit and excellent behaviour coming away with a win, loss and 2 draws. Today Mr Mulconry and the boys soccer team played East Maitland. I'm sure they have continued to represent Thornton Public School with excellent sportsmanship.

A massive congratulations to all of our terrific teams this week. Thanks goes to the wonderful teachers at Thornton Public School and the parents who make the sporting opportunities for our talented students possible.

Miss Ryan

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Library News

Monday 28 July to Thursday 31 July the library will be holding a Book Fair. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase good quality fiction, non-fiction and activity books.

Payment may be made by cash, credit card or personal cheques made to Thornton Public School. You may also pay ahead and make a payment online or by phone. To make an online payment visit www.scholastic.com.au/payment (you select book fair NOT book club). Alternatively call 1800 557 908. Make sure you record the 8 digit receipt number on the Student Wish list or Book Fair invite brochure. To collect items from the book fair present the completed receipt form.

The Book Fair is a great fund raiser for the school with a percentage of the money raised going to the school in dollars or in books. This will provide extra resources for our students at Thornton.

The Book Fair will be open from 8.30am to 3.30pm with the exception of Wednesday and Thursday when I will keep the library open until 5pm for those who work and cannot make it during school hours. You are welcome to come and browse what is on offer at anytime.

P & C News

Trivia Night

So we have one or more week to go till we have our Trivia Night. Tickets are still on sale \$10.00 per ticket, tables of 8. So get a table together or come along and join a table! There are lots of great prizes to win and lots of fun to be had especially with it being the Horses Birthday. The fun starts at 7pm so bring your drink and nibbles and of course your money for a few games to be played. So you can either pay at the door from 6.45pm or you can pre-pay at the office.

Bus Trip

The bus trip still has seats available. If you still wish to go the cost is \$250 per person for the weekend of 18 – 19 October. Deposits of \$50 can be made at the canteen.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool is now back to a Monday morning till 9.30am and they are desperate need of jumpers and jackets so if you have any lying around that you no longer need please drop them in to the lovely clothing pool ladies. They would really appreciate them.

P & C Meeting

On Monday 28 July it will be our P & C meeting in the SPR at 7pm. Come and have a look, you will not get roped into anything, but you will find out the up and coming information that relates to your children and the school they attend and what the P & C do for fundraising. Don't come alone, bring a friend, the more the merrier. We hope to see you there!!

Till next week have fun!!

Cheers

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Munch n Eat News

Education Week

Any parents/grandparents/carers that wish to order lunch to have with their children on Education Open Day can order at the canteen before 9am.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	28.7 – Andrea
Tuesday	29.7 – Tonia
Wednesday	30.7 – Alissa
Thursday	31.7 – Kerrie
Friday	1.8 – Deanne, Sreta (am), HELP NEEDED

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Thank you

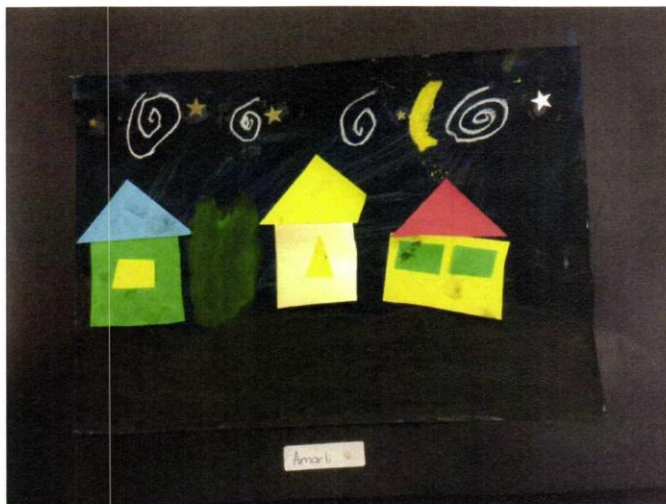
Cheryl and Paula

1/2c's "Starry Night" Art work

In our class, we have made our own "Starry Night" art work based on Vincent Van Gogh's fabulous work. We used dark and light blue and black paints to blend our sky and glued on some gold stars. We used white chalk to draw the wind and used construction paper to make little houses. We really enjoyed making these paintings and we hope you enjoy our "Starry Nights".



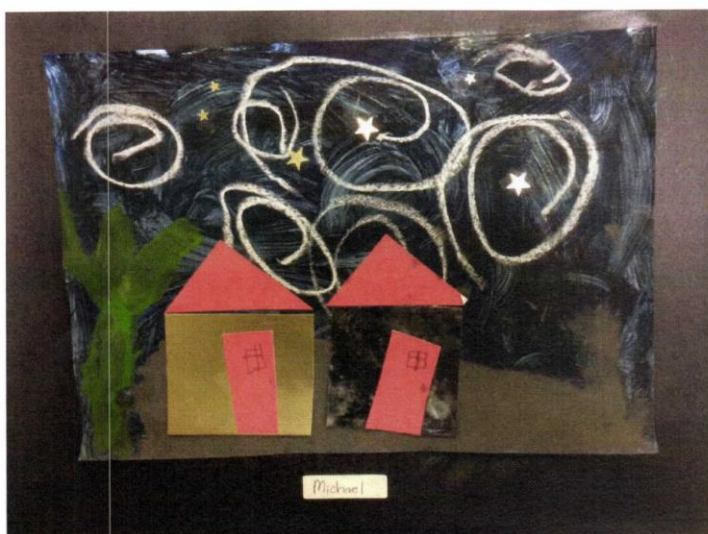
Vincent Van Gogh – "The Starry night"



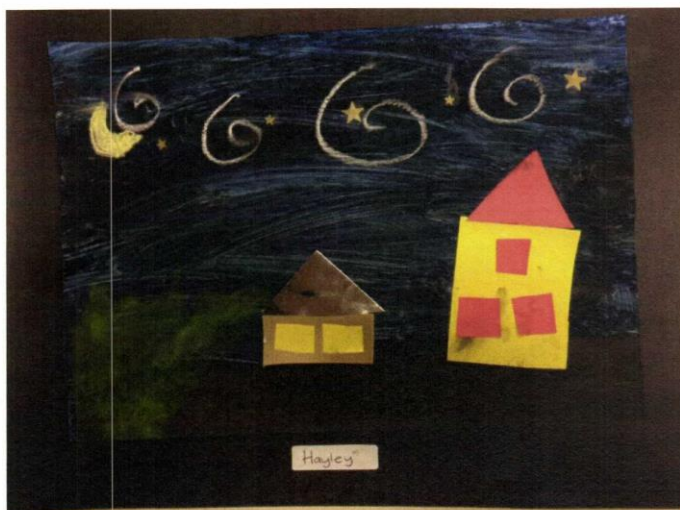
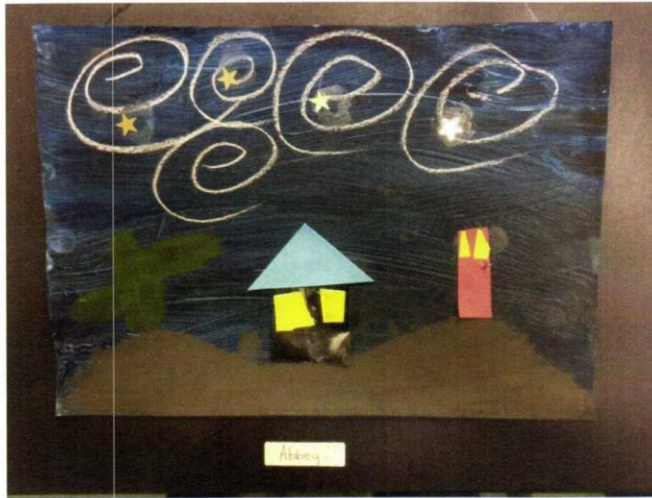
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Michael



Community News

Thornton Primary School P & C

Trivia Night

1st 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

Thornton Public School P & C would like to thank the following local business for their donations of prizes for next week's Trivia Night

- ❖ BJ'S WORKWEAR THORNTON
- ❖ ALISSA'S HAIR
- ❖ ANYTIME FITNESS THORNTON
- ❖ CLARKES
- ❖ COLES THORNTON
- ❖ DOMINOS THORNTON
- ❖ ELECTRICAL WAREHOUSE
- ❖ FURNITURE WAREHOUSE
- ❖ GLORIA JEANS GREENHILLS
- ❖ HEATHER FROM TOTALLY TISANE
- ❖ HELLO WORLD
- ❖ HORTONS FURNITURE ONE THORNTON
- ❖ HUNTER PETS
- ❖ KAREN WALSH (THE BODY SHOP AT HOME)
- ❖ KIM'S GIFT SHOP GREENHILLS
- ❖ KORINE AND CHRIS
- ❖ MC JEWELLERY DESIGNS
- ❖ McDONALDS THORNTON
- ❖ MORTELS THORNTON
- ❖ NETWORK VIDEO THORNTON
- ❖ PEARL NAILS GREENHILLS
- ❖ PERSPECTIVE BRANDING
- ❖ PHOENIX HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT THORNTON
- ❖ SOMMERSET CURTAINS AND BLINDS
- ❖ STRATCO THORNTON
- ❖ SUBWAY THORNTON
- ❖ TANYA HOLBERT INTIMO
- ❖ THE GOOD GUYS
- ❖ WURTH

So bring your gold coins and cheque books for your chance to win some of amazing prizes at the trivia night on Friday 1st August!