



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Schools and Community Working Together

The relationship between schools and community has changed drastically since many of us went to school. There is an expectation now that parents, teachers, community members and school leaders will work together so that the education offered to students is the best it can be. At Thornton School, we are lucky to have a number of groups who allow this link to occur. The P&C is the most obvious one. The P&C allows parents to find out what is happening in the school and to ask questions about school routines or policies. The School Council has the role of overseeing school policy, school finances and the school's annual school report. An Environment Committee meets monthly to organise projects in the school. An Aboriginal education team meets to discuss the educational needs of our Aboriginal students and a Communication Team looks for ways to promote the school.

Each of these groups play an important role in the school's management.

Creating opportunities for parents and teachers to work with the community allows us to have a shared purpose for the students of our school.

Parents are always welcome to get involved. Come along to a P&C Meeting; contact the school if you have an interest in school promotion, Aboriginal education or the environment.

Together, we can make Thornton School the best it can be.

Thornton School

Learning, Caring, Opportunities

Photo of the Week

Local Government Breakfast



Dates from the Planner

Wednesday 13 August

Communication Team meeting

Francis Greenway Mini CAPA Showcase

Monday 18 August

Book Week

Tuesday 19 August

School Disco

Wednesday 20 August

Maitland Library Visiting story tellers

Infants Pizza Day

Thursday 21 August

Primary Pizza Day

Monday 25 August

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 26 August

Kindergarten 2015 parent information session

Wednesday 27-29 August

Year 5 to Great Aussie Bush Camp

Thursday 4 September

Father's Day Stall

Sports Teams Photos

Friday 5 August

Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast

Trivia Night

What a great night we had on Friday night at the Thornton Trivia Night. Excellent activities and questions kept everyone active and engaged.

Excellent job P&C Exec.

A really fantastic evening and one that will directly benefit the kids of our school.

Local Government Week

On Wednesday morning, Mr Millburn and our Captains and Vice Captains went to the Senior Citizens' Club in Maitland to celebrate Local Government Week. We were entertained by excellent musicians from Maitland High School, enjoyed a very nice breakfast and then were amazed by JD Magic.

A great opportunity and one that the students really enjoyed.



Levi, part of the show!

Term 3 Planner

The term 3 planner is included in this week's Thunder.

APP

Remember

Search for Thornton Public School in the app store.

Username ***community***
Password ***thorntonps***

Lots of notifications, photos and soon, videos, are being posted.

Concert News

Working Bee Day – Wednesday 13 August

Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist in making and painting the decorations for the concert backdrop. We still require more wonderful helpers. If you are able to help out on this day, please come along to the SPR next week on Wednesday 13 August from 9am. We will be working in there all day. Please see Mrs Amy Burgin or Mrs McGeachie in Room 10 if you can join us. Morning tea and afternoon tea will be provided on the day.

Thank you!

Sporting Superstars

Last Friday Miss Ryan, Mrs Osborn and Miss Bullivant accompanied 34 students to the Zone Athletics Carnival at Woodberry Oval. Even though our gazebos were flying away in the strong winds our

students represented Thornton Public School with pride, brilliant behaviour and spectacular sportsmanship. Congratulations to all students on their achievements. The following students will be going on to the Regional Athletics Carnival.

Shae McBeath - 8yrs 100m

Capri Schiemer - 10yrs 100m

Olivia Hanks, Elke Telfer, Abbey Matthews, Capri Schiemer - Junior Relay 4 x 100m

Teagan Douglas - 11yrs 200m, 11yrs High Jump, 11yrs Long Jump

Olivia Hanks - Junior High Jump

Sophie Sorensen - Senior High Jump, Senior Long Jump, Senior Shot Put, Senior Discus (broke Maitland Zone record by 10m!!!)

Jarryd Morrissey - 11yrs Discus

A big thank you to all of the parents who assisted with transport and cheered on our great sporting superstars.

Miss Ryan
Sport Coordinator

Library News

Thank you to everyone for supporting for the Book Fair last week. It was a great success and a percentage of what is sold supports the library in valuable resources. A big thank you to Leanne Fitzsimmons and Maree Wardle who helped throughout the week. It would have been impossible to run the event without their support.

Yesterday, myself and a group of students went to see Morris Gleitzman at Maitland Town Hall. Mr Gleitzman has written over 34 books including *Toad Heaven*, *Doubting Thomas*, *Two Weeks with the Queen*, *Boy Overboard* and *Once*. We had a great time listening to him talking and letting us know his BIG SECRET to successful writing. If you would like to know more about this fabulous author visit his homepage at <http://www.morrisgleitzman.com/>. Would you like to know his BIG SECRET? I'll give you a clue. Every story needs at least one main character. The most essential thing for the character to have for the story to develop is a P _ _ _ _ _? If you think you know what it is come and tell Miss Foster!



A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge will come to a close on Friday 22 August. Students in Years 3 – 6 will need to log their own books on the PRC site and have been shown how to do this. Students in Years K – 2 will have the books logged for them.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Coming event Wednesday 20 August is Lex James Book Launch at 10.30am and Maitland City Library visiting performance for Book Week at 11.40am.

Bullying No-Way

An awesome Bully No Way launch was held on Thursday.
Coupling this with our Kids in Space Mufti Day really added to the excitement.
Thanks to everyone who supported the day and remember,

**At Thornton School we work and play,
and shout out loud
BULLYING NO WAY!**



3 / 4 C and 3O performing their Bullying No Way RAP.

300 Year Old Music? I like that...

On Tuesday the students enjoyed the Sounds Baroque Mini Opera.
Sound dull? No way!

It was very funny, had some excellent singing and was quite engaging for the children.
We all loved the princess, didn't like the baddy and were happy when the hero and heroine got together.

A top show.



C'mon wouldn't we all like to be in there?



Munch n Eat News

Pizza Days

An order form is going home for both Infants and Primary pizza days. There is also an order form at the end of the newsletter. These will be on Wednesday 20 August for Infants and Thursday 21 August for Primary. All orders and payment need to be back to the canteen by next Wednesday 13 August. There are 3 flavours – cheese, pepperoni and ham & cheese. The cost is \$4.60 with a drink.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	11.8 – Sandra
Tuesday	12.8 – Penny
Wednesday	13.8 – Mel I
Thursday	14.8 – Maree, Sarah
Friday	15.8 – Kellie, Amanda M, HELP NEEDED

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Thank you

Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – GATS

GATS Writing

Stage 2 Writing Group

Kimberley Pryor, author of non-fiction books, came to talk to our writing group about what she does and how she became an author.

She showed us the books she has written and gave us advice on becoming an author.

She suggested we keep a journal of all our experiences and ideas.

We thought it was amazing that she had come from Thornton.

We thought we would never be able to meet an author,

But we did.

Jazmin Fletcher 4C

Krya Dunning 4P

The Popcorn Machine

By Cody Roberts 2/3N

The popcorn machine is staring at me on the kitchen bench.

Yellow kernels raining into the machine, sounding like hail.

The popcorn machine is spinning like a non-stop merry-go-round.

The machine has just started to erupt with anger.

The popcorn is tumbling out like a rushing waterfall.

Its racing into the bowl.

It tastes like salty butter with melting cheese.

He's angry because I used him.

He's fuming with anger.



The Popcorn Machine

By Jacob Tudball 2/3N

The popcorn machine just stands without a whisper

Golden kernels clattering into the machine

Spinning around like a cyclone

The popcorn is searing my head off

Like an angry volcano erupting

It is pouring out of the machine

Like marathon runners to a finish line

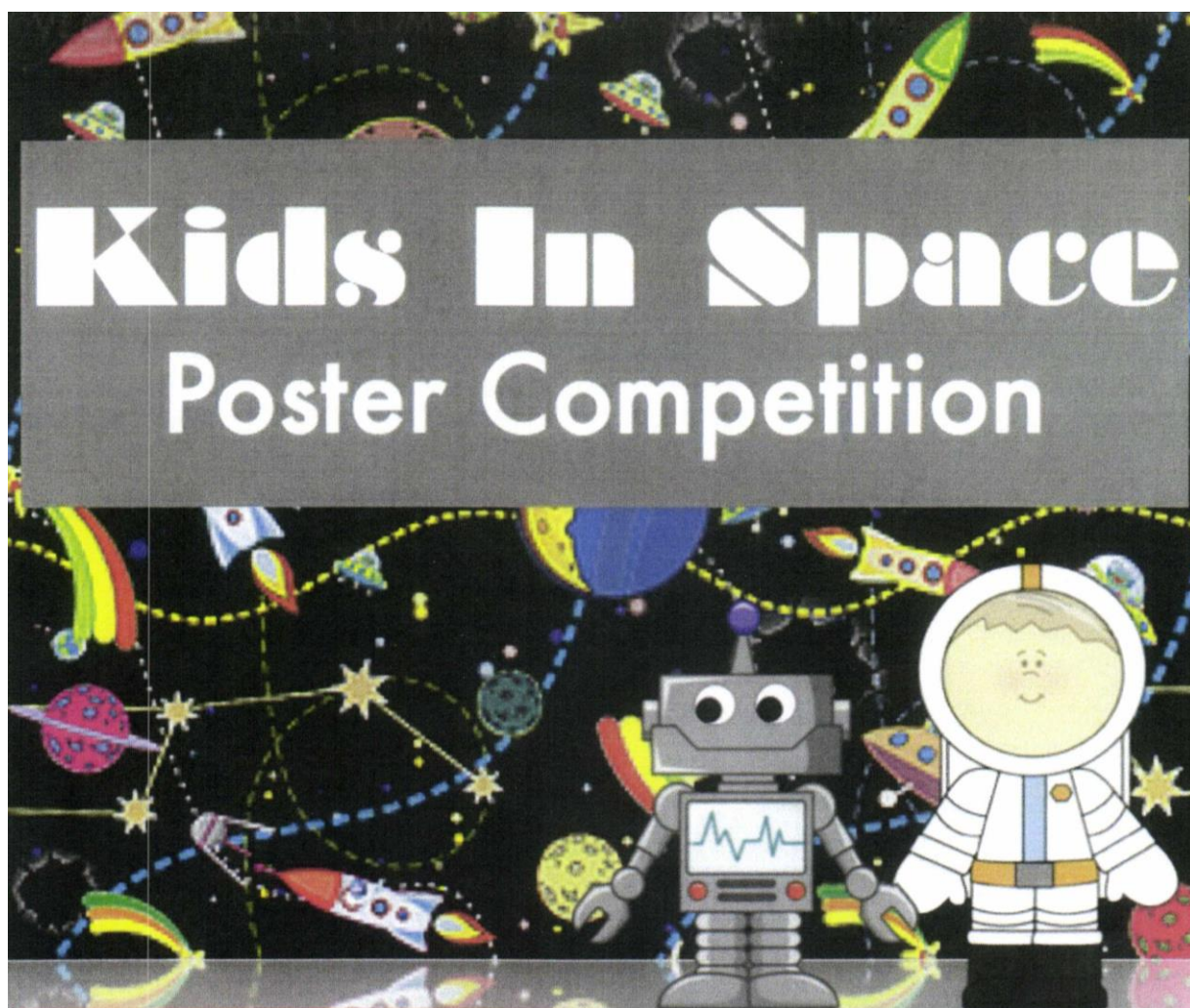
Smooth and salty popcorn

The taste of soft buttery clouds.



Kids In Space

Poster Competition



THE BEST
POSTER
WILL WIN A
\$20 ITUNES
VOUCHER!

**DUE FRIDAY AUGUST
17 TO ROOM 16**

THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT
THE FOLLOWING MONDAY ASSEMBLY.

What to do:

Create a poster for our musical Kids
In Space!

Your poster must include the
following dates of performances:
Wednesday September 10, 12-1pm,
5:30-6:30pm, 7:00-8:00pm and
Thursday September 11, 12-1pm,
5:30-6:30pm, 7:00-8:00pm.

Your poster must be A4 in size,
colourful, include exciting pictures
and the title 'Kids In Space'.

Be creative!

Term 3 2014 Thornton Public School

Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT /SUN
5 PBL Make Good Choices	11 August K-6 Assembly	12 August	13 August CAPA Mini Showcase FGHS year 6 Tadpoles Communications Team 3:00	14 August	15 August	16 17 Aug
6 PBL Make Good Choices	18 August Book Week K-6 Assembly	19 August	20 August Maitland Library visiting. Three shows Tadpoles	21 August	22 August	23 24 Aug
7 PBL Be organi sed	25 August K-6 Assembly P&C Meeting	26 August AECG Kindy 2015 Parent Information evening6:00	27 August Year 5 Camp Tadpoles	28 August Year 5 Camp	29 August Year 5 Camp	30 31 Aug
8 PBL Be organi sed	1 September K-6 Assembly	2 September	3 September Tadpoles	4 September Sports Team Photos Father's Day Stall	5 September Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breaky 6:00	6 7 Sep
9 PBL	8 September MUSICAL WEEK K-6 Assembly	9September	10 September Tadpoles Musical Performance Day Three performances	11 September Musical Performance Day Three performances	12Septembe Two Performances, Informal for kids	13 14 Sep
10 PBL	15September K-6 Assembly	16Septemer K-2 Sports Day Cake Stall Year 4	17 September Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting 3	18 September Gold Lizzy Day	19Septembr Talk Like a Pirate Day Bring your parrot and eye patch	20 21 Sep

Infants Pizza Day
Kindergarten 1, Year 2 and 2/3N
Wednesday 20th August

Name _____ Class _____

We have 3 flavours of pizza, there are 2 slices of pizza per serve. Please tick which flavour pizza you would like. Also, please state which drink you would like with your meal deal.



Pepperoni pizza



Ham and Cheese pizza



Cheese pizza

Drink type and flavour _____

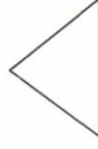
\$4.60

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Primary Pizza Day
Thursday 21st August

Name _____ Class _____

We have 3 flavours of pizza, there are 2 slices of pizza per serve. Please tick which flavour pizza you would like. Also, please state which drink you would like with your meal deal.



Pepperoni pizza



Ham and Cheese pizza



Cheese pizza

Drink type and flavour _____

\$4.60

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