



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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What a Term!

It seems like just yesterday that we returned from term two holidays. Within a week or two we were watching our public speakers compete and were getting ready for a wonderful set of education week experiences. Surely the Education Week Concert was a highlight of these first few weeks.

The Musica Viva show followed with visits to and from our local libraries around the same time. We launched the Bullying No-Way protocol soon after and began the slow wind up for the Kids in Space musical.

Year Five went on camp in week 7 and a fantastic Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast was enjoyed for Father's Day. This then led into the wonderful musical week and culminated in the end of term celebrations across the school.

A huge thank you to the many parents who have assisted our school in so many ways this term. From our wonderful P&C who have organised the Father's Day Stall, the Musical Nibbles table and tried so hard to improve the attendance at our P&C meetings, to the many mums and dads who help in the canteen, assist in classrooms, cover books, help with the book fair and transport kids to and from sports events, thank you. We appreciate your support and help.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you and your great kids next term.



Mr M

Photo of the Week

Our Tadpoles graduated last week.



Some dates from the planner

Holidays 20/9- 6/10

Students return Tuesday 7/10

3YP Forum 15/10

Year 3/4 camp 16-17/ 10

P&C 20/10

Kindergarten O Days Week 3 and 4

Leadership process starts week 5

Dads Awesome Day Camp Over 7/11

Celebration of Learning Thursday

December 4

Thank You Morning Tea December 5

Reports Home 5/12

Presentation Day 9/12

Y6 Surf day 10/12

Carols Thursday 11/12

Diamond Lizzy Morning Tea 15/12

Year 6 farewell 15/12

Clap Out and last day 17/12

Claim the Date (3YP)

On Wednesday October 15, a parent forum will be held in the hall to discuss the future directions of our school as we develop the three year school plan (3YP). The forum will run from 6:30pm-8:00pm and is looking for maximum community input.

All welcome, baby sitting provided and food provided. Look out for an invite next term.

Swimming School Term 4

For parents of students in year 2, the intensive swimming school will be offered in term 4. This is an excellent program that has been running in the school for many years and is supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Parents are advised that the cost will be around \$70.00 per child.

Sports Term 4

Final organisation around some of the term four sports has meant that students will not get to choose their sports until week 1 term four. Organised term 4 sport starts in week 2.

Sports Photo Update

When the sports photos are ready for purchasing, MSP photography will contact the school with details as to how to purchase them. An online process is the preferred option. Parents will be able to go online to view the photo before placing the order.

Love those black shoes

If purchasing new shoes for your child this holiday, please make sure they are sturdy black leather shoes suitable for general wear and sport.

National Terrorism Alert

As a result of the National Terrorism Alert, any person entering the school as a volunteer or visitor must wear a Visitor Sticker. This will apply to all volunteers and will be dated and worn visibly.

Further details will be made obvious in the front office.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child's lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games

Channel your child's interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey's Quest (\$1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You'll find links to both here:

<http://bit.ly/oSREYV>

Staffing News

Mrs Johnson will be on Long Service leave for the first three weeks of term four. Miss Bullivant will be replacing her during this time.

Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high

school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You'll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: <http://bit.ly/selectiveHS>

K/2 Sports Carnival

What a great day. Thanks teachers, parents and kids.



Look Out You Land Lubbers
Shiver me timbers....



P &C News

Twilight Markets and Movie Night

Our markets and movie night will be on Thursday 13 November. The markets will start at 5pm and finish at 8pm. The movie will be the 'Lego Movie' and start at 6pm and conclude at 7.30pm. There will be powered sites worth \$60 and unpowered sites worth \$50. Tickets will be on sale early next term and more details will come.

Bus Trip

This is a day trip and is booked for 22 November. The cost will be between \$50 and \$80 so the more people we have the less it will be. There will be prizes and raffles and games on the bus to why not book a day out and have a great time. A list of places that we will be visiting will be available in the newsletter beginning of next term.

We hope everyone has a great holiday break!

Cheers

Gill, Sarah, Korine and Alissa

Munch n Eat News

The roster for Week 1 Term 4 is as follows:

Tuesday 7.10 – Penny
Wednesday 8.10 – HELP NEEDED
Thursday 9.10 – Sarah, Maree
Friday 10.10 – Sveta, Kellie

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week. Hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break.

See you in Term 4

Cheryl and Paula

Community News



HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY 2014

"Increase your child's
communication skills, self-confidence
and creative talents."

MAITLAND DRAMA CLASSES PRODUCTION TERM

PRIMARY : 7 – 12 Years
YOUTH : 12 – 16 Years

Venue:

Maitland Polish Hall (Grant St)

Enrolments now being taken for
PRODUCTION TERM

(Established over 20 years in Polish Hall)

Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 for details - dramacorp@bigpond.com



ARE YOU A BAND, SOLOIST OR OTHER MUSIC ACT WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD?



Mount Kanwary School's **AMPLIFIED** is back again this year on
Saturday 1 November 2014. This year there will be a separate
primary & secondary category



INTERESTED?

HOW DO I ENTER?

- For primary you must be aged 8-12, secondary is from year 7 to year 12, but no older than 18 years.
- Submit your online audition (1 item) by email to: mountkanwaryamplified@gmail.com or send CD to 753 Hinton Road Osterley (it can be your own work or a cover of someone else). Auditions close Friday 10 October 2014.
- 4 finalists from each category will be chosen to perform live on 1st November between 6-9pm at Mount Kanwary School's Amplified being held on the school grounds. You will be notified by Monday 20th October if you are successful as a finalist.
- The winning act for each category will receive \$500 (2nd prize - \$150, 3rd prize - \$75)

If you would like more details, please contact Juliet on 0434 648215



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Greenhills **HIT 'n' DIP FITNESS CENTRE**

Bob Crooghegan



MAITLAND OZTAG 2014 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

SOMERSET PARK, THORNTON played **THURSDAY** afternoons
Competition played October – December (12 Rounds)

Registrations are being held:

Thursday 11th & Thursday 18th September 14
5.00 – 7.00pm at Somerset Park, Thornton

Registration \$80 per player

INTRODUCTORY OFFER – INCLUDES OZTAG SHORTS

Both teams & individual players are welcome

Divisions: U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's, U18's

***While all divisions are offered, team numbers will
determine final divisions played** Subject to change*

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