

# THORNTON THUNDER

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

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## **Food for Thought**

Did you know that over the last 30 years some significant changes have occurred in our population. The birth-rate has dropped from 3.6 children per female to less than 1.7. The age of marriage has risen from early twenties to early thirties. Women are having their first child at nearly 32 years old, and 40% of marriages end in divorce and 24% of all families are single parent families.

In fact being married once with 3 - 4 children in the family unit is now unusual, rather than the norm. These realities have interesting implications for schools.

- Firstly, children are seen as more precious. There can be an over obsession on happiness, excellence and students always being fulfilled.
- Families can be smaller and more isolated from their support networks.
- Because we live in a time of rapid social change there can be a desire to return to conservative educational approaches.

Schools must work with parents to let them see how their children can operate independently in this changing world.

Schools need to act as hubs for our parents to come together and support each other and above all we need to teach well so that every child is equipped academically and socially to succeed in this ever changing world.

Being aware of the changing social norms within our society helps us to cater for a new and emerging citizen of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Thornton School is well equipped to provide just such opportunities.

## **Photo of the Week**

*What a costume*



## **Dates from the Planner**

**Tuesday 9 September**

Musical dress Rehearsal

**Wednesday 10 -11 September**

Musical Performances

**Friday 12 September**

Informal performance for the students only

**Tuesday 16 September**

K-2 Sports day

**Thursday 18 September**

Gold Lizzy Day

**Friday 19 September**

Last day term 3

**Tuesday 7 October**

Students Return

TAPP afternoon

**16 – 17 October**

Year 3 and 4 to camp

## **Infants Sport Carnival**

On Tuesday 16 September the Infants sport carnival will be held on the school oval. This is for all children in Kinder to Year 2.

The carnival will commence at 9.45am and all parents and carers are invited to attend.

## **Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breaky**

What a morning.

Thanks to all staff who helped make the morning so successful. Thanks to all the Big Blokes and Ankle Biters who came along and had an awesome breakfast.

## **Students Arriving Early**

Just a reminder that students are not to be at school before 8.30am. There is no supervision before this time. Contact OOSH if before school care is needed on ph: 4939 1840

## **Musical**

The musical is finally here! All the staff, students and parent helpers have been working tirelessly to make this year's musical the best one yet!

There are still limited tickets available for each show.

A reminder to parents if you are dropping your child off you must sign your children in with their class teacher and sign them out again at the end of the show. A roll will be kept in each holding room

See below for where to drop off and pick up your child:

Musical Holding Rooms

Stage 3	Room 15 and 16
Stage 2	Room 17 and 18
Year 1	Room 25 and 26
Year 2	Room 9 and 10
Kinder	Library

## **Monday Assembly**

There will be no Monday Assembly on the 8 September as the hall will be set up for Kids in Space.

## **Concert News**

Thank you to the wonderful parents Michelle, Rachel, Leanne, Ann, Sandra and Maree who helped out again with concert preparations. You have all been amazing helpers in making decorations and helping with putting them up for the concert backdrop. I could not have done it without you. Thank you to all of you who have helped in the last few weeks.

Mrs Burgin

## **Stage 2 Camp**

Attention Stage 2 campers! The final camp payment is due before 9 October. If you are not sure how much your camp payment is just contact the office to find out. Please make sure you return your camp medical information sheets as soon as possible.

## **P & C News**

*Fathers Day Stall*

There were still some gifts available for students to purchase today and our sales so far are over \$2000. What a great effort! Thank you to our lovely helpers today because without you we wouldn't have had such a success.

### *Secretary Position*

This position is still open if anyone is interested please see one of the P & C committee to have a chat and express your interest.

### *Clothing Pool*

This is open on Monday mornings from 8.45am till 9.30am for anyone needed any items of school clothing.

### *School Musical*

As mention last week the P & C will be running a stall at the night performances only. We will be selling chips, popcorn, lollies and drinks.

### *Shopping Trip*

As you all should of received our shout out for this normally very popular event, our numbers are very poor for the amount of families in our school. It's a fun weekend away shopping and relaxing so if you are interested please pay your \$50 deposit to the canteen by Monday 8 September or we will be forced to cancel this year's great fundraiser for the school.

### *A Friendly Reminder*

We are a bunch of mums who are trying to raise money for our and your childrens school. To make it a better and more resourceful school for families to enjoy our aim is to raise money for a new playground in the Kinder/Year 1 area. Unfortunately we will be unable to deliver our aim if the families in the school don't help with fundraising events. I know there is a lot of fundraising happening but to renew this playground won't be cheap and this means we need to resort to fundraisers to achieve our aim. The play equipment in the Kinder/Year 1 area is getting old and I'm sure you all agree it needs to be replaced. But this can't happen without our families in our school helping us to achieve our aim. So come along to our monthly meeting and even join in the conversation. Your help is needed!!

We hope everyone has a great week and that all our wonderful dads and grandfathers have a wonderful Fathers Day.

Cheers

Gill, Sarah, Korine and Alissa

## **Munch n Eat News**

### *Infants Carnival Orders*

Orders need to be back to the canteen with payment by Wednesday 10 September.

### *Eggs*

Eggs can be purchased at the canteen for \$3.50 per dozen.

We are trialling Up N Go in the canteen. They are \$1.60 each.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	8.9 – Sandra
Tuesday	9.9 – Penny
Wednesday	10.9 – Mel
Thursday	11.9 – Sarah, Maree
Friday	12.9 – Kellie, HELP NEEDED

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Thank you

Cheryl and Paula



## Library Report

This term students during their library lessons have been exploring some of the nominated books from Children's Book Council of Australia shortlist for 2014. Our theme has been 'Connect to Reading'. Our work included creating artwork, digital stories and information reports in connection to some of these books.





I'm a dirty elephant

I'm a dirty elephant



Written by Indiana SWS

I'm a dirty elephant  
With a dirty tail  
I like to walk around  
and make a muddy trail



I'm a dirty elephant  
With a dirty ear  
I've got so much mud  
i can barely hear

Splash Splash Splash  
I can barely hear



Walk Walk Walk  
To make a muddy trail



I'm a dirty-elephant  
With a dirty face  
I like to stroll around  
In a muddy place



I'm a dirty elephant  
With dirty feet  
I like to run around  
and make a squeak



stroll stroll stroll  
with a muddy face



Run Run Run  
Make a squeak



Roll Roll Roll  
with a jelly belly



I'm a dirty Elephant  
Now time to clean  
Cause i feel like a flea  
Clean Clean Clean  
Cause i feel like a flea



I'm a dirty elephant  
with a dirty belly  
I like to roll around  
cause it feels like jelly



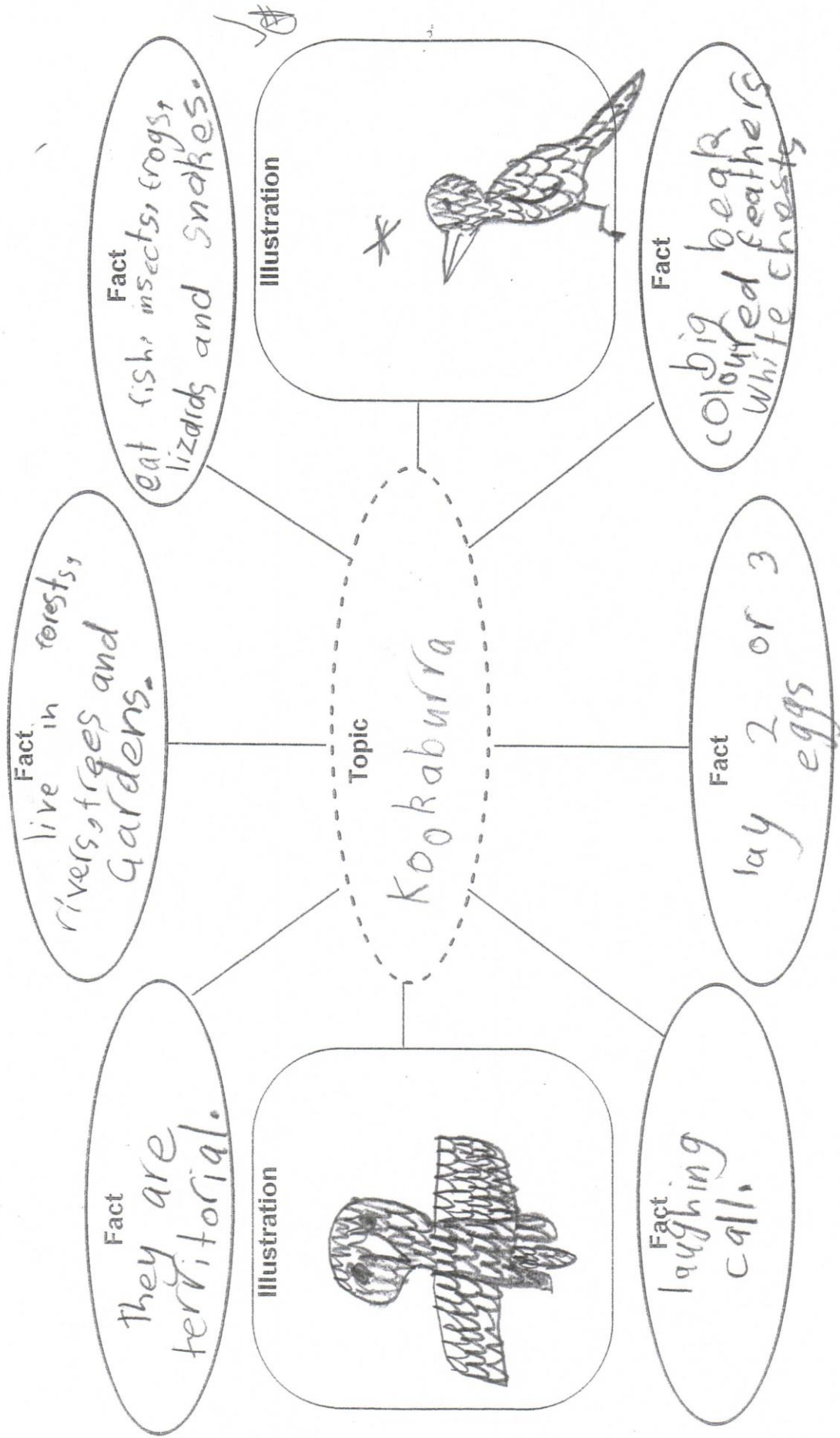


Kyra Lanning 4F

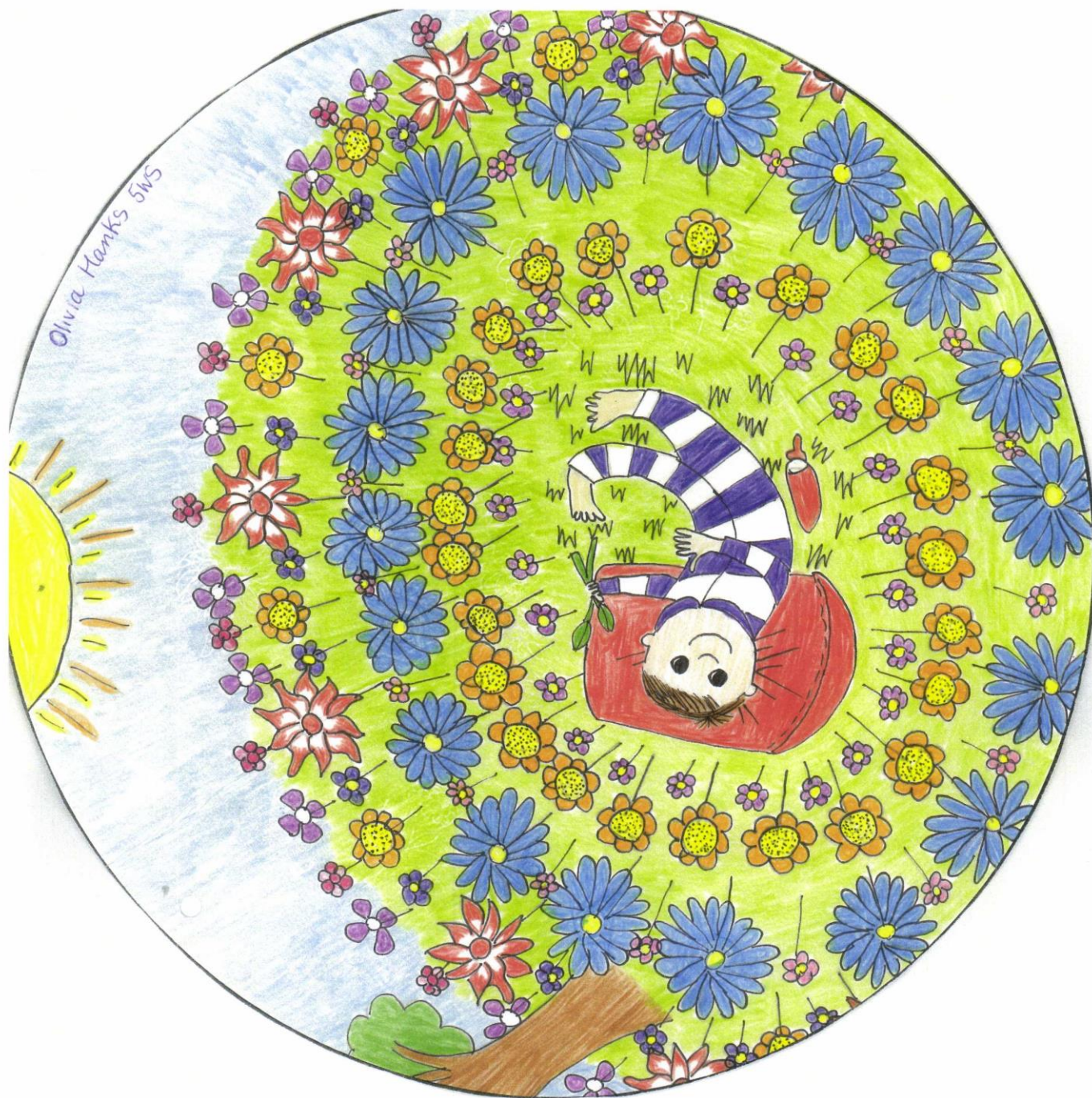


# REPORT

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Olivia Hanks SWS







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# Maitland Tennis Centre

## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: [www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au](http://www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au)

**When: 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> SEPT**

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

Name (1)..... D.O.B.....

Name (2)..... D.O.B.....

Name (3)..... D.O.B.....

Address.....

Phone (Home)..... (Mobile).....

Email.....

BOOK NOW: PH 49345016, 0421882055 or

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**PTO**



### MAITLAND OZTAG 2014 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

**SOMERSET PARK, THORNTON played THURSDAY afternoons**

**Competition played October – December (12 Rounds)**

**Registrations are being held:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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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