



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

Term 1, Week 1
No 1

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2015, Here We Come!

A warm welcome is extended to all of our wonderful Thornton families as we begin our journey into 2015. We farewelled a number of families as they have moved out of the area in 2014, and welcomed a number of new families as they have moved into the area. With over 550 students, we are in the position to form our full complement of 22 classes.

2015 promises to be a fantastic year where we consolidate our reputation as an excellent school by continuing with the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative, ensure that students' needs are met in an engaging and productive setting and work to involve the community in the many outstanding activities such as the Camp Over, the Breakfasts and the Open Days.

All the very best to everyone!

Thornton School

A Quality School in a Unique Environment.

Congratulations to our Prefects for 2015

2015 Captain

Jarryd Morrissey
Teagan Douglas

2015 Vice Captains

Dylan Bartlett
Charlotte Hughes

2015 Prefects

Elizabeth Lawford
Emmy Blanch
Olivia Hanks
Mackenzie Whiting
Ben Crebert
Bentley Titmuss
Wil Cromarty
Archy McBride

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4 February

Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting

Thursday February 5

Canteen Meeting - 11:45

Thursday February 5/Friday February 6

School Photos

Friday February 6

House captain Induction Assembly - 9:00am

Welcome Morning Tea - 9:30am

Monday February 9

Lex Art Workshops begin

ANZAC 2015 planning Meeting - 3:15pm

Swimming Carnival

Friday February 13

Apology Anniversary Recognition Service

Wednesday February 18-19

Parent Teacher Evenings

Wednesday February 18

Environment Meeting 11:00am

Thursday February 19

Zone Basketball Trials

Friday February 20

Gateway Leadership Day

Rugby League Trials

All Staff on Deck and Classes Ready to Go

With over 550 students, 22 classes have been formed.

Principal John Millburn
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Deputy Principal Wendy Moss
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KS Mrs Chris Soklaridis – Relieving Assistant Principal Kindergarten Coordinator
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KL Mrs Tracey Legge

KG Mrs Gen Guinane

KD Ms Victoria Dillon / Mrs Sue Green

1K Miss Kate Hughes

1N Mrs Kath Nowland

1 C Mrs Ruth Colefax / Ms Laura Clulow

1G Ms Cathy Gordon

1/2A Mr Aaron Carter - Grade 1 Coordinator
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2H Mrs Vickie Hooson - Assistant Principal Grade 1/2 Coordinator
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2C Ms Laura Crompvoets

2MB Mrs Amy Burgin/Mrs Lynn Mcgeachie

3Z Ms Antonet Ziliotto / Mrs Yvonne Fletcher

3M Mr Peter Mulconry.

3J Mrs Jenny Johnson

4P Mrs Tania Pugh -Assistant Principal Grade 3/4 Coordinator
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4M Ms Michelle Murphie – Grade 4 Coordinator
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5/6 S Mrs Hannah Stanton

5WS Ms Jillian Wilson Stevens / Mrs Helen McGovern on Wednesday

5C Mr Craig Spiteri - Grade 5 Coordinator
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6A Mrs Erinne Allen

6Y Ms Petra Yager - Assistant Principal Grade 6 Coordinator
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Learning and Support Teacher – Ms Liz Harrison, Mrs Ruth Colefax

Reading Recovery – Mrs Sarah Cummings, Ms Catherine Sutton

Release form face to face –Miss Hannah Varley PE, Mrs Nicole Lubans PE

Librarian – Ms Caroline Foster

School Admin Manager – Mrs Jenny Adamson

School Admin Officer – Mrs Lyn Jones, Mrs Julie Smith

School Learning Support Officers –Mrs Kim Bolton, Mrs Leane Shelton, Mrs Kelly Riley, Ms Nicole Bainbridge.

General Assistant – Mr Kevin Swalwell, Mr Neil Manning

Communication Is the Key

Keeping in contact has never been easier. Parents may simply phone the school at any time during the day.

Alternatively, parents may email the Assistant Principal, Grade Coordinator, Deputy Principal or Principal.

Ensuring communication avenues are open and accessible is an important part of an effective school.

Welcome Morning Tea

Next Friday, from 9:30am, a Welcome Morning Tea will be held in the Hall COLA.

Come along and meet Mr Millburn and Ms Moss and our wonderful Defence Force Assistant Mrs Soutar.

This is also a chance to meet other parents in the school.

The Morning Tea will follow the House Captain Inductions.

Come along and say G' Day!

Visual Arts for Every Child

Did you know that Lex James (one of our parents and a talented artist) is running a seven week visual arts program in which every child will have an art lesson. There will also be some time for any talented students who are identified.

This is most generous of Lex and all staff and students say a big THANK YOU!!

Voluntary Contributions and School Levy

Information regarding the school levy and Voluntary Contributions will be included in next week's Thornton Thunder.

Parent Teacher Evenings

All teachers will have the chance of meeting with the parents of the children in their class. At these sessions, general stage and class routines will be discussed and parents can ask general organisation questions. All sessions will start in the Library.

Wednesday 18 February

Year 1 & 2 - 5:30pm

Kindergarten - 6:30pm

Thursday 19 February

Year 3 & 4 - 5.30pm

Year 5 & 6 - 6.30pm

A Stitch in Time saves Nine

The full term calendar will be included in next week's Thornton Thunder.

Say Cheese

Photo info packs will be sent home on Monday ready for photos on Thursday and Friday.

Having the photos early in the term is good in many ways but does make the administration requirements quite tight.

Good Sports Need Good Sports Captains

This afternoon, our 2015 sports captains were elected. Unfortunately, this newsletter was completed before the names were known.

The induction of these captains will occur next Friday at the Induction Assembly at 9:00 am

No Hat No Play

A huge thank you is extended to the families who are so careful about sending their children to school with a hat. A very strong No Hat No Play policy is in place at Thornton School and is well understood by the students.

Black Shoes Look the Best

Those black shoes look fantastic across the school. Not only are they safe and smart, they are also easy to run in.

Great Sports at Thornton

Our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 9 February at Maitland Swimming Pool. All children in Years 3 – 6 are expected to attend. Any student in Year 2 who is turning 8 this year who can swim 50 metres is also able to attend. There will be novelty events for non-swimmers. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Permission notes were sent home today.

Aboriginal Education Team

With over 40 Aboriginal students at Thornton, it is vital that we have a representative Aboriginal Education Team at Thornton School.

The team's first meeting is next Wednesday 4 February at 3:15pm in the staff room. Any and all parents are very welcome to attend. Together we can make a huge difference.

ANZAC Planning Meeting

A meeting to begin planning for the ANZAC 2015 commemoration will be held in the staff room on Monday 9/2 at 3:15pm.

Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

Environment Meeting

We are indeed lucky to have a vibrant and energetic environment working group who meet each month to monitor our beautiful school environment. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th February at 11:00 am on the seat outside the staff room.

All and any are welcome to attend.

Happy and Sad

Mr Lobsey has been appointed as Relieving Principal at Shortland Public School for term 1 this year. Ms Wendy Moss will be relieving as Deputy Principal in his absence.

This is a great opportunity for Mr Lobsey and Ms Moss so we are both happy and sad.

Rumours are out there though that Ms Moss can in fact coach the footy team. We will have to wait and see!

More Opportunities at Thornton School

This year, the school has employed a specialist PE teacher, Mrs Lubans and specialist science teacher, Ms Varley, to provide instruction for the students during the teacher's release from face to face teacher time.

This will be a great initiative at Thornton School and will allow the students to get the most out of their weekly timetable.



Mrs Lubans with her PE Class

Welcome Kindergarten 2015





Munch N Eat News

Welcome back to all our existing families and a big welcome to all families new to the school. A summer menu will go out with today's newsletter. We are trialling cheeseburger meal deals on Mondays. The cheeseburgers consist of a lean meat patty on a roll with a slice of cheese and tomato sauce. (can be made with BBQ sauce, but needs to be ordered as such, otherwise will have tomato sauce). Plus your choice of drink from our menu, which must be stated on order. Cost of Cheeseburger meal deal is \$4.60.

As lunch is picked up at 11.00am, orders need to be handed into the canteen by 9.30, otherwise a sandwich may be offered.

On Monday 9th February, primary students will be attending the swimming carnival. So the canteen will be having a special day for the Infants students. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO COME AND HELP AND SEE HOW THE CANTEEN OPERATES, THIS IS A GOOD DAY TO TRY IT OUT! We will have a meal deal consisting of: 4 x Dino snacks (similar to chicken nuggets), choice of drink from menu and 2 pieces of watermelon, all for \$4.00.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT IN THE CANTEEN

We would love to see some new parents/grandparents/carers help out in the canteen. You can help for either the 9.00 – 11.30am timeslot or stay with us for the whole day until around 2.30pm, or whenever

you would like to help out until. Bring a friend and do canteen together. Come and try if for a couple of hours, the children love to see you serving them. Duties consist of sandwich making, cutting up salads and fruit, washing up, serving etc. Plus there is always a canteen supervisor on duty. ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

The canteen has eggs for sale. They are 700g eggs and are \$3.50 per dozen.

Thank you and Welcome
Cheryl and Paula



MUNCH AND EAT CANTEEN Summer Menu 2015



MENU ITEMS

GREEN

AMBER

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	Item	Price	Item	Price
SANDWICHES	Cheese	\$2.00	Ham	\$2.50
	Chicken	\$3.00	Strawberry jam	\$1.50
	Chicken & salad	\$4.50		\$1.50
	Egg or curried egg	\$2.00	<div> MONDAY MEAL DEAL Cheeseburger Choice of drink from menu \$4.60 </div>	
	Egg & lettuce	\$2.50		
	Ham & salad	\$4.50		
	Salad	\$3.50		
	Cheese & tomato	\$2.50		
	Bread roll add	30c		
	Toasted extra	30c		
	Lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cucumber each extra	30c		
	Wraps			
	Salad wrap	\$3.00		
	Add ham OR chicken extra	50c		
			Vegemite	30c
			Cheese as an extra	
SALAD BOXES	Small box – inc. 1 bread, carrot, cheese, lettuce, tom, beetroot, cucumber	\$4.00		
	Small box & ham OR chicken	\$5.00		
	Large box – inc. 2 bread, carrot, cheese, lettuce, tom, beet, cucumber, corn & pine	\$5.00		
	Large box & ham OR chicken	\$6.00		
HOT FOOD			Chicken burger – lettuce, mayo	\$3.50
			Chicken burger – plain	\$3.00
			Lasagne	\$3.50
			Mac & cheese	\$3.50
			Spaghetti bolognese	\$3.50
			Nuggets (3)	\$1.50
			Plain pie	\$2.60
			Sausage roll	\$2.20
			Rounda Pizza	\$2.20
SNACKS	Custard cup	\$1.00	Finger bun	\$1.20
	Fresh popcorn	10c	Hot cheese & bacon roll	\$1.50
	Milo cups – cold or warm	\$1.00	Rice sticks – cheese	\$1.00
	Seasonal fruit from	10c	Chips – honey soy & sea salt	\$1.00
	Whole apple	60c	Muffin (small/large) – choc	30c/60c
	Rice crackers (6)	20c	Jelly cup	50c
DRINKS	Bottled water	\$1.00	Focus- apple raspberry & blackcurrant	\$1.60
	Up & Go – all flavours	\$1.60	Plain milk	\$1.20
	Juice small – apple, orange & orange/passion	\$1.60	Quench – cola, lemonade & apple raspberry	\$1.60
	Oak light flavoured milk – choc, strawberry & banana	\$1.60		
FROZEN TREATS	Frozen fruit cups – orange, blackcurrant	60c	Fandangles – choc, fairy floss & caramel	\$1.60
	Icy bites	60c	Icy pole – lemonade	\$1.10
	Icy bites – half	30c	Bulla light ice cream cups	\$1.10
	Juicies – wild berry & tropical	\$1.00	Milo – on top of ice cream extra	10c
	Frozen milk cups – chocolate & strawberry	60c		
EXTRAS	Boiled egg	50c	Sauce – kum, sweet n sour & BBQ	30c

Canteen Supervisors are Cheryl and Paula. Canteen Phone: 49641368
Lunchbox orders are taken over the counter from 8:30 - 9:30, after this only vegemite, cheese, jam sandwiches
Lunchbox orders with correct money may be placed in silver in outside canteen before 9:00am