



# THORNTON THUNDER

**Thornton Public School and its local Community**

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**Term 4, Week 1**  
**No 31**

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## **Welcome Back to all Thornton Families**

A warm welcome back is extended to all Thornton families as we embark on the final term of 2015. A special welcome is also extended to the new families who have recently joined us. It is hoped your involvement with our school will be long and beneficial.

This term we will see our 2016 kindergarten students begin their learning journey. The students will visit our school on three occasions over the coming weeks. Experiencing *BIG SCHOOL* is such an important event and it is one that our wonderful Kindergarten teachers manage so well.

Good luck kids and parents during the orientation process!

Activities to look forward to this term include the Special Swimming School, the election of our school leaders for 2016, the Celebration of Learning, our end of year Presentation Day and the Year 6 Farewell.

A busy term ahead with many opportunities for our students, parents and wider community.

Thornton School,

## **Learning Caring Opportunities**

### **Photo of the Week**



Love those Hippeastrums,  
and our kids of course

### **Dates from the Planner**

#### **Kindy Transition Days**

13/10, 14/10, 20/10, 21/10

#### **Stage Two Camp**

15/10-16/10

#### **Aboriginals parent breakfast**

22/10

#### **Mufti Day, DADS Awesome Camp Over**

6/11

#### **Remembrance Day**

11/11

#### **Colour Run**

13/11

#### **Year 2 swimming school**

9/11-20/11

#### **Aboriginal Cultural Day**

26/11

#### **St 3 Celebration of Learning**

30/11

#### **ES1, S1, S2 Celebration of Learning**

3/12

#### **Presentation day**

8/12

#### **Carols**

10/12

## **Tell Them From Me**

Parents this week would have received an information sheet outlining the benefits of the Tell Them From Me Survey. All parents are encouraged to complete the survey as the information will greatly assist the school as we start the planning process for 2016. All responses are completely anonymous.

## **School Uniform**

Remember, a school hat is essential in our busy active school. Parents are asked to please ensure there is at least one hat in their child's bag. While we do have spares, to be worn with a hairnet, it is still preferable for students to have their own.

## **Year 7 Selective High school 2017.**

If parents are seeking enrolment for their year 5 child in a selective high school in 2017, the enrolment forms, on line, will be available soon.

Please keep an eye on the website [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Applications will open on **13 October 2015** and will close on **16 November 2015**. Applications can only be made online through this website at that time. Read the [application information](#) and the [parents' overview](#).

## **Stage Two Go Camping**

All the very best to our 120 students who are heading to camp next week. The teachers are certainly looking forward it as are the students.

All the best and we look forward to seeing some photos next week.

## **River Lights Festival**

Celebrating diversity through food, music, traditional craft, games, dance and interactive experiences, Riverlights transforms Central Maitland into a global village, with over 20 nations represented.

Riverlights really shines at night, with spectacular fire shows, a festival lantern parade and the iconic paper lantern flotilla, where hundreds of paper lanterns are floated down the Hunter River, a truly memorable spectacle.

Our wonderful senior dance group will be performing on Saturday evening from 4: 30 pm. Come along and support the festival and see our dance group.





## Earn and Learn

What a great community we have.

Did you know that we collected 27300 Earn and Learn points?

And that equates to over \$1800 worth of equipment for our classes?

Great job everyone and THANKS!

## Creative Play Makes a Good Start

With the stage two girls making the most of the creative play materials , it was an amazing site to see cars, buses, cubbies, conveyor belts, gymnastic equipment, swings and even sleds created from some simple recycled material.

We are looking for more stuff so please drop it in to the school.



## **DADS Awesome day**

DADS Awesome Camp over is definitely on again this year.

Friday November 6 from 5:00pm.

Get those tents out and sleeping bags dusted off.....

## **Newsletter Availability**

A reminder that the newsletter is available from the plastic holder outside the office.  
It is also available on the website, is emailed out to every family and is on the APP.

## **What's Due & When?**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Year/Class</b>	<b>Activity Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Swimming Scheme – Payment 3	Yr 2	9 - 20 Nov	\$20.00	23 October 2015
Payments made to the school office must be received by 3pm and online payments must be made by 6pm on the due date. No late payments can be accepted unless prior arrangements are made with the office. If you have not received a note for any activity, these are available from the Office or the school's website.				

## **SPORT NEWS**

Congratulations to all stage 2 and stage 3 students for a fantastic start to term 4 sport.

### **Stage 2 Best and Fairest**

Lucas - 4O

Lachlan - 3M

Hayden -4P

Logan - 3J

TJ - 3Z

### **Stage 3 Best and Fairest**

Olivia - 6A

Skye - 5C

Declan 5/6S

Zander - 5WS

Indiana - 6Y

## Library News

### WORLD BOOK WEB

Good news! Our library now subscribes to the following award winning

#### World Book Web products.

- **World Book Kids** – is based on World Book's award winning Discovery Encyclopaedia and is designed to give younger students, ESL students and reluctant readers a rewarding online reading experience. The site Illustrations, diagrams and maps enrich more than 2,000 articles selected for appeal and relevance.
- **World Book Students** – forms the foundation of a expansive reference database that includes over 40,000 encyclopaedia and reference articles, thousands of links to outside web sites selected by World Book editors and contributors. It also includes an extensive Dictionary and Atlas plus audios, visuals and animations.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We are providing this service to you at **No charge!**

We hope that your whole family will use the World Book sites often to help with homework, special projects, at-home learning and information seeking.

To access the World Book Web, follow these simple instructions:

1. Go to World Book Web site: <http://www.worldbookline.com>
2. Type in the following user Login ID: thorntonps
3. Password: thorntonps

**Please remember that login and password information is for students and their families only, and extending this information to people who do not live within the school district could result in loss of at-home access for our students.**





## **Imaginative Text Writing**

### **A Question of Sanity**

I cautiously tread through the mossy, damp swamp. The icy water makes this environment deadly. I stand in my once beautiful dress now stained and in tatters... ripped by the harsh, prickly bushes that surround the gloomy swamp land. The murky air feels like poison acid in my throat and on my delicate skin. Suddenly my attention snaps towards my left side. I can hear a faint hush calling my name.

"Sarah....."

My concise is screaming at me to run away but something tells me to keep going. I amble towards the grand shape in the distance. As I get closer I can feel the acid burning my skin. The pain is intolerable but I am determined to see what this mysterious shape is. I stare in awe at a staircase. Again I hear my name.

"Sarah come....."

I put one foot onto the depilated staircase. A foul smell drifts up my nostrils like curdled milk. I take another step and go plummeting back to the bottom. My head cracks on the sharp rocks nearby. I slowly struggle to sit up and gently hold my head to stop the spinning. Blood cascades through my trembling fingers. Each move sends ferocious pain through my bruised body. But I'm determined. I reach for the decaying staircase and hesitate. I question my sanity ... Should I keep going?

By Felicity Parker

### **Life of an Agent**

"I've just smashed out of a thin window, commander sir!" I say with a shout. A miniature drip of sweat tickles my rough cheeks as I prepare to jump off the crashing building. My stomach feels like it's going to burst while my heart beats faster and harder. I shake in fear, scared and terrified. So I take a deep breath and get ready to leap onto the military helicopter. "1...2...3...jump!" I shout as I close my eyes tightly. Then I feel my bruised hands gripped on something rough and tough. My tight eye lids open as the gazing sun beams unto my delicate eyes while they try to get used to the shining light. I ensnared on the tenacious ladder made of powerful rope. I scream hoarsely to the brave pilot "let's get out of here!". The metal helicopter swiftly escapes into the bright and beautiful sunrise. I look at the terrorising building as it blows in front of my sweat drenched face. I did it. Mission accomplish.

By Jules Tintero

### **Beach**

The wild waves crash as loud as thunder, as they roll onto the bright, sandy shore. A distant seagull call cuts through the roaring sound of the sea like the sharp blade of a knife. The water dances playfully, before hurdling towards the dark, slippery rocks, then belly-flopping onto their jiggered surface, sending spray travelling through the cool breeze like a jet. The golden sand is magnificently radiant, and each tread sends a rush of warmth flowing through my body.

I gaze into the clear, heavenly sky, as I lazily stroll along the vibrant shore. Suddenly, I see a lone seagull gliding up ahead. I glance upwards at the creature. Then ... SPLAT! I shriek in horror as a gooey white liquid runs down my head.

By Ava Eveleigh

### **The Frog Pond**

The leaves are falling delicately and the wind is blowing gently as I sit on the leafy ground. The glistening sun glares in my eyes making it hard to see. The water is still as it reflects the old petrifying trees above. As I sit there in quietness, hypnotic rain starts to fall lethargically down onto the sparkly crystal clear water making a meger splash. I listen to its peaceful song and the frogs join in with their croaking. It echoes serenely, and breaks through the terrifying shadows of the trees. My fear starts to dissipate as the icy cold water of the pond swirls around and tiny glitters of bugs glisten is the blazing sun shine. The beauty is glowing. I am in paradise.

By Benny Dough (This is Benita's alias as she is not allowed to have her name published)

## **P & C News**

Hi Everyone,

### ***Spring Fair***

We would like to thank the tireless work from our spring fair committee members who organised a great Spring Fair. To the parent volunteers on the day, we thank you all very much for your great help to make our day a successful one. To the teachers, office staff and Mr Millburn and Ms Moss for all your long hours spent helping us to get the day organised we thank you all very much. To the students and their families thank you for coming and making the day successful.

## **Spring Fair Stop Press**

**We raised over \$22000  
Thanks everyone!!!!**

### ***Clothing Pool***

- This is open in the SPR on Wednesday afternoons 2.45pm – 3.15pm  
Friday mornings 8.45am – 9.15am

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Gill, Alissa, Allyson, Penny, Kristie-Lee, Sarah, Stacey and Korine

## **Canteen News**

### **Munch N Eat News**

Welcome back to school for term 4. We hope you all had a lovely break.

The summer menu will go out next. We will no longer have Hot Chicken Rolls.

Wraps will be added back to the menu for summer.

Thanks to the parents that filled in the help needed form for the canteen. We have received 5 new helpers.

The roster for next week is as follows:-

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October Leanne F

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October Penny, Christine

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October Mel

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October Sarah,

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October Toni, Kylie, Berlinda

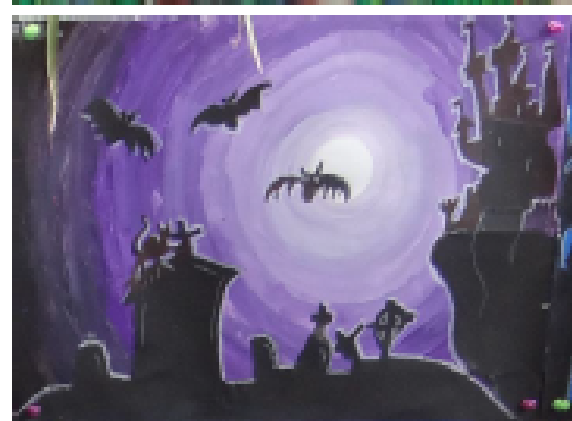
Thanks to all our helpers over the past week

Thanks

Cheryl and Paula

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	5 October Public Holiday	6 October KU Pre School	7 October Forum	8 October Scripture Stage 1 Assembly	9 October	1 0 1 1 O c t
2	12 October K-6 Assembly Music Tutoring	13 October KU Pre School Canteen Meeting KO Day 1 A	14 October KO Day 1 B Stage 2 Assembly Playground Working Party Meeting 3:30	15 October Stage Two Camp ES1 Assembly	16 October Stage Two Camp St 3 Assembly Kindy Zumba	1 7 1 8 O c t
3	19 October K-6 Assembly Music Tutoring Uniform Working Party Meeting	20 October KU Pre School KO Day 2A	21 October KO Day 2B	22 October Aboriginal Education Team Family Breakfast Stage 1 Assembly	23 October Kindy Zumba	2 4 2 5 O c t
4	26 October K-6 Assembly Music Tutoring P and C Meeting	27 October KO Day 3 A KU Pre School	28 October KO Day 3 B Environment Meeting Stage 2 Assembly Parish of Hexham Church Service and Dinner Dance (Thornton Dance Group)	29 October ES1 Assembly	30 October Kindy Zumba St 3 Assembly	3 1 1 N o v
5	2 November Year 5 prefect nominations out Music Tutoring	3 November KU Pre School	4 November Kindy Zumba School council	5 November Stage 1 Assembly	6 November Mufti Day Relay for Life DADS Awesome Camp over	7 8
6	9 November Music Tutoring Swimming School	10 November KU Pre School	11 November Remembrance Day Aboriginal O Day FGHS Stage 2 Assembly Kindy Zumba	12 November ES1 Assembly	13 November Colour Run St 3 Assembly	1 4 1 5 N o v
7	16 November K-6 Assembly Music Tutoring Swimming School	17 November KU Pre School	18 November FGHS Jump Start	19 November Stage 1 Assembly	20 November	2 1 2 2 N o v
8	23 November K-6 Assembly Prefect posters displayed Music Tutoring P and C Meeting	24 November KU Pre School	25 November Environment Meeting Stage 2 Assembly FGHS Info night and Disco	26 November Aboriginal Cultural Day ES1 Assembly	27 November St 3 Assembly	2 8
9	30 November K-6 Assembly Prefect speeches and voting	1 December KU Pre School	2 December Forum	3 December Celebration Of Learning ES1, S1, S2 FGHS O Day	4 December Celebration Of Learning S3 Reports Out =	5 6 D e c
10	7 December K-6 Assembly Music Tutoring Year 6 Farewell	8 December Presentation Day KU Pre School	9 December  <i>Harvest Gig</i>	10 December Carols	11 December	1 2 1 3 D e c
11	14 December Diamond Lizzy Day	15 December Party Day KU Pre School	16 December Moving Day Whole school clap out.	17 December SDD	18 December SDD	1 9 2 0 D e c





# ART CLASSES

**For Ages 7yrs -15 yrs**

NOW ENROLLING FOR TERM 4

**VACANCIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR**

**SATURDAYS**

**9am-10am or 10.30-11.30**

**MONDAYS**

**5pm - 6pm**

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Author/illustrator and artist in residence/ art Workshop co-ordinator at T.P.S. Working with childrens approval number: WWC0240888E

**FOR MORE DETAILS**

**ph LEX JAMES on**

**Ph. 0400316114**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**Anglican Parish of Beresfield-Thornton**  
**'On the River' Art Show**  
at St Paul's Anglican Church and Hall, Beresfield

As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and celebrating the role the Hunter River played in our creation as a parish (we were originally called the Parish of Hexham!) we are holding an art show with the theme 'On the River'.

We are looking for your submissions of paintings, photos, textiles or sculptures. This art show will also include poetry and stories. Entries in one of three age categories: Primary, Secondary and Open.

Prizes awarded.

All artwork, poetry and stories to be submitted by Friday, 23 October. Please contact our priest, Doug, on 0478 050 012 for further information.

**The show will be open**  
**Monday, 26 October, to Friday, 30 October,**  
**1-4pm each day**  
**and on the Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-9pm**

**Opens on Monday night with Evensong at 6:30pm**  
**followed by cheese and wine supper with storytelling**  
**and poetry.**

# MISSING CAT



## BUKE

Missing since Saturday night 26<sup>th</sup> Sept from the Lemonwood Circuit area. Family pet, very much missed. Contact 0411232993  
Could you check lawn lockers and garages to see if he is locked in by mistake Thanks

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