



# THORNTON THUNDER

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## **Our Leaders Shine**

Over the coming weeks the students in Year 5 will be contemplating the possibility of becoming a school prefect for 2016.

The qualities of a school prefect are many and varied. Being well-behaved at all times, being a good role model for others, showing initiative and always demonstrating our four values – Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners are all necessary. Being able to stand up for what is right and being strong enough to stand apart from the crowd are also important leadership traits.

The nomination process begins in Week 5 as students who are on track to receive their Diamond Lizzie Award nominate themselves or others for the position of school prefect. After this, staff and Year 5 vote to determine the top 12 boys and top 12 girls. From here, the 24 candidates create a poster for display during Week 7 and 8, culminating in speeches and voting in Week 9. The 12 successful students will then be notified soon after with the captains and vice captains being announced on Presentation Day.

In a large school such as Thornton being a candidate for school prefect is certainly an achievement. Being elected a prefect is a terrific honour.

The very best of luck is extended to all students who are interested in this opportunity.

***Thornton School, Excellent Reputation***

## **Photo of the Week**



*Our new Kindergarten student and their buddy.*

## **Dates from the Planner**

### **Friday 6 November**

Mufti Day, DADS Awesome Camp Over Kindergarten to Thornton Library

### **Monday 9 November – Friday 20 November**

Year 2 Swimming School

### **Wednesday 11 November**

Remembrance Day

### **Friday 13 November**

Colour Run

### **Thursday 26 November**

Aboriginal Cultural Day

### **Thursday 3 December**

ES1, St1, St2 Celebration of Learning

### **Friday 4 December**

St 3 Celebration of Learning

### **Tuesday 8 December**

Presentation Day

### **Thursday 10 December**

Carols

## **Celebration of Learning**

### **Thursday December 3**

Early Stage One        9:30 am

Stage One                10:30 am

Stage Two                12:00 pm

### **Friday December 4**

Stage Three              9:30am

At the Celebration of Learning, every student receives a certificate of completion. A number of musical items are in the program as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

## **Presentation Day**

### **Tuesday December 8**

Stage Two and Three                      9:30am – 11:00am

Early Stage One and Stage One              11:40am – 12:30pm

Morning Tea provided for everyone in between the ceremonies.

At Presentation Day, awards for academic excellence, citizenship, sportsmanship and improvement are given for all classes. Our captains and vice captains for 2016 will be announced and reports from the P&C, the School Council and the Principal will be delivered.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

## **Mobile Phones at School**

A reminder to all parents and students that mobile phones must be turned off and in the students bag if they are at school. Portable gaming machines and MP3 players are not allowed at school.

## **DADS Awesome Camp over is Getting Closer**

Please return the consent forms as soon as possible as the rissoles and coleslaw need to be ordered soon.

So far we have around 35 dads and 50 kids.

It will be a great evening so come along and enjoy.

## **We Help Those In Need**

As in previous years, we are gratefully accepting donations from our school community for the St Peters Emergency Relief Fund.

Donations of tinned ham, custard, puddings and other food items can be dropped at the office from next week.

Thank you!

## **Are You Here Next Year?**

As always, if your child will not be here next year, please contact the office so we can adjust our numbers.

If you know of any families coming into the area, ask them to contact the school so we can include them in our planning.

## **Changes to School Bus Passes for 2016**

Ministers for Transport and Education announced that parents and students will be able to apply for a School Opal Card and get information about the card from next week.

Students who have a paper school bus pass this year will automatically be issued with an Opal card at their school from the start of term 1 in 2016. This does NOT include students going from Year 2 to Year 3.

Some parents and students will need to apply online for their School Opal card, which will be delivered in 2016. This includes parents who have children starting in Kindergarten, **moving from Year 2 to 3**, starting high school, changing school or changing their address next year.

Parents and students who need to apply for a School Opal card can go to the website [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students) from Monday 2 November.

There is a fact sheet at the end of the newsletter

## **School Council**

The next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday November 4 at 3:30pm in the staff room.

Agenda items include;

- Review of the schools financial status
- Principals Report
- Members report
- Preparation for the annual school report

## **Bring Your Own Device Class**

With enough students to run two BYOD classes in 2016, Thornton is well placed to be a leader in the area of technology enhanced teaching and learning.

Successful students were notified this week.

## **Shop-a-Holics Bus Trip**

Just a reminder the bus trip is 1 week away this Sunday. We would love to have you join us.

Warehouses we will be going to are:

- 🚐 Victoria's Basement
- 🚐 FWS Shoes
- 🚐 MBU Clothing – mens, ladies
- 🚐 Surf Warehouse
- 🚐 TD14 clothing
- 🚐 New Balance and Puma
- 🚐 Manchester Warehouse
- 🚐 Shire Sweets and Gifts
- 🚐 KB Toys

Deposit was \$40 with the balance \$91.60.

This needs to be paid by tomorrow 31 October.

Please contact Alissa on 0402750515 to book your seat.

## **Yoghurt Containers**

Miss Varley, our science teacher is in need of empty single serve yoghurt containers to be used in some exciting science projects for this term. Just leave them at the office.

## School Banking

Just remember our school banking is happening every Friday till the end of term. Just drop your bank books in at the office before Friday.

## School Hats

Parents are reminded that Thornton Public School is a *No Hat Play in the Shade* school.

Not having a hat stops children participating in sport and PE, both important aspects of their schooling life.

Please, make sure your child has a hat at school, and maybe even a spare, every day!

## Relay for Life

Next Friday is a Mufti Day. For a gold coin donation students may come to school out of uniform. All money will be donated to the Relay for Life organisation. Preferred colours are purple and mauve, but any will do. Special cupcakes will be available from the canteen as per the order form sent home this week.

## Colour Run UPDATE

*If students in K-2 would like to be coloured, they must wear a white shirt and old shoes and shorts. This will identify them as coloured runners.*

*Note, this does not include a white school shirt!*

***Sponsorship forms have gone home.***

We will be holding the inaugural Colour Run on Friday 13 November! This will be a major fundraiser so the school can purchase some Gym Mats to support the K – 6 PE Program in 2016. All students are asked to get sponsored through the Adidas Fun Run program.

Students in Years 3 - 6 will run from 9:30am-11:00am. They will run a set track with music, dance, games and aerobics. If students would like to be coloured, they must wear a white T shirt. (and old shoes and shorts). This will identify them as ***Coloured Runners***.

Students who do not wish to be coloured can wear crazy coloured clothes.

Students in K - 2 will run from 12:00pm -1:00pm.

They will run the course in crazy coloured clothes and enjoy the music, dance, games and aerobics.

Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Further information to follow.

## We love Our Irish Dance Group.





## 2016 Kindergarten and their buddies. The last Orientation Day



### Stage Two Camp Responses...

My favourite activity was called the challenge ropes. It was fun and scary but exciting too. There were lots of obstacles and it was very high. We put on helmets, harnesses, ropes and wires for safety. The camp people were there to help you. We also used teamwork.

*Caitlyn*

On Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October Stage 2 went to Central Mangrove Mountain for camp. One activity was the challenge ropes and the first thing was to put on the gear. All the gear was a helmet, a harness, ropes and clips. Next we practised what we had to do for the course. My partner was Hayden. After the practice we went on the course. It was really fun, especially my face.

*Jacob*

### Stage Two Camp Posters 4P



## Sport News

### *Stage 2 Best and Fairest*

Keaton	3Z	Emily	4O
Charlotte	3J	Hayden	4P
Dylan	3M		

## P & C News

Hi Everyone

### *Clothing Pool*

Clothing Pool is open on Wednesday afternoons between 2.45pm – 3.15pm and Friday mornings between 8.45am – 9.15am.

We are currently seeking donations of school shirts please.

### *Sale*

There will be a \$2 sale on jumpers and jackets next Wednesday and Friday ONLY.

### *Christmas*

We will be after donations for our Christmas Raffle in the coming weeks. All donations can be left at the office.

### *Spring Fair*

We still have some unclaimed raffle prizes. These prizes will now become forfeited and will go into the Christmas Raffle.

We hope that you have a great week and thank you for your ongoing support.

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



## ‘Munch & Eat’ News

### *Cupcake Day – Relay for Life*

An order form has gone home for ‘Relay for Life’ Cupcake day, which is next Friday 6 November. Students will receive their order for Afternoon tea. All orders need to be back to the canteen with payment by Tuesday 3 November. No orders can be taken after Tuesday. Cupcakes are \$4.60 and this includes a vanilla cupcake and a milk.

### *Menu*

A summer menu has also gone home. The changes are as follows:

-  No hot chicken/mayo/gravy
-  We have added chicken/ham/salad wraps and we now also have Olaf Ice Blocks as well as rainbow and chocolate paddle pops.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	2.11 – Renae
Tuesday	3.11 – Tanya
Wednesday	4.11 – Angela B
Thursday	5.11 – Kerrie
Friday	6.11 – Elaine

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.  
Cheryl and Paula

## Class Report 2H

### Writing by Ethan

If the snow falls down we're going to stop it. Actually I am going to use my elementor powers to stop the snow.

Ethan 2H

### The Spring Fair

Yesterday I went to the Spring Fair. I went with my mum, her boyfriend and my sister to help raise money to fix the school and play equipment.

What they did was zoomba, shops, the headbands, jewellery and books. They had bumper cars, and rides that spin around and around. There was rock climbing.

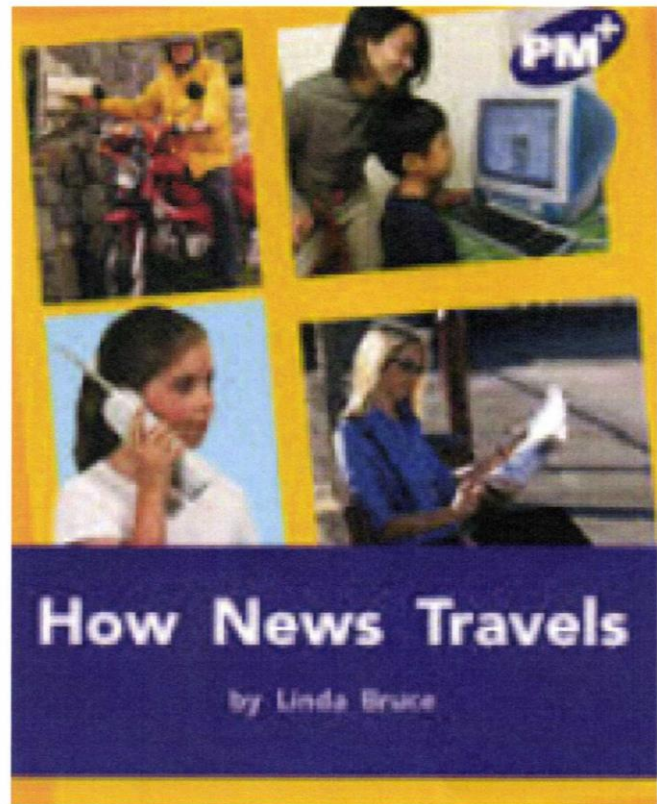
It was fun.

Sophie 2H



Research and book  
report

# How news travels



There are many ways to tell people our news but you can talk to people on the phone and you can write a letter and post it in the letterboxes.

If you want to learn about news you can go on google, phones and television. You can watch it to learn as well.

Charlize 2H



## Mario Cart

I played Mario Cart. I kept on coming most of the time while Miley and dad got three fish at the shop. I watched the v8 super cars racing. I played my iPad and the game was called real racing. Jack 2H



## The three pigs

One day there were three pigs that were very messy. The whole entire house was a pig sty and everything had a pig on it. Out the window there was a wolf.

Mum left because they were so messy. After the mum left they were trying to find food for them to eat. There was no food for them to eat. They looked everywhere.

After mum arrived back everything was back to normal and they all helped mum and they were not lazy any more.

Kyan 2H

## The Very Best of Friends

Once upon a time there were two best friends, Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley. They were completely different but they were still best friends. Charlie's favourite place to read is on the garden. Pearl like to run around, be loud and run amok.

Charlie Parsley is very shy and he only really has one friend, Pearl Barley. He is very nurturing, fearful and peaceful. Sometimes Charlie feels sad, lonely or just plain blue. Pearl Barley will come and cheer him up and say things like "Come on, smile! Do I have to tickle you?" However, if that doesn't work she will dance up a storm.

Pearl Barley is crazy and she's friends with everyone, especially Charlie. Her personality is funny, creative, loud and she loves to run amok. She loves to talk, talk, and talk all day long about anything and everything. However, if Pearl forgets her mittens on cold winter days Charlie Parsley will warm them up as warm as toast.

If Pearl is tired of running around Charlie will tuck her into bed. He has a lovely bedside manner.

Heidi 2H





## Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.



### School Opal card can be used:

- On approved travel on school days between the student's home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:

- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school; or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3.2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

### School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:

- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student's travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only.

For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

### How do parents/students get a School Opal card?

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card *unless* they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant's home address.



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