



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Read Read Read

As parents know all too well, children love to re-read their favourite books over and over again. While this may feel painfully repetitive to adults, there is something in the text that is bringing children back time after time.

Children benefit greatly from re-reading as they learn the rhyming or predictable pattern of the text – rather than spending that time trying to understand what the book's about.

[Research](#) shows that repeated reading of favourite books can boost vocabulary by up to 40%.

But this is only truly beneficial when the text is read aloud.

[Research shows](#) that when preschool children are frequently read to, their brain areas supporting comprehension and mental imagery are highly engaged. Studies show that this helps with the development of reading skills, such as word recognition, when they start to learn to read.

By assisting our children to develop these skills, we're ensuring that they know that text conveys a message, and to read on for more information when they get stuck on a word.

And it's never too early to start reading aloud to your children. Australian author and literacy studies professor [Mem Fox](#) says reading to children from birth can help develop a love for and understanding of books.

Ryan Spencer, University of Canberra

For further information go to <http://theconversation.com/profiles/ryan-spencer-98918>

Photo of the Week



*Down comes the old damaged equipment.
Look out girls and boys on Monday!!!*

Dates from the Planner

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

Thankyou Morning Tea

Our famous Thank You Morning tea for our many wonderful volunteers is scheduled for Thursday December 3 at 11:00 am.

This morning tea will fit into the Celebration of Learning Day.

Please pencil the date into your calendar

Invitations will be going home in the next few weeks.

DADS Awesome Camp Over

We are all excited about the upcoming DADS Camp over.

The evening starts with tent set up from 5:00pm. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00pm and then a number of fun activities will occur.

If the kids and Dads have bikes, bring them along otherwise the Trivia Track can be done on foot.

See you there.

Reverse Christmas Tree

Thornton school is again supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Donations of packaged or tinned food and small children's gifts would be appreciated. Donations can be left in the school foyer. Our collection will be handed over at our Carols Night.

Uniform Update

The proposed samples of the new uniform will be on display outside the school office from Monday afternoon.

Come along and have look.



Option 1 (sewn panels)



Option 2 (printed fabric)

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.

Kindergarten Visits Thornton Library

Kindergarten had the pleasure of attending Thornton Library for Yoga Storytime this morning. We walked over in our class groups to listen to 'Where is the Green Sheep'. As we listened we performed yoga poses to go with the story. Our Kindergarten children displayed their very best listening manners and really enjoyed the experience. They were all respectful, safe responsible and very relaxed and flexible learners!

Starstruck 2016

Auditions for our school Starstruck dance team will be on Tuesday 17 November at afternoon tea in the school hall.

The auditions are for Years 2,3,4 and 5 both boys and girls.

The show will be held on 17 and 18 June 2016.

Remembrance Day

Parents, Carers and Community members are advised that Thornton Public School will hold its Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday 11 November commencing around 11.45am at the school's Lone Pine.

Swimming School Starts

A reminder to our Year 2 that Swim School begins on Monday so make sure you bring your swimming gear in a separate bag. Don't forget to include an extra towel and jumper.

Relay for Life

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Relay for Life Mufti Day so successful today.

The kids looked great, the cupcakes were delicious and the contributions generous.

We raised over \$500 for Relay for Life. What a terrific result.

Thanks Thornton

Colour Run UPDATE

All students were given a Colour Run Details note today which explains everything parents will need to know!

Remember, 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!

Come on kids get involved. Raise some money for the school and get a gift for yourself!!!

Sport News

Stage 2 Best and Fairest

3M	Jazmin	4O	Elissa
3Z	Mia	4P	Tristan
3J	Jamie		

Stage 3 Best and Fairest

5C	Evan	6A	Ashley
5WS	Sarah, Daniel	6Y	Noah
5/6S	Lily, Aiden		

P & C News

Clothing Pool

This is open in the SPR on Wednesday afternoons from 2.45pm – 3.15pm and Friday mornings from 8.45am – 9.45am.

Clothing Pool is seeking donations 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 that can be left at the office.

Shopping Trip

Unfortunately our bus trip had to be cancelled again due to lack of numbers. Thank you to all the parents that did sign up to go and again we are sorry we had to cancel.

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

Canteen End of Year Volunteers Get Together

We are having a night out on Friday 27 November. We are looking at heading down to Hamilton. Please let the canteen know if you can join us.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	9.11 – Leanne
Tuesday	10.11 – Penny, Christine
Wednesday	11.11 – Mel
Thursday	12.11 – Sarah, Kelly H
Friday	13.11 – Toni, Kylie, Berlinda, Viva

We are currently doing our roster for 2016. If anyone would like to be added to the roster please come and see us or ring the school.

All help would be greatly appreciated.

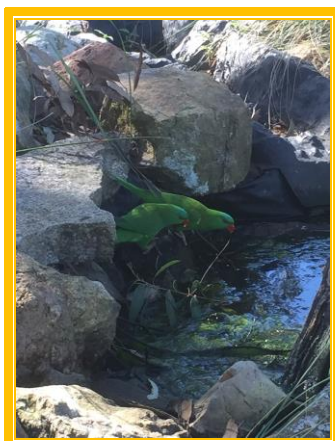
Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Thornton Community Garden

The Thornton Community Garden was officially opened on Saturday and the Maitland Council are holding free ‘Green Communities’ workshops on Saturday 28 November in the garden. Everyone is welcome.

11am	Recycling, worm farming and composting workshop
12 noon	Community Garden free Sausage Sizzle
1pm	Backyard Vegetable workshop



Class Report – KS

KS have been listening to information books about the life cycle of living things.

Look what we have written:

The mother turtle lays eggs.

Alex

The mother turtle lays the eggs. The dingoes are predators.

Jesse

Turtles lay 100 eggs. The female lays the eggs.

Mackenzie

Turtles lay eggs in a hole at the beach.

Izabelle

Little turtles hatch from the eggs. Mother turtle leaves the babies.

Jordan

Turtles are cute. Most of the baby turtles do not survive. The sea creatures are hungry.

Nate

Turtles lay 100's of eggs. Turtles go to the same beach to lay their eggs.

Grace

Turtles lay 100's of eggs and the eggs hatch into turtles. Seagulls and dingoes are predators.

Sophie

Turtles have a shell. Turtles lay 100's of eggs.

Taj



Tadpoles turn into little frogs then they turn into mum frogs.

Jack

Frogs are amphibians. They can stay on land and water.

Summah L

Frogs live in water and land. Tadpoles hatch from hundreds of eggs.

Aiden

The eggs hatch into tadpoles. Tadpoles only turn into frogs.

Rico

Tadpoles are a living creature. They turn into a frog. They can go on water and land.

Samantha

Mum frogs lay hundreds of eggs.

Thomas

The tadpoles turn into frogs. They jump.

Shelby

Mother frogs lay hundreds of eggs. When they hatch they are tadpoles. Frogs are amphibians.

Tiarney



Caterpillars are an eating machine. Some butterflies are little.

Kaiya

Butterflies can fly. Butterflies can be little and big.

Declan

Butterflies can be big and they lay eggs.

Kinnesha

Butterflies can fly.

Summer

Butterflies can be big or small.

Jim

Butterflies can fly. Butterflies are cute.

Christian



Community News



Parent Questionnaire for the PAVe Project (Preventing Anxiety and Victimization through education)

Your school is participating in the PAVe project - a research project at Macquarie University. Students who have permission from their parents have now completed the second PAVe survey at school. We would like to invite parents of these children to also complete the PAVe parent survey.

Two schools with the highest return rate of parent surveys will win a \$2,000 prize for their school.

This online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/paveparents> to complete the survey. Alternatively, you can collect a paper version of the questionnaire from your school.

The information you provide will assist us evaluate programs that reduce peer victimization and anxiety in schools and also evaluate the health impact and costs to run these programs. The information will assist us plan future support for families to prevent victimization and anxiety in children.

The PAVe team and (name of school) thank you for participating in the PAVe Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or paveadmin@mq.edu.au



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FREE CONSULTATION*

*You can meet our dentist to discuss oral treatment and the associated costs. Normally the cost of such a consultation would be \$50-\$100, which will be waived as per this offer.

This free consultation includes limited oral examination but does not include X-rays, full exams or charting and is limited to 30 minutes. This offer does not include the initiation of treatment. Limit 1 per customer.

Christmas Shopping

Bonanza

To be held on

Sunday 15th November,

10am – 4pm

At

Adamstown Bowling Club

504 Glebe Rd, Adamstown, 2289

Fundraising for Autism Spectrum Australia.



We will be holding a raffle with all money going to support
Autism Spectrum Australia.

Join all these small businesses for a unique shopping
experience.

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17th & 18th December 2015 - Rutherford & Thornton Centres Only. 21st, 22nd & 23rd December 2015 - RUTHERFORD ONLY

4th to 8th January 2016 -Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open

Ashtonfield & Metford - 11th to 22nd January 2016 / Rutherford & Thornton - 11th to 25th January 2016

Pupil Free Day Wednesday 27th January 2016 - Ashtonfield, Rutherford, & Thornton

Open 6.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed Jan 26th Public Holiday

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.

Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

4 convenient locations - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton

"Child Care Benefit(CCB)" and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility

Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by "Dept of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made)

Daily fees after CCB range from \$5.24 (1 child with 100% CCB) to \$46.00 per child

Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at all of our centres and Main office from

Monday 9th November 2015

Sorry no phone/fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)

Please remember a 2016 blue enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of any bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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