



# THORNTON THUNDER

**Thornton Public School and its local Community**

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## Presentation Day Awards

Each year at Presentation Day, a number of special awards are presented to individual students. The awards cover areas such as academic excellence, citizenship, upholding the school values, sportsmanship, sporting achievement, artistic ability and music. Students are nominated for these awards by staff members. The final decisions are made after a discussion with the whole staff. The special awards on Presentation Day recognise students who achieve great things in our school.

Many of the awards are based on Thornton identities.

These include,

- Luke Willis Rugby League Award - *a teacher from Thornton school*
- Terry Pannowitz Award - *a Thornton rugby league player.*
- Pat Hughes Citizenship Award - *a Thornton councillor on Maitland Council*
- Sharon Claydon Leadership Award - *our Federal Member*
- Jenny Aitchison Young Achiever Award – *our State Member*
- Harvest Rock Ensemble Award - *the sponsor of our Rock Band*
- Art by LJ Award - *sponsored by local artist, Lex James*
- Jane Law Perpetual Award for Music - *a past principal of Thornton*

## Photo of the Week



**What an awesome Dads Camp Over**  
***Thanks everyone!***

## Dates from the Planner

**Monday 9 November – Friday 20 November**

Year 2 Swimming School

**Week 7 and 8**

Prefect candidates posters displayed

**Monday 23 November**

P & C meeting

**Wednesday 25 November**

FGHS Info and Disco Night

**Thursday 26 November**

Aboriginal Cultural Day

**Monday 30 November**

Prefect Speeches

**Thursday 3 December**

Est1, St1, St2 Celebration of Learning

**Friday 4 December**

St 3 Celebration of Learning

**Monday 7 December**

Year 6 farewell

**Tuesday 8 December**

Presentation Day

**Thursday 10 December**

Carols

## **Stage 1 Assembly**

The stage 1 assembly scheduled for Thursday 19 November has been cancelled due to swimming school.

## **Attendance Processes**

It is a legal requirement that students attend school every day. If a child is away parents are asked to notify the school by a note, an email or a phone message.

If a child is away for three days and we don't know why, the school will contact the parent. If any absence is unexplained, a letter will be sent home with the child.

Understanding the legal responsibilities we have as schools will allow the monitoring of absences to be done in the best way possible.

## **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**

## **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.

## **Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day was observed with great Dignity and Respect. Thanks teachers and students. Have a look at 3J's song on Facebook. It is very well done.



## **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 are now open 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](#). A paper information pack is available from the school.



## Kindy Love their Zumba,

Thank you Meredith and Donna for your terrific work with Kindergarten and Zumba. No wonder the children go home exhausted after Zumba, it is very physical. The last day was a hit with everyone there.



## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to the following students who have been selected to run for the position of Prefect at Thornton School in 2016.

### Girls

### Boys

Lakeisha Balas	Justin Cowper
Riley Keyes	Callan Pitt
Lily Fairhurst	Makye Telfer
Teresa Lawford	Jarrold Howard
Abbey Matthews	Bodie Archer
Capri Schiemer	Brendan Ashbourne
Caeley Browne	Isaac Fairhurst
Chloe Bashford	Brock Nardelli
Elke Telfer	Jack Garfoot
Phoebe Dunning	Jayden Dudgeon
Maddison Holbert	Cooper Preece
Chloe Mould	Cameron Gallagher

These students will make posters to be displayed in the library in week 7 and 8. Speeches and voting will occur in week 9.

## Colour Run UPDATE



**What a Day!!**

### Poppy Sales

The school community and 3J raised \$400 by selling poppies for Legacy. A special thank you to the wonderful sales assistants Amelia, Emerson and Zahra.

### Dad Awesome Camp Over

What a terrific night we enjoyed.

Thanks to everyone who supported the camp over with a special thanks to Mr Spiteri, Mr Bogdanovs, Mrs Colefax, Mr Carter, Mrs Soutar, Mr Colefax and Mr Soutar and Mr Millburn.







## Library News

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are packed full of great books for all ages from as little as \$2 so everyone can get reading. Book Club catalogues have done home this week and they are due back to school by Friday 20 November.

No late orders will be accepted. Orders are to be placed in the Red Box at the library or alternatively you can place your order online at:

[www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub](http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub) by using the new quick and easy Loop system.

Please note it you are paying by cash that all orders are to have the exact money enclosed. No change is available at the library.

This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. If you would like to have your order put aside so you can personally pick it up please let the library know.

## P & C News

### *Clothing Pool*

Our clothing pool is located in the SPR and open Wednesday afternoons from 2.45pm till 3.15pm and Friday mornings from 8.45am till 9.15am.

They are seeking donations of white logo school shirts please.

### *Sale*

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

### *Christmas Raffle*

We are after donations for our school Christmas Raffle. If anyone wishes to donate could they please bring their donations to the SPR on clothing pool days so it doesn't get mixed up with the school Christmas appeal.

### *We Need Your Help*

Unfortunately some of our Committee has had to step down and will be unable to continue for another two year term. Our AGM is in March 2016 where all positions will be made vacant. Although there will be four of us staying on for another two year term we will have some positions to fill.

The positions that are and will be vacant are:

- ★ Canteen Treasurer and Vice Secretary – vacant now and next 2 years
- ★ Vice Treasurer – next 2 years
- ★ Vice President – next 2 years

You do not need experience in any of these positions as there will be training and assistance provided.

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**

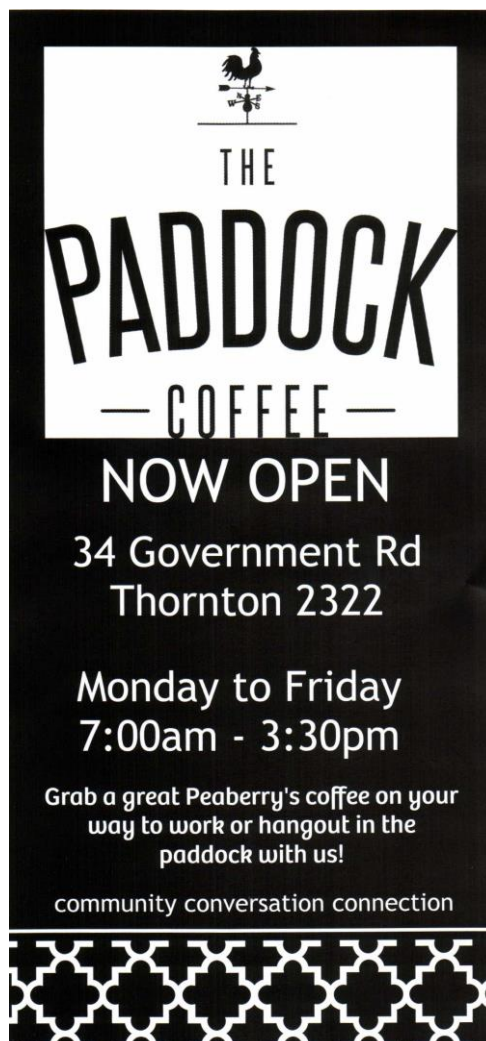
#### *Volunteers Christmas Get Together*

On Friday 27 November, 7pm at the Blind Monk in Beaumont Street Hamilton.

Please let us know if you can make it. We would love to see you all there.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	16.11 –
Tuesday	17.11 – Marlene
Wednesday	18.11 – Elaine
Thursday	19.11 – Kellie
Friday	20.11 – Jenny, Ann, Christine



# *Frocks and Locks: Fundraiser Bus Trip*

Lovedale Long Lunch  
14 & 15 May 2016

Hunter Valley

10am-4pm



Due to popular demand and overwhelming enthusiasm

Seats are now being reserved for the very first Thornton Public School bus trip to the Lovedale Long Lunch on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

## **Numbers are limited**

To secure a place on the bus and take part in what is sure to be a fabulous day, please complete your details below and return it to the school office with a non-refundable deposit of \$20 per seat.

For more details about the event you can contact

Heather on 0488 136728 or P&C President Gillian 0400 832415

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ (number of seats) for the Frocks and Locks Thornton Public School P&C Association Fundraiser bus trip to The Lovedale long lunch on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Your name)  
understand that this is an expression of interest and that the final price will be determined closer to the date. Final pricing is dependent on ticket pricing to the venue although we estimate up to \$140 per seat.

This price will include your Meal and Wine Vouchers for the venues.

I understand that my deposit of \$20 per seat is non-refundable and must be paid to the school office along with this contact.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_