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The Last Newsletter

As this will be the last newsletter for 2015, a huge thank you is extended to all Thornton Public School families. Highlights of the year have included re-enactment of Australia Day, the sports carnivals, the mighty Spring Fair, the many excursions, the wonderful breakfasts for our Mums and Dads, the Camp Over and our fantastic award ceremonies.

We are very lucky at Thornton school to have a fabulous school community and thanks go to the wonderful P&C led by Gil Cleary and the School Council led by Kim Hooson.

We are also very lucky to have the best students around.

To our kids who excel in academics, sport, music, art, drama and technology - well done.

To our many students who turn up every day, try their best in the classroom, enjoy their friends at lunch and afternoon tea and have a go at all activities, thank you.

You are the reason we have such a great school.

To all Thornton families,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a wonderful holiday break.

Photo of the Week

Year 6 Farewell



Dates from the Planner

Monday 14 December

Diamond Lizzy Day

Tuesday 15 December

Carols Items 9:30am

Party Day

Wednesday 16 December

Last day term 4

Clap out departing students.

Goodbye and Thank You

As this is the last newsletter for 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Farewell" to the Thornton Public School community. I will be on leave during 2016 leading into retirement in 2017. I have been teaching at the school for almost 25 years and in that time have had the privilege of working with some amazing teachers, delightful children and wonderful parents. I hope over the years, the students have felt happy, safe and valued in my class and that they will carry with them fond memories of our time together.

Thank you to the P & C for their thoughtful gift and to so many people who have helped, supported and shown me great kindness during my time at Thornton.

Best wishes everyone for a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy 2016.

Genevieve Guinane

Carols Update

Despite our best efforts, the weather closed in yesterday and Carols was cancelled for 2015. This was very disappointing all around.

The students will have the chance to perform their dances and items in an informal run through of items next Tuesday from 9:30 am.

Parents are welcome to attend.

If the weather is inclement, we will run it in the hall.

2016 dates

We might be getting ahead of ourselves but here are some dates for your diary.

House meetings to elect house captains	29 January
Photos	4 and 5 February 2016
Sports assembly to induct house captains	3 February 2:30pm
Swimming Carnival	8 February
Apology Anniversary	13 February
Canteen Meeting	16 February
Welcome BBQ and Disco	16 February
P and C Meeting	22 February
Bully No Way Launch	18 March
Athletics	22 March (tentative)

2016 Musical

Yes that's right, we have already started planning for the 2016 musical.

It will performed in September and will be called, **Kids in Paradise** .

Nothing like being ready early.

Photos 2016

Parents are reminded that school photos occur in the first two weeks of school.

Costs are \$34 for a basic pack.

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Party Days

Class Parties are all on Tuesday December 15. Party Days are Mufti days and so no uniform is necessary.

Individual stages will notify parents about the organisation of the day.

Pics from around the school



Year 6 farewell





Presentation day



What could have been!

‘Munch & Eat’ News

Thank You

A huge thank you to the following volunteers that are leaving us this year, some due to their children moving on to high school and others due to work commitments etc. You will all be sorely missed, feel free to come back any time. Thanks to: Kylie Morley, Kerrie Bartlett, Toni Smith, Kellie Scheimer, Christine Scott and Jill Sawyer. Without dedicated helpers like you the canteen would not be able to survive. In saying that, the canteen desperately needs more volunteers for 2016, even if it is just for the morning session 9-11.30am.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 14.12.15 - Kirsty
 Tuesday 15.12.15 - Marlene
 Wednesday 16.12.15 - Elaine

The roster for first week back 2016 is as follows:

Thursday 28.1.16 – help needed
 Friday 29.1.16 – Berlinda & Sarah

Thank you so much for all your support this year and a big thank you to all our volunteers and P&C for all your time given to the canteen. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

Thanks
 Cheryl and Paula

Two Trenches One Letter

Twenty two Stage 3 students from Thornton have been selected to participate in a project called Two Trenches One Letter. The aim of the project is to promote the ANZAC spirit that exists between this new generation of Turkish and Australian students. Thornton Public School is the only school in Australia currently participating in this project.

This semester students from Thornton Public School replied to letters written by the Turkish students of Mersin College in Turkey. The letters from all the students are both gracious and heartfelt in expressing their feelings about ANZAC Day and its legacy to both countries.

This Tuesday the next step of the project will take place with the students meeting each other for the first time and sharing their letters via a skype link.

Congratulations to those students, who on Tuesday will not only represent Thornton Public School but be ambassadors for Australian youth.

Dear Ali Eren Altioğlu, child of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

My name is Lachlan Scott and I am 12 years old. I am proud to be a student at Thornton Public School which is in New South Wales on the east coast of Australia. This year Australia is commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the landing of Australian soldiers at Gallipoli.

In Australia we commemorate ANZAC Day on April 25 every year. On ANZAC Day we have Dawn Services to commemorate the soldiers who died on the battlefield. Dawn Services start at 5.30am and finish around 7.00am. We also have marches where old soldiers and lots of other people march and people all over Australia watch. At school this year we commemorated an event held a 100 years ago called Australia Day. We had a march and after the march we played the same games that children played in 1915. We also dressed up in clothes like people wore in 1915. In the parade I was honoured to carry the Turkish flag, your flag as a sign that we are now at peace.

One of the soldiers from our area that died at Gallipoli was Trooper Peter Zeisser. Peter Zeisser was born in Ultimo in Sydney in January 1894. He was the sixth of eight children and he loved his footy (football). Peter Zeisser enlisted in the army when he was 19 years and 8 months old. When Peter enlisted he was working as a farm labourer around Raymond Terrace. Peter liked his job he did a lot of hard work like mending fences, digging out tree stumps and looking after cattle. Peter was 165cm tall and weighed 63.5kg. He had a dark complexion, brown eyes and black hair. Peter was part of the 1st Light Horse Regiment. He departed Australia on October 20 1914. Peter was killed in action on August 7 1915 at the age of 20 years 7 months. Peter died when the officer blew his whistle and everyone got up out of the trench and started yelling and screaming ready to fight the Turks. He got shot and fell back into the trench dead.

Personally I think war is one of the worst things anyone could experience and I hope that there will be peace in the world and no more wars

Lachlan Scott.



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2016 School Photo Info MSP Photography

School Photo Date: 4th February 2016

School Photographs will be taken early in the new year.
Here is some information regarding the pricing and packages
available. You will receive a personalised envelope early next
year with options available to order online or with cash or cheque.

Package	Price	Includes
Premium Pack	\$44	100% Money Back Guarantee New! 1 x 10" x 15" Portrait 1 x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait 1 x 5" x 7" Colour Portrait 1 x 4" x 6" Portrait 1 x 3.5" x 5" Portrait Personalised Download (not print quality)
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