



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Teaching our Kids Well

Over the last few years, a number of new syllabus documents have been implemented across NSW. Last year we saw a new English syllabus put into place across our classes. A major shift in this document is the teaching of English concepts, similar to high school, and the increased emphasis on using multi modal texts such as videos and audio tracks.

This year, we are implementing a new maths syllabus after trialling the document last year and implementing the new science syllabus and history syllabus.

Each of these documents requires some shift in content and teaching approach. To make sure we are on top of these changes, staff have professional learning around the changes. They are also provided with time for planning and programming.

Thornton Public School's number one priority is to make sure the best teaching happens in every class. Meeting individual needs, making sure kids are happy and always remaining up to date with departmental requirements allows this priority to be realized.

We have a great team of teachers here who work hard for the benefit of their students.

Photo of the week

Brother and Sister



Dates for your Diary

Monday February 9

Lex Art Workshops begin
ANZAC 2015 planning Meeting - 3:15pm
Swimming Carnival

Wednesday February 11

BYOD parent meeting 5/6S

Friday February 13

Apology Anniversary Recognition Service 2:30pm

Wednesday February 18

Parent Teacher Evenings

Thursday February 10

Parent Teacher Evenings

Wednesday February 18

Environment Meeting 11:00am

Thursday February 19

Zone Basketball Trials

Friday February 20

Gateway Leadership Day

Rugby League Trials

Our Key Values as a School:

Thornton Public School Learning, Caring, Opportunities

A quality school in a unique environment

Key Statements

Big School, Many Opportunities

Excellent Reputation

Welcoming, Caring and Nurturing

Quality Teachers, Quality Learning

Clear Communication

Congratulations to our Sports House Captains

BRADMAN

Lachlan Scott (C); Kaiden Olive Conicella (VC)
Isabel Abrams (C); Claire Nicholas (VC)

NEWCOMBE

Blake Swan (C); Connor Galvin (VC)
Avril Barrie (C); Allira Matos (VC)

PANNOWITZ

Jye McBeath (C); Ashley Russell (VC)
Jessica Parker (C); Emily James (VC)

GRAY

Coby Jenkinson (C); Jarrod McGrannachan (VC)
Marlee Gray (C); Caitlyn Brooker (VC)

Visual Arts for Every Child

Remember our visual arts program starts next Monday with all of year one having their art lesson with Lex

Voluntary Contributions and School Levy

Information regarding the school levy and Voluntary Contributions will be included in next week's Thornton Thunder.

School Banking

We are looking for a parent volunteer to help out with our School Banking. If you are interested please contact the office for more information. It will only involve about an hour once a week on a Friday.

Parent Teacher Evenings

All teachers will have the chance of meeting with the parents of the children in their class. At these sessions, general stage and class routines will be discussed and parents can ask general organisation questions. All sessions will start in the Library. *Please note changed session times on Thursday*

Wednesday 18 February

Year 1 & 2 - 5:30pm
Kindergarten - 6:30pm

Thursday 19 February

Year 5 & 6 - 5.30pm
Year 3 & 4 - 6.30pm

Term Planner

The term Planner is included in today's Thunder.

Remember the APP

Search in the APP Store for Thornton Public School

User name : community

Password : thorntonps

At Times

At times, issues happen in the playground between students. When this is known by teachers, appropriate action is taken after careful investigation.

Sometimes, issues arise in the playground between students and they are not notified to teachers.

If this happens and parents are concerned, they should talk to their child's teacher in the first instance, contact the Assistant Principal of the respective stage or contact the office. (see emails addresses published last week)

It is always in the best interest of all parties that the school completes the investigation. This way, all facts are considered before appropriate action taken.

The use of social media in the first instance does not always allow for a fair and impartial view of the event to occur.

By working together, the issue can be resolved, students can learn from their mistakes and all of our students can be kept safe.

Staffing Reminder

Mrs Pugh is working four days per week this year with Miss Varley picking up the Monday. This was left off the Staff Information sheet last week.

Great Sports at Thornton

Our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 9 February at Maitland Swimming Pool. All children in Years 3 – 6 are expected to attend. Any student in Year 2 who is turning 8 this year who can swim 50 metres is also able to attend. There will be novelty events for non-swimmers. Parents are most welcome to attend.

We look forward to hearing how the day goes.

ANZAC Planning Meeting

A meeting to begin planning for the ANZAC 2015 commemoration will be held in the staff room on Monday 9/2 at 3:15pm.

Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

Environment Meeting

We are indeed lucky to have a vibrant and energetic environment working group who meet each month to monitor our beautiful school environment. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 February at 11:00 am on the seat outside the staff room.

All and any are welcome to attend.

Welcome Mrs Jenny Adamson

For those of you who have visited the office this term, you will have noticed our new School Administration Manager, Mrs Adamson. Mrs Adamson has had a variety of experiences and brings a wealth of knowledge and ideas to her new position.

We are looking forward to an EFTPOS machine, online payments and of course continuing the outstanding friendly service at our front office.

Welcome to our school community Mrs Adamson.

Red Wool

Any donations of red wool for our ANZAC RED POPPY DISPLAY would be greatly appreciated. Just drop the wool into the office.

The Prefects



And the train wreck...



Who is this sneaking through the admin block! (KS)



And Year One learning about convertible cars!

Library News

Welcome to another year at Thornton PS Library. This year our library lessons for all classes will be fortnightly. Students will spend 80 minutes with me each lesson. Please see the timetable below to help your child remember when to bring library bags and books back to school. I'd like to remind you that all k-2 students must have a library bag to borrow. Kindergarten will be able to change books each week.

All students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). Children in K-2 will be doing the challenge in their classrooms and I will record all books read for them. Children in years 3-6 will be doing the challenge independently at school, in the library and at home. Each week they will be given the opportunity to borrow a PRC book from our library, read it over the week and then record the details on the sheets provided. I will show them later in the term how to record this online. More detailed information about this challenge will be forth coming.

As 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the Anzacs landing on Gallipoli, students in years 1 to 6 during Term One will focus on creating a 'living memorial' for ANZAC Day. We will be researching local soldiers who served in World War 1 and using the information skills locate, select and organise to present our information in various formats.

Don't forget to check our library blog (www.thorntonps.edublogs.org), password thornton. Here you will find what your child is learning in the library and examples of work completed, as well interesting snippets in regards to reading and information skills.

We still have a considerable amount of books overdue from last year. We would appreciate if these could be returned as soon as possible. Please feel free to pop into the library mornings or afternoons if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Timetable

| | Odd week | Even week |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Tuesday | 2B, KL, 6A | 1C, KG, 6Y |
| Wednesday | 4P, KD, 3M | 3Z, KS, 3J |
| Thursday | 5WS, 5/6S | 5C, 4M |
| Friday | 2H, 1K, 1N | 2C, 1/2A, 1G |

P & C News

Welcome back to all returning parents and welcome to our new families. 2015 is a big year for the P & C as its Spring Fair year. There will be two information sessions on the 25 February in the SPR and the times are 8.30 – 9.30am and 6.30 – 7.30pm so if you wish to find out information on how to be active please attend one of our sessions.

Our first P & C meeting for 2015 will be held on Monday 23 February at 7pm in the SPR and a light supper and babysitting will be provided. There is a \$2 annual membership to be paid on your first meeting that you attend.

Clothing Pool is open every Monday morning from 8.30 – 9.15am in the SPR.

Cheers

Gill, Korine, Sarah, Alissa and Paulina

Munch N Eat News

Special Infants Day (Monday 9 February)

We will be having Dino Meal Deals:

- ★ 4 x Dino nuggets, two slices of watermelon and a drink from the menu all for \$4.00. Place your order on Monday morning.

We will also be selling icecream cups with sprinkles for 50c per cup over the counter until sold out. Help is needed in the morning. So if you would like to come and help out just call in.

Monday Meal Deal

Don't forget that Monday is Cheeseburger Meal Deal Day \$4.60 with a drink.

A note is going home to each family soon regarding volunteering in the canteen. We are in need of helpers for the 9am until 11.30 timeslot most days. Please consider helping out. We would love to see you there. If you would like to volunteer please fill the form in or just come and see us in the canteen at any time.

Pizza Days

A note will be going home next week regarding Pizza days in the canteen. Infants Pizza day will be on Wednesday 4 March and Primary Pizza day 5 March. Completed orders and payment need to be back to the canteen by Wednesday 25 February for catering purposes. The pizza meal deals consist of 2 slices of pizza and a drink from the menu.

The roster for next week is as follows:

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| Monday | 9.2 – Renae (am), HELP NEEDED |
| Tuesday | 10.2 – Penny, Christine |
| Wednesday | 11.2 – HELP NEEDED PLEASE!! |
| Thursday | 12.2 – Sarah |
| Friday | 13.2 – Toni, Kylie |

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula



Thornton Tennis Centre Tennis Lessons and Competitions

2015 is a big year for tennis at the Thornton Tennis Centre.

Our Program includes:

- Hot Shots Coaching at all Levels
- Half hour Group Coaching Lessons
- One hour Group Coaching Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Academies
- Juniors Sessions and Adult lessons available
- Junior Comps
- Adult Social Comps

Call us on 0414 642938 to book into our sessions and learn to play the fantastic game of tennis, come along for a fun workout, join into one of our Social Comps.

Term 1 2015

| Term One | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT SUN |
|----------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| 1 | 26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday | 27 Jan SDD Eastern Division | 28 Jan Students return | 29 Jan | 30 Jan House Meetings House Captain Elections | 31 1 Feb |
| 2 | 2 Feb K-6 Assembly | 3 Feb | 4 Feb Aboriginal Education Team Meeting | 5 Feb School Photos Canteen Meeting | 6 Feb School Photos House captain Inductions and Prefect Induction 9:00am Welcome Morning Tea 9:30am | 7 8 Feb |
| 3 | 9 Feb Swimming Carnival Lex Art Workshops ANZAC 2015 Planning Meeting 3"15pm | 10 Feb AECG Grossman 9:00am | 11 Feb Forum Grade Planning Day | 12 Feb | 13 Feb Apology Anniversary 2:30pm | 14 15 Feb |
| 4 | 16 Feb K-6 Assembly Lex Art Workshops St 1 Choir 2:00-3:00 | 17 Feb St 2+3 Choir 2:00-3:00 | 18 Feb Environmental Ed Meeting 11:00am Stage 2 Assembly 2:30 Parent Teacher Evening St3 5:30 St2 6:30 | 19 Feb Scripture Starts Zone Basketball Trial Parent Teacher Evening S1 5:30 ES1 6:30 | 20 Feb GLC Leadership Day St 3 Assembly 2:30 Zone League Trials | 21 22 Feb |
| 5 | 23 Feb K-6 Assembly Lex Art Workshops P&C Meeting 7:00pm | 24 Feb Zone Swimming | 25 Feb School Council | 26 Feb St 1 Assembly 2:30 | 27 Feb Clean Up Australia Day | 28 1 Mar |
| 6 | 2 March K-6 Assembly Lex Art Workshops | 3 March | 4 March Stage 2 Assembly 2:30 Uniform Working Party Meeting tba. | 5 March | 6 March 12.30-3.30 School Cross Country ES1 Assembly 1:00pm St 3 Assembly 2:30pm | 7 8 Mar |
| 7 | 9 March Kindy Plan Interviews Lex Art Workshops | 10 March Kindy Plan Interviews | 11 March Kindy Plan Interviews | 12 March Kindy Plan Interviews St 1 Assembly 2:30 | 13 March Kindy Plan Interviews | 14 15 Mar |
| 8 | 16 March K-6 Assembly Lex Art Workshops Kindy Plan Interviews | 17 March Zone Winter Trials | 18 March Athletics Carnival | 19 March Aboriginal Education Meeting | 20 March ES1 Assembly 1:00p St 3 Assembly 2:30pm | 21 22 Mar |
| 9 | 23 March K-6 Assembly Anti-Bully Harmony Day Lex Art Workshops P&C Meeting 7:00pm | 24 March Parent Teacher Interviews | 25 March Environmental Ed Meeting 11:00am Parent Teacher Interviews | 26 March Parent Teacher Interviews St 1 Assembly 2:30 | 27 March Zone Cross Country Parent Teacher Interviews | 28 29 Mar |
| 10 | 30 March K-6 Assembly Young Leaders Day Sydney | 31 March AECG Woodberry | 1 April Stage 2 Assembly 2:30 Bronze Lizzy Day | 2 April Easter Parade tba | 3 April Good Friday | 4 5 Apr |
| Hols | 6 April Easter Monday | 7 April | 8 April | 9 April | 10 April | 11 12 Apr |