



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Why Are We Here?

A great roll up of parents on Wednesday and Thursday evening meant the parent teacher evening was a terrific success. One of topics that was covered was the Purpose Statement of our school's three year plan.

The following statement really sums up what we want our kids to achieve in their time at our school.

At Thornton Public School, we believe that students need to communicate effectively, achieve academically, develop lifelong learning skills and be respectful, happy and tolerant. For students to reach their full potential, they need to take responsibility for their actions and always strive for their personal best. Enabling confident, creative, community minded citizens of the 21st century is the comprehensive vision of Thornton Public School.

The key words and phrases in this statement came from the parent forum and parent surveys. The values were then further refined in focus groups.

Thornton School is preparing students who will graduate from high school in 2025 and graduate university in 2030.

It is the education of values, attitudes, skills and capabilities which will stand them in good stead as they become citizens of the 21st century.

At Thornton we believe it is Deeds, not Words.

Photo of the Week

The BYOD class is up and away



Dates for your Diary

Monday February 23

P&C Meeting

Tuesday February 24

Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday February 25

Cricket vs Telarah

Spring Fair Working Party Meeting

8:30am and 5:30pm.

Thursday February 25

Zone Rugby League Trials

Friday February 27

Zone swimming Carnival

Clean Up Australia day.

Wednesday March 4

School Council

Friday March 13

School Cross Country

Wednesday March 18

School Athletics

Hunter Sports High

For any Year 6 parent who may like their child to attend Hunter Sports High school in 2016, information as available at

www.huntersports.com.au

Information flyers are also available from the office.

Congratulations

Well done to Jesse Colefax who will compete at State in the Little A's 700 metre walking event. Great Job.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday February 23 in the Special Purpose Room, near the Canteen and Kindergarten block, from 7:00pm. Child minding provided. All welcome.

Our Super Swimmers are Ready to Go

Congratulations to our 2015 swimming champions.

Junior Girl	Sarah Hanks
11 Year Girl	Olivia Hanks
Senior Girl	Teagan Douglas
Junior Boy	Jack Cromarty
11 Year Boy	Blake Watson
Senior Boy	Bentley Titmuss

Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will now be open on Friday Afternoon from 2pm till 3pm in the SPR.

Apology Anniversary



We finished our Apology Anniversary with a great song, Solid Rock.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our school will be participating in the 'Schools Clean Up Australia Day' on Friday 27 February. In order to minimise impact on the environment I would ask all families to send with their child a pair of gardening gloves and a re-usable shopping bag if they have them. Each class will be given their own area to clean up at a time that suits them during the day. If you would like to come along and help you are most welcome. You will need to contact your class teacher to organise the time with them. Thank you for your support.

Little A's Program a Great Success

The Little A athletic coaching program started this week. Students were taught to throw a shot, sprint with a correct body position and have fun. This program aims to have all students ready for the school's athletics carnival on the 18th March. It has been generously supported by Beresfield Bowling club.



Our Poppies

Please keep sending those poppies in.



Pictures from around the school



Library Lessons



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Our Tennis Trial Team

Library News

This year we will be taking part in the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge. All students will be registered to participate in this challenge unless otherwise notified. Each student will have the opportunity to experience specially marked 'PRC' books at home, in the library and in class. Experiencing a book means listening to it, reading all or part of it independently or sharing the reading of it. Class teachers and library staff will help students with the selection of appropriate books.

Students who read the targeted number of books will receive a Premier's Reading Challenge certificate and their names will appear on the PRC Honour Roll in the Sun-Herald. For students K – 2 the requirements to complete the challenge is 30 books, of which 25 must be PRC. For students 3 – 6 the requirement is 20 books, of which 15 must be PRC. Books must also be of an equal or higher bracket to the students' school year eg a student in Stage 1 can experience books for Stages K – 2 and 3 – 4. A student in Stage 2 may experience books for Stages 3 – 4 and 5 – 6. Students in Stage 3 can experience books for Stages 5 – 6 and 7 – 9. Please note only students in Stage 3 may borrow PRC books marked 7 – 9. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and you do not wish them to read this level please contact me directly. Students in Years 3 – 6 must read their books independently.

If you have any questions about the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 please feel free to come into the library to speak to me or telephone via the school. If you do not wish your child to participate please contact the school.

Information about the PRC can also be accessed online at:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>

Munch N Eat News

Pizza Orders

You only have until Wednesday to put your order in for our pizza days.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	23.2 – Jenny C, Alyce
Tuesday	24.2 – Katie, Berlinda
Wednesday	25.2 – Alissa
Thursday	26.2 – Maree, Tonia (am)
Friday	27.2 – Tracy H, Kellie, Jill

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Community News

CHRISTINE'S FAMILY DAY CARE

I am a qualified, registered family day care educator. I live in Thornton and walk children to school 4 days a week. I currently have vacancies 3 days a week for before school age children.

I also have vacancies for school age children before and after school and also holiday care.

If you would like any more information please call me on 0438692918 or if you see me at school please come up and talk to me.

Christine Scott

