

# THORNTON THUNDER

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

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## **Exercise and Learning go Hand in Hand**

The importance of regular physical activity cannot be over emphasised. Many studies have shown that exercise during the course of the school week increases on-task work and benefits learning. Increasing oxygen levels in the blood, expending some of that pent up energy, developing and practicing skills and having fun are the direct result of a regular fitness program. Students at Thornton school enjoy their PE lessons with Mrs Lubans, daily PE, Outside Play and of course sport.

A healthy breakfast, plenty of fruit and plenty of water combine with regular physical activity to enable every child to do their best in and out of the classroom.

On top of this class activity are our sports carnivals and sports teams. This term is a busy one with the swimming carnival, athletics carnival and cross country trial.

The school cricket, soccer and rugby teams are in various stages of selection and a number of trials for regional teams are occurring as well.

Keeping kids active and engaged in their learning doesn't happen by accident. Deliberate planning and consistent implementation are needed at every step. We are lucky to have dedicated teachers, who embrace these roles and work to give our students great opportunities.

*Big School, Many Opportunities*

## **Photo of the Week**

*Leaders from our Gateway Learning Community*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday March 4**

School Council

**Thursday March 5**

Reg Kelly Cricket

FGHS Info Night

**Friday March 6**

School Cross Country

ES1 Assembly

S3 Assembly

**Wednesday March 18**

School Athletics

No St 2 Assembly

**Monday March 23**

Bully No Way Assembly

**March 23-27**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Friday March 27**

Zone Cross Country

**Monday March 30**

Young Leaders Day, Sydney

**Wednesday April 1**

Bronze Lizzy day

## **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](http://www.huntersports.com.au)

Information flyers are also available from the office.

### **Congratulations to our Zone Swimmers**

Well done to our students who qualified for 2015 Hunter Regional Swimming trials.

50m freestyle - Olivia Hanks, Teagan Douglas, Bentley Titmuss

50m butterfly - Teagan Douglas

Girls senior relay - Olivia Hanks, Felicity Walker, Mackenzie Whiting, Teagan Douglas

Boys senior relay - Ben Crebert, Wil Cromarty, Lee Smith, Bentley Titmuss.

Congratulations to Bentley who was awarded the title of Senior Boy Swimming Champion. What a great achievement.



*Some of our swimmers!*

### **Clothing Pool**

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

### **Clean Up Australia Day**

Our school participated in the 'Schools Clean Up Australia Day' today. Thanks so much to the parents who supported this day by sending in gloves and bags.

Thank you for your support.

### **Francis Greenway Information Night**

A reminder to parents who are interested in finding out the facts about Francis Greenway High School that there is a Francis Greenway Information Night on Wednesday 4 March 5:30 pm – 7:00pm.

### **Years 6 are Off to Canberra**

Notice is given that Year 6 will be going on the Canberra excursion from the June 22- June 25. Cost will be approximately \$420. Full details will be supplied as the excursion date approaches.

### **Easter Is a Long Way Off!**

While Easter may be a long way off, parents may want to be aware that we are holding an Easter Parade again this year. It will be held on the last day of term 1, April 2.

For students in Kindergarten to Year 2, Easter hats are to be made at home. For students in Years 3-6, Easter masks, hats or posters will be made in class.

**How eggsiting!**

## Voluntary Contributions and School Levy

Thank you to the parents who have paid the Voluntary Contributions and School Levy. Every dollar helps us provide the best resources for our students.

## School Banking Procedures

Students are to bring their bank books to the office on Monday or Tuesday. On **Wednesday** they are processed so they can be returned to the students on Wednesday or Thursday.

We have many children using this excellent service. A huge thanks to Kim Hooson and Tania Stennet who are our banking officers. Your help is appreciated.

## Cricket News

On Wednesday the boys team had their first game of cricket for the school year in the PSSA knockout competition. We played Telarah Public School and they won the toss choosing to bat first. Our team took to the field to bowl and field under the guidance of team captain Dylan Bartlett. The boys bowled well with Lachlan taking 2 wickets and Jarrod, Aidan and Noah all taking one wicket each. Telarah's final score was 5/79. It was our turn to bat next and we had a good go at trying to reach their score. Lee got 21 runs and Lachlan got 14, with both boys hitting a number of 4s. Well done to Telarah who bowled us all out for 59.

The boys played well as a team and I look forward to our next match on Thursday 5th March when we play against Rutherford PS in the Reg Kelly competition.

## Pictures from around the School



*Joel The Magician at our Gateway Learning Community Leaders Day*



*Maniela Oliveira and her dance troupe'*



## **Thornton's Sporting Superstars**

Congratulations to the students who have represented Thornton Public School at tennis, basketball and rugby league Maitland PSSA Trials this term. Joshua Logvyn and Ben Crebert have been selected for the Maitland Zone PSSA team for Rugby League. They are off to the Hunter PSSA trials on 20 March.

Mrs Stanton took 21 students to Maitland Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. We had some great results on the day with the following students qualifying for the Hunter PSSA Swimming Carnival to be held on 5 March.

50m freestyle – Olivia Hanks, Teagan Douglas, Bentley Titmuss

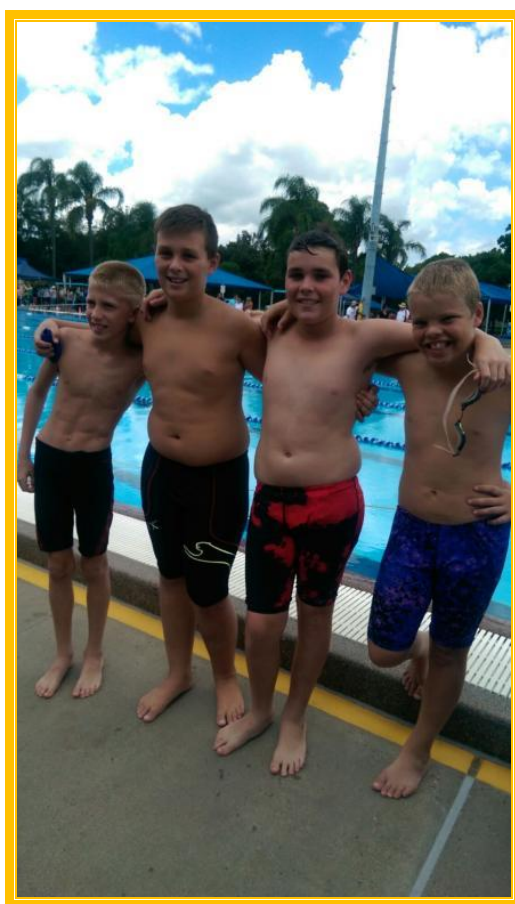
50 butterfly – Teagan Douglas

Senior girl relay – Olivia Hanks, Felicity Walker, Mackenzie Whiting, Teagan Douglas

Senior boy relay – Ben Crebert, Wil Cromarty, Lee Smith, Bentley Titmuss

Senior boys zone champion – Bentley Titmuss!!

A big thank you to parents who assisted with transport and supervision on the day.



## **Multiplication Times Tables**

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

## **Sorting Fact from Fiction**

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

## **All About Apostrophes**

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership)

## **Munch N Eat News**

### *Pizza Days*

Our Pizza days are next week.

Infants will receive their pizza order on Wednesday and Primary will receive theirs on Thursday.

### Primary athletics carnival

The Primary Athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 18th March. Order forms will go home soon for lunch orders at the carnival. Orders need to be back at the canteen by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

There is an order for parents and an order for students on the same page.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 2.3.15 Andrea

Tuesday 3.3.15 Tanya

Wednesday 4.3.15 Natasha P, Felicity, Jill - INFANTS PIZZA DAY

Thursday 5.3.15 Alicia, Help needed - PRIMARY PIZZA DAY

Friday 6.3.15 Elaine, Berlinda P, Bruce, Salena

Thanks

Cheryl and Paula

## **P & C News**

Hi everyone

We had a great turnout to our 1st meeting of the year! Thank you to all who made the effort to come it's very much appreciated. Out of our meeting we gained a new Secretary in Penny Plumb and a new Vice Secretary in Kristie Archer, thank you ladies for stepping up in a big year for our committee, we look forward to working with u both.

We request for our Spring Fair that any jars you have or will have, could you please bring them to the office these will be used in one of our stalls.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 23 of March in the SPR at 7pm this will be followed by our regular meeting. Child minding is available and supper will be provided.

Our 1st Spring Fair meeting will be held on the Wednesday 18 March at 6.30pm in the SPR room a supper will be provided for this also as well as child minding.

Easter Egg Raffle Tickets will be coming around in the next couple of weeks so keep your eyes out indoor child's school bag.

Thank you to all the parents that turned up to the Spring Fair Information sessions there was lots of brain storming and great ideas. We can't wait to start our planning. We hope that you all have a great week.

Cheers,

Gill, Korine, Sarah, Alissa, Penny and Kristie

## Class Report – 6Y





## Community News

### BJ's HONEY

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IN THORNTON



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[BJSHONEY@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BJSHONEY@HOTMAIL.COM)  
OR SEE  
BRENDAN ASHBOURNE IN  
5/6S

### KU Maitland Mobile Preschool Enrolling now

We are a community-based, not for profit mobile preschool service for children aged 3 to 5 years old.

We offer:

- ▶ Qualified, experienced and caring staff
- ▶ Play-based learning programs
- ▶ A full school readiness program targeting 4 year olds in the year before school

Our preschool program operates Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

For more information, or to enquire about enrolling your child, contact the preschool at:

**KU Maitland Mobile Preschool**

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Taylor Ave, Thornton

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E [ku.maitlandmobile@ku.com.au](mailto:ku.maitlandmobile@ku.com.au)

[www.ku.com.au](http://www.ku.com.au)



*fun, friends,  
adventure*

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

## Come and Try Guides!

### At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6-17 years

Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -

Region Membership Adviser on [helenEG2@live.com.au](mailto:helenEG2@live.com.au)

Or visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au) to find out more about Guides

## HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

