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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Uniform Working Party

Did you know that 75% of families surveyed in 2014 supported a review of the uniform? This week we had a working party meeting to discuss how this could be progressed. Amongst the reasons put forward for a change included,

- Having boys and girls the same uniform reduces cost for parents.
- Students do sport and PE every day so don't need sports specific uniform.
- No white. Too hard to clean.
- Prefer drip dry.
- Need fade resistant material.
- Cost effective for boys and girls.
- School could profit from the sale of the uniforms.
- Need cool fabric.
- Shorts need to be part of the uniform.
- Grey is a drab colour.

In order to gather opinions and include the whole school community in any decision, parents are asked to please complete the following survey.

Every family is encouraged to have their say.

Survey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5B6DKWZ> or see a paper survey in the office.

Photo of the Week

Some of our Irish Dancers



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday March 18

School Athletics

No St 2 Assembly

Monday March 23

Bully No Way Assembly

March 23-27

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday March 23

Bully No Way Assembly (9:00 am)

Young Leaders Day, Sydney

Wednesday March 25

Camp Quality Puppet Show

Friday March 27

Zone Cross Country

Westpac Helicopter Mufti Day wear Red and Yellow

Wednesday April 1

Bronze Lizzy Day

ANZAC Working Party Meeting

Thursday April 2

Last Day Term 1

Easter Parade

Monday April 20

School Development Day

Tuesday April 21

Students Return

Friday April 24 - School ANZAC Day Service

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Each year Thornton Public School gives interested students the opportunity to participate in the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessment s for Schools. ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 3 – 6. Assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

To enrol your student in ICAS please see the office for a registration form. All entry fees must be paid by Tuesday 31 March. The costs involved are:

\$8.00 – Digital Technologies

\$8.00 - Science

\$17.00 – Writing

\$11.00 – Spelling

\$8.00 – English

\$8.00 - Mathematics

See you at the Carnival on Wednesday

Plans are well in hand for our Athletics Carnival on Wednesday March 18. With all children dressed in their house colours and the fields at Alan and Don Lawrence oval marked out, we are ready to go.

Remember los of water, sunscreen and of course your hat.

Let's have a great day!

House Colours

Just to remind parents and student that our sporting house colours are:

Bradman Blue

Gray Red

Newcombe Black

Pannowitz Yellow

Camp Quality Puppet Show

The Camp Quality Primary School Education Program will be presenting a puppet show for all Thornton Public School students. The program consists of a live, educational performance focusing on cancer education, optimism and tolerance.

There is no cost to students.

Wednesday 25 March

Kinder – Year 2 at 11.45am

Year 3 – 4 at 12.45pm

Year 5 – 6 at 2.15pm

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend any of the show times.

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.

ANZAC Working Party

The next meeting of the ANZAC working party is scheduled for Wednesday April 1st at 3:15pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Term One Charity Day- Westpac Rescue Helicopter

On Friday March 27, for a gold coin donation, students may come to school in red and yellow. We will have visitors from the Westpac Helicopter Foundation talk to the children about the importance of this service.

Looking forward to everyone supporting this important day!

Bullying No-Way

At Thornton Public school we do not accept bullying behaviour and always work to resolve issues or incidents early and with a good outcome for all.

Over the next week, all students will be participating in Bullying No Way lessons, signing a class and school Bully No-Way Banner and enjoying the Bully No-Way Assembly on Monday 23 March.

A Bully No-Way survey has been conducted across the school and some neat Bully No-Way

Wristbands have been purchased for every child at the school.

Together we make a stand.

Bullying?, No Way!!

Competition is Heating Up

Competition for the Pizza Party for the classes who have a 100% return rate of the enrolment forms is certainly heating up.

The information in the form is important in a number of ways. It gives us the most up to date emergency contact details and media permissions and it allows the school's funding to reflect the school's needs.

So get those forms in and let's see how many Pizza Parties we can have across the school!

Staffing News

Mr Lobsey's return has been delayed as he has been asked to continue in his role as principal at Shortland Public School until the end of term two.

Thanks to Ms Moss for relieving in the deputy position during this time.

Thornton Rock Ensemble

Unfortunately, our major sponsor has withdrawn from the sponsorship arrangements with our rock ensemble. We are currently in negotiation with another major local company so the full ensemble can continue.

In the meantime, the smaller band is still rehearsing on a Monday.

Further details to follow.

Facts about Fractions

If you've forgotten $\frac{3}{5}$ of primary school maths and $\frac{7}{8}$ of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Find out more: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf>

Amazing art

Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more: <http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/>

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016

Completed *Expression of Interest* form should be returned to your primary school **no later than Friday 20 March 2015.**



Ready for class

Library News

A reminder to check what week your child has library so they do not forget their library bags and books. I very kind lady made some superb spare bags for students in k-2 to borrow if they do happen to forget. Please return these for future use. Students may also return and borrow books at afternoon tea Monday to Friday.

Premier's Reading Challenge officially started on the 2nd March. We have some very busy readers who are making great progress in completing the challenge.

Information about the PRC can also be accessed online at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>

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.

P & C News

Easter raffle tickets went home today and there is a barrel in the office for the sold and unsold tickets. Please return all tickets before the Wednesday 25 March.

Donations of eggs can be left at front counter in the office also.

We are also looking for glass jar donations as well please. These can also be left at the office.

We have our Spring Fair Meeting on Wednesday 18 March at 6.30pm in the SPR. If you are interested in helping out this is a meeting for you, so come and find out what's happening.

Our next P&C meeting is on the Monday 23 March at 7.00pm this is also our AGM our normal meeting will start straight after this. All memberships of \$2 need to be repaid to be a financial member of our committee.

Korine is still after any volunteers wishing to compete in the Relay For Life.

If you wish to have anything talked about at the meeting please contact the P&C on thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com or speak to one of us and we can add it to the agenda that will be published in the newsletter the Friday before each meeting.

We hope that you all have a great week.

Cheers,
Gill, Sarah, Korine, Alissa, Penny and Kristie

Munch N Eat News

Primary Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 18 March

Carnival lunch orders have been finalised. If the carnival is postponed due to bad weather, the students will still receive their orders at school. Parent orders will be held over until the day of the actual carnival.

There will be a canteen operating down at the carnival with a limited number of pies and sausage rolls available for purchase over the counter on the day as well as drinks, chips and lollies.

Quench -	\$1.60 (cola, apple rasp and lemonade)
Water -	\$1.00
Cans of drink -	\$2.00 (lemonade, passiona, creaming soda and lemon squash)
Pkts of chips -	\$1.50 (plain, salt & vinegar, chicken as well as twisties)
Lollies -	\$1.00 per bag

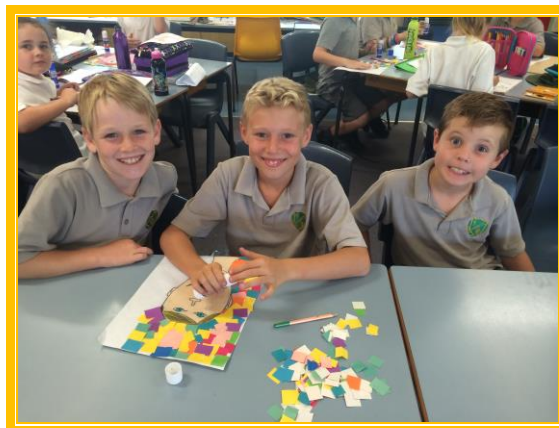
If anyone is available to helpout for any amount of time, just pop in and let us know, even if it is only for half an hour. Lunch will be at 12.30 so any help with packing lunches please be at the canteen at around 12pm. Any help is appreciated.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	16.3 – Linda, Renae (am)
Tuesday	17.3 – Eileen, Alicia K
Wednesday	18.3 –Elaine
Thursday	19.3 – Kellie, Viva
Friday	20.3 – Jenny B, Ann, Christine

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.
Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 4P



Tasmanian Devils

Tasmanian Devils are an Australian animal that are called marsupials and their scientific name is *Sarcophilus Harrisii*.

The Tasmanian Devil has 4 legs, a solid body with whiskers and are 30cm long. Male Devils weigh 11 or 12 kilograms and female Devils weigh 8 or 9 kilograms. They are usually black.

The Tasmanian Devils lives in the wild and near farms to get food. They lived on the mainland, but now they only live in Tasmania.

Tasmanian Devils help people control feral cats. They also eat insects.

Tasmania Devil

There are only one type of Tasmania Devil. Tasmania Devils are only to be found in the wild in Tasmania (Australia). They are like most other marsupials.

They have five body parts. An adult female weighs about 7 or 8 Kilograms. Females can weigh about 8 or 9 Kilograms.

They can only be found in Tasmania wilderness. They can also be found in National Parks.

It eats cows, Kangaroos and Possums. It is living in natural surrounding. Big birds like Eagles like to eat baby Tasmanian Devils.

Hundreds of years ago Tasmania Devils not only lived in Tasmania but also on the mainland. They became extinct on the mainland over 400 years ago. When a farm Animal dies, the Devil will usually eat it, so Tasmanian Devils are very helpful creatures.

fat stored in tail



strong
teeth for
eating

pouch

The Tasmanian Devil

The Tasmanian devil's scientific name is *Sarcophilus Harrisii*. They are marsupials which means they have live young which are their babies.



Devils have four legs, black fur, a tail and two little ears. The female weighs 7 or 8 kilos and males are 10 or 11 kilos. Females can weigh about 8 or 9 kilos when they are pregnant or feeding their young, but then drop back down to about 7 kilos.

The Devils live in the wild in Tasmania

or areas near farms so they can hunt farm animals. When they have babies they find a good place to have them so other animals don't eat the babies.

Community News



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Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

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When: 7th, 8th, 9th APRIL

(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

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