



# THORNTON THUNDER

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

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## **Working Together Makes the Difference**

Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for the coming weeks. Being able to talk about your child's progress in literacy, numeracy, social relationships and general work habits is a powerful way of monitoring and supporting your child's learning. Discussing what your child can do well and where your child may need to improve sets the scene for a successful year. It is also interesting for parents to get a bird's eye view of their child's social interaction style. Getting a feel for their social skills and work habits really paints the whole picture of your child.

Each child has set an academic goal, such as *"To improve my ability in addition and subtraction"* and a social goal such as *"To develop more friends and make the dance group"*.

The intention is for students to take responsibility for their learning, to reflect on their learning and for the goals to be reported on through the year.

Research suggests that effective communication between a parent and teacher can make a big difference to a child's learning. Students taking responsibility for their learning is also a powerful force in developing citizens for the 21st century.

If parents have not booked a meeting yet please make contact with your teacher.

Working together really does make the difference.

## **Photo of the Week** ***Full Flight***



## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Monday March 23**

Bully No Way Assembly  
Young Leaders Day, Sydney  
P and C Meeting 7:00pm

### **March 23-27**

Parent Teacher Interviews

### **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 12:00pm

### **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

## **Speech Screening Information Session**

Kindergarten parents received their child's Speech Pathology Screening Report on Wednesday. Parents and carers are invited to a free information session with a Speech Pathologist/s from All Areas Speech Pathology.

In this session they will discuss the results of your child's speech and language screening. They will also share ideas for helping your child at home.

There are two information sessions being offered:

Monday 23 March at Beresfield Public School from 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Friday 27 March at Thornton Public School from 2pm – 3pm.

Please attend either session.

## **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.

## **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!

## **Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the Australian Government is contributing a rebate towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion

## **National Young Leaders Day**

A special good luck to our prefects and captains as they head to Sydney on Monday for the National Young Leaders Day. We look forward to hearing all about it.

## **Easter Parade**

On the last day of term, (April, 2) we will be holding our annual Easter Parade from 11:40am to 12:30pm.

Parents are warmly invited in to come in and share a picnic lunch with their child before heading out to the oval to watch their child parade around the area.

The canteen will be available for lunch for both parents and students.

Students in K-2 can bring in an Easter Hat from home while students in years 3-6 can bring in a hat from home or use the poster or mask made in class.

**Looking forward to a n Eggcellent Parade.**

## **P & C Meeting**

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 23 March at 7:00pm in the SPR. Child minding an supper provided. Results from the Uniform survey will be discussed.

Looking forward to an excellent meeting.

## **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.

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the students will participate in our Bully No-Way Launch at the Monday Assembly. A school RAP will be performed, our Bully No Way Commitment Canvas will be presented and drama students from Francis Greenway will be here to perform a Bully No Way Skit.

Remember,

**Bullying? No Way!!**

## **What a Day, What a Carnival**







### Kindergarten Structured Play



### Munch N Eat News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	23.3 – Jenny C, Alyce
Tuesday	24.3 – Katie
Wednesday	25.3 – Alissa
Thursday	26.3 – Maree, Tonia (am)
Friday	27.3 – Sveta, Tracy H, Kellie, Jill

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



# Online Payment is here and ready to use!

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Parents will be able to make online payments for anything normally paid at the school office. It is accessed via our school website by selecting the - **\$Make A Payment** button on the top right corner of the home page. It is a secure online payment facility hosted by Westpac Bank, using Visa or Mastercard Debit/Credit cards.

When you access the **\$Make A Payment** you must enter:

- **Payment Details** – Enter the student's name and date of birth and all other fields.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. No student's details are given to Westpac. As a consequence, payments for each child need to be made separately. (There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice Number but these fields are not relevant to Thornton PS).

- **Payment Details** – Who is paying and what are you paying for

You must also enter details about who is paying. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit / debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not captured by Westpac or passed back to the school, therefore they must be entered each time you make an online payment. Under payment options, you enter the activity or item for which you are paying (ie. Zoo excursion). Write a title in the Payment Description that will enable the School Staff to match your payment with the school activity or item.

Please note - you can make several payments for a single student (ie. Dictionary & Camp.). Each student must be in a single transaction.

Example: Parent of Amy & Bill Bloggs wishes to make payments for both students. Parent must process Amy's payments, then press the **\$Make a Payment** button again to process Bill's payment.

- **Payment Options** – Enter the card details

Payments can be made using Mastercard & Visa Debit/Credit cards. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Confirm your payment details. Enter the verification code (this simply ensures you are not a robot!).

- **Your Receipt** - Print or Save a Receipt

You can print your own receipts or have the receipt emailed to your email account. This gives you immediate proof that you have paid for the item.

- **Final Step** – Choose Make Another Payment or Close.

*Make Another Payment* is used to make payments for another student.

## How does the school know I've paid?

- The next morning, details of the payments are passed to the school where they will be matched against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by us. If you wish, please contact the school the following day to confirm the payment has been received.

## How long does it take for my payment to get to school?

- Any payment made before 6pm will be received the next business day by the school.  
Payments made after 6pm will be received 2 business days later.

Example: A payment made at 5.55pm on Thursday will be received by the school on Friday morning  
A payment made at 6.05pm on Thursday will not be received until Monday morning.

The chart below will assist:

Payments made before:	Payment is sent to the school on :
Monday before 6pm	Tuesday morning
Tuesday before 6pm	Wednesday morning
Wednesday before 6pm	Thursday morning
Thursday before 6pm	Friday morning
Friday before 6pm	Monday Morning
Saturday before 6pm	Tuesday Morning
Sunday before 6pm	Tuesday Morning

If you need any help or to confirm payment, please contact the office on 4964 1369.

And remember you can pay for anything that you would normally pay for via the front office using Eftpos, Cash & Cheques.  
Give online payments a go, let us know what you think!

## Class Report – 2H

2H read the AB Patterson poem  
'Mulga Bill'.

Here are some of their responses

I love the bit where Mulga Bill  
falls in the Dead Man's Creek. When  
he went into the Dead Man's Creek it  
splashed. It was funny. I don't  
think he could ride the Penny  
Farthing bike.

I really love the book of it.  
Sienna

Mulga Bill's Bicycle

Mulga Bill left his horse stuck to a  
rope and bought a Penny Farthing at  
the shop. He started alright but  
then he went out of control and  
landed in Dead Man's Creek. He got  
wet but he said "I will leave it  
there, this Penny Farthing!"

Lyam



Mulga Bill had a Penny Farthing that had one big wheel and one little wheel.

One day Mulga Bill was riding near the Dead Man's Creek and surprisingly he splashed into the creek. He had to walk the rest of the way back to his home.

He sneaked up on his horse and kissed and hugged it. Mulga Bill was a rider after all and he stayed on the horse's back for ever. The horse was happy after all because he was lovely.

Callie



It was Mulga Bill from Eaglehawk who bought a brand new bicycle. He said he knew a great lot about it and he was not a man who blows. (He really is.)

He rode it down the path. He dodged a lot of kangaroos on his great big ride and quite a lot of wombats. He rode so close to the edge of a great drop.

He fell into Dead Man's Creek. He was very calm. He swam ashore and walked home soaking wet. He loved his horse dearly. He will keep his bottom on a horse wherever he will go. He had a very calm life with his horse called Harriet.

Heidi



## Community News



### No Appointment Necessary

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