

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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Cyber Safety is always Important!

Children of the 21st century will be using technology and the Internet for the rest of their lives. Parents are in a great position to teach them to be safe and responsible. Following are some simple steps to keep your kids safe.

- Supervise your children's Internet use. Keep the home computer in an accessible place where you can keep an eye on what they are doing.
- Set a technology curfew. **Turn off the wireless** as many hand held devices are quite capable of surfing the net.
- Discourage children under 13 years of age to be registering with Facebook. Be your teenagers friend on Facebook so you can keep an eye on their activities. Monitor closely the chat programs associated with iPods.
- Remind your child that not everyone tells the truth online. Be careful.
- If they receive a message or email that is rude or threatening they should **Stop, Block, Tell!**
- Encourage your child to talk openly about their use of the Internet. Encourage them to tell you if there are problems and encourage them to use the Internet responsibly.

When used well the Internet and social media are wonderful tools. When not used well, they can be very upsetting and damaging.

Teaching children to use this form of communication properly is an important part of parenting in the 21st century.

Photo of the Week

Mrs Pugh, Champion of the Camp Quality Puppet Show



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 March

Reg Kelly Cricket

Wednesday 1 April

Bronze Lizzy Day

ANZAC Working Party Meeting

Regional Winter trials

Thursday 2 April

Last Day Term 1

Easter Parade 12:00pm

Monday 20 April

School Development Day

Tuesday 21 April

Students Return

Friday 24 April

School ANZAC Day Service

Easter Parade

On the last day of term, 2 April we will be holding our annual Easter Parade from 11:40am to 12:30pm. Parents are warmly invited 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 an Eggcellent Parade.

Bully No Way Assembly

On Monday, all students enjoyed the Bully No Way Assembly. An excellent drama production from the students of Francis Greenway High School emphasised the importance of bystanders when bullying occurs and the importance of using a variety of strategies if someone is being mean or intimidating.

Class 2C and 1N performed an excellent Bully No Way Rap, we lit our 2015 Thornton Candle and we unveiled our Bully No Way Canvas with over 550 signatures.

A great morning with an excellent message.

Did You Know?

KU Preschool will be moving their Tuesday operation into our Special Purpose Room (SPR) next term. We are very excited about this happening and look forward to the presence of the pre-schoolers in our school grounds.

If parents are interested in accessing this service, please contact KU pre-school on 4968 1710

Centenary of ANZAC at Thornton

The school has been busy gearing up for the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing. Students across the school have been researching the soldiers from the local area in their library lessons. Parents and friends of the school community have been busy knitting and crocheting almost 600 poppies for our commemorative community display. Members of Raymond Terrace Men's Shed have been assisting with a large display for the front of the school to display the poppies. In recognition of this work the Minister for Veterans Affairs has granted Thornton the right to use the official Centenary of ANZAC logo for the duration of the Centenary.

This is a prestigious recognition of the school's activities as permission to use this logo has been only issued to a handful of projects across the Hunter Valley.

Later in the year Thornton will also be re-enacting a national fundraising day that was held on July 31 1915 It raised money to support the wounded soldiers returning from Gallipoli and the widows of those who would never return. Organised by the Australian Red Cross, it was called – Australia Day. The day in 1915 consisted of a parade through the streets and a community sports afternoon. In Maitland the parade was over two miles long and the day raised in Maitland £4 636 15s 8d or in 2015 terms \$1 734 658. In the following months students will be learning about life one hundred years ago in Australia and the forgotten story of the Australian Homefront which supported the work of the soldiers.

On Friday July 31 2015 Thornton students will take part in a community parade around the school and a themed sports day in the afternoon. Just as it did 100 years ago all money raised on the day will go to support our returned service men and women.

ANZAC Day 2015

The school will be holding a special Centenary of Anzac service in the school hall on Friday 24 April 2015 commencing at 12.00pm. All parents, caregivers, friends and community members are cordially invited to join the students in commemorating this historic occasion. Each class will be laying a wreath to commemorate a local soldier and their research work will be on display. There will also be an opportunity for individuals and community groups to lay wreaths in honour of those who served. At

the conclusion of the service visitors are invited to join the Principal, John Millburn and the school leaders for light refreshments.

What a Great Athletics Carnival!

Last Wednesday's athletics carnival demonstrated the outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour at Thornton Public School. Congratulations to the winners who came away with ribbons on the day. Thank you to our parent helpers for their help with events and our P & C for their organisation in the canteen.

2015 Cross Country and Athletics Champions will be announced at next Monday's assembly.

Zone Cross Country

Mrs Stanton took 32 students to the Maitland Zone Cross Country at Tocal today. We wish them the best of luck and thank you to the parents who assisted with transport.

Amelia Jenkinson (4th) and Teagan Douglas (3rd) are off to Regional Cross Country. Well Done!!

Sporting Superstars!

Congratulations to the following students for their success in the PSSA trials and all the best for the next stage in the competition:

Teagan Douglas – Regional Soccer

Jacob Briers – Regional Soccer

Coby Jenkinson – Regional Soccer

Jarrold Mc Grannachan – Regional Soccer

Ben Crebert – State Rugby League

5/6 S Rules

Class 5/6S won the Pizza Party Challenge by having the highest return of enrolment forms in the school. 5/6 S will enjoy their Pizza party next Tuesday!

Congratulations.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Ms Michelle Murphie who has been successful in gaining the position of Principal at Paxton Public School. Ms Murphie will start her position next term.

Ms Anne Osborn will be replacing her on 4M.

Ms Yager is off on sick leave with Miss Keirrin Elsley covering 6A during her absence.

Mrs Nowland is on two weeks long service leave with Miss Tameika Allport covering her absence.

NAPLAN Notice

Parents of students in year 3 and year 5 are advised that the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will occur between Tuesday 5 May and Friday 8 May.

Term One Charity Day- Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Today we raised over \$500 for the Westpac Helicopter Foundation. Representatives of this excellent organisation addressed all the children and talked about the role and importance of the Westpac Helicopter.

Thank You Thornton!!!!

All the way from the U.S. of A!

This week we have had some students visiting us from Wisconsin USA. Ben, Bracken and Brandon play for the Hudson Raiders Ice Hockey Club. Their team is competing in an international competition at Warners Bay.

They are loving their time here and have enjoyed a dolphin cruise, many trips to the beach and of course lots of hockey. Our students really enjoyed learning the finer points of American Football!



Ben, Bracken, Brandon and their host, Jesse.



Logan, Ben, Tomasz, Cameron, Christian and their host Cameron

Happy Snaps from the School!



Those Year Two students love Irish Dancing with Miss Crompvoets



Times Tables and iPads? Great idea.



The camp Quality Puppet Show had a great message!

Practise to be a Journalist

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. <http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>

Safetytown website – A road safety education program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit <https://www.safetytown.com.au>

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and

nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

P & C News

We hope that you all had a great week!

On Monday night we had our AGM and we have the following positions filled:

President – Gillian Cleary

Vice President – Alissa Ziernik

Secretary – Penny Plumb

Vice Secretary – Kristie-Lee Archer

Treasurer – Sarah Reid

Canteen Treasurer – Korine Coleman

Clothing Pool – Gillian Cleary

We would like to thank everyone who came and those who nominated for positions.

Easter Raffle will be drawn next Thursday 2 April at the Easter Hat parade so get your tickets in and more Easter Egg donations would be very much appreciated.

Our next P & C meeting will be on Monday 27 April at 7pm in the SPR where child minding is available and a light supper is provided.

We hope everyone has a great and safe Easter holidays.

Cheers

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

Munch N Eat News

Easter Hat Parade Lunch

All parent orders for the Easter Hat parade lunch need to be back to school by Tuesday.

Limited Menu Thursday 2 April

Pies, sausage rolls, roundas, cheese & bacon rolls, spag bol, mac cheese and lasagne

NO NUGGETS, CHICKEN BURGERS OR SALADS

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 30.3 – HELP NEEDED

Tuesday 31.3 – Tanya h

Wednesday 1.4 – Natasha, Jill, Felicity

Thursday 2.4 – Kerrie

Friday GOOD FRIDAY

Next Term

Tuesday 21.4 – Katie
Wednesday 22.4 - Alissa
Thursday 23.4 – Maree, Toni (am)
Friday 24.4 – Tracy H, Kellie, Jill

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and a safe holiday.

Thanks

Cheryl and Paula

Community News



No Appointment Necessary

Children's prices starting from \$14

A local family owned business

Shop 26 Thornton Shopping Centre
1 Taylor Avenue Thornton

0414 723 303



Check us out on Facebook



The Perfect Place for your Dancer to Shine!

Beautiful dance lessons for 5 - 13 year olds taught by our Specialist Teachers

Starlet Dance Studios...
Shine Bright

Office 1300 369 509
Email info@starletdancestudios.com.au
Website www.starletdancestudios.com.au
Studios now open in Branxton and Rutherford

COMMUNITY @ #TCOC


SHRED

SK8 FESTIVAL

Thornton Skate Park
Saturday 11th April 2015 2-7pm

Rap & DJ Demos Ft MC Tunz1 & DJ KiDream
FREE BBQ Skate Clinic
Live Music All Ages
Street Skate Competition
Drug & Alcohol Free Event

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Shane Kennedy

COMMUNITY @ TCOC invites family and friends to:
Thornton Skate Park Taylor Avenue
Sunday 5 April 2015 @ 8:30am

KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

A FREE Community Event



Thornton Church of Christ 34 Government Road THORNTON - Pastor Damien Parks

Class Report – KD

KD have enjoyed a wonderful and successful start to their school journey. This term we have been using the stories of Grug by Ted Prior and Spot by Eric Hill to explore the topics of 'School Days' and 'Me'. Did you know that like us, Spot goes to school to make new friends and learn new things? At the end of such a busy day he is very tired -a feeling you may be familiar with at your house!

KD have had some amazing adventures with Grug. Not only does Grug go to school, but he also goes fishing, has a birthday, grows a garden and goes to the beach! Grug has even visited us at Thornton School, helping KD to perform their assembly item last Friday. Grug has been an inspiration for some of our most creative artworks and storytelling.

Keep up the fabulous work KD!



Grug goes to the beach



Some of our Grug work



Grug wears his hat at school



We love to read



ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2015

Parents, Caregivers, Friends and members of the Thornton community are cordially invited to attend Thornton Public School's ANZAC Day Service to commemorate the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing.

Date: Friday, 24 April 2015

Time 12.00pm

Venue: Thornton Public School Hall.

Wreaths will be laid to honour the soldiers from the local area who lost their lives in the Great War.

Community groups as well as individuals are also encouraged to lay wreaths or floral tributes on the day.

At the conclusion of the service students' research of the soldiers will be on display and light refreshments will be served.

This is an Official Centenary of ANZAC Event

Lest We Forget



8/9 Years Girls



8/9 Years Boys



10 Years Girls



10 Years Boys



11 Years Girls



11 Years Boys



12/13 Years Girls



12/13 Years Boys

ZONE
CROSS
COUNTRY