



THORNTON THUNDER

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What a Week!

Sometimes you just have to say to yourself that Thornton is a wonderful school and that we provide fabulous opportunities for our students and families.

The Disco on Tuesday evening was a roaring success with over 400 students attending. This is the most we have had for many years and was a great fundraiser for the year 6 gift.

Watching our kindergarten children experience their first disco was quite a sight and of course our older students simply had a great time.

A huge thanks to the staff for staying back and the prefects who helped with the drinks and chips.

Breakfast for 500 sounds like a crazy idea but we did it again in style on Friday morning.

Pastries, toast, cereal, juice and tea and coffee were enjoyed by all our mums, children and significant women. As the morning warmed up, so did the crowd with our rock ensemble performing and the children playing with their friends and family.

This event reflects the quality of our community. It is looked forward to and enjoyed by so many. Thank you to the staff who organised the event and to all the teachers who came along and helped on the morning.

Big School, Many Opportunities

Photo of the Week *Harvest Rock Ensemble*



Dates for your Diary

Week 4 and 5

Public Speaking

Tuesday May 12

NAPLAN - Language conventions and writing

Wednesday May 13

NAPLAN - Reading

Thursday May 14

NAPLAN - Numeracy

Wednesday May 13

Stage Two Assembly

School Council

Friday May 15

Early Stage One Assembly, Stage One Assembly

Wednesday 20 May

Year One to Reptile Park

Monday May 15

P&C Meeting

Monday June 1

Spring Fair Meeting

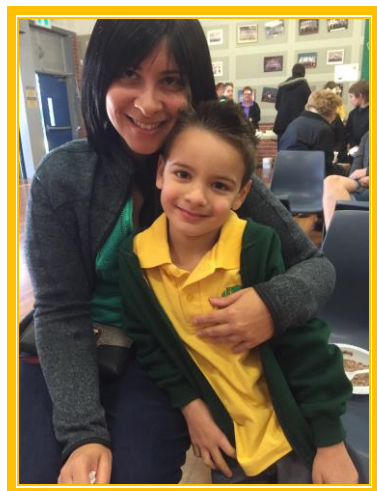
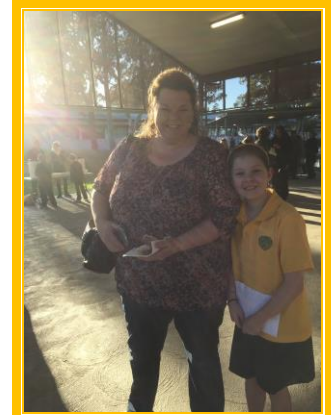
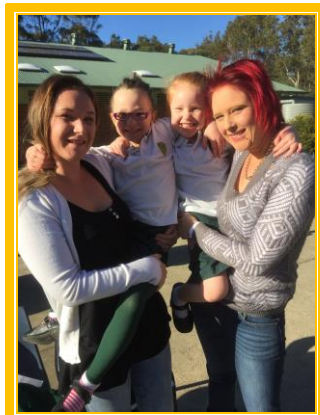
NAPLAN

Parents of students in years 3 and 5 know that NAPLAN is on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A catch up day is scheduled for Friday.

Please ensure your child has a good sleep, a hearty breakfast and is ready for these assessments. While they are only one test on one day, they are an important part of the Kindergarten to Year 12 assessment plan.

Tuesday 12 May	Language conventions and writing
Wednesday 13 May	Reading
Thursday 14 May	Numeracy

Mothers and Munchkins Breakfast



A big THANK YOU to 'Bread Basket' at Kurri for supplying our wonderful pastries.

Trading Cards

Parents asked to please remind their children that cards such as Yugio are welcome at school but the trading of cards is not to happen.

Staffing News

This week we thank and farewell Miss Elsley on 6Y. Ms Yager will be back on deck next week.

We also thank Ms Brown and welcome back Mrs Johnson next week.

Mr Lobsey has been asked to continue in the position of Principal at Shortland Public School for term three. Ms Moss will continue as deputy principal during this time.

School Council Meeting

Next Wednesday, the Thornton School Council will meet. Agenda items include principal and member reports, the school's financial report and policy discussion. Sponsorship ideas and updates on school projects will also be included.

Happy Snaps from the Disco!



Library News

National Simultaneous Story (NSS) time is an event held every year using a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator. The story book is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. By facilitating NSS time we aim to promote the value of reading and literacy; promote the value and fun of books; promote an Australian writer and publisher and provide opportunities for all to participate in and enjoy the occasion. This year NSS will be held on 27 May at 10.50am. All classes will participate in the reading of 'The Brothers Quibble' by Aaron Blabey and complete accompanying activities. Please see the library blog for further links to the author Aaron Blabey and NSS website.

We have some awesome library monitors who received their badges in assembly last Monday. Check the library blog for photos. Also check our blog for what we are doing Term 2 in the library.

www.thorntonps.edublogs.org password: thornton or click on the blog link on the school website

Keep up the great reading. We have many students who are well on their way to reading the quota of books required for Premier's Reading Challenge.

Library lessons next week:

Monday – 5C (only this week due to NAPLAN on Thursday)

Tuesday – 3J, KG, KL, 1C

Wednesday – 6Y, KS, KD, 3A

Thursday – 5C (moved to Monday this week), 4O

Friday 2C, 1G, 1/2A

Please remember your library bags and books.

Writing stars.

Congratulations to our two prize winning writing stars. These two girls participated in the Tocal Field Day Poetry Competition.

Beth Lawford 1st place

Ava Eveleigh 2nd place

The Outback

*In the outback times are tough,
In times of no rain Things get rough.
Still pitch black, tick tock the clock goes four.
Get up, piece of toast get out the door.
With sheep to flock and cows to draft
Things to do we need to laugh.
Got to the stables lantern in hand.
Geez I need my horse it's in high demand.*

*Stables empty where's my horse?
Maybe old mate took her to the course.
Oh no gates are open I really need my horse!
I stormed back down to the homestead as angry as can be.
And there stood Disco ready to go happy and glee.
Grabbed a bridal bear back to the shed*

Saddle and girth off I led

*Off to work we go, a day's work ahead.
Lots of animals in paddocks that need to be fed.
And returning at dark with all tasks completed,
And all still having to be repeated
Work was done and hunger was earnt,
Shut the gate that's what I learnt
Beth Lawford 6Y*

Countryside Song

*In the gum trees
that gently sway,
the magnificent magpie
sings away.*

*The sound of the hens,
Scratching all day;
The crow of the rooster,
Reassuring them everything's okay.*

*Cicada's hum,
To the countryside tune;
Warning the animals,
That it's night time soon.*

*So off they go,
In the late afternoon;
But once again morning,
The song will resume.
By Ava Eveleigh
Class*

Year 5 & Year 6 Camp Payments

Parents are reminded to please ensure that you are up to date with the instalments for the Year 5 & Year 6 camps.

School Banking


A reminder for students to hand their bank books in at the office and not the classroom before Friday.

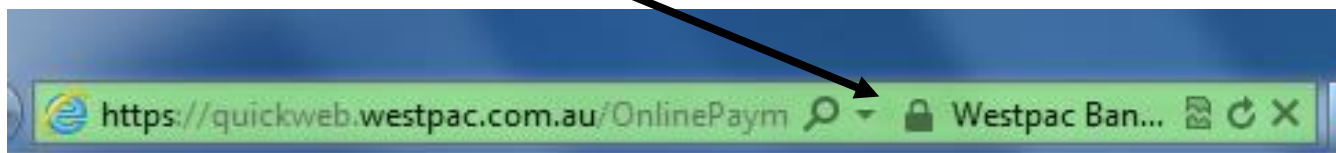
Stewart House

The last day for Stewart House envelopes to be returned to school is Monday 11 May.

Online Payments

Online payments are a safe and convenient way for any payment to be made. Visit our school website and click on **\$ Make A Payment** . Please send permission notes to the office.

We just wish to reassure parents, the online payments site is a secure site through Westpac Bank. As you can see, it has the padlock symbol  in the address bar.



Payment Due Dates

Event	Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Canberra - 1st Instalment	Yr 6	22-25 June	\$150.00	Overdue – 28 th April
Aussie Bush Camp – 1st Instalment	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	Overdue – 29 th April
BYOD Technology Levy	5/6 S		\$50.00	Overdue – 5 th May
Canberra - 2nd Instalment	Yr 6	22-25 June	\$100.00	12th May 2015
Reptile Park	Yr 1 & Yr 2	20th & 27th May	\$22.00	15th May 2015
Stage 2 Camp Deposit	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	19th May 2015
Taronga Zoo – Parents Payment	Kindergarten	12 June	\$60.00	20th May 2015
Aussie Bush Camp – 2nd Instalment	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	27th May 2015
Canberra - Final Instalment	Yr 6	22-25 June	\$100.00	29th May 2015
Planetarium	Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6	4 & 5 June	\$7.00	2nd June 2015
Taronga Zoo – Student Payment	Kindergarten	12 June	\$35.00	3rd June 2015
Stage 2 Camp – 1st Instalment	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	16th June 2015
Aussie Bush Camp – 3rd Instalment	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	24th June 2015
Aussie Bush Camp – Final Instalment	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	29th July 2015
Stage 2 Camp – 2nd Instalment	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	12th August 2015
Stage 2 Camp – Final Instalment	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$40.00	9th September 2015

Payments made to the school office must be received by 3pm and online payments must be made by 6pm on the due date. No late payments can be accepted unless prior arrangements are made with the office. If you have not received a note for any activity, these are available from the Office or the school's website.

'Munch & Eat' News

Sausage Sizzle – Wednesday 13 May

No other lunch orders will be available on Wednesday. Only pre-ordered sausage sizzle. Normal items can be purchased over the counter such as hash browns, jelly etc.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 11.5 – Linda, Renae (am)
Tuesday 12.5 – Alicia, Eileen
Wednesday 13.5 – Elaine, SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY
Thursday 14.5 – Kellie, Viva (am)
Friday 15.5 – Jenny, Ann, Christine

KS KIDS LOVE THEIR MUMS! LET'S SEE WHY?

I love my mum because she....

Lets me read to her – (Mackenzie)

Took me to the Sydney Harbour Bridge – (Rico)

Took me to the Reptile Park – (Thomas)

She loves me – (Declan)

Takes me on holidays – (Kaiya)

Looks after me – (Tiarney)

Loves me – (Summah)

Plays with me – (Aiden)

Takes me everywhere – (Jim)

Takes me to school – (Alex)

Takes me to the park sometimes – (Jordan)

Makes me cupcakes and they're yummy – (Samantha)

Takes me to the park – (Izabelle)

Takes us for a drive – (Shelby)

Helps me up when I get hurt – (Sophie)

Picks me up from school and takes me everywhere – (Summer)

Gives me hugs – (Christian)

Takes me to the park – (Jesse)

Gives me lots of kisses – (Grace)

Takes me to the Park – (Jack)

Takes me to the shops – (Nate)

Takes me to the park – (Kinnesha)

Gives me kisses and hugs – (Taj)

Happy
Mother's
Day

