

THORNTON THUNDER

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Australia Day in July?

Our Australia Day has only been celebrated on January 26 since the 1930s. Before that it was called Foundation Day.

As the First World War began to impact on Australian communities, the country needed to care for its wounded and bereaved. A community get together to raise money for these people was held across the country on July 30 or 31. It was called Australia Day.

The day had a standard format with a street parade in the morning and a sports session in the afternoon. All money raised went to the newly created Red Cross.

To commemorate the centenary of ANZAC and educate our students about the impact the war had on those left behind, Thornton School will re-enact the original Australia Day.

All children will be asked to dress up in period costume and parade up Government Road and along Taylor Street. A whole community get together will then occur followed by an old fashioned sports afternoon.

Further details will be sent out as the date approaches however the day will take the place of the normal Education Week celebration.

It promises to be a unique and inspiring day - one that will last a long time in the memory of all.

Photo of the Week

Our wonderful Girls Soccer Team



Dates From the Planner

Monday May 25

Boys Soccer Gala Day

P&C Meeting

Wednesday May 27

Year 2 to Reptile Park

National Simultaneous Story Telling Time

Friday May 29

Girls Touch Football game

Monday June 1

Spring Fair Meeting

Wednesday June 3

ICAS Science

Thursday June 4

Planetarium

Junior Knights Knockout

Friday June 5

Planetarium

Thursday June 11 – Saturday June 13

Star Struck

Friday June 12

Kindergarten to the Zoo

Monday June 22 – Thursday June 25

Year 6 to Canberra

Congratulations Ms Wilson-Stevens

A huge congratulations to Ms Wilson-Stevens who celebrated her 30th year at Thornton Public School on Wednesday May 20. Over her time here she has directly influenced and educated nearly 900 students. This is a fantastic achievement and one to be acknowledged and celebrated. The whole school recognised this milestone by coming together on Tuesday morning.



Excursions are Just the Best

Taking children on excursions is a fantastic way to make learning real, engaging and fun. The students at Thornton School are lucky to have many excursions in the 7 year learning journey.

Year 1 went to the Reptile Park last Wednesday with Year 2 going next Wednesday. We have the Kindergarten students and parents embarking on the epic Kindy Zoo trip soon and Year 6 off to Canberra in Week 10. Years 3, 4 and 5 are also off to camp this year.

These experiences represent great opportunities, great fun and most of all, education at its best.

Francis Greenway High School Social Afternoon

Next Wednesday, our Year 6 students will be heading to Francis Greenway High School for a social afternoon. This is the first step in the Year 6/7 transition process and will allow them to meet some of the high school teachers and mix with other students heading to Francis Greenway in 2016.

Francis Greenway has many excellent programs running and under the experienced guidance of Ms Jo Edwards, the school is going from strength to strength.

All the best Year 6!

Public Speaking Competition

Students from each grade have been participating in our public speaking competition and our Stage winners are

Kindergarten:	Mia (KG) and Zakariyah (KD)
Stage One:	Jack (2C) and Tane (2MB)
Stage Two:	Abbey (3M) and Takira (3J)
Stage Three:	Jacob (5/6S) and Hannah (5WS)

Kinder Zoo

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany Kindergarten to the zoo. The zoo and the buses are booked for Friday 12 June. Thanks to all the parents who have paid to attend this excursion. The final day for students to pay is Wednesday 3 June. We would love to see all Kindy kids attend this excursion.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Our excursion to Canberra is fast approaching. All payments are to be paid in full to the office by Friday 29 May. This week, notes were sent home regarding medical and dietary requirements and also a list explaining what to pack. Please return all medical and dietary requirement notes to the office no later than Monday 25 May.

Parking Behaviour

Please observe the signs around the school regarding where you can and can't park and where you can can't drop off, pick up and stop. The police presence has been more visible of late.

Check out the new Year 6 Shirts.



What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Stage 2 Camp Deposit	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	Overdue -19th May 2015
FGHS – Social Afternoon	Yr 6	27 May	\$4.00	26 th June 2015
Aussie Bush Camp – 2nd Instalment	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	27th May 2015
Canberra - Final Payments Due	Yr 6	22-25 June	\$100.00	29th May 2015
Japanese Taiko Drum Performance	Yr 5	18 June	\$10.00	2nd June 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 Payments	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 Payments	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.				

Online Payments

Thank you to the parents who have used the online payments system. I'm sure you will agree it is a very convenient way to ensure payments are made to the school. It is a safe, secure site and you receive a receipt immediately.

Just so you are aware, multiple payments can be made for each student if you need without processing them as individual payments. For example you can pay for a Kindy Zoo, Resource Pack and Home Reader all in one online payment.

Report by Charlotte – 6Y

Ms Jillian Wilson Stevens is a caring, confident and committed teacher at our school. Ms Wilson Stevens had a special assembly for herself, to present her certificate and flowers for 30 years' service at Thornton Public School. Although she has been teaching longer than that as she was teaching at another school before Thornton P.S. MS Wilson Stevens does everything she can to help every student in her class to be the best they can. MS Wilson Stevens also took on the debating team last year and has done an amazing job. She has gone from not knowing a thing to a professional debating coach. She has taught me and my team amazing debating and speaking skills and I know that my team wouldn't be a success if it weren't for her. Ms Wilson Stevens is one of the most amazing teachers I have ever met she always puts her students before herself and teaches her students valuable life lessons and her students have even taught her some things along the way. I wish Ms Wilson Stevens all the best in the remaining teaching years and future.



Sport Report

Netball PSSA Knockout - Thornton vs Ashtonfield win 20-2

Girls Soccer PSSA Gala Day - 4 wins with no goals conceded, go girls!

Senior Rugby League Knights Knockout - Mr Carter reported that the boys had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves narrowly being defeated on the day, great effort!

Congratulations to Teagan, Jarryd, Ben, Josh and Archy who represented Thornton Public School at the Zone Touch Football Trials this week. All the best to Teagan and Jarryd who were successful in going on to the Regional Touch Football Trials today!

Library News

Library lessons this week:

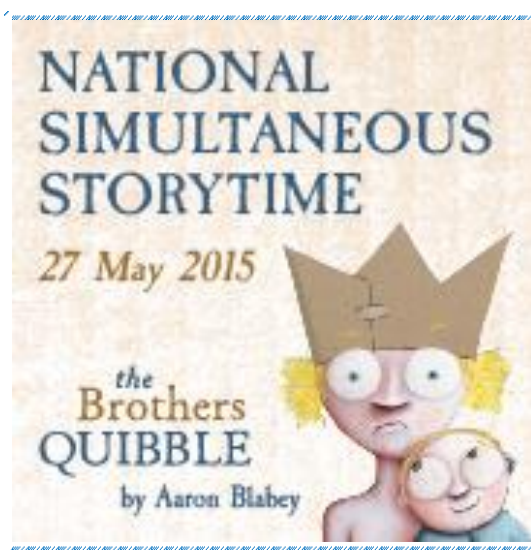
- 📖 Tuesday – 3J, KG, KL, 1C
- 📖 Wednesday – 6Y, KS, KD, 3A
- 📖 Thursday – 5C, 4O
- 📖 Friday – 2C, 1G, 1/2A

Please remember your library bags and books.

National Simultaneous Story time is Wednesday 27 May.

Each class will participate in the reading of 'The Brothers Quibble' by Aaron Blabey. Mr Blabey will also be making a visit to our school in August as part of our Book Week celebrations. Check the library blog for more information about this talented author and illustrator.

Spalding Quibble ruled the roost. He shared it with no other. But then his parents introduced a brand new baby brother. Uh oh. A book about sibling rivalry, love and war....



Tournament of the Minds

Tournament of the Minds is a national inter-school problem solving program for teams of students in both primary and secondary schools. If you think your child may be interested in participating please contact Miss Foster for more information. The students will be required to solve a demanding, open ended challenge and be prepared to spend the time required to organise and practice this. They will need to commit to Sunday 23 August with own transport to present the challenge at the venue of Newcastle Grammar School.



Tournament of Minds (TOM) is an international problem solving program for teams of students from both Primary and Secondary years. Students are required to solve demanding, open ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, LANGUAGE LITERATURE, MATHS/ENGINEERING, SOCIAL SCIENCES.

TOM is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving, to demonstrate their creative skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Tournament of Minds looks beyond academic achievement and strongly links to world best practice curriculum and twenty first century skills.

Working in teams, effective problem solving, thinking outside the square and the use of technology are values that employers are searching for in the employee of tomorrow.

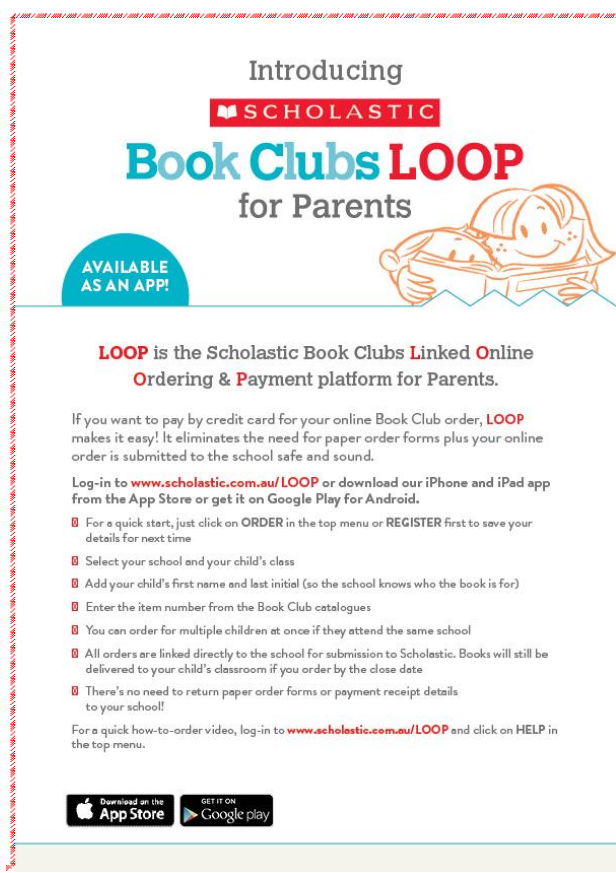
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Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are packed full of great books for all ages from as little as \$2 so everyone can get reading. Book Club catalogues have gone home this week and they are due by Friday 29 May. No late orders accepted. Orders are to be place in the Red Box in the library **OR** alternatively you can place your order online at:

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P & C News

Spring Fair

Jars are rolling in so thank you to all who have brought them in but we still need more please. Our next meeting is on 1 June at 6.30pm in the SPR so please come along as we always need parent helpers.

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held this coming Monday night (25 May) at 7pm in the SPR. We have child minding available and a supper is provided. If you have questions or want to find out about what is happening in the school come along. Its an informal evening so new and old faces are more than welcome.

Clothing Pool

Clothing pool will be back on Wednesday morning in the SPR from 9am – 9.30am. There are plenty of jumpers and green pants for winter – no long grey pants available. If anyone has any clothes they wish to hand in to help other families please leave them at the office.

Thank you to all the parents that help us out at functions and support our P & C. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

We hope that you have a great week.

Cheers Gill, Sarah, Korine, Penny, Alissa, Kristy-Lee and Allyson

‘Munch & Eat’ News

Free range eggs for sale in the canteen 700g - \$5.00 per dozen

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	25.5 – Renau
Tuesday	26.5 – Tanya
Wednesday	27.5 – Jaala
Thursday	28.5 – Kerrie
Friday	29.5 – Elaine, Bruce, Salena

Cola Quench is out of stock at the moment.

Please make sure your child's class is written on the lunch order bags.

Thanks

Cheryl and Paula

Community News



Thornton Tennis Centre Tennis Lessons and Competitions

2015 is a big year for tennis at the Thornton Tennis Centre.

Our Program includes:

- Hot Shots Coaching at all Levels
- Half hour Group Coaching Lessons
- One hour Group Coaching Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Academies
- Juniors Sessions and Adult lessons available
- Junior Comps
- Adult Social Comps

All Days **FREE** to come and try

Monday Group lessons from 4pm-5pm

Thursday Hotshot lessons from 4:30pm-5pm

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