



THORNTON THUNDER

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Tell Them From Me Survey Analysis.

In March this year, the students in years 4, 5 and 6 completed the *Tell Them From Me Survey*. The survey looked at a range of items including the students relationships with each other, their level of engagement with school, the learning climate of their classroom and time they spent on core learning.

The results were interesting and encouraging.

93% of students believed that education will benefit them. This was the same as the state norms.

Only 56% of students had a positive attitude towards homework.

77% of students were positive and motivated in their learning. This was above the state norms.

Effective learning time in classrooms was rated at 7.9 while the state norm was 8.1.

Students experiencing bullying was 8% below the state norm. (27%-35%)

Teacher student relationships scored 8.8 for our year 6 students compared to the state norm of 8.1.

95% of girls try hard to succeed in their learning. This compares to the overall state norm of 91%.

The school's executive team engaged deeply with this data and discussed ways that we can better meet the needs of our students and community. By accepting these performance measures, we know our strengths and areas to develop and can work towards making Thornton the best school it can be.

Photo of the Week

A Stellar experience!
The Planetarium



Dates from the Planner

Tuesday June 9

University Prac Students (K/S)

Thursday June 11 – Saturday June 13

Star Struck

Friday June 12

Kindergarten to the Zoo

Monday June 15

ICAS Writing

Wednesday June 17

Silver Lizzie Reward Day

Friday June 19

Reports go home

Monday June 22

P & C Meeting

Monday June 22 – Thursday June 25

Year 6 to Canberra

Planetarium Success

What do Orion, Scorpius, Southern Cross, Sagittarius, The Hunter, Saturn, Venus and Antares have in common? The year 3 - 6 students all saw them in the Planetarium this week.

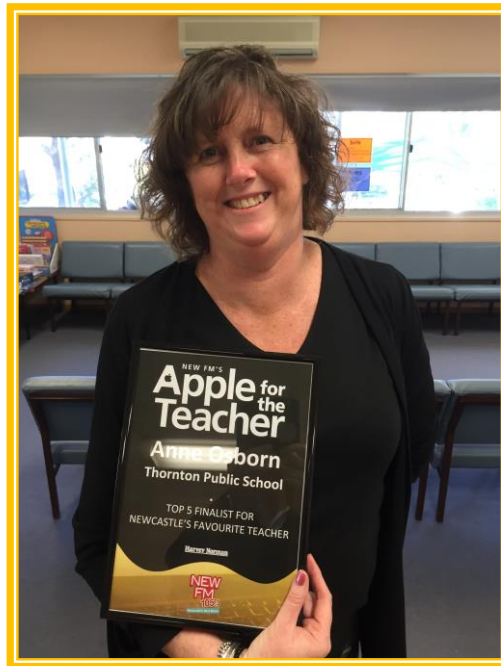
It was a great experience and one that really brought the recent science units to life. There is nothing like watching constellations revolve around you and seasons change before your eyes.

Well done students and Geoff the Planetarium operator.

Super Teacher

Congratulations to Ms Anne Osborn who was voted as a top five teacher in the recent Apple for the Teacher competition.

Well-deserved and well done Ms Osborne.



Aus Cycle

The Aboriginal students in our school were recently invited to attend an Aus Cycle workshop at Woodberry Public School.

A super morning of riding, braking, turning and balancing helped the students to have a worthwhile morning.

Pictured is the T Shirt and beaut new helmet presented to each participant.

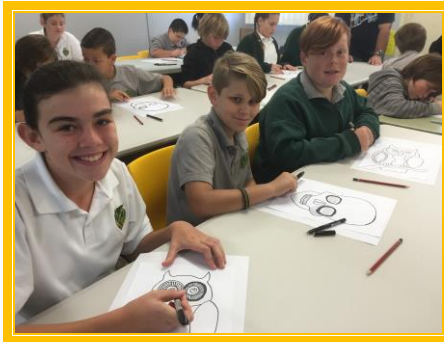


Even Our Ex Students Love Us

A huge thank you to Hannah Ehlefeldt, Hannah Scott, Jackson Veale, Riley Grant, Ellen Harmour and Kimberley Howard. What great ambassadors for Francis Greenway High School you have been. We all wish you well in your year 11 and 12 studies and hope you take up the challenge of Primary Teaching as a career.

A simply Excellent Program

Each Monday, Mr Lex James volunteers a whole day of his time to give our students an art lesson. Every class gains so much from this experience. It really is an excellent initiative.



Thornton Celebrates Reconciliation Week

On Tuesday, we hosted a delicious breakfast for our Aboriginal students and their families. It was great to see the support the event received from the staff and the smiling faces of the students as they tucked into a hearty breakfast.



No Hat No Play

As parents know, we are a No Hat No Play school.

In an effort to make sure all students participate in sport and the PE program, the school will be purchasing disposable surgical hair nets.

These will be worn by students without a hat, under a spare hat, thus allowing the child to fully participate in all sporting activities.

To avoid this, it is always a good idea for students to have a spare hat in their bag. Skin care is vital, particularly in the early years.

Head Lice

Just a reminder for parents to regularly check their children's hair for any evidence of head lice.

Uniform Update

The preferred uniform for 2016 will be a 5 day a week green and gold unisex uniform with the option of skorts for girls. Warm long pants and a fresh jacket will also be investigated.

The uniform working party has been meeting and will survey the school community in weeks 9 and 10. Six possible shirt designs will be on the survey and parents will be asked to rank their preference.

From there further consultation will occur.

After some direction as to design, a number of suppliers will be approached.

Library News

Library lessons for week 8:

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

Well done to those students who are remembering to bring in their library bags and books.

Sport News

PSSA Boys Touch football knockout – Thornton vs Tenambit win 8-2

PSSA Boys Soccer Gala Day – 3rd overall

PSSA Girls Touch football knockout – Thornton vs Waratah win 6-0

PSSA Girls Netball knockout – Thornton vs Tenambit loss 0-7

Miss Varley has been very proud of the girls commitment to training and their sportsmanship on the day was remarkable.

Junior Knights Knockout – a fantastic effort was displayed on the day!

Week 6 Primary Sport 'Best and Fairest'

Touch football – Mia 3Z, Georgia 5C

Basketball – Hunter and Emily 4O, Ashley 6A

European Handball – Nicholas 3J, Mackenzie 6Y

Dance – Jerome 3M, Paige 5WS

Ultimate Frisbee – Hayden 4P, Stephanie 5/6S

Congratulation to Dylan and Makye for being selected in the Hunter Academy of Sport for Baseball.

Congratulations to Teagan and the Hunter team for their impressive results this week at State Girls Soccer. They went down in the final 2-1 but had a great game.





P & C News

Hi Everyone

Pie Drive

Order forms went out last Friday so if you didn't receive one or need more there are extra order forms at the office. Orders are due back by Friday 12 June. No late orders will be accepted.

Spring Fair

Our major fundraiser for the school year is on in 15 weeks!! We are still in need of volunteers so if you have any available time please put your name down at the canteen.

Just a reminder to start potting up some plants for the Spring Fair. All donated plants can be left at the Greenhouse (near the office).

Announcement

We would like to welcome Stacey Hope to our P & C team.

Have a great week everyone

Cheers

Gill, Korine, Sarah, Alissa, Penny Allyson, Kristie-lee and Stacey

‘Munch & Eat’ News

Hot Dog Day

Orders for Hot Dog day need to be back to the canteen by Wednesday 10 June.

Heating up food bought from home

Due to Food Safety Regulations the canteen cannot heat up food items that students bring to school. Especially regarding the storage of the food in the students bag until lunch time.

Entertainment Books

These are now available from the canteen for \$60 each.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	8.6 – Public Holiday
Tuesday	9.6 – Alicia, Eileen
Wednesday	10.6 – HELP NEEDED
Thursday	11.6 – Kellie, Viva
Friday	12.6 – Jenny, Ann, Christine

Thanks

Cheryl and Paula

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Stage 2 Camp – 1st Instalment	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	16 June 2015
Aussie Bush Camp – 3rd Instalment	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	24 June 2015
Kindergarten Gymnastics	Kinder	Term 3	\$23.00	24 June 2015
Stage One Gymnastics	Yr 1 & Yr 2	Term 3	\$23.00	24 June 2015
Aussie Bush Camp – Final Payments	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	29 July 2015
Stage 2 Camp – 2nd Instalment	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	12 August 2015
Stage 2 Camp – Final Payments	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$40.00	9 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.

Community News



THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR

10am-3pm SUNDAY 13th September 2015

We are now taking applications for Stallholders and Entertainment
 Email applications to Korine: KLC8880@GMAIL.COM
 For all other enquiries contact Gill: 0400 832 415

A GREAT FAMILY FUN DAY

- RIDES
- GAMES
- PRIZES
- FOOD
- CONTESTS
- LIVE MUSIC

TICKETS
 UNLIMITED RIDE PASS
 \$25 Presale or \$30 on the day

Maitland Tennis Centre

JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 29th, 30th June & 1st July

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

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

Name (1)..... D.O.B.....

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