



THORNTON THUNDER

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Thornton School Broadens Students' World

In week ten, the majority of our Year 6 students will be heading to Canberra for the annual Year 6 Canberra Excursion. Considering this may be the only time that some people go to Canberra, it is a very important excursion and one that creates memories for life. The students will experience first-hand the Federal Parliament, the Australian Electoral Commission, the War Memorial, the Institute of Sport, Questacon and Government House.

The excursion will allow our students to understand the nature of our democracy from the election process right through to the Governor General and the sacrifice that has been made to maintain our way of life. The excursion will also allow our students to experience life away from their families for a few days.

Such an experience helps develop well rounded citizens who appreciate our wonderful country. The experience also encourages children to appreciate their friends and families.

A huge thank you to Mrs Allen, Mrs Stanton, Mrs Riley and Mr Millburn as they take on the role of carer, friend, nurse and teacher over the four days.

We look forward to hearing how the trip goes.

Thornton school
Big School
Many opportunities

Photo of the Week

Starstruck Choir, Ready to go!



Dates from the Planner

Monday June 15

ICAS Writing

Wednesday June 17

Silver Lizzie Reward Day

Hot Dog Day

Environment Meeting

School Council Meeting

Thursday June 18

FGHS - Japanese Drumming Workshop – Yr5

Australia Day Planning Meeting

Friday June 19

Reports go home

NAIDOC Week Football Match

Monday June 22

P & C Meeting

Pie Drive Pick Up

Monday June 22 – Thursday June 25

Year 6 to Canberra

Silver Lizzy Day

A special treat has been organised for the students in our school who reached the Silver Lizzy level of the PBL Passport to success.

The Menagerie Petting Zoo will be visiting our school on Wednesday June 17 between 9:30 and 1:00pm. Each class will have some time with the animals and will be able to pat them and watch them in enclosed pens.

The animals visiting us include;

- lambs,
- kids (baby goats)
- chickens,
- ducklings,
- bunnies and
- guinea pigs.

Parents are asked to please notify their class teacher if there is any risk of allergy to these animals so the situation can be managed appropriately.

Lock Down

On Thursday afternoon, the school conducted a Lock Down Drill. The drill went very well with all staff knowing what to do. Students were kept safe and all systems worked as they should.

One situation did arise though when parents had been in the school when the intermittent bell went off. If this occurs, parents must report to the office.

An intermittent bell is the lock down signal.

A continually ringing bell is the evacuation signal.

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.

ZOOMazing!

What can we say?

Cool weather, great kids, great parents and a really great zoo helped make for a... fantastic day!!!

Thanks teachers, parents and students.

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Reporting Great Progress

Reports will be sent home with students on Friday June 19.

For students in years K-4, parents reports based on a software program called PLAN (previously Best Start) will form the basis of the English and Maths report.

General comments and social achievements will be reported as normal.

If any parent would like to meet with their child's teacher about the report, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Lost Property

At times, jackets, hats and jumpers go missing. If by chance a child ends up with a piece of clothing that is not theirs in their bag, parents are asked to simply return it to the office so the correct owner can be found.

Winter is Flu Season

The Flu season is rapidly approaching.

Parents are asked to please keep their children home if they are displaying the effects of the flu virus such as a temperature, headaches, runny nose etc.

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Year 5 Camp

Just a quick reminder to parents to ensure you are up to date with all the instalments for our Year 5 camp. Your deposit, Instalment 1 & Instalment 2 should now have been paid. The next instalment is due on 24th June and all monies must be paid by 29th July. Please contact the school if you have any enquiries on your balance owing.

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.

Round the School Pics



Key Board Lessons



6Y hard at work



Team Thornton Debate



Kindy off to the Zoo



Starstruck Dancers

Birth Order: Some interesting research results.

Firstborn

As the leader of the pack, firstborns often tend to be:

- Reliable
- Conscientious
- Structured
- Cautious
- Controlling
- Achievers

Middle Child

"The middle child often feels left out and a sense of, 'Well, I'm not the oldest. I'm not the youngest. Who am I?'" says therapist Meri Wallace. This sort of hierarchical floundering leads middle children to make their mark among their peers, since parental attention is usually devoted to the beloved firstborn or baby of the family.

In general, middle children tend to possess the following characteristics:

- People-pleasers
- Somewhat rebellious
- Thrives on friendships
- Has large social circle
- Peacemaker

Last Born

Youngest children tend to be the most free-spirited due to their parents' increasingly laissez-faire attitude towards parenting the second (or third, or fourth, or fifth...) time around. The baby of the family tends to be:

- Fun-loving
- Uncomplicated
- Manipulative
- Outgoing
- Attention-seeker
- Self-centred

Only Children

Being the only child is a unique position in a family. Without any siblings to compete with, the only child monopolizes his parents' attention and resources, not just for a short period of time like a firstborn, but forever. In effect, this makes an only child something like a "super-firstborn": only children have the privilege (and the burden) of having all their parents' support and expectations on their shoulders. Thus, only children tend to be:

- Mature for their age
- Perfectionists
- Conscientious
- Diligent
- Leaders

Sport News

Primary Sport 'Best and Fairest'
Touch football - Archy 6A
Basketball - Matthew 6Y
European Handball - Ethan 5/6S
Dance - Nathan 4P Jason 4P; Montana 5C
Ultimate Frisbee - Riley 5WS

P & C News

Hi Everyone

Pie Drive

Thank you to everyone who placed pie orders. They will be back on Monday 22nd of June. Pick up will be from 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.30pm - 3.15pm in the SPR.

Clothing Pool

Stacey runs the clothing pool on Wednesday morning 8.30am - 9.15am and Friday afternoon 2.30pm - 3.15pm in the SPR.

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd of June at 7pm in the SPR with a supper provided and child minding available.

Spring Fair

We have 14 weeks to go till our historical biannual Spring Fair to be held on the 13th of September. The times will be 10am - 3pm with lots of fun times to be had on the day. Our next meeting is on Monday the 13th of July at 6.30pm in the SPR. We need parents to come and join our committee to help with the organisation of this amazing event.

Entertainment Books

These are on sale at the canteen for \$60.00 with the school P & C receiving \$12.00 from the sale of each book.

Have a great week everyone

Cheers

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

‘Munch & Eat’ News

HOT DOG DAY

Don't forget that it is hot dog day on Wednesday 17th June. No other lunch orders will be available on the day. Only pre ordered hot dogs.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	15.6 – Jenny C, Alyce
Tuesday	16.6 – Katie, Berlinda
Wednesday	17.6 – Alissa
Thursday	18.6 – Maree, Tonia AM
Friday	19.6 – Tracy H, Kellie, Jill, Sveta

Thanks

Cheryl and Paula

Two Trenches One Letter Project

Students from Mersin College in Turkey have been in contact with our students at Thornton as part of the College's Two Trenches One Letter Project. The Turkish students have been studying the Gallipoli Campaign as part of their history studies and to commemorate the Centenary of the ANZAC Landing, 100 years ago. The aim of the project is to "create bonds of brotherhood between the two sides of this war. There's no way to tell if these materials will last but we believe they will help from a strong friendship between Anzac and Turkish teenagers and it will also create Canakkale[Gallipoli] Spirit for future generations."



Students from Mersin Collage and the postcards they designed.

12/03/2015-MERSIN

To Anzac Grandchildren;

Hello

I'm writing this letter to you from Turkey. My name is Sezer.

I'm a student at 7th grade and I'm 13 years old. I know that your great grandfather lost his life in the battle of Gallipoli, and that you make "Dawn Service" in Anzac Bay on the 25th of April every year.

My aim is not to give you sorrow by reminding you of the sad memories of the past. It is to make friendship connections with you. That was a war and there were lots of losses. Yet, neither Turkish nor Anzac soldiers spared mercy from each other despite the war. They threw gifts to each other from the trenches. They did all of these despite their oaths to kill each other.

If our ancestors had shown this mercy even in war time, why shouldn't we in peace time? Today, the same sun rises on the tombs of both our ancestors and sets by shining brightly. They are resting in peace on the lands of our country.

Dear Anzac Grandchildren,

I would like to tell you a decision we took in the family. I would like to host you in my hometown in this year's commemoration ceremonies. I would be very happy if you accept my invitation. We can commemorate our ancestors together.

Best Wishes;

Sezer ÇELİK

One of Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK's children

TED MERSIN COLLEGE

Our year 6 students are working on replying to the letters and sharing some information about some of the local soldiers and how we commemorate ANZAC Day.

3Z have also been in contact with year 3 students from the college. While we have been learning about Turkey the Turkish students have been learning about Australia. We have also been exchanging letters to get to know each other.



Some of 3Z's letters

Hi my name is Mercedes

I'm in Year 3. We have a Turkish flag in our classroom. We are learning about Turkey. What do you play over there? We play touch football and handball and lots more. Last week we had an ANZAC Day assembly – it was sad.

Hello my name is Luke

My friends call me Luke P. 3Z and I are learning about Turkey and we have a Turkish flag. So far we know you have a blue eye symbol, angora goats, van cats and kangal dogs

I wanted to know what your favourite games are and some of the games you play. I also wanted to know your favourite type of music. Mine is hip hop. I am turning 9 in September.

In Australia we've had ANZAC Day on 25th April since 1915 because we commemorate the landing at Gallipoli in World War 1. Do you commemorate it and what do you do?

Hello my name is Logan

What do you know about Australia? We know a lot about Turkey. What sport do you play? I play football and like to ride my bike at the skate park. I like doing tricks on my bike.



Reading our letters from Turkey

Dear friend;

Hello, my name is Nil. I was born in Adana but I live in Mersin. My favourite colours are yellow, blue and red. My favourite dish is chicken. I love all animals. I like skateboarding.



My best friend's name is Selin

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Love From Turkey
Nil Aslan 3/E

Dear Friends

Hello, my name is Cansu İpek. I'm 10 years old.

I live in Mersin, but I was born in Adana. My favourite animal is Cat. My favorite colour is red, pink, purple and blue. My favorite dish is french fries, soup and salad. My favorite book is Piliyana.

I like listening to music, rollerblading, reading a book and playing the violin.

I don't like talking. I want to be teacher.

LOVE FROM TURKEY...

Cansu İpek 3-22



Some of the Year 3 Students from Mersin College and their work on Australia

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