



THORNTON THUNDER

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Term 2, Week 9
No 19

19 June 2015

Tadpoles Today, Kindergarten Tomorrow!

As all parents know, coming to school as a Kindergarten student is a huge event in both the child and parents life. Thornton School runs a number of programs to make this transition as easy and painless as possible. The first of these is the Tadpoles Playgroup Program. Children who will be attending our school come along on a Wednesday morning and participate in pre-school/ big school activities. This term we have had 22 students attend. Enjoying a teddy bears picnic, buying from the canteen and picnics around the frog pond help build the children's familiarity with the school. The program culminates in the Tadpoles Graduation which occurred on Wednesday. This program is organised by Mrs Green, helped by Ms Milkovich and made possible by the generous support of the Hexham Bowling Club. It will be run again in Term 3.

The second and most important program that helps our new students come in to the school is the Kindergarten transition program which runs in Term 4. Again, the experiences build familiarity with the school and add confidence to the parents and the child as they get ready for Kindergarten.

The last program which is sometimes needed is addition transition experiences for children who need a little more time to get used to the idea of school.

All in all, Thornton prepares its newest students very well for the learning journey which awaits them.

At Thornton Public School, it really is
Quality Teachers, Quality Learning.

Photo of the Week

Cutting the Tadpole Graduation Cake



Dates from the Planner

Friday June 19

Reports go home

NAIDOC Week Football Match - cancelled

Monday June 22

P & C Meeting

Pie Drive Pick Up

Monday June 22 – Thursday June 25

Year 6 to Canberra

Tuesday June 23

Canteen meeting

Monday July 13

Staff return

Tuesday July 14

Students return

Friday July 24

Musica Viva

Tree Day

Week 2.3.4

Focus on Facts

Silver Lizzy Day

The Menagerie Petting Zoo was a huge success on Wednesday. All Silver Lizzie children really enjoyed the experience of petting the animals.



Lock Down Evacuation

Please be aware of the following bells.

An intermittent bell is the lock down signal.

A continually ringing bell is the evacuation signal.

If parents find themselves in the school during one of these drills, they are to either evacuate or report to the office.

The Importance of Reading to Your Child

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions. You can help your child in reading when you:

- show your child that you value reading by reading whenever you can
- provide a variety of texts for your child to read to you, eg stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines, children's recipe books
- point out words on street signs, packets and labels
- encourage your child to predict what a book is about from the cover and illustrations
- re-read favorite books

- talk about the different purposes for reading a picture book, a novel, a TV guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopedia
- point out the different size and shape of words
- point out the first sound of a word and encourage your child to think of other words that begin with the same sound
- encourage your child to read books for enjoyment as well as for information
- praise your child when they are reading, eg 'well done - that was a difficult word'
- encourage a positive attitude to books
- encourage your child to talk about characters and events in texts
- encourage your child to make sound effects for the characters and events
- ask your child to think of possible beginnings and endings for stories read and heard
- praise your child when they are reading
- 'sound out' difficult words and/or give clues to the meaning of difficult words
- encourage your child to have a go at reading words that are unfamiliar
- ask your child to read on past the unknown word to gain clues from the rest of the sentence
- show your child how to find the meanings of unfamiliar words in dictionaries
- encourage your child to watch films and videos of books they have read
- talk about the ways in which a film version of a book compares with the print version
- encourage your child to borrow books from the library.

These are just a few tips to promote a healthy child/parent reading relationship. For any more ideas or specific tips for your child, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Round the School Pics



The BYOD Class hard at it





More of those cute tadpoles

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
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.

P & C News

Hi Everyone

Annual Shopping Trip

Just a reminder the school bus trip deposits (\$40.00) are due by end of next week (Thursday 25 June). The remaining balance is due by the end of Term 3.

Anyone else who is interested in this fun day of shopping please do not hesitate to contact Alissa 0402750515.

The date of our shopping trip is Sunday 8 November.

Our bus will take us to some great outlets including: women's fashion, kitchenware, manchester, gifts, homewares, surf warehouse, FWS shoes, chocolate & nut shop just to name a few!

All are very welcome to join us as it really is a great day!

Have a great week everyone

Cheers

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

'Munch & Eat' News

Next Friday 26 June the canteen will be having a limited menu. Pies, Sausage Rolls, Cheese & Bacon rolls, Lasagne, Spag Bol, Mac Cheese and Roundas only.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 22.6 – Renae
 Tuesday 23.6 – Tanya
 Wednesday 24.6 – Jaala
 Thursday 25.6 – Kerrie, Viva

Thanks
Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 6A

Thornton Public School

19 June 2015

Year 6 2015

A Day in the life of 6A

"Once" by Morris Gleitzman Book Unit

The beginning:

Felix is in an orphanage waiting for his parents to come and bring him back home. Then Felix finds out that Nazis are burning Jewish books so Felix leaves to find out why they are burning Jewish books.

The middle:

Felix stumbles across a burning house and finds a girl named Zelda. Felix helps Zelda onto a Haystack and in the morning Nazis soldiers are nearby and make them follow the Jewish people into the city.

The end:

Felix and Zelda jump off a train headed for the concentration camp. Felix and Zelda survive the jump and run and hide into the forest for the next big and dangerous adventure.

By Isabella & Tobias

Fun Friday

Friday Funday are days on Friday where the person with the most Dojo's picks what we do. Those people can pick something like cooking, dancing, singing or something out of the ordinary. Dojos are points that we get for being on task, doing something good or bringing in homework. But dojos aren't easy to get from Mrs. Allen. But we as a class enjoy Friday Funday A LOT!
By Emmy and Jess

Aboriginal Studies

Connor, Natasha, Kiarne and Kiara have been going to the library every Thursday afternoon and have been researching different things about aboriginal people. Connor is researching the aboriginal freedom ride. Natasha is researching Cathy Freeman. Kiarne is researching Reginald Saunders. We have also been doing painting with other aboriginal students during scripture time. Connor and Natasha's painting is about a man going hunting for a kangaroo. Kiarne's story is about three men going to hunt kangaroos along the river. They also are hunting fish. The paintings will be put around the school.
By: Connor and Kiarne

Soccer Teams

The girls' soccer team played a Gala Day at Maitland Oval. They won all their games. The first score was 2-0. The second score was 1-0 and the third score is 2-0. Then the last score was 3-0. The boys also played a gala day at Maitland oval. The first score was 11-0, the second score was 9-0 and the third game they lost against East Maitland and won the last game. By Jess and Coby.

Super Science

Hi it's Mitchell, Jarrod and Teagan. We are here to tell you about the life in the science lab. We learn about volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, tectonic plates, the earth's layer's and tornadoes. At the moment in the science lab we are learning about aero dynamics. 6A have recently had a competition to see whose aeroplane goes the furthest. Our two finalists were Jarrod and Shane. Well that's day in the science lab.



Year 6 Canberra Trip

This term Year 6 have been researching about State and Federal Government. We also have been learning about our local representatives and have been doing some mock parliament. When we go to Canberra we will understand how parliament works and so we can understand how Australia runs. We think that Canberra will be fun, exciting and an educational way to learn. By Marlee and Olivia.

Year 6 2015

A Day in the life of 6A

2015 Year 6 T-Shirt

Recently at Thornton Public School Year 6 students have been able to purchase a new Year 6 T-shirt. This year's design is completely different to last year. 6A's teacher Mrs Allen came up with few designs and Year 6 voted on their favourite design. The design Year 6 voted on the front is green with the school emblem on the right. On the back it is green with "Year 6 Legends" written in graffiti writing. Underneath that it has all of the Year 6 student and teachers' names. On the sides it has yellow. We surveyed all of 6A for if they liked this year's Year 6 T-shirt better than last year's and they all liked this year's better!

By Jye & Zac



Sport

This is Archy and Josh presenting sport. At our school we have a lot of sports like rugby league, soccer, touch football and so on. Sport can help people with their health and fitness and it gets people to play out of school. You can get nervous but when you get out there on the field you get more confident. We have been in a lot of sports this year like rugby league. It is a very tough sport and touch football is a bit softer. In our last touch football game we won 8-2. Cricket can be sort of a tough especially if you get hit by a six sticher it is going to hurt.

Environment

The Year Six have put a parliament together. There are different parties in our Year Six Parliament. In the environment group they are planning on putting bins around Thornton Public School [T. P. S] so the rubbish that people drop on the ground will not go in our gardens and bush land and animals will not mistake it for food. The Land Care Group takes great care of our school environment and last week they found a 15cm **millipede**. That means it is healthy and strong so they put the millipede in the lovely, safe bush land. We thank the Land Care Group for taking care of our bush land and making a frog pond for our little green friends. By Jessie and Felicity

High School

Hi this is Rebecca and Ebony reporting here about our high school transition day at Francis Greenway High. We got to meet lots of new people and there were Year 9 helping out with the activities. Some of the activity's we got to do were Touch, Parachute, and many more. We got to meet the Year Advisor Miss Conway. She is the one who will be our year advisor when we go to High School. She is probably going to be our PE teacher too! WE CAN'T WAIT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL!!!!!!

Leadership Roles

As a leader we have to commit to help students have the best time at school. We also commit to all school assemblies by setting up and speaking. Also as a leader we attended the school young leader's day at Thornton Public School and the national young leader's day in Sydney. At Sydney we listened to people who achieved big things like Mike Baird, Bindi Irwin, Rachael Leahcar and lots more. On ANZAC day we ran the ANZAC day ceremony at school and marched at the dawn service. By Jarryd Morrissey and Dylan Bartlett

Real World Maths

Is an activity that we do with 6Y where we come up with an idea that has to do with maths measurement, pattern and numbers. We then write down what we're doing and how we're doing it. We had a survey and the winner was the Billy Cart. The other choices were bird house and the bird hotel, the QR codes and accessories. From Shane and Ashley.

Amazing Art in 6A

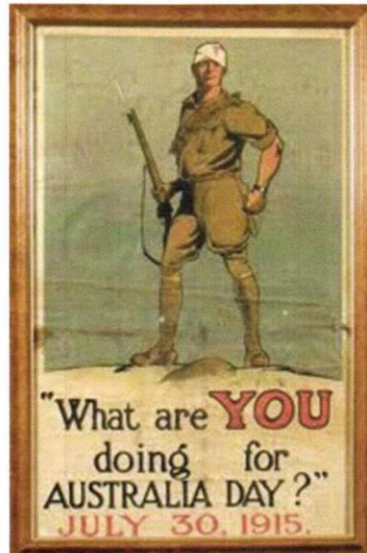
In 6A we have created art from another universe. It looks amazing because all of the people in 6A have awesome imaginations. Some of the things we have done is mosaic art [art with squares and shapes] and Lex art which is tigers and zentangle art. We have also studied Ned Kelly and made pictures of him. By Liz and Isabel

Australia Day 2015

“AUSTRALIA DAY”

Thornton Public School

FRIDAY JULY 31, 2015



What was “Australia Day” 1915?

Australia Day, January 26, has only been celebrated since the 1930s prior to this it was called either “Anniversary Day” or “Foundation Day”.

In 1915 the Australian people began raising money for those affected by the war overseas. These took the form of themed “Days”. These National “Relief Days” were held to raise funds for the comfort of widows, orphans and poor including:

English (England Day)
Belgians (Belgian Day)
French (French Day)
Poles (Polish Day)
Serbians (Servian Day)
Montenegrins (Montenegrin Day)

In 1915, following the Gallipoli landing, Australia needed to care for its own and this event was called

“Australia Day”

The day was held on either the 30th or 31st July in 1915 and was held nationally. The day had a standard format of a morning parade and a sports afternoon. Money raised went to the newly formed Australian Red Cross to help the wounded soldiers and those families who had lost a husband and father.

Consequently, as part of its Centenary of ANZAC activities the school will be conducting a themed parade and sports afternoon to re-enact these events.

Why re-enact this day?

The day links with the school's ANZAC and local history units of work and educates our students not just about war but about Australia one hundred years ago, our identity as Australians and the role women, children and the men left behind played in supporting the war.

The day falls within Education Week and it will provide a different way to involve the school and broader community in a unique commemoration of the Australian Home Front.

Features of this historic day.

The Parade:

A parade will be held with students marching in their classes. Our school student leaders will lead the procession carrying the Centenary of ANZAC flame, the massed flags of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Turkey. Members of the emergency services, re-enactment groups such as the Light Horse, bands, historic vehicles, members of the Defence Forces and Veterans will be participating.

Students, parents, teachers and community members are encouraged to dress in period costumes for the parade and sports afternoon.

The Sports Afternoon

After the parade students will break up into class groups and undertake the rotational sporting activities of 100 years ago.

Static Displays

A number of static displays will support the learning of our students.

Commemorative Pin

Each student will be presented with a commemorative pin as a souvenir of participating in this historic day.

What do I need to do?

Provide your student with an outfit to "dress up" in on the day. Don't worry, it's easy - some ideas are attached.

Come along, bring family and friends and join in a uniquely Australian day.

Assist your child to be part of the various themed competitions that will be held on the day. These include: The Best Decorated Bike, Best Dolly in a Stroller, Most Patriotic Teddy and Most Attractive Hat. Vote for your favourite with a silver coin.

GO GOLD GO AUSTRALIA 100 years ago it was a mile of pennies. In 2015 we aim to turn our map of Australia gold. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin to place on our map of Australia.

All money raised will go to DefenceCare who helps current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their families in times of injury, illness or crisis. <http://www.defencecare.org.au/>

Australia Day Dress Up Ideas

There is no need to go to any special trouble for the day. What's in your child's wardrobe can be easily adapted with a bit of mix and matching.

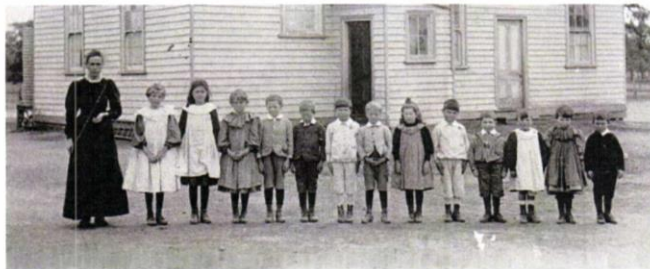
Girls

Simple dresses or skirts, tights and boots plus a hat. Curls and big bows were also popular.



Boys

Shorts, long socks and boots a collar shirt and a hat. If you have braces all the better. Boys didn't get long pants until they were teenagers.



Ladies

Long to calf length skirts or dresses with tights and boots plus a stunning hat.

Gentlemen

Long pants, collar shirt (or take the collar off for grandpa look) braces if you have them and a hat.



Community News



SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC

SKILLS CLINIC > 8 – 13 YEARS
 6th & 7th of July 2015 – Charlestown Indoor Centre
 9th & 10th of July 2015 – Charlestown Indoor Centre

SPECIALIST CLINIC > 11 – 14 YEARS
 9th & 10th of July 2015 – Genesis Newcastle

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I currently have vacancies 4 days a week Monday to Thursday for before and after school care. I also have vacancies for Vacation care.

I am a qualified, registered family day care educator. I live in Thornton and walk children to and from school 4 days a week

If you would like any more information please call me on 0438692918 or if you see me at school please come up and talk to me.

Government subsidies available to eligible families

Christine's Family Day Care
 Christine Scott



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

Aussie Kids News
Inspiring to the World



The Aussie Kids News website is an exciting news website that has just launched to Australian schools.

The website provides news tailored for Australian students, teachers and schools.
www.aussiekidsnews.com

CLASSROOM RESOURCE

Each evening four or five student appropriate news articles are written onto the site. We choose articles based around our main themes of Australian News, World, Sport and Odd Stuff. These articles are excellent to base around current events talks, oral language or a writing programme.

Each news article comes with a selection of teaching resources on the webpage. These include **RECALL** questions, **THINKING** questions and an extensive list of **WORKSHEETS**. These provide a range of learning activities for students to complete in class or as homework.

NO COST
Aussie Kids News is a free website with no costs or subscription fees for schools.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Adventure For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2015 & Thursday 9 July 2015
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.
Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Wriggly Wetlanders For 5 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2015 & Tuesday 7 July 2015
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.
Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Wetlands Explorer For 5 to 12 years
Available any time
Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.
Cost: Free



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open every day 9am to 4pm

Access

- Car/mini-bus parking available onsite.
- Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station
- Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd

Cost
\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry

Activities

- Watch the Maggie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm
- Try dipnetting from the jetty
- Playtime at Discovery Playground
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre
- Tank Talk - 12 noon (30-45 minutes) - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

Facilities

- Toilets available in Visitor Centre
- Undercover picnic tables and shelter
- Cafe - meals, chips, ice creams, drinks
- Shop - gift shop
- Children's playground





GROWING COMMUNITY

Thornton Community Garden

A Community Garden is a centre for which to build
a community around-a place for people to connect
and children to play. . .So let's get started!!

Be part of the initial planning meeting, join in,
share ideas and show your interest and support!

Meeting @ The Garden , Skate Park Taylor Ave
Thornton Saturday 27th June 2015 @ 10:00am
Contact Suzanne Parks 0409 307 870 for details