



THORNTON THUNDER

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A Focus On Facts is Good for Everyone

Next week, the students of Thornton will begin the inaugural *Focus on Facts* program. Having a thorough understanding of these basic facts underpins so many of the mathematical concepts and operations needed by students.

Students in year 3-6 will be tested on their multiplication tables knowledge and students in K-2 will be tested on their addition and subtraction facts.

After this initial test, a three week focus on the learning of these facts will occur in the class and in the home. At the conclusion of the three weeks, a similar test will be given and the student's improvement recorded. An extension test will be given to any student who requires it.

During the week 6 stage assemblies, certificates detailing pre and post test scores and improvements will be given to every child. Special awards will be presented to students who are most improved and who have the highest post test score.

The intention of the program is to generate a focus on the learning of these basic facts. With encouragement and practice at home, student's results can really improve.

Fun practice and learning will combine to make this program individual, relevant and successful for every child in the school.

Photo of the Week

Lunch Time is Scooter Time



Dates from the Planner

Wednesday 22 July

Environment meeting

Uniform Working Party

Thursday 23 July

Playground Working Party

Friday 24 July

Musica Viva

Week 2,3 & 4

Focus on Facts

Monday 27 July

P and C Meeting

Wednesday 29 July

Basketball Gala Day

Education Week Reception FGHS 6:00pm

Week 3

Book Fair

Friday 31 July

Australia Day Re-enactment

Friday 7 August

Aaron Blabey Author visit

Week 6

Tuesday 18 August

School Disco

Uniform Working Party

With over 180 survey returns from our 330 families, we have a clear idea as to the most popular shirt designs.

The working party will meet on Wednesday 22/7 to discuss the survey results and get ready for the next round of consultation.

NAIDOC Week

On Friday July 17, to recognise the end of NAIDOC Week, we were lucky enough to have a local Aboriginal man coming into our school to run a series of workshops for our students. Reuban discussed Aboriginal history, customs and culture in a way that all children understood and could relate to.

Morning Skate Park

At times, some social problems occur at the skate park before school starts.

While many students enjoy the skate park, parents may wish to consider whether this is the best way for their child to start the day.

Congratulations!

Well done to Makye Telfer who was selected to play in the Hunter Region PSSA Softball Team. The team will play against other NSW regions later this term.

Great job Makye.

Now, This is a Great Idea.

After reading an article recently,

<http://ro.ecu.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2135&context=ajte>

the idea of establishing a creative play area has been circulating around the staff.

To this end, we are looking for donations of suitable materials such as clean light planks, hay bales, old sand pit shells, smaller blocks of wood for building, rope, milk crates, tyres, tubes and old clean tarps.

If you think you can help, please contact the school.

Australia Day Re-enactment

With the Australia Day Re-Enactment looming, parents are asked to get in the spirit of the day.

Organise an old time costume, come along and watch the parade, have lunch with your children and generally enjoy an awesome day.

This takes the place of the normal education week open day.

Here are some ideas for the Best Decorated Bike and Scooter competition:

www.sophie-world.com/blog/12-ways-gussy-your-bike

www.pinterest.com/explore/bike-parade

www.artistshelpingchildren.org/howtodecoratebikebicyclescraftskids.html

Some pram and dolly ideas:



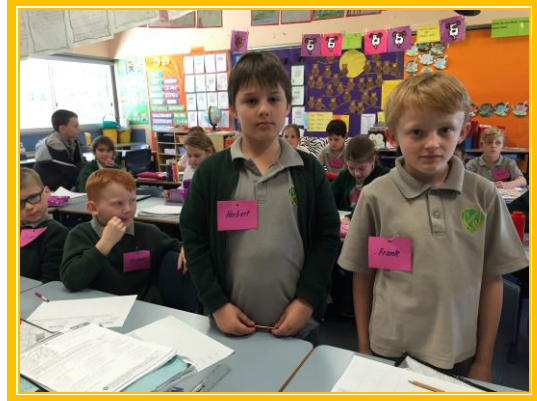
Lost Property

Our collection of lost clothing is overflowing and if unclaimed it will be given to our clothing shop next Friday so please come in and have a look anytime.

School Happy Snaps



Mucking Around on Scooters



3J have changed their names and gone back in time



*A cubic metre filmed as time lapse photography.
The BYOD class in full swing!!*

Sport News

Netball NSW Schools Cup gala day

3 wins/1 loss - go girls! Thanks to Mrs Lubans for supporting the girls while Miss Varley is away and a special thank you to Mrs Keyes for volunteering to umpire on the day.

Congratulations to Makye for being selected in the Regional softball team at the end of last term. Makye will be competing at state, what a fantastic achievement!

Zone Athletics Carnival notes went home today for Friday 31 July. Congratulations to the athletics who qualified for their events!



P & C News

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to our huge and jam packed fun Spring Fair Term. We hope everyone had a great break.

Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 27 July at 7pm in the SPR where child minding and supper is provided.

Spring Fair Meeting

This will follow the P & C meeting and it will only be a quick meeting and then we will be doing weekly meetings at 6.30pm in the SPR.

Entertainment Books

There are still some available in the canteen for \$60 each

Helpers Wanted

We require helpers for the Australia Day Re-enactment on the 31 July from 8.30am - 2.00 pm if you can spare some time please email us on thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com or contact Gill on 0400832415.

Plants for Spring Fair

Karen still requires plant donations for the Spring Fair.

Bing Lee Thornton & Athletes Foot Greenhills

We are back earning points when you purchase anything from either Bing Lee or Athletes Foot so please just remember to mention Thornton Public School for us to receive them.

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Visiting Performances	Kinder to Yr 6	24 July/7 Aug	\$13.00	22 July 2015
Year 6 CAPA day	Yr 6	12 Aug	\$4.00	6 August 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.

'Munch & Eat' News

Australia Day Re-enactment

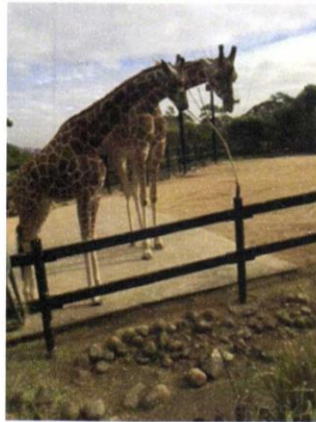
If anyone is able to help in the canteen anywhere between 8.30 am to 1pm on Friday 31 July it would be greatly appreciated, even if it is only for an hour during this time. Our busiest period will be between 10am and 11am.

Please let the canteen know if you can help out.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 20.7 – Renae
Tuesday 21.7 – Tanya
Wednesday 22.7 – HELP NEEDED!!
Thursday 23.7 – HELP NEEDED!!
Friday 24.7 – Elaine, Bruce, Salena (am)

KL Zoo News



Can you see the monkey? I can see the monkey.

Jordyn

The crocodiles are scary. I can see the butterfly. The elephants are pretty. The penguins are cute. **Amelia**

We went to Taronga Zoo. We saw the birds. We saw the crocodiles and we saw the gorillas. **Sophie**

I saw a baby zebra. There is a rhino at the zoo.

Georgia

I can see tiger. **Brayden & Lochlain**

We went to the zoo. I liked the elephants. **Sharleigh**

I see the monkeys. I see the snake. I see the zebra.

William

Taronga zoo helps animals. **Thomas**

Meerkats are cute. I like the meerkats. Meerkats live in logs. I like zebras. Zebras live in the desert. **Zoe**

If Mrs Legge was in a pelican it will get fat and explode. **Ellexis**

At the Taronga Zoo shop I got a zebra and I named it spider and it is a girl. **Olivia**

I like the snake. **Connor & Montanna**

I can see the snake. **Drake**

Tigers are stripy. Tigers can growl. **Jack**

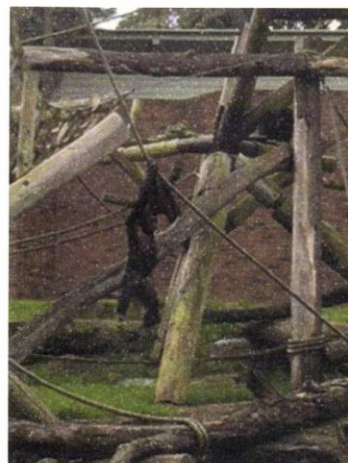
Zoo zebras have to stay at the zoo. **Jasmine**

I see some elephants. Elephants are stomping. **Brock**

Turtles can swim in the water fast. **Aliera**

Some bears eat people. **Harrison**

Bears climb trees. **Elliot**



Term Three Calendar

Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
2	20 July K-6 Assembly Lex Art Program Focus on Facts Stage Three GATS Day St 1 Choir K-2Gymnastics	21 July KU Preschool - SPR St 2/3 Choir	22 July St 2 Assembly Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 Environment Meeting 11:00am Uniform Working Party	23 July Scripture Pickers Cup Debate vs Woodberry at TPS Aboriginal Program Playground working party	24 July K-2 Gymnastics Musica Viva St 3 Assembly	25 26 July
3	27 July Focus on Facts Book Fair Education Week K-6 Assembly K-2 Gymnastics St 1 Choir Aboriginal Education Meeting P and C Meeting	28 July Book Fair KU Preschool - SPR ICAS English Girls Touch Knockout AECG Meeting St 2/3 Choir	29 July Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 Book Fair Basketball Gala Day Gateway Education Week Reception FGHS	30 July Scripture Book Fair Aboriginal Program St 1 assembly	31 July Zone Athletics Carnival Australia Day Re Enactment Book Fair	1 2 Aug
4	3 August K-6 Assembly Focus on Facts K-2 Gymnastics St 1 Choir	4 August KU Preschool - SPR NAIDOC Cup St 2/3 Choir	5 August Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 Maitland Council Leaders Breakfast St 2 Assembly	6 August Scripture ES1 Assembly	7 August Focus on Facts Concludes Aaron Blabey Visiting Author 3 sessions St 3 Assembly K-2 Gymnastics	8 9 Aug
5	10 August K-6 Assembly Zone Public Speaking Final K-2 Gymnastics St 1 Choir	11 August KU Preschool - SPR St 2/3 Choir ICAS Maths	12 August Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 Uniform working party Yr 6 CAPA Day - FGHS	13 August Scripture Aboriginal Program running St 1 assembly Playground working party	14 August K-2 Gymnastics	15 16 Aug
6	17 August K-6 Assembly K-2 Gymnastics St 1 Choir	18 August KU Preschool - SPR St 2/3 Choir School Disco	19 August Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 Environment Meeting 11:00am St 2 Assembly	20 August Scripture Touch Football Gala Day Aboriginal Program ES1 Assembly	21 August K-2 Gymnastics St 3 Assembly	22 23 Aug
7	24 August Book Week Reading Lights up my World K-6 Assembly Book Week Parade and extravaganza K-2 Gymnastics St 1 Choir Aboriginal Education Meeting P and C Meeting	25 August Book Week Reading Lights up my World KU Preschool - SPR St 2/3 Choir	26 August Book Week Reading Lights up my World Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 Newcastle Maths Comp Year 5 to Great Aussie Bush Camp	27 August Book Week Reading Lights up my World Newcastle Maths Comp Year 5 to Great Aussie Bush Camp Kinder to Thornton Library Scripture Aboriginal Program St 1 assembly	28 August Regional Athletics K-2 Gymnastics Book Week Reading Lights up my World Library Monitors to Roland Harvey Year 5 return from Great Aussie Bush Camp	29 30 Aug
8	31 August K-6 Assembly St 1 Choir PBL Meeting	1 September KU Preschool in the SPR St 2/3 Choir	2 September Tadpoles 9:00-11:00 St 2 Assembly	3 September Scripture ES1 Assembly MSP Sports Photos Aboriginal Program	4 September St 3 Assembly	5 6 Sep
9	7 September K-6 Assembly St 1 Choir	8 September KU Preschool - SPR K/2 Sports Day St 2/3 Choir	9 September Tadpoles 9:00-11:00	10 September Scripture Aboriginal Program St 1 assembly	11 September MILO Cricket Day	12 13 SPRING FAIR Sep
10	14 September K-6 Assembly St 1 Choir	15 September KU Preschool - SPR Back Up K/2 Sports Day St 2/3 Choir	16 September Environment Meeting 11:00am St 2 Assembly	17 September Scripture Aboriginal Program ES1 Assembly	18 September St 3 Assembly	19 20 Sep

Community News

Thank You to our Sponsors

As you know the Spring fair could not run without our Sponsors. Thank you to our local businesses for being so generous!

A1 Exhausts & Mechanical Thornton

Adam Prowse Personal Training

Extreme Go-Carts Thornton

Hello World Thornton

Heritage Gardens

Reading Cinemas

Anytime Fitness Thornton

Lavenders Cafe

Justin Norris Swim centre

8 WEEKS UNTIL

Thornton Public School SPRING FAIR

10am - 3pm
SUNDAY 13th September 2015

Edition #2 Springfair newsletter

Our newsletter will now become a weekly fixture as we count down to our Spring Fair. The rides have a been booked, prizes are being gathered and everything is taking shape quiet nicely.

To make this event possible we need YOUR help. We are only asking for an hour or so of your time on the day of the fair to help with the kids stalls and games. Volunteer sheets will be going out next week for you to note your available times.

These are to be handed back to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you in advance

regards,
P&C



Krispy creme doughnuts will be delivered on the day of the fair. Original Glazed and Assorted glazed can be purchased by the dozen. Order sheets will be coming home soon.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY

27TH JULY

7:30PM SPR

After P&C Meeting

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SHOW N SHINE
Something For Everyone!

There will be cars and bikes to check out. Have a chat to the owner, maybe even find your dream ride!





CHOCOLATE WHEEL DONATIONS NEEDED!

Every spring fair we have a fantastic chocolate wheel full of great prizes. We would love any special donations that you can think of. Whether it is from you or a donation from your favourite shop -All is welcome Please deliver to the office

Show your Bear
Dress your teddy bear and display it at the Spring Fair. The ones voted best in their categories will win a prize!

More details come



The Haunted House returns.... Enter if you Dare!

Bonjani Pizza will be firing up their ovens and cooking delicious pizzas for us this Spring Fair



THE JAR STALL
Back by popular demand after selling out in the first hour last spring fair. The jar stall returns packed with full of awesome goodness

Spring Fair 2015
10am-3pm
Sunday 13th September

LASER TAG
Cost \$7 for 10 Mins

- * Sessions will run every 15 mins with training
- * 2x Teams of 5 (maximum 10 on the course)
- * Get a team together or come solo

Lock and Load!

Located near the demountables

Great News Coffee Lovers!
Voted best coffee in The Hunter

The Bearded Cactus
Is coming....



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Hair by "kiki"

- * All style cut's \$ 20
(including dry off)
 - * Men's buzz cut's/clipper all over
\$ 15
 - * Color/tint start from \$ 50
 - * Perm start from \$ 50
- Interesting?! Call "kiki" now
at 0432169947.

Scarecrow Competition



Peek Into The Past

Sunday 26 July 2015,

Total Homestead, Paterson

We are searching for
the Ultimate in Scarecrows
Traditional or Contemporary
Wildly Creative or Sensibly Conservative
Innovative or Flamboyant
We want them All

The first rule for the competition is that entries must be constructed as real scarecrows.
Capable of standing on duty night and day, rain or shine through a season in a garden, vineyard or paddock.
The second rule is that the scarecrow is to be constructed from recycled materials as far as possible.
There is no fee to enter the competition. Entries will be taken on the day up until 11am.
We ask that you provide a personality profile for your scarecrow which is attached to him/her in some way.
Profile form attached.

The categories are:
Most Innovative Scarecrow – open to all ages,
Best Scarecrow constructed by a Primary aged child (or children)
People's Choice

The People's Choice will be awarded to the scarecrow which receives the most votes from visitors on the day.
Each paying visitor (and any accompanying children) admitted through the gate on the day will receive a voting ticket to place in the tin at the scarecrow of their choice. Voting will run from 10.30am and finish at 2pm.

Judging will take place at 11.30am. The winners announced and prizes awarded at 2.15pm. Scarecrows to be collected at 3pm. Entries will be judged on the basis of visual appearance, practical function and innovation.

Entries will be provided with a sturdy star picket on which to display their scarecrow if required. Any other display requirements should be brought with your entry.

If you would like to know more, please ring Sandy Earle on 4939 8901 (office hours)



Maitland Relay for Life

Maitland Sportsground
5th September 2015
10am to 10pm

Register. Participate. Donate.
1300 65 65 85

facebook.com/RelayForLifeAustralia

relayforlife.org.au

Call 4923 0708 for more information

Join the thousands of Australians who
take part in Cancer Council's Relay for
Life each year.

An experience with fun activities and
moving ceremonies to raise vital funds for
research, prevention and support services.

Help us make a difference in the fight
against cancer.

Register now at relayforlife.org.au.



Millers Forest Public School P&C Country Fair

Saturday 5th
September 2015

10am - 3pm

127 Martins Wharf rd,
Millers Forest.

**Face Painting, Pony Rides,
Jumping Castle, Raffles,
Animals, Cake Stall
Market Stalls.**

and lots more!!!!!!

**Fun and Games for
everyone!!**

For more information please call Julie on
0407297414 or 49872520

