



THORNTON THUNDER

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Term 3, Week 2
No 22

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Our Education Week Award Winners

For Excellence in Teaching

Yvonne Fletcher for making a huge contribution to Thornton's ANZAC Day 2015 and to the re-enactment of the original Australia day.

For outstanding contributions by a School Community Member

Lex James for simply outstanding support of Thornton Public School.

Leanne Fitzsimmons for her ongoing dedication to Thornton Public School.

For Excellent Service by a Non-Teaching Staff Member

Sue Schroeder for working so hard to keep our school clean and tidy.

Kim Bolton making a huge contribution to Thornton Public School over many years.

For Excellence in Student Achievement

Jarryd Morrissey for outstanding service to the Thornton School Community

The School Achievement Award

To Thornton Public Schools Bring Your Own Device Class.

For providing an innovative learning environment for the students of Thornton Public School.

The recipients will receive their award at the Education Week Reception at Francis Greenway High School next Wednesday.

Congratulations

Photo of the Week

Just past autumn



Dates from the Planner

Week 2,3 & 4

Focus on Facts

Monday 27 July

P and C Meeting

Tuesday 28 July

Girls Touch Knockout

Wednesday 29 July

Basketball Gala Day

Final Australia Day Meeting

Education Week Reception FGHS 6:00pm

Week 3

Book Fair

Friday 31 July

Australia Day Re-enactment

Friday 7 August

Aaron Blabey Author visit

Tuesday 18 August

School Disco

*Looking forward to
fantastic support of
Thornton's Re-enactment
of The Original Australia
Day*

NBN will be here.

ABC Radio will be here.

A contingent of RAAF Personnel will be here.

The RFS will be here.

The SES will be here.

The Police will be here.

550 students will be here.

You will be here.

What a great day we have in store.

ICAS Test

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS science and Digital Technology tests.

Science-

Dylan Bartlett-6A Participation certificate

Digital technologies-

Charlotte Hughes-6Y-Credit

Elizabeth Lawford-6Y-Distinction

Keeping our Students Safe

Over term three students participate in child protection lessons from the child protection and well being teaching resource.

Lessons cover the areas of relationships, rights and responsibilities, trust and No Go Tell.

Parents may ask their teacher for more detailed information if required.

Coding in Year 6!!!

As part of our push meet the needs of our most able students, a high school maths teacher visited our school on Monday to run a coding workshop for our stage three students. The students learnt about coding as language in its own right. They created their own games using basic coding and then enjoyed comparing and playing each other's creations. There was quite a bit enthusiasm to continue this at home. Look out Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg or Larry Page! (*Microsoft, Facebook and Google*)



Whoops

A very important date was left off the term planner last week.

That's right, the Big Blokes and Ankle Bitters Breakfast.

Friday September 4.

Put it on the planner

Reminders

A gentle reminder to please make sure students wear a school jumper or jacket to school each day and to always wear black shoes except on sports day.

Uniform Survey

Please return the uniform survey sent out today.

They are due in by next Friday.

Football Success

Congratulations to our football team who played in the pickers cup on Wednesday. The boys played hard and were unlucky to miss out on a spot in the semi finals.

Thanks to the parents who supported the day and to Mr Carter who coached them.



Visual Arts Success

Lex continues his excellent support of our school with a visual arts lesson for every child in the school;. On Monday, Year One were drawing and painting an echidna. The looked great.



Musica Viva Hits the Right Note

A fantastic performance on Friday by the Musica Viva group.... really thrilled the students. Outstanding musicians, an enthusiastic crowd and a great performance space made for a terrific show.



School Pics



A warm welcome to our Term Three Tadpoles



Library Projects



Visiting Irish Principals

Wil and Deedray Ryan from Limerick in Ireland are visiting Beresfield Public School. They enjoyed the day at Thornton and were most impressed with our beautiful grounds and the use of technology in our class rooms.

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.

So far we have some tyres and some tubes. We would love some old planks, clam shell sand pits or milk crates.

Drop them near the hall.

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

DRESS UP FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

BRING A GOLD COIN AND TURN OUR MAP OF AUSTRALIA GOLD



GO GOLD GO AUSTRALIA!

Book Fair

Looking for a good book?



Remember to visit the Book Fair in the Library on Australia Day

AUSTRALIA DAY COMPETITIONS

BEST DECORATED BIKE OR SCOOTER



BEST DOLLY IN A STROLLER



MOST PATRIOTIC BEAR



Entry 50c

**Bring your entry to the hall cola at 8.30 on
Australia Day**

**Vote on Australia Day with a silver coin for
your favourite entry. You can vote as many
times as you like.**

Great Prizes for the Winners

Thank You

Many thanks to Morpeth Men's Shed who have been very busy cutting out and making 24 horses for our Australia Day sports afternoon



Library News

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is next week. Keep a day from Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July free to come and have a browse with your children. We are open from 8.30am until 3.30pm. The Book Fair is a great fund raiser for the school with a percentage of the money raised going to the school in dollars or in books. This will provide extra resources for our students.

Aaron Blabey Visit

I am very excited that Aaron Blabey will visit our school on Friday 7 August. This is a great opportunity for students to gather ideas from a very talented author and illustrator. We are currently reading 'Pig the Pug' which has been shortlisted for the Early Childhood category CBCA awards. All students are enjoying the humour and illustrations evident in this text.

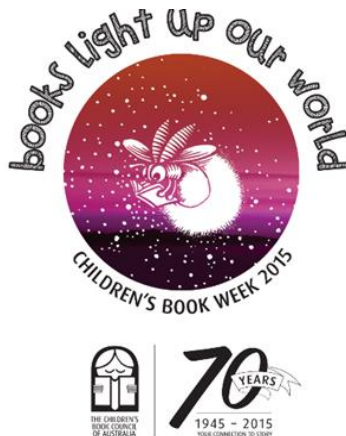
Premiers Reading Challenge

Friday 21 August is the final day to log Premier Reading Challenge (PRC) Books. K – 2 this will be done for you at school. Students in years 3 – 6 will need to log their own reading challenge books. They have been shown how to do this. They log onto the PRC website, enter their school username and password and enter the PRC number (or title) of the book. Any students having difficulty may come into the library at afternoon tea for help. More information can be found at the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Paper Lantern Making Contest

This year Children's Book Week (last week in August) is celebrating with the theme 'Books Light Up Our World'. To coincide with this theme our library is holding a paper lantern making contest for each stage. Prizes will be given to students for lanterns that show creativity and effort in their creation. The lantern needs to be made of paper and able to be hung from the nets in the library. Please make sure name and class are on each lantern. Entries close Thursday 20 August.



Next week is ODD week for library classes:

- 📖 Tuesday – 3M, KG, KL, 2B
- 📖 Wednesday – 6A, KS, KD, 4P
- 📖 Thursday – 5WS, 5/6S
- 📖 Friday – 2H, 1N, 1K

P & C News

Hi Everyone

P & C Meeting

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

Spring Fair

This is on Sunday 13 September from 10am to 3pm. Book it in your diary! Ride wrist band presales will happen soon so keep an eye out.

Our next meeting will follow the P & C meeting this Monday night 27 July at about 8pm. This should only be a quick meeting as from now our meetings will be weekly on a Monday night at 6.30pm in the SPR.

Entertainment Books

There are still some available at the canteen for \$60 or you can buy the new digital one online.

Australia Day Re-enactment

We are in need of helpers on the Friday from 8.30am till about 2pm. You don't need to be available the whole time but some time would be great especially around preparing lunches, packing lunches and preparing an array of other foods for dignitaries. If you are able to help at any time please go and see Cheryl or Paula in the canteen to arrange a time.

Thank you to all and we hope you all have a great week!

Cheers

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

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
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

Don't forget that Friday 31 July is the Australia Day Re-enactment. Orders and payment should all be finalised by now. There will be a limited number of sausages on a roll for sale over the counter on Friday as well as some other goodies such as Anzac biscuits and Lamingtons. NO OTHER LUNCH ORDER ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 27.7 – Leanne
Tuesday 28.7 – Penny, Christine
Wednesday 29.7 – Mel
Thursday 30.7 – Sarah
Friday 31.7 – Kylie, Berlinda

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

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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DRAMA CLASSES



HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

(Established 24 years – Maitland and the Hunter Region)

Where? MAITLAND POLISH HALL

AGES: 8 – 13 YEARS

WHEN: THURSDAYS

TIME: 4.30PM – 5.30PM

ACTING, SELF – ESTEEM
COMMUNICATION SKILLS-
PERFORMANCES AND FUN.

CONTACT: Shane Skerly – Principal.
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HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

“GIVE IT A TRY!”



Hope Lives in Relay For Life

Maitland Relay for Life

Maitland Sportsground
5th September 2015
10am to 10pm

Register. Participate. Donate.
1300 65 65 85

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relayforlife.org.au
Call 4923 0708 for more information

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