

THORNTON THUNDER

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Australia Day 1915

If I cast my mind back 100 years, I can only imagine the feeling that people must have had on such a day. While we are excited and happy today, sitting in this beautiful sunshine surrounded by our family and friends, those who lived 100 years ago must have felt something quite different.

While I am sure there was a spirit of celebration, there must also have been a feeling of dread and worry as so many of the local men and women were away from home and family. They were facing unknown dangers with some even losing their lives or being terribly injured. Many were returned home scarred for life.

The fact that the whole community came together to raise funds for these returned soldiers shows how much every man and woman, and boy and girl wanted to help the war effort and help our returning soldiers.

So as we sit here in the sun, it is a good time to stop and remember.

It is a good time to appreciate how lucky we are to live in this wonderful country during such a time of peace and prosperity.

It is a good time to recognise the value of our friends and family.

It is a good time to acknowledge the many gifts and benefits that have been hard won by our fore fathers.

Feel the sun; take a minute and simply remember who we are and where we came from.

(Mr Millburn's Speech on Australia Day Re-enactment 31/7/2015)

Photo of the Week



Congratulations to our Education Week Award recipients.

Dates from the Planner

Week 2,3 & 4

Focus on Facts

Tuesday 4 August

NAIDOC Cup

Wednesday 5 August

Maitland Council Leaders Breakfast

Friday 7 August

Aaron Blabey Author visit

Tuesday 18 August

School Disco

Monday 24 August

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 August

Year 5 to camp

Wednesday 26 August

Newcastle Maths Comp

Thursday 3 September

Sports Photos

Fathers Day Stall

Friday 4 September

Fathers Day Breakfast

Fathers Day Stall

Sunday 13 September

Spring Fair

Year 5 Camp

How exciting, our camp is getting close now - *only 25 sleeps away* so it's time to start and get organised. Final payments were due on Wednesday 29th July. All outstanding money is now overdue and should be paid to the office as soon as possible.

Several important notes (permission note, medical and activity consent forms) were sent home last week with all students who are attending the camp. A list for packing and camp guideline was also sent home.

All of these forms **must** be returned to the office as soon as possible to allow us to prepare for your exciting camp.

Year 2 Swimming Scheme

We are lucky to be part of the Department of Education Swimming Scheme. This is a program that develops water confidence, improves swimming skills and teaches water safety. Instruction is provided to all students free of charge, however students must pay for transport and pool entry. The scheme will be running each day in weeks 6 & 7 of Term 4 (9-20 November). The total cost is \$60.00 and we encourage all students of Year 2 to participate. Please see the office if you wish to apply for student assistance.

Permission notes and first payment (\$20) for the swimming scheme must be returned to school by Friday 21 August.

Sport News

Pickers Cup Rugby League

1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses. Close scores across the day! Well done boys!

PSSA Girls Touch Football Knockout

Thornton 4 – Eleebana 0

Thornton 2 – Bolwarra 3

A team effort with the final decision coming down to a 'drop off' in the second game.

Thanks to parents for their support with sport this week. All the best for our competitors at the Zone Athletics Carnival today!

Local Government Week Breakfast

Next week, the captains and vice captains will attend a Maitland Council Breakfast to recognise Local Government Week. A great breakfast and entertaining speaker will help make the occasion a memorable one. Our captains and vice captains will be representing the school.

Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast

A reminder that the Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast will be held on Friday September 4 from 6:30 am till 8:00 am. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

Book Fair Feedback

A very successful Book Fair was held this week. Congratulations to Ms Foster and Leanne Fitzsimmons, a wonderful volunteer, for working to provide this opportunity for our families. Great job!

APP

Remember

Search for Thornton Public School in the app store.

Username ***community***

Password ***thorntonps***

Harmony Choir Success

On Wednesday evening at Francis Greenway High School, the Thornton Choir performed at the Education Week Reception. They performed very well and were a credit to our school.

Zone Athletics

Today, a team of over 30 athletes competed at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Woodberry Oval. From early reports, Thornton was enjoying considerable success. A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

School Council Meeting

Thornton school is indeed lucky to have a vibrant and engaged School Council. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 19 at 3:15pm. Agenda items include the schools financial status, sponsorship opportunities and relevant policy discussion.



Library News

Don't forget that **Aaron Blabey** is visiting our school next **Friday, 7th August**. His books are suitable for all ages in primary school so if you haven't had a chance to pay your \$5.00 it's not too late!

Spare Clothes

Children often have accidents at school. It is recommended all students in K-2 have a set of spare set of clothes including undies and socks in their school bags.

Australia Day Re-enactment Photos





What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Aussie Bush Camp – Final Payments	Yr 5	26-28 August	\$50.00	29 July 2015
Aaron Blabey Author Visit	Whole School	7 Aug	\$5.00	5 August 2015
Year 6 CAPA day	Yr 6	12 Aug	\$4.00	6 August 2015
Stage 2 Camp – 2nd Instalment	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$50.00	12 August 2015
Swimming Scheme – Payment 1	Yr 2	9 - 20 Nov	\$20.00	21 August 2015
Stage 2 Camp – Final Payments	Yr 3 & Yr 4	15-16 Oct	\$40.00	9 September 2015
Swimming Scheme – Payment 2	Yr 2	9 - 20 Nov	\$20.00	11 September 2015
Swimming Scheme – Payment 3	Yr 2	9 - 20 Nov	\$20.00	23 October 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

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 3.8 – Jenny C
 Tuesday 4.8 – Berlinda, Katie
 Wednesday 5.8 – Alissa
 Thursday 6.8 – Maree
 Friday 7.8 – Tracy, Kellie, Jill

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Community News

Thank You to our Sponsors

6 WEEKS UNTIL

Thornton Public School SPRING FAIR
 10am - 3pm
 Sunday 13th September 2015



1/28 Glenwood Drive, Thornton
 (02) 4966 5699

Thank you to the local businesses who have donated cash, vouchers and prizes to the spring fair, we really appreciate your support.

Adam Prowse Personal Training	Intimo -Tanya holbert
Anytime Fitness Thornton	Hair by Alissa
Beaurepaires Rutherford	The little hunter tea company
Beautifulicious By Elle	Lavenders Cafe
Courthouse Hotel Palerson	Maritime mining power credit union
Good Guys Kotara	Reading Cinemas
Heddon Greta Drive in	Skinner's Mechanical
Hello World Thornton	Stralco Thornton
Heritage Gardens	Thornton Mechanical repairs
Justin Norris Swim centre	Warners bay ice skating
Krust Bakery	Xtreme Indoor Go Karts
Kerrijon Framing	
Steggles	
Hair on Melbourne	

If you have or know of a business who would like to support us, please email :
 thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com

Edition #3 Springfair newsletter

Welcome to our printed edition of the Spring Fair newsletter, you can find the previous editions attached to last weeks school e-newsletter. The printed version will now be will be a weekly fixture as we count down to our Spring Fair in the next 6 weeks, there is alot of information to come so please keep an eye out.

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



We are so excited to announce A1 Exhausts and Mechanical Thornton as our Major Sponsor for the Spring Fair. These guys do a great job supporting our school so make sure to stop in and say thanks at their stall near the show n shine this Spring Fair

MEETINGS ARE NOW EVERY MONDAY 6:30PM SPR



SHOW N SHINE

Something For Everyone!

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



New to the Spring Fair

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 to come



Edition #3 Newsletter
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

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

returns.... Enter if you Dare!



THE JAR STALL

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



Great News Coffee Lovers!
Voted best coffee in The Hunter


The Bearded Cactus

Is coming....




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Designed by: Vector & Art Studio

It's back!




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We're thrilled to invite you to participate in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

My Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Stick Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers in the squares below, then drop your completed Sticker Sheet into the Collection Box at your school or your local Woolworths. They will be redeemed for educational resources.

My name is:

My school is: **THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Entry to the promotion is open to registered Primary and Secondary schools and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotional period is from Wednesday 15th July 2015 until Tuesday 8th September 2015. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. One Woolworths Earn & Learn Point is given for every \$10 spend. Excludes purchase of liquor, tobacco and gift cards. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points will not be accepted by promoter unless attached to a Sticker Sheet. Woolworths Earn & Learn Sheets must be received by your school by 8th September 2015 for counting. For full set of terms and conditions please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

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