



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Volunteers Are So Important

Volunteering is such a great way to give back to one's local community. There are a number of avenues for volunteering at our school.

One of the community based opportunities at Thornton is the Parent Pals Program. This sees interested parents trained to support students in need with reading, maths and writing. Many parents volunteer in the classroom. This support directly helps the teacher to provide small group instruction in reading and maths. We could not participate in the many sporting activities without the volunteer parents who assist with transport, coaching and refereeing. This equally applies to our debating team and our Tournament of Minds Team.

Volunteers supporting our environmental program, library program and scripture program have been instrumental in the effective running of these activities.

Our canteen could never operate without the fantastic volunteers who help out every day.

The many parent committees that run across the school include our wonderful P&C, School Council and working parties for uniform and play equipment. The school could not function without them.

And finally to all of our parents who will help with the Spring Fair. Your assistance is vital to its success.

Remember, Thornton School, *Deeds not Words*.

Photo of the Week



A big breakfast courtesy of Maitland City Council

Dates from the Planner

Monday 10 August

Uniform Working Party

Tuesday 18 August

School Disco

Wednesday August 19

School Council

Thursday August 20

Playground working party meeting

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

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Stall

Sunday 13 September

Spring Fair

Australia Day Re-Enactment

What a Day!

A huge thank you is extended to all parents, carers, relatives and Thornton community members for their efforts last Friday. It was truly one of the best days the school has seen. From the outstanding static displays to the wonderful dress ups, to the BBQ lunch to the light horse to the old fashioned sports afternoon, the day just got better and better. The parade was something to behold and surpassed everyone's expectations. It was simply an outstanding example of community cohesion around a common purpose. Thank You!

Focus On Facts

The focus on facts ended today with all students being post tested. Certificates will be handed out at Stage assemblies in week 6. Every child will receive a certificate stating their % improvement. Most improved and highest scores awards will also be presented. Thanks to all families for the support of this program and we look forward to seeing how much every child has improved.

Food for Thought

The **Bring Your Own Device Class** has gone from strength to strength this year. Mrs Stanton has done an excellent job in taking this new teaching style and melding it with more traditional teaching approaches. The level of engagement by the students has been simply outstanding.

Students in this class will roll into 2016. However, we will be asking for expressions of interest later this term for both Mrs Stanton's class and to gauge the interest for the establishment of another Year 5/6 BYOD class.

If parents would like to find out about this class, now is a good time to come and have a chat or even to visit Mrs Stanton's class for a look.

Uniform Feedback

The latest survey had 160 returns. A terrific response! The most popular uniform design was number 5.



The next step is get quotes from manufacturing businesses and discuss supply options.

Playground Working Party Update

The working party currently has two quotes. We are waiting on two more and then will start consulting with the community about designs. We will keep you posted.

Dates for your Calendar

It may seem a long way off but the following dates may help families get organised for term 4.

Colour Run Whole school fund raiser	13/11
Celebration of Learning	3/12
Reports out	4/12
Year 6 farewell	7/12
Presentation day	8/12
Carols	10/12
Diamond Lizzy Reward Day	14/12
Party Day	15/12
Last day for students	16/12
School Development Days	17/12 and 18/12

Congratulations and Good Luck to our Wonderful Public Speakers.

Good luck to the our students who will be competing in the Public Speaking Finals next week.

Kindergarten: Mia (KG) and Zakariyah (KD)

Stage One: Jack (2C) and Tane (2MB)

Stage Two: Abbey (3M) and Takira (3J)

Stage Three: Jacob (5/6S) and Hannah (5WS)

Stage One Play Equipment

The damaged play equipment in the stage one area has been written off by the insurance company. This means we can replace it. We are currently waiting on a price for a revised set of play equipment. We are hoping it will be replaced soon.

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.

Creative Play Gear Still Wanted

We have collected some timber planks, pallets, tyres, rope and old sports gear. If any parent has any material which could be used to build cubbys, bridges, sleds, race tracks or castles, please drop it into the hall.

A group of interested teachers will be looking at the set up and running of this idea in the next few weeks.

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.

Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Thornton Public School at the Regional Athletics Carnival:

100m - Sienna, Shae, Capri
800m - Olivia
High jump - Teagan
Long jump - Teagan
Shot Put - Logan
Discus - Mackenzie, Jarryd

Primary Sport 'Best and Fairest'

3Z - Nicholas	3M – Dylan	3J – Josh
4O - Ashley	4P - Tana	5C – Lakeisha
5WS - Zander	5/6S - Phoebe	6A – Zac
6Y – Indiana		

PSSA Boys Touch Knockout
Thornton 0 – Metford 4

APP

Remember

Search for Thornton Public School in the app store.

Username ***community***
Password ***thorntonps***

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.

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.

Snapshots from around the school



Our NAIDOC Week Footy players



Our Captains at the Council Breakfast



The new dirt pit is a hit!



Those Irish Dancers are getting better!

Library News

Paper Lantern Making Contest

Have you started making your paper lantern? Prizes will be given to students for lanterns that show creativity and effort. 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 20 August.

Book Review

Any student who adds a book review to ORBIT will have their names put in a box for a prize. A student's name will be drawn on Monday 24 August at our special Book Week assembly.

Book Week

The theme for Book Week this year is 'Books Light Up Our World'. On Thursday 24 August we will be having a special morning to celebrate how books and reading light up our world. A special assembly, activities, book character parade and morning tea is planned. More information to come!

Premiers Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge is drawing to a close. Students in Years 3 – 6 have been given the opportunity to log their books during library time but now students in primary classes have taken their log sheets home to complete online before the challenge closes on 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

Please remember to bring books and library bags on those days.



Aaron Blabey



What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
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.

P & C News

Hi Everyone

Spring Fair

Our Spring Fair meetings are on every Monday night at 6.30pm in the SPR. Our newsletter will come out weekly to every family at our school. Thank you to A1 Exhaust and Mechanical for being our major sponsor and printing our beautiful newsletters

In regards to the presale of the unlimited rides wristbands they will be on sale shortly from the office ONLY!. Eftpos will be available for purchases

We no longer need jars. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed

We are now in need of plants. If you are able to help with this please take them to Karen Brown or leave them at the greenhouse near the office

Entertainment Books

These are no longer available from the canteen only the digital ones are available from the Entertainment Book website. Thank you to all the families who helped with this fundraiser.

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday 31 August at 7pm in the SPR. We have child minding available and a light supper will be provided.

We hope that you all have a great week and thank you for your ongoing support.

Gill, Alyssa, Allyson, Penny, Kristie-Lee, Sarah, Stacey and Korine.

‘Munch & Eat’ News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 3.8 – Gillian (am)
Tuesday 4.8 – Tanya H
Wednesday 5.8 – Alissa, Jill
Thursday 6.8 – Kerrie
Friday 7.8 – Elaine, Bruce, Salena (am)

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 1K

We went to go to Australia day. We marched. It was fun. My mum was here she waved to me.

Will.

On Friday Thornton public school was celebrating Australia day. My favourite was the egg and spoon race, the sack race, skipping and the horse race. It was on the 31st of July. It was fun marching. My teddy and doll were in the teddy and doll competitions. The police blocked the road.

Helena

MY FAVOURITE BIT WAS WHEN WE SAW ANIMALS. MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL WAS THE HORSES. I GOT TO PAT THE HORSES. WE WERE OUT OF UNIFORM. WE CELEBRATED THE AUSTRALIA DAY IN JULY. THE ENVIRONMENT WAS GOOD. IN THE OLDEN DAYS THEY HAD A LOT OF DAYS. I HAD BRACES AND LONG SOCKS. MISS HUGHES WAS AWAY SO WE HAD MRS MOORE INSTEAD. I WAS A KID THAT NEVER GOT THE CANE. I PRETENDED THAT NEVE WAS MY MUM BECAUSE SHE WAS DRESSED A MUM.

JACKSON C



1K has been using computers in the classroom. This week we published our Australia Day stories.

My favourite part of Australia day was when we were marching. Mum was watching me. After the march I went home.

Kael

On Australia day 1K got to wear a special badge. And we got to march around the school. We got to look at the fire truck.

Esajah



ran to the hall and it was
Australia day.

Jye

MY FAVOURITE PART WAS THE SES. IT
WAS VERY FUN. WE MARCHED AROUND
THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL. IT WAS ON
JULY THE 31ST 2015. MR MILLBURN GAVE
1K A SPECIAL MEDAL THAT MAKES US
REMEMBER THE ANZAC SOLDIERS FROM
GALLIPOLI. SARAH

Australia day was on the 31st
of July. My favourite was the egg
and spoon race. It was the best ever.
It was the best because we marched
on the road. And it was the best
because we played games. Neve

On Friday my mum came for Australia day. My mum
thinks it was her favourite. It was fun.

Matilda

On Friday it was very fun.
The date was 31st of July.
We marched. My nanny
came.

Brodi

On Australia day we marched. It was fun. I slept
after I went home. Charlie

On Friday we marched on the
road and we saw the SES. We

My favourite part was seeing the SES and the horses. The boat had safety jackets. I like the bracelets and the colouring in.

Jeffrey

I had very old clothes. I had a pink hat. I had fun marching. I liked the horses. I got to pat them.

Chloe

On Australia day we marched on the road and the police shut the road. And I like the bit where we had a picnic.

Erin

On Friday we went to an Australia day it was fun. My favourite bit was the march and the sack races and the egg and spoon race. It was so much fun. I loved it.

Mackenzi



My favourite was the SES and I got bitten by bully ants.

Rock

On Friday we marched on the road. In the afternoon we had games. My favourite game was the horse race. Shaktal.

ON FRIDAY THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL HAD AUSTRALIA DAY. MY FAVOURITE PART WAS THE EGG AND SPOON RACE. MY DAD WAS IN THE MARCH. AND MY MUM WAS IN THE MARCH TOO. THE POLICE BLOCKED OFF THE ROAD. IT WAS VERY FUN. MY TEDDY WAS IN THE COMPETITION. I WAS WEARING A DRES.

ANABELLE

I got to see some coins and I saw the SES. I liked it. And we got some different things.

Cody

Thornton Public School presented Australia Day. We played games. We were marching.

Jackson N

Community News

Thank You to our Sponsors

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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 halbert
Anytime Fitness Thornton	Hair by Alissa
Beaupaires Rutherford	The little hunter tea company
Beautylicious By Elle	Lavenders Cafe
Build Cert Consultants	Maritime mining power credit
BP Thornton	union
Courthouse Hotel Paterson	Malland Gool
Good Guys Kotara	Reading Cinemas
Heddon Greta Drive in	Skinner's Mechanical
Hello World Thornton	Stralco Thornton
Heritage Gardens	Steggles
Justin Norris Swim centre	Thornton Mechanical repairs
Krust Bakery	Warners bay ice skating
Kerrijon Framing	Xtreme Indoor Go Karts
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

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WEEKS
UNTIL

Thornton Public School SPRING FAIR

10am - 3pm

Sunday 13th September 2015

Edition #4 Springfair newsletter

There is only 5 more weeks to go until Spring fair and momentum is picking up quickly. The rides have been booked, activities and contests are being organised, prizes are being gathered from our sponsors and there is only a limited number of stall spaces left to fill. It is looking to be the biggest most fun filled Spring Fair yet.

Your Volunteer sheets have been sent out this week (Please check bags) The class stalls and activities rely on parent helper numbers, so please give some of your time to help out on the day.

Krispy Creme order forms have also been sent out this week.

Money and order forms are due back to the office by 25th August. To make payments easier and safer the schools eftpos machine has been made available.

regards, P&C



Order forms and money Due back 25th August, 2015

MEETINGS ARE
NOW EVERY
MONDAY
6:30PM SPR



Thornton Public School
Spring Fair 10am-3pm
Sunday 13th September, 2015

Edition #4

Eat Street

We have food stalls to cater for everyone...

Cafe

The canteen will be run as a cafe, selling pies, sausage rolls, sandwiches and drinks

BBQ

We will be smoking up the BBQ with Sausage sandwiches and serving icy Cold drinks

Hot food

Hot food will be sold near the rides

Coffee

They were voted best coffee in the Newcastle Region, be sure to grab a coffee from the Bearded Cactus.

Cake and Lolly Stall

For the sweet tooths, we have you covered with an array of cakes, slices and lollies.

Ice-Cream

You scream, I scream, we all scream for Ice Cream



Order forms sent out this week.
Due back to the office 25th August
Eftpos is available

Roll up, Roll up.
Check out the
rides...

**SUPER SIZZLER • TURBO
TUBS • DODGEM CARS •
ROCK WALL • MERRY GO
ROUND • CIRCUS TRAIN •
JUMPING CASTLE**
So much to do.

MARKET STALLS

We have 30+ market stalls this year with a great range of wares. There is confectionery, Tea, candles, home wares, jewellery, kids clothing and lots lots more.

Unlimited Ride Pass

Pre sale passes will be on sale soon. Keep an eye out for the announced days
Presale \$25
on the day \$30



Crazy Hair. Spray tattoos and Face Painting*

Get your face painted, colour your hair and get a spray tattoo.

Freak your parents out with your latest look for this Spring Fair

*Subject to Parent helper numbers



Please hand your volunteer sheet back to your class teacher!

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Thornton Public School Spring Fair



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

All order forms and payment to be returned to the school office no later than **Tuesday 25 August 2015 by 3pm.**

All orders will be available for collection near the canteen on **Spring Fair Day, Sunday 13 September** between 10am and 3pm.

Name: _____

Contact number/s: _____

Original Box = \$17.00 (12 original glazed doughnuts)

Number of boxes	x \$17.00	Total \$
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Classic Assorted Dozen=\$23.00 (includes 6 original glazed, 2 choc iced, 2 choc iced with sprinkles, 2 strawberry iced)

Number of boxes	x \$23.00	Total \$
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Total amount owing	Total \$
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Payment Options: (select one)

- ☐ I will pay at the office with Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
- ☐ I have filled out my credit card details below for TPS to process my payment.

EFTPOS payment authority

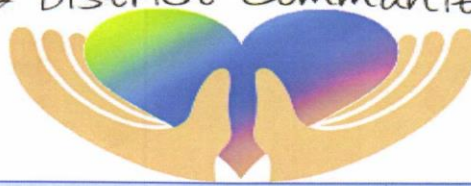
CARD HOLDER NAME: _____

CARD NUMBER: _ _ _ _ _

CARD EXPIRY DATE: _ _ / _ _ SECURITY CODE _ _ _ (last 3 digits on back panel)

SIGNATURE: _____

Beresfield & District Community Care Inc.



IS HOLDING A FUND RAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

WHERE: EAST MAITLAND LEISURE & GOLF CLUB

TIME: 7 PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

DATE: SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2015

COST: \$25.00 PER HEAD (TABLE OF 6-8 PERSONS OR
JOIN A TABLE). INCLUDES TEA/COFFEE,
NIBBLES & LUCKY DOOR PRIZE.

BOOKINGS: PHONE: **0423393521**



PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT