



THORNTON THUNDER

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Big Blokes, Ankle Biters and Life

There can be no argument that Dads are vitally important in a child's life. In the world we live in, it is often the Dads who work the long hours and can be away from home most often. While this can be the case, it certainly does not reduce the importance or impact of the Father Child relationship. Research suggests that such a relationship allows boys to grow into wise and respectful men and girls to grow into confident and capable women.

Fostering this relationship can happen in many ways. From dinner table conversations, to the involvement in sport, to the sharing of experiences, to the rough and tumble play that Dads seem so good at- spending quality time is what is so important.

Judging by the support that our ***Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast*** has received in years past, this is also a great way for Dads and kids to spend some great time together.

Sharing the experience of a fresh early morning, a sausage and bacon sandwich and a bowl of Coco Pops might just be a memory that last our kids their life time.

So get those RSVPs back to school next week and join with our school community as we recognise and celebrate the importance of men in our children's lives.

And, Happy Father's Day!

Photo of the Week

What a lot of characters!



Dates from the Planner

Monday 31 August

P & C Meeting

Thursday 3 September

Sports Photos

Father's Day Stall

Friday 4 September

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 8 September

K/2 Sports Day

Friday 11 September

Milo Cricket day

Sunday 13 September

Spring Fair

Friday 18 September

Last Day Term 3

Tuesday 6 October

Students return for term 4.

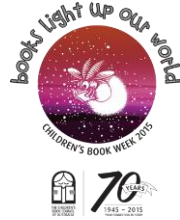
DADS Awesome Day

The Dad's Awesome Camp over is scheduled for the 6 November.
This will be our third camp over and promises to be bigger and better than ever.
Remember, November 6 from 5:00pm till 8:00am.
Invites out next term.

Library News

Despite the inclement weather on Monday, we enjoyed a terrific Book Week Celebration. The assembly was very engaging with Pug the Pig coming to life with some very talented visiting actors. The teacher / class swap for story telling was something new and exciting and the Book Character Parade was a sight to behold.

Thanks so much to the parents and students who supported the day. It was a terrific experience.



Where's Wally??

Our Girls are set to play Gunnedah

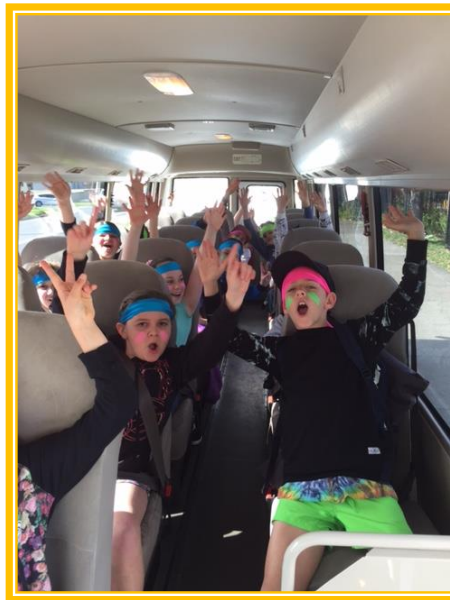
An epic game of soccer on Tuesday resulted in Thornton narrowly defeating Bolwarra on corners. This means we play Gunnedah Public in the next game. Gunnedah will be travelling down to Thornton.

Well done girls and coach Carter!



The Great Aussie Bush Camp.

The year 5 students were terribly excited before their camp over. We look forward to hearing all about it.



Sports Photos

Next Thursday, sports group photos will be taken. Due to time constraints the following groups will be photographed: major PSSA Knockout teams, Debating, TOM, Dance groups (not Starstruck) and Year 6.

All students are to come in full school uniform with their sporting uniform in their bag for students to change into. Team jerseys will be given out at photo time.

Facts Speak Louder Than Words

Sometimes, our perception of things can be formed by unsubstantiated gossip, informal conversations and even uninformed media reports. It is interesting then that recent research around post school occupations and income have come out clearly defending and even promoting public education. An excerpt from the research article is included below.

Paying private school fees does not guarantee a better job after university, with new research showing there is no long-term employment advantage as public school graduates earn as much in equally prestigious jobs.

A research fellow at Canberra University, Jenny Chesters, analysed data from the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia project and found private school students were no more likely to get a full-time job than public school students.

And while private schools students were more likely to attend one of Australia's most prestigious universities, even this did not lead to a higher income the research found."

In essence, students who work hard and apply themselves to the task at hand will do well in any situations.

For the full article, simply Google "Jenny Chesters Post School Achievement"

Too sick for school?

It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
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.

Library News

Congratulations to our Tournaments of the Mind team who presented a great answer to the Social Sciences challenge last Sunday at Newcastle Grammar school. They did a great job!



Books Light Up Our World

We had a great day on Monday celebrating the start of Book Week. Students enjoyed a special assembly, story time and activities and our book character parade. Thank you to all who joined in.

For more photos of the day please check the library blog at www.thorntonps.edublogs.org password: thornton, or click on the blog link on the school website.



Congratulations to the 286 students who completed the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2015.

P & C News

Spring Fair

- Spring Fair meetings are on every Monday night at 6.30pm in the SPR.
- The 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 Pre-sale of the unlimited rides wristbands they are on sale from the office only! Eftpos, Cash and Online Payments (only on the school website - \$MakeAPayment)
- We no longer need jars so please stop bringing them in. But please accept our very big gratitude to those who did contribute to bringing them in.
- We are now in need of plants. If you are able to help with this please take them to Karen Brown the land care lady.
- Thank you to all the families that have brought in their Spring Fair Donations already we are very grateful for your donations.
- Thank you to all those families who ordered Krispy Kreme Donuts.
- Don't forget our spring fair cannot run on its own we need volunteers for class stores and P&C run stalls all we need is 1-2 hours for 1 day of parents, grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and older siblings. Doesn't matter if you have a baby u can bring it along the teachers will be there to help. So please consider handing in your green volunteer forms to the office or your teacher.
- Raffle tickets went out this week the office is collecting them. Even if you don't sell any please return them unsold and use them on the day.

P & C Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on the 31st of August at 7pm in the SPR where child minding and a light supper is provided.

Clothing Pool

- This is open in the SPR on Wednesday afternoons 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Friday mornings 8.45am – 9.15am

Father's Day Stall

- This will be held on Thursday the 3rd of September all day we will need helpers on this day please if you are able to help please ring Gill on 0400833415 or email thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com. The prices will range from \$1 - \$7. If you miss out on this day we will have another stall on Friday the 4th of September at lunch time in front of the canteen.

We hope that you all have a great week. Thank you for your ongoing support.
Gill, Alissa, Allyson, Penny, Kristie-Lee, Sarah, Stacey and Korine

‘Munch & Eat’ News

Infants Carnival

Don't forget to put your order in for the Infants Carnival. All orders need to be back to the canteen by Wednesday 2 September.

Spring Fair

Volunteers are needed for the CAFÉ at Spring Fair so if you could please spare an hour of your day that would be great. We have a roster for the day up in the canteen with time slots. It will mainly be for serving: drinks, slushies, hot food and sandwiches. Volunteers during the day won't be expected to do any food prep as that will all be done early in the day. Or alternative if you would like to help with food prep eg making sandwiches instead of serving we will be doing that before we open. So help would be needed between 8am and 10am. PLEASE!!

Helpers Needed

The canteen is very short of volunteers at the moment so please consider helping out, even if it is only for 1 hour in the morning. All help is greatly appreciated!!

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 31.8 – Jenny

Tuesday 1.9 – Berlinda
Wednesday 2.9 – Alissa, Jill
Thursday 3.9 – Maree, Tonia (am)***HELP NEEDED FOR SERVING AT 11AM***
Friday 4.9 – Tracy, Kellie, Jill

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.
Cheryl and Paula

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How to Access Thornton Public School App.

Most up to date information relating to our School

Calendar, Newsletter and Notification



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Spring Fair Raffle 2015



Are \$1.00 each

Here are just some of the many prizes available

Anytime Fitness One year membership valued at \$800

Set of 4 Tyres (for small to medium car) from A1 Exhausts and Mechanical
valued up to \$400

**Intencity Deluxe Party (up to 20 people)
valued at \$320**

Adam Prowse P.T sessions – valued at \$340

Intencity Super Session (up to 20 people) valued at \$300

A1 Exhausts and Mechanical Thornton Minor Service – valued at
\$200

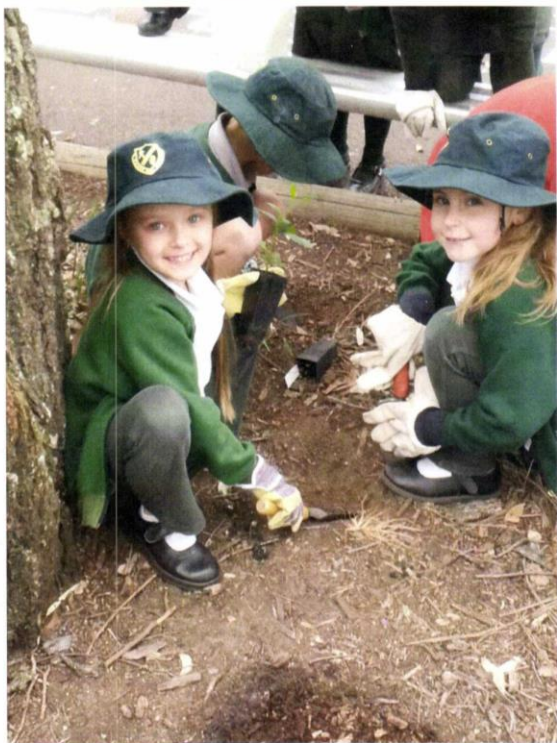
ALS Hair Pack – valued at \$100

Timezone Family Fun Pass – valued at \$80

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!

All tickets must have name and phone number printed clearly on them. Tickets must be returned with correct money to the office by 4/9/15. Raffle is to be drawn on Spring Fair Day at 1.30pm. If the winner is not present your allocated prize will be held for you and you will be notified within 5 days of completion of draw. Major prize winners will be also announced in the newsletter following Spring Fair. All money raised goes to Thornton Public School's P&C Association. Good luck everyone and thank you for your support.

Class Report – 1G



1G and Karen planting new shrubs for
Tree Day



Come and see our garden in the
lower playground.



Thank you Karen for all your hard work and helping us make our school even better!

Community News

SPRING FAIR 2015

STALL LIST

Here is a list of all the amazing market stalls we have at this year's Spring Fair.
We have 2 exciting locations, under the main shelter and near the school hall.
Be sure to check out all the great merchandise on offer.

Under The Shelter

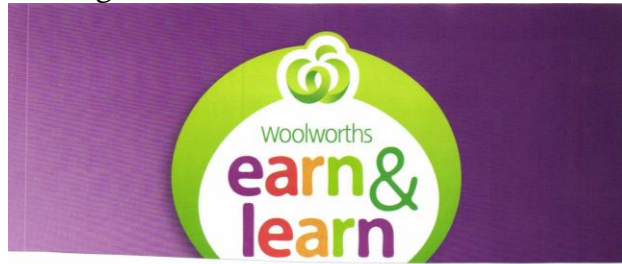
The Little Hunter Tea Company	Intimo
Sweet n Sour Lollies	Hair accessories
Assorted Homewares	Sauces
The Lego Lady	Celtic Jewellery
Aunty Choc	Honey
Kaszazz – Scrapbooking and accessories	The Men's Shed – handmade homewares
Lily Anne – Jewellery and Miche Bags	Nail Call – pamper van
Fairy Floss	Candles
Children's clothing/ Accessories	Quilts, washers, towels
Confectionery	Tupperware

Near the hall & On the Oval

Indi Designs – jewellery, baby clothes	Coles
Candlelite	Anytime Fitness
Homewares/Variety	Scentsy
Educational toys	Kids clothing
The Balloon Bloke	Body Shop
Harvest/Telstra	Assorted Ornaments

Our Stickers are on Track

We are nearly at our 10 000 sticker goal!!



The logo for AIA Vitality MiniRoos. 'AIA Vitality' is in a red script font, 'MINI' is in large green block letters, and 'ROOS' is in large green block letters with a white soccer ball icon inside the 'O'. Below 'ROOS' is the text 'FOR GIRLS' in white.

REGISTER NOW

AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls is an introductory football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015. Visit the website to find a location nearest you.

www.northernnswfootball.com.au/miniroosforgirls

The logo for Northern NSW Football, featuring a stylized white soccer ball with red and blue curved lines.

NORTHERN
NSW FOOTBALL

A photograph of a young girl with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a purple football jersey with white and blue accents, smiling.



WALLSEND TOUCH JUNIOR COMP 2015

Hey Kids! Play Touch Footy!

TEAMS — INDIVIDUALS — CUBS PROGRAM

Register online NOW
www.wallsendtouch.com.au

Starts Oct 6

Ages 6 to 17
Girls and Boys

CUBS Program—
4/5/6 Yrs

Cheapest sport
around!

Check out our
website for all the
details!

Register your team
now for FREE!
Players pay later!

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EAST MAITLAND ATHLETICS AND LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB



East Maitland Athletics and Little Athletics Club
Po Box 247
East Maitland

Registration Nights

are at Metford Recreational Reserve, Schanck Drive, Metford

Registration is on the following dates:

Tuesday Aug 25th 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm

Tuesday Sept 1st 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm

Tuesday Sept 8th 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm

Register Online prior to attending a Rego night

(This is the preferred method of registration as it saves time and money)

Cost: \$75 for Tiny Tots & \$85 for all other age groups.

Bring child's birth certificate or proof of age.

(Note: an extra \$5 will be charged for each manual entry")

*There will be a Laptop available on Rego Nights to complete Online Registration if you do not have access to the Internet at no extra cost.

Season will commence on

Tuesday 15th September 2015 6:00pm

Registration are to be done online at:

<http://www.emalac.org.au/>

Facebook

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