



# THORNTON THUNDER

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**"Developing Learners for Life"**

**Term 1, Week 1**  
**No 1**

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## **2016, Here We Come!**

A warm welcome is extended to all of our wonderful Thornton families as we begin our journey into 2016. We farewelled a number of families as they have moved out of the area in 2015, and welcomed a number of new families as they have moved into the area. With over 550 students, we are in the position to form our full complement of 22 classes.

2016 promises to be a fantastic year where we consolidate our reputation as an excellent school by continuing with the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative, ensure that students' needs are met in an engaging and productive setting and work to involve the community in the many outstanding activities such as the Camp Over, the Breakfasts and the Open Days.

All the very best to everyone!

**Thornton School**  
*A Quality School in a Unique Environment*

## **Congratulations to our Captains and Prefects for 2016**

### **2016 Captain**

Justin Cowper

Riley Keyes

### **2016 Vice Captains**

Callan Pitt

Lakeisha Balas

### **2016 Prefects**

Makye Telfer

Brendan Ashbourne

Isaac Fairhurst

Lily Fairhurst

Tess Lawford

Phoebe Dunning

Maddison Holbert

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Wednesday 3 February**

Sports Assembly, House Captain Induction  
2:30 pm in the hall.

### **Thursday February 5/Friday February 5**

School Photos

### **Monday February 8**

Swimming Carnival

### **Friday February 12**

Apology Anniversary Recognition Service

### **Tuesday February 16**

Canteen Meeting

Welcome Disco, BBQ and Parent teacher evening

### **Wednesday February 17**

Environment Meeting

### **Friday February 19**

Gateway learning Community Leadership Day

### **Tuesday February 23**

Athletics Coaching begins

Zone swimming

### **Monday February 29**

Young Leaders Day

### **Friday March 4**

Clean up Australia day

### **Friday March 11**

School Cross

## All Staff on Deck and Classes Ready to Go

With over 553 students, 22 classes have been formed.

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KL Mrs Tracey Legge  
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1S Mr Spiteri  
1N Mrs Kath Nowland  
1G Ms Cathy Gordon  
1D Danielle Northbridge  
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2R Mrs Colefax  
2B Miss Tameika Allport / Mrs Amy Burgin  
2C Miss Laura Cromptvoet  
3Z Ms Antonet Ziliotto / Mrs Yvonne Fletcher  
3/4M Mr Peter Mulconry.  
3J Mrs Jenny Johnson  
4P Mrs Tania Pugh -Assistant Principal Grade 3/4 Coordinator  
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4K Miss Kate Hughes  
4/5WSMs Jillian Wilsons Stevens / Mrs Helen McGovern on Wednesday  
5/6C Ms Laura Clulow/ Mrs Erinne Allen  
5/6 Y Ms Petra Yager - Assistant Principal Grade 5/6 Coordinator  
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5/6 S Mrs Hannah Stanton  
6A Ms Ann Osborne

**Learning and Support Teacher** – Ms Liz Harrison, Mrs Kath Brown

**Reading Recovery** – Mrs Kath Brown, Ms Catherine Sutton

**Release form face to face** –Miss Hannah Varley PE, Mrs Nicole Lubans PE

**Librarian** – Ms Caroline Foster

**School Admin Manager** – Mrs Jenny Adamson

**School Admin Officer** – Mrs Lyn Jones, Mrs Julie Smith

**School Learning Support Officers** –Chris , Mrs Leanne Shelton, Mrs Kelly Riley, Ms Nicole Bainbridge.

**General Assistant** – Mr Kevin Swalwell, Mr Neil Manning

## **Welcome Disco, BBQ and parent Meet and Greet**

This year we will be running a welcome disco, BBQ and parent teacher evening all in one.

### **Kindergarten to Year 2**

Between 5:00pm and 6:00PM, children may go to the free disco while the parents meet and greet their teacher in a semi-formal meeting on the netball courts. The teachers will run the same session twice during this hour if needed.

A BBQ will be operating during this time and parents may collect their child and enjoy a BBQ dinner before heading home.

### **Years 3-6**

Between 6:00pm and 7:00PM, children may go to the free disco while the parents meet and greet their teacher in a semi-formal meeting on the netball courts. The teachers will run the same session twice during this hour if needed.

A BBQ will be operating during this time and parents may collect their child and enjoy a BBQ dinner before heading home.

The evening will be engaging for the kids and parents with some great information sharing, community building and disco dancing.

The staff look forward to seeing everyone there.

### **Congratulations**

A huge congratulations is extended to Ms Deanne Brown who was selected as Deputy Principal at Thornton Public School replacing Mr Lobsey.

We are all excited about the impact you will have at Thornton Public School.

Ms Moss, has accepted a position as Lead Literacy Trainer working out of Adamstown Office for 2016. Congratulations Ms Moss.

### **Whole School Assembly**

We are changing our Monday morning assembly for 2016. It will now be happening every fortnight on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm. This will commence Week 4 Monday 22 February.

### **Communication Is the Key**

Keeping in contact has never been easier. Parents may simply phone the school at any time during the day.

Alternatively, parents may email the Assistant Principal, Deputy Principal or Principal.

Ensuring communication avenues are open and accessible is an important part of an effective school.

### **Visual Arts for Every Child**

Did you know that Lex James (one of our parents and a talented artist) is running a six week visual arts program in which every child will have an art lesson. There will also be some time for any talented students who are identified.

This is most generous of Lex and all staff and students say a big THANK YOU!!

### **Voluntary Contributions and School Levy**

Information regarding the school levy and Voluntary Contributions will be included in next week's Thornton Thunder.

### **A Stitch in Time saves Nine**

The full term calendar will be included in next week's Thornton Thunder.

### **Say Cheese**

Photo info packs will be sent home on Monday ready for photos on Thursday and Friday.

Having the photos early in the term is good in many ways but does make the administration requirements quite tight.

Family envelopes are available at the school office.

### **Good Sports Need Good Sports Captains**

This afternoon, our 2015 sports captains were elected. Unfortunately, this newsletter was completed before the names were known.

The induction of these captains will occur next Wednesday at the Induction Assembly at 2:30 am

### **No Hat No Play**

A huge thank you is extended to the families who are so careful about sending their children to school with a hat. A very strong No Hat No Play policy is in place at Thornton School and is well understood by the students.

### **Black Shoes Look the Best**

Those black shoes look fantastic across the school. Not only are they safe and smart, they are also easy to run in.

### **Great Sports at Thornton**

Our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 8 February at Maitland Swimming Pool. All children in Years 3 – 6 are expected to attend. Any student in Year 2 who is turning 8 this year who can swim 50 metres is also able to attend. There will be novelty events for non-swimmers. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Permission notes were sent home today.

### **Aboriginal Education Team**

With over 40 Aboriginal students at Thornton, it is vital that we have a representative Aboriginal Education Team at Thornton School.

The team's first meeting is next Wednesday 3 February at 3:15pm in the staff room. Any and all parents are very welcome to attend. Together we can make a huge difference.

### **Environment Meeting**

We are indeed lucky to have a vibrant and energetic environment working group who meet each month to monitor our beautiful school environment. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00 am on the seat outside the staff room.

All and any are welcome to attend.



**The new playground will be finished over the next few days.  
The kids love it...**



**Welcome Kindergarten 2016**









## **THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL** **CLASS EQUIPMENT LIST**

- Some items may need to be replaced as children use or lose them throughout the year.
- Please label all of your child's equipment.
- Liquid paper is not to be used at school.

### **YEAR ONE**

4 x BOSTIK BLU glue sticks (large)  
2 x display folders  
1 x Home Reading Envelope (borrowing classroom readers) – can reuse last years  
1 x large box tissues  
1 x paint shirt – can reuse last years – clearly labelled  
2 x paper towels  
1 x Library bag  
*NB: Year 1 do not need pencil cases, pencils, textas or rubbers at school.*

### **YEAR TWO**

2 x paper towels  
4 x BOSTIK BLU glue sticks (large)  
1 x large box tissues  
1 x paint shirt – clearly labelled  
2 x display folders  
1 x wallet style manilla folder – plastic (for Home Reading)  
1 x Library bag  
*NB: Year 2 do not need pencil cases, pencils, textas or rubbers at school.*

### **YEAR THREE**

1 pkt coloured pencils – with name  
1 x pkt 10 HB lead pencils with name  
4 x BOSTIK BLU glue sticks (large)  
1 x wooden, plastic 30 cm ruler  
1 x pkt texta colours( Not connectors)  
2 x display folders A4 plastic sleeves – not 3Z or 3M  
2 x red pens  
2 x large erasers  
1 x liquid soap (pump pack)  
1 x painting shirt  
1 x pencil sharpener – in container  
1 x pair scissors  
2 x large box tissues  
2 x paper towel  
1 x Library bag  
Highlighters – light colours

### **YEAR FOUR**

1 x pkt coloured pencils with names  
1 x pkt coloured textas with names (not connectors)  
4 x BOSTIK BLU glue sticks (large)

1 x wooden, plastic or metal 30 cm ruler  
1 x liquid soap (pump pack)  
1 x pair scissors  
2 display A4 plastic folders  
1 x Library bag  
2 x red pens 3 x blue pens  
10 x HB Pencils 2 x erasers  
2 x box tissues  
2 x sharpeners with a container for shavings  
1 x art shirt  
2 x paper towel  
Highlighters – light colours

### **YEAR FIVE**

1 x pkt fine textas  
1 x pkt coloured pencils  
2 x fine point black artline pen  
2 x thick black artline texta  
2 x highlighters  
1 x A4 display folders  
1 x liquid soap (pump pack)  
1 x compass and protractor  
2 x large box tissues  
1 x pair scissors 4 x large glue stick  
1 x 30cm ruler (Not Flex) 5 x blue pens  
5 x red pens 5 x lead pencils  
2 x sharpeners 2 x erasers  
1 x pencil case – small for basic stationary  
1 x pencil case – large for pencils/textas  
1 x art shirt  
2 x paper towel  
1 USB x 8gig

### **YEAR SIX**

1 x pkt fine textas  
1 x pkt coloured pencils  
2 x fine point black artline pen  
2 x thick black artline texta  
2 x highlighters  
1 x A4 display folders  
1 x liquid soap (pump pack)  
1 x compass and protractor  
2 x large box tissues  
1 x pair scissors 4 x large glue stick  
1 x 30cm ruler (Not Flex) 5 x blue pens  
5 x red pens 5 x lead pencils  
2 x sharpeners 2 x erasers  
1 x pencil case – small for basic stationary  
1 x pencil case – large for pencils/textas  
1 x art shirt  
2 x paper towel  
1 USB x 8gig

**All students will need 1 x wallet style manila folder and 1 x glue stick for Library**

Reviewed: February 2015