



# THORNTON THUNDER

*Thornton Public School and its local community.*  
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*Principal: Mr John Millburn*

**"Developing Learners for Life"**

**Term 1, Week 2**  
**No 2**

**5 February, 2016**

## ***Road Safety Is Everyone's Business***

This week there have been a number of incidents reported to the school about driving and pedestrian behaviour which could result in an accident.

To reinforce the safety message that has been emphasised over the years.

**Never call a child across the road!!!**

Use the safety door when dropping off and picking up your child (rear left passenger door).

Understand the parking rules.

No stopping means no stopping at all.

No parking means a two minute stop only and you must not leave the close vicinity of the car.

Please be really careful when driving around crossings and always encourage your children to use the crossing.

And remember, there is no rush!

By everyone taking these points on board, we can continue to have a safe and accident free road environment.

## **Picture of the Week**

*Our playground being well used*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday February 8**

Swimming Carnival

**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 in Sydney

**Friday March 4**

Clean Up Australia day

**Friday March 11**

School Cross Country

**Wednesday March 16**

Environment Meeting

**Friday March 18**

Life Ed Van

**Monday March 21**

Harmony (Bully No Way) Day

## **Congratulations to our Wonderful Sports Captains**

### **BRADMAN**

Captains

Hayden O'Mara, Elke Telfer

Vice Captains

Aiden Shedden, Georgia Milkovich

### **NEWCOMBE**

Captains

Riley Moore, Montana Dinsdale

Vice Captains

Jarrod Howard, Chloe Mould

### **PANNOWITZ**

Captains

Zach Freund, Capri Schiemer

Vice Captains

Bailey Jones, Caeley Browne

### **GRAY**

Captains

Jayden Bennett, Abbey Matthews

Vice Captains

Jack Garfoot, Jasmine Ziernik

The students enjoyed listening to our local hero and house name recipient, Mr Terry Pannowitz.



## **Super Swimmers are Ready to Go**

With the current forecast, we are expecting an excellent day on Monday for the 2016 Swimming Carnival. Parents are asked to please remind their children to wear a shirt at all times except when they are in the pool and to be very mindful of the sun. Sunscreen is available at the pool and students will be reminded to slip, slop, slap!

## **GLC Leadership Day**

On Friday 19 February Thornton is hosting a Gateway Learning Community Leadership Day. A major draw card for the day is having Ellie Drennan who is a 16 year old singer-songwriter from the Central Coast of NSW who took out the title on of 'The Voice 2015' as the key note a speaker and singer. Thornton will be inviting our captains, vice captains, prefects and sports leaders. What a great day it will be.

## **Stating the Bleeding Obvious**

The following items should never be brought to school.

Weapons of any kind, drugs or other offensive material.

## **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 15 February.

## **Visual Arts for Every Child**

Did you know that Lex James (one of our parents and a talented artist) is running a seven 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.

## **Clothing Pool Opening Times**

Our clothing will now be open on **Monday mornings** 8.45am – 9.15am and **Wednesday afternoons** 2.45pm – 3.15pm. The clothing pool is located in our SPR.

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

*Tuesday February 16*

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.

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.

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.

## **Kindergarten**

Could all kinder parents please ensure that students have a change of clothes (eg undies, socks, shorts) packed in their school bags.

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

The full term calendar is included in this week's Thornton Thunder.

## **No Hat Play in the Shade**

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 Play in the Shade policy is in place at Thornton School and is well understood by the students.

## **At Times**

At times, issues happen in the playground between students. When this is known by teachers, appropriate action is taken after careful investigation.

Sometimes, issues arise in the playground between students that teachers are not aware of.

If this happens and parents are concerned, they should talk to their child's teacher in the first instance, contact the Assistant Principal of the respective stage or contact the office. (see email addresses published last week)

It is always in the best interest of all parties that the school completes the investigation. This way, all facts are considered before appropriate action taken.

By working together, the issue can be resolved, students can learn from their mistakes and all of our students can be kept safe.

*Our Key Values as a School:*

# *Thornton Public School Learning, Caring, Opportunities*

*A quality school in a unique environment*

*Key Statements*

*Big School, Many Opportunities*

*Excellent Reputation*

*Welcoming, Caring and Nurturing*

*Quality Teachers, Quality Learning*

*Clear Communication*



## Pics from around the playground



## ‘Munch n Eat’ News

Welcome back and a big welcome to all our new families.

### *Helpers Needed*

The canteen is in desperate need of helpers. All it takes is 2½ hours once per month or a full day once per month. Our busiest time is between 9am and 11.30am. It's a great way to get involved with the school and the children love seeing you there. Bring a friend and do canteen together. The canteen may have to run on a limited menu on those days we are short of helpers. If you would like to volunteer, please call into the canteen and talk to us.

A new menu will go out next week.

If you are giving your child money to spend in the canteen (especially infants), have a look at our menu and discuss the items they can purchase over the counter. With being short on helpers, we usually only have 2 people serving and if we need to let every child know what they can purchase for their money, it takes a lot longer to serve all the students. Sometimes running out of time and not being able to serve all the children before the bell goes. This would help our volunteers out a lot, as we can serve the children a lot quicker.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	8.2 – Leanne
Tuesday	9.2 – Tanya, Kelly
Wednesday	10.2 – Alissa
Thursday	11.2 – Rachel, Kellie
Friday	12.2 – Gill, Stacey

If you have any questions about the operation of the canteen or the menu please feel free to call in and have a chat to us.

Thank you  
Cheryl and Paula

## P & C News

Welcome back to a great year that 2016 is going to be.

### *Wow*

The K – 2 playground looks awesome. The P & C would like to thank all of the playground committee that came up with this natural play concept. Great job to everyone involved and to all the families past and present that helped raise the money to make this playground happen.

### *Easter Raffle*

We are seeking Easter Raffle donations for our Easter Raffle that will be drawn on 24 March. These donations can be left at the office anytime up until 22 March. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

### *We Need Your Help*

Our AGM comes up at our meeting in March and we need more committee members to help out. We are still in need of a:

- ✚ Vice Secretary
- ✚ Vice President
- ✚ Vice Vice President

These positions only require a little bit of your time a month and to help out at fundraising days. These can be held by a male or female. This is also a great way to stay in touch with your child/childrens school. If you wish to help out please message Gill Cleary on 0400 832 415 or email on [thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com](mailto:thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com).

### *Next Meeting*

Our last meeting before our AGM will be held in the SPR at 7om on Monday 22 February where kids are welcome and a light supper will be provided.

This year we will be doing a new concept by having a certain subject matter to do with our school discussed each month. This is a good opportunity for you to come and have your say or to be able to vote on something. The meetings take about 1 – 1½ hours depending on the discussion and is just once a month. So if you wish to be involved in decisions for your childs school this is the place to do it.

Our P & C would like to wish all our families at TPS a great year any many great memories.

Cheers

Gill, Stacey, Kristie, Alissa and Cassandra

## Community News



# ART CLASSES

**For Ages 7yrs -15 yrs**

A well -structured step-by- step class creating simple but effective artworks every week to 2 weeks using different art materials and techniques such as  
**CRAYONS \* CHALK PASTELS \* PENCIL \* INK \*  
ACRYLIC PAINT \* WATERCOLOUR \* CLAYWORK \*  
PRINTING \* COLLAGE \*MIXED MEDIA** and much more

**VACANCIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR  
SATURDAYS**

**9.00 to 10.00am And  
10.30 to 11.30**

**STARTING THIS WEEK**

**COST: \$15\* per lesson**

\* EXCLUDES MATERIAL LEVY. PAY BY THE TERM ONLY

**WHERE : SOMERSET PARK  
THORNTON**

Lessons taught by **LEX JAMES** – Bachelor arts/dip ed.  
15 years teaching experience. 25 years commercial art  
experience. Author/illustrator and artist in residence/ art  
Workshop co-ordinator at **THORNTON.P.S.**

Working with children approval number: **WWC0240888E**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ph LEX JAMES on**

**Ph. 0400316114**

**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL**





### **Visit the new Harvest Builder Display Village at Chisholm**

From all of us at Harvest at Chisholm, welcome to the 2016 school year! A special welcome to all the new families joining the school this year.

For those of you who may not know, Harvest is a popular new residential estate and sponsor of the fabulous Thornton Public School Rock Ensemble!

If you haven't been to Harvest recently or are curious to have a look, come along and explore our brand new Builder Display Village. There are 16 new, contemporary homes from 10 of NSW's leading builders ready for your inspection. Whether you're contemplating moving house or just keen to see what all the fuss is about, you're welcome at Harvest.

Demand for land at Harvest has been strong with stage 1 sold out and the majority of lots in stage 2 already sold. Purchasers are primarily moving from local suburbs including East Maitland, Metford and Thornton and many of our families have children who are attending or will attend Thornton Public.

Harvest is located at 327 Raymond Terrace Road and opens from 10am to 5pm, every day. Land is currently available in the Vintage Hill neighbourhood from just \$207,000. On completion, all lots will be fully serviced for gas, electricity, water and connection to the NBN.

For more information visit [www.harvest-chisholm.com.au](http://www.harvest-chisholm.com.au) or contact Deborah Wright on 4046 9581.



# Thornton Public School - Term 1 2016

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
<b>1</b>	25 Jan Holidays	26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Jan SDD	28 Jan Students return	29 Jan House Meetings House Captain Elections	30 31 Jan
<b>2</b>	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb Sports Assembly Captains Induction Aboriginal Education Meeting	4 Feb School Photos	5 Feb School Photos	6 7 Feb
<b>3</b>	8 Feb Swimming Carnival	9 Feb <i>AECG Meeting</i>	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 14 Feb
<b>4</b>	15 Feb Lex Art Workshops K-6 Assembly 2:30	16 Feb Canteen Meeting Athletics Coaching Welcome Disco and Parent Information session	17 Feb Environmental Ed Meeting 11:00am AECG Meeting	18 Feb Grade Stage Meetings	19 Feb GLC Leadership Day	20 21 Feb
<b>5</b>	22 Feb Lex Art Workshops P and C Meeting	23 Feb Athletics Coaching Zone Swimming	24 Feb School Council Meeting	25 Feb	26 Feb Stage Two Assembly 2:00pm	27 28 Feb
<b>6</b>	29 Feb Young Leaders Day Sydney... PLAN Kindy Interviews this week Lex Art Workshops K-6 Assembly 2:30	1 March Athletics Coaching	2 March	3 March Early Stage One Assembly 1:00pm Stage One Assembly 2:30pm	4 March Clean up Australia Day Stage Three Assembly 2:30pm	5 6 Mar
<b>7</b>	7 March Lex Art Workshops	8 March Athletics Coaching <i>AECG Meeting</i>	9 March	10 March	11 March School Cross Country Stage Two Assembly 2:00pm	12 13 Mar
<b>8</b>	14 March Lex Art Workshops K-6 Assembly	15 March	16 March Environmental Ed Meeting 11:00am	17 March Aboriginal Family Breakfast Life Ed Van here Early Stage One Assembly 1:00pm Stage One Assembly 2:30pm	18 March Life Ed Van Stage Three Assembly 2:30pm	19 20 Mar
<b>9</b>	21 March Bully No Way Day (Harmony Day) Lex Art Workshops	22 March School Athletics Carnival	23 March Aboriginal Education Meeting	24 March Easter Parade	25 March Good Friday	26 27 Mar
<b>10</b>	28 March Easter Monday	29 March Parent Teacher Interviews this week	30 March Bronze Lizzy Day	31 March Life Ed Van Early Stage One Assembly 1:00pm Stage One Assembly 2:30pm	1 April Stage Three Assembly 2:30pm	2 3 Apr
<b>11</b>	4 April Life Ed Van Parent Teacher Interviews this week. K-6 Assembly P and C Meeting	5 April Life Ed Van	6 April Life Ed Van	7 April Life Ed Van	8 April Last Day Term One Stage Two Assembly 2:00pm	9 10 Apr