



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

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No 3

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School Community Partnerships

The school has worked hard to establish relationships with local businesses, sporting organisations and clubs. The intention of these relationships is to provide opportunities for the students of our school.

The Beresfield Bowling Club has provided funds to the school so we can enlist the help of Little Athletics Australia to run the current athletics workshops.

Another partnership is with Hexham Bowling Club and East Maitland Bowling Club who provide funds to run the highly successful Tadpoles Early Learners Program.

Our relationship with Harvest Development has allowed us to continue our Rock Ensemble initiative. With over 20 children receiving subsidised tuition and the current rock ensemble in full swing, we are certainly benefiting from this sponsorship.

These initiatives benefit the businesses and clubs through increased exposure and the school by providing great opportunities for the students here.

We are certainly looking forward to the athletics coaching clinics which will run for the next five weeks, the Tadpoles Program which starts in term two, and the music ensemble tuition which is currently in place.

Big School, Many Opportunities

Picture of the Week

2C enjoying the new play area.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday February 16

Canteen Meeting
Athletics Coaching
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

Your General Contribution Payment Makes a Difference

Invoices for all families have been sent home today with the youngest student in your family. Please have a look for the blue form in your child's bag. Payment can be made in any of the following ways:

- Visit the office with Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
- Make an online payment via the school website *\$Make A Payment*
- Complete the credit card details on the invoice and return to the office

As always, any concerns with the invoices please don't hesitate to speak to the office staff.

General Contributions allow the school to purchase additional resources for the students to use. Items such as photo copier payments, art and craft resources, books, PBL rewards, catering costs for our wonderful breakfasts and even play equipment such as diggers for the sand pit. While the school receives money from the government, any addition money makes a huge difference to our budget bottom line.

Now for the fun part,

Every family who makes the General Contribution Payment goes into the draw for a Gift Card at Reading Cinemas to the value of \$100.

This promotion will close on Thursday March 10th and will be drawn at the school Cross Country Carnival.

Online Payments have never been easier

Visit our school website

Step 1: Select *\$Make A Payment*

Step 2: Complete the student details – you do not need the student registration number

Simply complete the mandatory fields marked with an *

Step 3: Complete card details

Step 4: Confirm all details

Step 5: Save or print your receipt.

Online payments can now be processed using mobile devices.



School's Back

Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck! Back to school checklist: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

Learning to Read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier. Learning to read: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>

Staying in Touch with the School

As a parent it's much easier to have difficult conversations about your child's behaviour with the teacher if you've established a relationship with them at the start of the year.

Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child's school.

Communicating with your school:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

Super Swimmers Ruled the day

A huge well done to Mrs Stanton and her team of helpers who organised a fantastic carnival on Monday.

Lots of enthusiasm, cheers and terrific swimming performances helped make the day a real success.



Congratulation to Wil Panton for breaking the Junior Boys school record in 50m backstroke!! Champions will be announced at our Week 4 whole school assembly.

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 the 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.

Whole School Assembly

A reminder that our first whole school assembly will be held on Monday afternoon from 2:30pm. All welcome.

Visual Arts for Every Child

Lex Art lessons will start next Monday. Year one classes will be the first ones to experience this great opportunity.


Lex generously donates his time to our school for these lessons and we certainly appreciate his efforts. Thank You!

Keep Up To Date

How to Access Thornton Public School App.

Most up to date information relating to our School

Calendar, Newsletter and Notification



It's Free

Go to your App store or Play store

Search for Thornton public school

Download the Thornton School App

PTO

Username: community

Password: thortonps

School Banking

School banking is back and we have already started processing so get your deposit books into the office each week to earn a prize. There are some new prizes up for grabs this year too.



Welcome Disco, BBQ and parent Meet and Greet

See you there.....

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.

Library News

Welcome to another year at Thornton PS library. This year the library lessons for classes will be weekly for Kinder and Stage One (40 mins) and fortnightly for Stage Two and Three (80mins). I'd like to remind you that all K – 2 students must have a library bag to borrow. It is preferable that years 3 and 4 also bring a library bag for borrowing as it helps maintain the quality of our books.

All students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Children in K – 2 will be doing the challenge in their classrooms and I will record all books read for them. Children in Yrs 3 – 6 will be doing the challenge independently at school, in the library and at home. Each week they will be given the opportunity to borrow a PRC book from our library, read it over the week and then record the details on the sheets provided. I will show them later in the term how to record this online. More detailed information about this challenge will be forthcoming.

Want to know more about what is happening in our library? Check Oliver library. Students can access this through their student portal. Here you will see library messages, featured authors, reading lists, online links and new resources. Students can check out what they have on loan and review their favourite books. We also have a subscription to World Book Online for students to use at home and school. This can be accessed through the students portal or online –

The log in details are www.worldbookonline.com

ID – thorntonps

Password – thorntonps

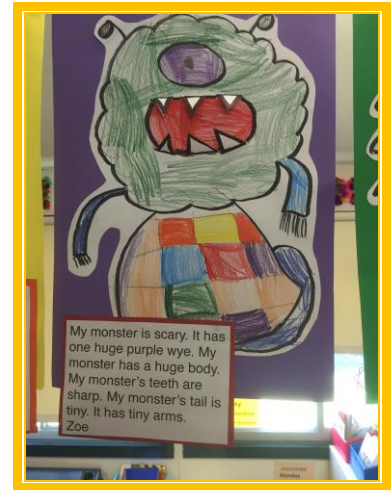
Unfortunately we still have a considerable amount of overdue books from last year. We would appreciate if these could be returned as soon as possible.

Please feel free to pop into the library mornings or afternoons if there is anything you would like to discuss. I look forward to working with all the students over the year!

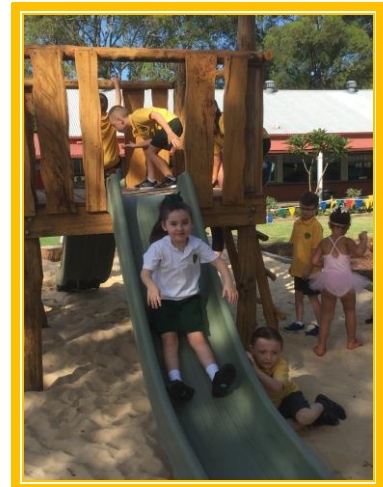
Pics from Around About

A tea party?





Look out for these scary 1G monsters



The slippery dips are here!!!

‘Munch n Eat’ News

A new menu will go home next week. If there are any changes, we will attach a short note outlining the changes.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	15.2 – Renae
Tuesday	16.2 – Christine, Penny (canteen meeting)
Wednesday	17.2 – Elaine
Thursday	18.2 – Jess, Kelly (9 – 11.30)
Friday	19.2 – Ann, Jenny, Toni B, Robyn (9 – 10.30)

Thank you
Cheryl and Paula

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**



Thornton Netball Club are currently taking registrations
for the 2016 Maitland Netball Association Competition

Registrations can be completed online – using the My Netball website - <http://my.netball.com.au/>

In addition, we are holding two registration days on
Saturday 6th February 10am – 1pm
Wednesday 10th February 5.30pm – 7pm
at Thornton Netball Courts
(adjacent to the Tennis Courts in Taylor Avenue)

For further information, please visit and like our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Thornton-Netball-Club-310809352289307/>
or contact Tracy Williams on 0422 276 756

Special deal for registrations 5-9 years for new members - \$140 which includes a uniform

Join the club that has been part of your community for over 30 years
All ages and abilities are welcome



Netball Players Wanted
Under 11 or 12s

Registration \$110

Includes Playing dress, Water bottle & Training shirt

Please Contact Tynatia for an Information pack on 0421 503 731



**Junior Registrations
NOW OPEN**
for Maitland District Hockey Club

Age Groups Under 13
Under 15
& Under 18

Never played before
and not sure it's for you?
No Problem.

Come & try Hockey for FREE
at one of our training sessions,
Thursdays at 6pm
at Maitland Park Hockey Centre

Contact:
0490 463 962 or 0400 311 683
or email
maitlandrams@gmail.com
for more information.

SEAHAM NETBALL CLUB

Final registration Day
Saturday 13 February
Between 9 -10am
Brandon Park

We have teams from 7yrs to Seniors
We promote fun and participation