



# THORNTON THUNDER

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

**"Developing Learners for Life"**

**Term 1, Week 4**  
**No 4**

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## **Welcome Disco a Huge Success**

The welcome disco combined with the parent teacher information evening was a huge success. The intention of this change was to encourage more parents to come along to the parent information sessions, give the kids a chance to have a fun evening and to build a sense of community in our wonderful school.

The students certainly enjoyed the disco with numbers in both the K-2 and 3-6 disco very encouraging. Following up from the disco and information sessions was a delicious BBQ cooked by our wonderful P and C.

Teachers commented on the increased number of parents who came along this year and on how many stayed after the formal part of the evening to simply catch up with them.

All in all a very successful evening and one that will certainly run again in 2017.

Thanks to the staff and P and C for helping make the evening so successful.

## **Picture of the Week**

*Defence Force Afternoon Tea with Mrs Soutar*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday February 22**

P and C Meeting

**Tuesday February 23**

Athletics Coaching

Zone swimming

**Wednesday February 24**

School Council

**Monday February 29**

Young Leaders Day in Sydney

**Friday March 4**

Clean Up Australia Day

**Friday March 11**

School Cross Country

General Contribution Promotion Draw

**Wednesday March 16**

Environment Meeting

**Friday March 18**

Life Ed Van

**Monday March 21**

Harmony (Bully No Way) Day

**Tuesday March 22**

School Athletics carnival

**Thursday March 24**

Easter Parade

## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday February 22 in the Special Purpose Room, near the Canteen and Kindergarten block, from 7:00pm.

Come along, find out what is happening in the school and get involved.  
Supper and child minding provided.

## Keeping Staff Up To Date

Next week, all teachers will be engaging in professional learning around meeting the individual needs of their students in English and Maths. Because of this, there will be a number of casual teachers in the school taking the classes.

Mrs Hooson will be off class during this time to facilitate these discussions.

Mr Mark Wilson will be teaching 2H from Monday February 22 to Wednesday March 2.

## You Have To Be In It To Win It!

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 10<sup>th</sup> and will be drawn at the school Cross Country Carnival.

Remember,

*General Contributions allow the school to purchase additional resources for the students to use. Items such as photocopier 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.*

## The Benefit of Team Sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer.


Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

## Keep Up To Date

How to Access Thornton Public School App.

Most up to date information relating to our School

Calendar, Newsletter and Notification



Go to your App store or Play store

Search for Thornton public school

Download the Thornton School App

PTO

*It's Free*

Username: community

Password: thorntonps

## Congratulations to our Swimming Champions



## 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.



## 2016-2017 School Plan

The following statement from our school plan really sums up what we want our students to achieve in their time at our school.

***At Thornton Public School, we believe that students need to communicate effectively, achieve academically, develop lifelong learning skills and be respectful, happy and tolerant. For students to reach their full potential, they need to take responsibility for their actions and always strive for their personal best. Enabling confident, creative, community minded citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the comprehensive vision of Thornton Public School.***

The key words and phrases in this statement came from extensive parent consultation in 2014-2015. The values were then further refined in focus groups.

Thornton School is preparing students who will graduate from high school in 2028 and graduate university in 2032.

It is the education of values, attitudes, skills and capabilities which will stand them in good stead as they become citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

At Thornton , we believe it is in fact, **Deeds, not Words**

### **Clean Up Australia Day**

Our school will be participating in the 'Schools Clean Up Australia Day' on Friday March 4. In order to minimise impact on the environment I would ask all families to send with their child a pair of gardening gloves and a re-usable shopping bag if they have them.

Each class will be given their own area to clean up at a time that suits them during the day. If you would like to come along and help, you are most welcome. You will need to contact your class teacher to organise the time with them.

Thank you for your support.

### **Pics from Around About**

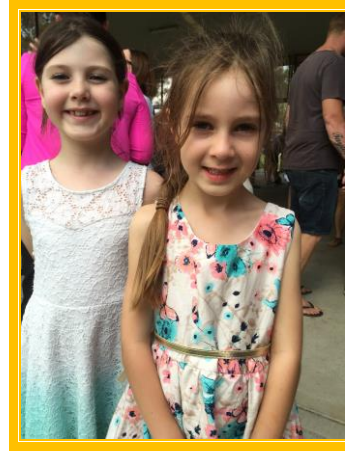
*Champion Swimming House.....Bradman!!!*



*What a wonderful Welcome Disco, Information Evening and BBQ we had.*







*The Gateway Learning Community Leadership Day was Most Worthwhile.*



## **P & C News**

### *Thank You*

Firstly we would like to THANK all of the families that helped raise nearly \$800 on Tuesday night at the Parent Teacher Information Night. It was great to see so many families come out and support our great school.

### *Easter Eggs*

We are in need of Easter Egg donations for our Easter raffle next month. These can be left at the office. We thank you for your assistance in making this fundraiser a great one.

### *Easter Raffle Tickets*

There will be raffle tickets coming home in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for them!

We are trying something different this time and we are only sending home book of 5 tickets to each child in our school. We do ask that these tickets get returned whether you have sold them or not to the office please.

It is also helpful if the money and tickets are returned in an envelope, a snap lock bag or a lunch order type bag. This just stops money going missing and tickets getting lost. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

### *P & C Meeting*

Our first meeting for 2016 is on Monday 22 February at 7pm in the SPR where a supper and child minding will be provided.

Come along and see what is happening in your child's school and have the chance to vote on some decisions at our school.

You DO NOT need to hold a position on the executive committee to attend these meetings. You only have to be a financial member for a \$2 per year fee to do this.

### *Positions Needed*

We still require 2 positions on our executive committee to be filled. These are:

- Vice President
- Assistant Canteen Treasurer

These are only Vice or assistant positions who help when needed. All positions do require you to attend executive meeting and our monthly P & C meetings.

If you are interested please contact the P & C on [thorntonps.pand.c@gmail.com](mailto:thorntonps.pand.c@gmail.com) or contact Gill (President) on 0400 832 415.

We hope you have a great week.

Gill, Stacey, Kristie, Alissa and Cassandra

## **‘Munch n Eat’ News**

### *Summer Menu 2016*

A new menu is going out to each family. On the reverse of the menu are the changes to take note of.

These include:

- No hash brown orders taken for lunch. Only over the counter sales at lunch. Hash browns can be ordered for afternoon tea but with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4
- We will no longer be selling Olaf icecreams or Fandangles once our stock has been sold.

### *Price Changes:*

Chicken Burger with lettuce and mayo -	\$3.60
Lasagne -	\$3.60
Macaroni Cheese -	\$3.60
Roundas -	\$2.30
Large Pies -	\$2.70
Sausage Rolls -	\$2.30
Carbonara Pasta -	\$2.80
Cheese and Bacon Rolls -	\$1.60
Finger Buns -	\$1.40
Monday and Tuesday meal deal (cheeseburger) -	\$4.80

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	22.2 – Sarah
Tuesday	23.2 – Penny (9 - 11.30)

Wednesday 24.2 – Angela  
Thursday 25.2 – Charmaine, Scarlett  
Friday 26.2 – Berlinda, Ann S, Kristy C, Camilla G

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week. Your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you  
Cheryl and Paula

## Community News

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 or come to our

**Meet the Coach Day**  
 from 10am on

**Sunday 28 February 2016**

For all enquiries, contact Shelley on  
 0411 279 982 or via email at  
[registrar@tbrlc.com](mailto:registrar@tbrlc.com)

The Thornton Beresfield Rugby League Club invites you to

## Be a Bear in 2016

With rules to suit Mini (Under 6 to Under 9), Mod (Under 10 to Under 12), and International (Under 13 to Under 17) players, our club provides a positive and inclusive opportunity for kids to play the great game of Rugby League.

*\* All registered players receive a FREE Bears Polo Shirt \**

*\* Under 6's also receive FREE registration, player shorts and socks \**

We are a local club with a great community spirit. We encourage children to be active and have fun while learning the skills and importance of being part of a team.

For more information, find us online at

[www.tbrlc.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.tbrlc.leaguenet.com.au) or  
[www.facebook.com/ThorntonBeresfieldRugbyLeagueClub](http://www.facebook.com/ThorntonBeresfieldRugbyLeagueClub)



## 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 \*  
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 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  
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 Workshop co-ordinator at THORNTON.P.S.

Working with children approval number: WWC0240888E

**FOR MORE DETAILS ph LEX JAMES on**

**Ph. 0400316114**

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