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"Developing Learners for Life"

Term 1, Week 6
No 6

4 March, 2016

No Student Left Behind

Thornton Public School has many systems that ensure that no student slips through the gaps. Each year every student completes standardised spelling and reading assessments. From kindergarten to year six, student learning is gauged against a continuum of learning in literacy and numeracy. Reading levels are collected regularly and progress in maths is closely monitored. This information is then used to target school resources such as support teacher time and teacher's aide time. It is also used to monitor individual students to make sure their learning is progressing.

Our Learning Support Team, which is made up of class teachers, our school counsellor and our learning and support teachers, meet each week to discuss individual cases. Referrals come from teachers who are concerned about how quickly a child is progressing, how they may be settling into school routines or who may have other critical issues occurring in their life. A plan to assist each child is then developed and appropriate support targeted.

While we acknowledge that all students are different and that students learn at different rates, it is important to all staff that no student be left behind, that learning progress is maintained and we all strive to maximise the outcomes of each and every child.

Picture of the Week

Clean Up Australia, or at least Thornton



Dates for your Diary

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

Grandparents Day

Easter Parade

Grand Playground Opening

Week 10 and 11

Parent Teacher Interviews

Life Education Van

Friday 8 April

Last day term one

Zone Swimming

Our wonderful zone swimming relay teams. A great win to our junior boys relay team!
Congratulation to all swimmers on a fantastic day!



Sport Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in sport:

Callan – Regional Basketball trials

Ryan and Riley – Regional Basketball trials

Breeanna – State Girls Cricket trials

Cross Country

Our school cross country is happening on Friday 11 March. We would appreciate as many parent helpers as possible. If any parent is able to help on the day please contact the office.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations is extended to our Girl Captain, Riley Keyes, who was awarded a Galuway scholarship this week.

Well done Riley.

Please be Mindful

At Thornton Public school we have over 25 students who do not have permission for their photo to be shared or viewed via social media or the local media.

Parents are asked to please not share any photos on social media of children other than their own. The school is very careful about not publishing photos of those children who do not have active permission.

THANK YOU

There has been a huge improvement in parents parking and driving around the school.

Thank you.

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 10th 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 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.



Kindergarten Speech Screening

All kindergarten students have had their speech screened by All Areas Speech Pathology. This has been funded by the Gateway Learning Community.

If children require addition speech therapy, parents are advised to book in and take advantage of the opportunities available. Feedback will be provided next week.

Early treatment of speech difficulties can have a huge impact on future learning.

What a Day!

On Thursday March 24, Thornton school will be coming alive.

Our beautiful playground will be officially opened, all of our wonderful grandparents will be invited into the school for a special Grandparents Day and our renowned Easter Parade will be held after a picnic lunch.

Invitations went home today.

Pics from around the school



The first Kindergarten Assembly



Keeping our School Clean!

Norta Norta Tutor (approximately 60 hours only)

Expression of Interest

Applications due 3pm Friday 11 March 2016

Enquiries: John.Millburn@det.nsw.edu.au - 49641369

Please address each of the following selection criteria. (1 page)

* Ability to work with teachers, parents and students to ensure tuition aligns with the students' Personalised Learning Plan.

* Ability to assist students to develop skills and understanding to enable them to participate independently in class activities.

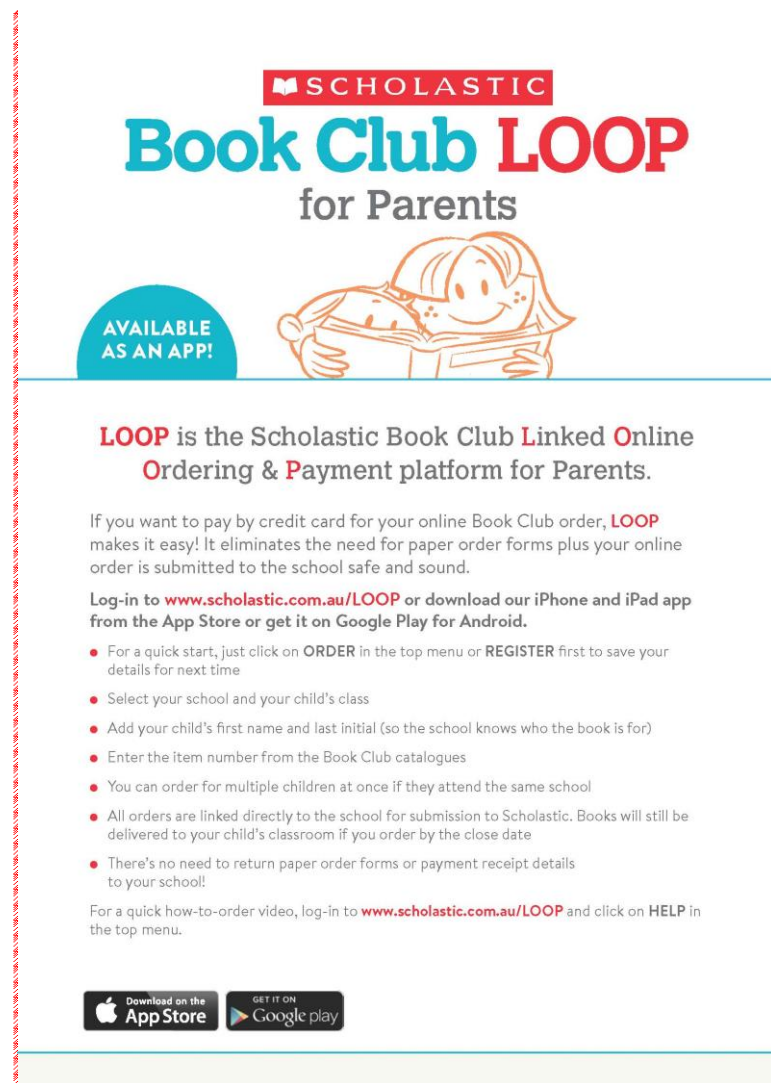
* Ability to collaborate in the planning, implementing and evaluating of a program of work that enables students to improve in literacy and numeracy skills.

Email application with a covering sheet which includes your name, address, phone number and details of two referees to John.Millburn@det.nsw.edu.au

Priority Employment – Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as tutors for the Norta Norta Program

Library News

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are packed full of great books for all ages from as little as \$2 so everyone can get reading. Catalogues have gone home this week and they are due by Friday 11 March. No late orders accepted. You can place your order online at www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub using the new quick and easy LOOP system. Alternatively you can place your order in the **Red** box at the library. Please note if you are paying by cash that all orders must have the exact money enclosed. No change is available at the library.



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What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
<i>Hunter Life Education</i>	<i>All Students</i>	17/3 – 7/4	\$10.00	15 March 2016
<i>Canberra Excursion Payment 1</i>	<i>Yr 6</i>	27/6 – 30/6	\$60.00	18 March 2016
<i>Music Tuition</i>	<i>Band Students</i>		\$50.00	18 March 2016
Canberra Excursion Payment 2	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$100.00	8 April 2016
Home Reader Diary	Yr 1 & Yr 2		\$4.00	8 April 2016
School Resources	All Students		\$20.00	8 April 2016
Dictionary	Yr 3		\$20.00	8 April 2016
General Contribution	All Students		\$30/ \$50	8 April 2016
Canberra Excursion Payment 3	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$100.00	13 May 2016
Canberra Excursion Payment 4	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$150.00	10 June 2016

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.

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on the 2 March at 7pm in the SPR there is child minding and a light supper provided. This will also have our AGM included. We still require a couple of positions to be filled they are the Vice, Vice President and the Vice Secretary. If you are interested in either of these positions please feel free to contact Gill on 0400832415 or email the P & C on thorntonps.p.and.c@gmail.com

Easter Raffle

Each child will receive a book of 5 raffle tickets that will need to be returned sold or unsold to the office on or before the 21 March. These will be distributed next week so keep an eye out in your childrens bags.

Easter Egg Donation

We are still in need of Easter Eggs for our raffle. Donations can be left at the office please.

Athletics Carnival

We require some mums and dads or any family member to help out at the Sports Carnival that will be held on the 22 March down at the soccer ovals in Thornton where lunch orders will be served and drinks and other stock will be sold. If you can help please contact Gill on 0400 832 415 to organise a start and finish time.

Clothing Pool

Clothing Pool hours have changed to the following:

- ◆ Monday 8.45am - 9.15am
- ◆ Wednesday 2.45pm - 3.15pm

We do have quite a lot of stock so feel free to come and check out what we have. A lot of clothes are in amazing condition.

Shirts with logo in Grey, White or Yellow	\$4
Shirts without logo in Grey, White and Grey	\$3
Green and Grey Shorts	\$4
Skorts or Skirts	\$4
Long Grey and Green Pants	\$4
Green Long Girls Pants	\$4
Green Tracksuit Pants	\$4
Jackets with or without Logo	\$5

We hope you have a great week.

Gill, Stacey, Kristie, Alissa and Cassandra

‘Munch n Eat’ News

Pizza Day Tuesday 8 March

Don't forget that it is pizza day on Tuesday 8 March. Only pre-ordered pizzas for lunch on the day. No-over the counter orders taken. We will still be selling our normal over the counter items at lunch and recess. If anyone is able to help out between 10.30am and 11am it would be greatly appreciated.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	7.3 – Leanne, Melanie
Tuesday	8.3 – Tanya, HELP NEEDED BETWEEN 10.30 AND 11AM
Wednesday	9.3 – Gayle W, Alissa
Thursday	10.3 – Rachel, Kellie
Friday	11.3 – Gill, Stacey, Berlinda

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 4K

Writing Samples By 4K

Diving into me

"Hi my name is Isabella I am the pool people swim in me every day including giraffes." Everyday giraffes do flips and land in me. It really hurts but it's weird because they do it every day. Each day people come in and on the shallow end of me and sit on the sides to video tape me and the giraffes.

The first giraffes name is Toby the strongest giraffe ever. They all do not know that they are jumping into me. Some have died jumping into me because they were not strong enough. Did you know that they are 100 of the strongest giraffes?

Once they are all out of me (the pool) they drink me up and my water goes down. When they are drinking they hear a big band and then they hop back into a truck that send them back to where they live. I don't know where they live but I often wonder?

I wish I could be a giraffe because if I were a giraffe I would be wrapping my neck around a lions belly and doing a triple back flips. Now that would be so fun but I am not a giraffe I am just water... boring! Boring! Boring! Water can't do anything. However, people have fun swimming in me and so do the giraffes swimming in me and doing flips in to me. The first giraffe disappeared and then I found myself as a giraffe swimming and doing flip in the water.

Janiah

Pythons By BJ, Cohen, Elizabeth, Connor L, Shaelee

Pythons are reptiles. They are ectothermic this means their body temperature varies with the environment temperature.

Pythons live in Africa, Asia and Australia. They can be found in tropical forests, grasslands, swamps or stony deserts but some are good swimmers.

Pythons are covered in dry scales made from the same material as human nails called keratin. They don't have eyelids therefore they can't blink however; their eyes are covered by scales.

Pythons don't crush prey as broken bones make it harder to eat. It will suffocate the prey. They are like snakes and can unhinge their jaws to expand their bodies to eat food much bigger than them. Pythons have rows of needle-like teeth perfect for grabbing and holding prey but no good for chewing food. A large meal can last them for weeks.

A python can lay clutches of 100 or more eggs. The eggs are soft. They are not like bird eggs. Pythons are born with an egg tooth to split the shell. Once the new python has hatched they lose this tooth.

Athlete Games with My Mates

Hi, I am Timothy the Great Giraffe. My mates and I are competing in the Winter Olympics in 2016. There is Ten Giraffes in my gang. One is me. The others are Tom, Pickle, Apricot, Carrot, Henry, Penelope, Apple, Violet, Antope and me, Timothy. We have a Great Instructor, Ben. He teaches us to

do Backflips, Summersaults and Front flips.

We dive head first and our legs are out and neck straight when we dive. We dive underwater and are lined up perfectly. We walk on ramps and drink from the pool.

I have a purplish tongue and a spotted tail. We are having great fun and it is my turn to do the big jump. The coach is waiting near the pool. Judy was upside down on rails. Her strong neck was ready for action. I charged up and did a double backflip and landed with a splash!! When it was over an announcement came over the speakers. We got 1st Place! 'Horary!' Cried the gang. The crowd and Ben cheered. This was my goal since I started.

I have been doing this for 8 years and now my dream has come true! Best day ever!

Logan

Emus by Keaton

An emu is an Australian flightless bird.

While it has small wings, they can stand as tall as an adult human, and weighs 35-40kg. The emu has chocolate and cream feathers to blend into the background. They also have three toes on each foot that are 14-17cm long.

When their eggs are unattended, predators such as lizards, snakes and eagles will eat them. Emus mostly build their nests on the ground. Emus have physical adaptations that protect them from predators.

They have long, powerful legs so they can run fast- If emus are threatened, they can sprint at speeds of up to 50kph. Emus can also use their strong legs to deliver a powerful kick when they have to defend themselves against predators. Emus have a long neck so they can look around far and wide. As a result, they can see food and predators over long distances.

Emus feet are especially adapted for walking. They are very supple. Consequently, emus can walk long distances to find food. Physical adaptations help emus survive in their hot habitat. Their feathers are black at the tips. The black colour absorbs heat from the sun. Chicks hatch between the late winter and the early spring. Chicks from 6 months will have to wait a year before they can go alone, finding a mate.

In conclusion, emu chicks are at a valuable price. That is all there is to know about emus.

Diving Giraffes

Hi my name is Lexi, I'm the second giraffe I was the one that did the backflip in the pool. I'm happy to be the second giraffe after I went in the pool I had some carrots because I was very hungry .

I had help from Ella you know the one that got hung upside down she is funny sometimes. Did you know how warm the pool is? It is so fun going in the pool. A weird elephant came and did a good dive in the pool. I said 'are you looking for an invitation too.'

A pool competition or what he said. 'His name is Alex. He works in a food factory and his boss elephant said to go in the pool to relax for a while. I like your pool I will take you on a tour around if you like. He replied 'yes please and I am going to a pool competition.'

Mia

The Story of a Dragon by Jazmine

The charter is a teacher and the dragon is a girl. There at the football grounds and the dragons name is Lori. The dragon comes from the football grounds in the forest also the dragon is practising to breathe out fire but it is steam.

Also the teacher thought I will take care of it and give it food and water. Then a few days later I took it back to the football grounds because it was getting bigger so he walked or fled back to the forest.

Then a month later I went back to see Lori the dragon and was standing on the ground so the teacher thought I'm going to talk to it so Jessie the teacher did. So the teacher taught Lori the dragon how to breathe fire because she was a lot older than Lori. Lori knew how to fly and breathe fire so the teacher said that's good.

So two months later Jessie the teacher went to the football ground with food and some water so the dragon flew to Jessie the teacher and the dragon ate the food and drank water so it got bigger and bigger. Then it went back in the bushes and ruled the world so the teacher said bye Lori the dragon.

Emus by Bryce

Emus can run faster than a human. They weigh 35 to 40 kg. Emus can't fly and they are taller than a human. Emus lay eggs on the ground and can lose 10 kg while nesting any unattended eggs may be eaten by dingos, eagles and other predators. Emu's eggs hatch in summer or in winter and Emus will fight in order to protect their nests. They can out run most predators. Emus must be alert to danger. Emus have chocolate and cream stripes.

Diving Giraffes by Emily

Hi my name is Emily the coach of the giraffe swimming team. Today we are practising some diving, well I better get them ready. Attention all giraffes please start heading up the ramp we need to practise diving the show is in one day.

Giraffe number one get ready to go SPLASH should have bought an umbrella. Next giraffe go but Geoff the 2nd giraffe was nearly about to dive but stopped at the end of the ramp Geoff stopped and wet himself. Geoff, go clean yourself up and head to the back of the line and try again. After a while we got to the back on the line, 'alright diving giraffes get a good sleep we've got a big day tomorrow'. I watched the giraffes hop in their car and turn on their engines and drive away. I walked up and locked the pool.

In the morning I jumped out of bed put on my special coaching clothes brushed my hair and brushed my teeth put on some shoes had some breakfast locked the front door and drove to the pool. The giraffes were already waiting at the door. I unlocked the door we went in and got ready the giraffes ran up the ramp. People started coming in and finding seats.

Finally all the seats were full I think we should start the show. Welcome to the giraffe swimming team. The giraffes that will be diving today are Geoff, Jo, Jim, Jam, Jack, Jamie and Rudolf. First up is Geoff clip clop, clip clop, SPLASH!

Once all the giraffes had a go we needed to announce the winner. The winner of today's diving contest is Jam. In second place is Geoff and in 3rd place is Jim. After we said the winners we put a medal on 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Well Done Jam, Geoff and Jim.

Daysi the Amazing Dragon

One day a boy named Frank found a Dragon named Daysi. Frank loved Daysi so much he made a bed out of a box and blankets. Frank helped the little thing. He put a little cast around her wing. She tried to fly but she just got more hurt when she tried. Every day, Frank helped her but she cannot fly she could not see she had feet. One day Frank was hanging the washing. Daysi was sitting on a chair next to a tree. One minute she was there, the next minute she was gone.

He looked and looked and he couldn't see her anywhere. She was gone. Frank was very sad. It has been a week since she had disappeared. He did not want to go outside. It felt like a war. It was cold and dark. But one day he was peering out the window and he saw a little black dot. It was Daysi!

He was jumping with joy. He raced outside, picked her up and yelled "**DAYSIS BACK!**" He was so excited he threw a welcome back party. Daysi was excited too, in fact too excited she had her first lift off and everyone saw it. Daysi and Frank lived happily

Ever after! By Jamie

Community News

Thornton Community Garden

Cultivating a community space is the aim of Thornton Community Garden, a place for gardening, education and connection. We gather at The Paddock Community Space located behind the Anglican Church next to Thornton Skate Park on the last Saturday of each month from 10am – 12noon. There is opportunity to plant, harvest, weed, fertilise, chat and enjoy morning tea together. Everyone is most welcome!!



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**Maitland Green Communities
is returning to Thornton**

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE THE DRAINS ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD TAKE THE WATER?

If so, why not come along to Council's Green Cleaning Education session that will be held at Thornton Community Garden on Saturday 2 April, 2016. The session will run from 10.30am - 11.30am and is free of charge.

By attending the Education Session you will learn about stormwater and how your everyday actions could be impacting on local water quality.

Register your attendance no later than Thursday 31 March, 2016 by contacting Council's Environmental Programs and Strategy team on 4934 9700.

ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE FREE RESOURCES

To find out more about the Maitland Green Communities Program visit maitland.nsw.gov.au/OurEnvironment or call 4934 9700



Friday Nights Gather in the Park

Looking for something to do on Friday afternoons? Come and join us in Thornton Skate Park for a fun afternoon! Bring your skateboard or scooter or just turn up to join in a game of basketball and hang out with your friends. Enjoy a free sausage sizzle, drinks, music and games every Friday from 5pm till 7pm (weather permitting – school terms only).

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THORNTON TADPOLES PLAYGROUP

Term 2 Enrolment

As part of our Kinder Orientation Program we have established a playgroup within our school. Playgroup will begin week 2 of term 2 (4/5/16) and conclude in week 9 (22/6/16). Playgroup will be Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for both parents and children to become orientated into the school community. Play based, developmentally appropriate activities will be provided in a safe and stimulating environment supported by a parent/friend. Experiences will be planned to develop a range of skills.

Tadpoles will operate during Terms 2 and 3. Playgroup places are limited. If numbers exceed the places available sessions will be reduced to a minimum five week program per family.

Criteria for Tadpoles Playgroup


- * The child is intending to enrol in 2017 Kindergarten at Thornton Public School.
- * The child will be accompanied at Tadpoles by a parent or nominated person. Please note that the nominated person must have a letter signed by the parent.
- * The parent/carer is involved in the activities on the day with their child.
- * The parent/carer assists in the setting up and packing up on the day.

Parents of children who fit these criteria and who would like their child to participate in Tadpoles may call and place their child's name on the Tadpoles list with the staff at the school office.

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Thank you.








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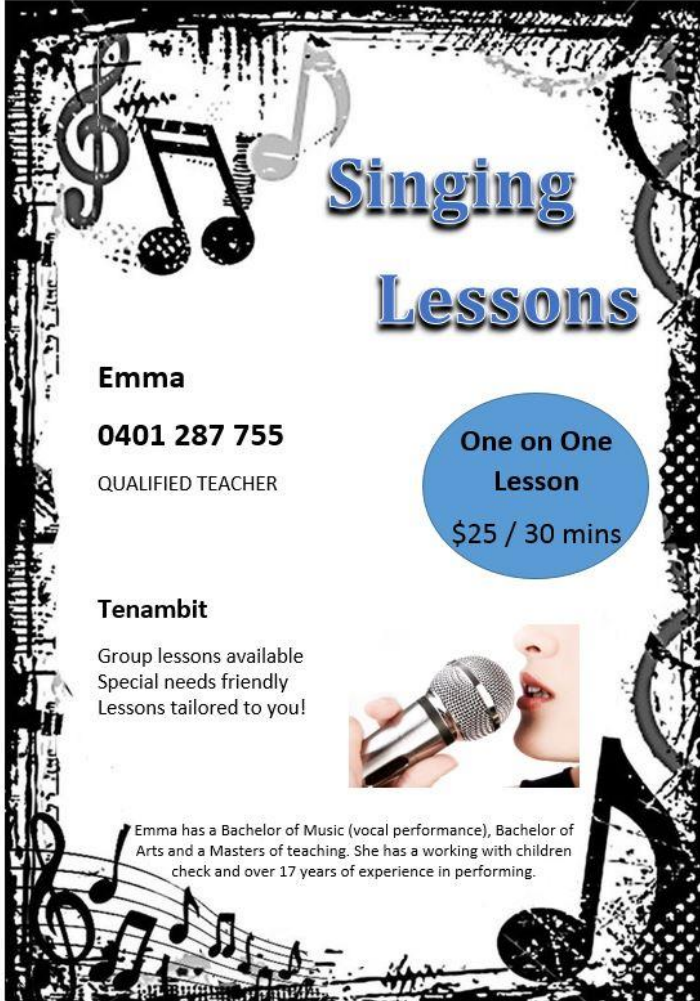



Monday 14th March 2016

Sorry no phone/fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)
 Please remember a 2016 blue enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of any bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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Emma has a Bachelor of Music (vocal performance), Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of teaching. She has a working with children check and over 17 years of experience in performing.