



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local community.
Government Road Thornton 2322 Ph 49641369

www.thornton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Principal: Mr John Millburn

"Developing Learners for Life"

Term 1, Week 7
No 7

11 March, 2016

Tadpoles and School – an Interesting Mix!

Thornton Public School's Tadpoles Program is an early learning program that has been running for a number of years. The program is intended for pre-school students who are intending to enrol at Thornton School in 2017. Over the years it has been shown to be an excellent school readiness and transition program.

Based on early childhood education principles of learning through play, stories and hands on activities, the program has successfully oriented hundreds of children to the *Big School* environment. Theme days around a Teddy Bears Picnic, the local environment and healthy eating have really engaged the children.

Running each Wednesday morning between 9:00am and 11:00am for 7-8 weeks during terms two and three, (two programs) the program aims to provide meaningful learning activities in the Thornton School environment.

If parents of students who are intending to come to our wonderful school would like to book into this program, please contact the school.

As we can only take 20 children per term, the program can fill up quite quickly.

Picture of the Week *Morning Play*



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday March 16

Environment Meeting

Thursday March 17

Meet and Greet Breakfast for our Aboriginal families

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

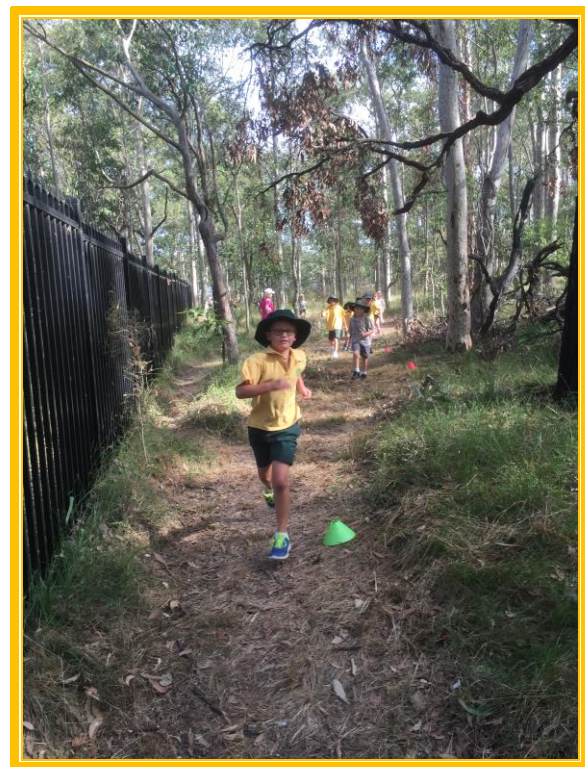
Life Education Van

Friday 8 April

Last day term one

Cross Country

Our school cross country was a resounding success with all students from year two to year six having a go and completing the two- three kilometre course in hot and humid conditions. A huge thanks to the parents who helped supervise the course and to the P and C who supplied the ice blocks.



Expressions of Interest for High School

Expressions of Interest for high schools went home to all year 6 students this week.

Parents are asked to please return them as soon as possible.

As mentioned in a previous Thunder, opportunities for out of zone enrolments have diminished as the enrolment policy across the state is being more strictly applied.

Visitors, Thankyou

A huge thank you is extended to our many visitors who have been signing into the office to receive a visitor's sticker. By enforcing this practice, the school can be much more confident that we know who is on site and for what purpose.

Practice Makes Perfect

On Tuesday, the whole school practiced an evacuation. An excellent drill in which all students and adults arrived at the right place at the right time. While there are always things to change, the students are to be commended for their calm and sensible approach to the drill.
Yes, even the Kindergarten students!!!!

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.

Easter Parade

On Thursday March 24 we will be holding our annual Easter Parade from 11:40am to 12:30pm.
Parents are warmly invited in to come in and share a picnic lunch with their child before heading out to the oval to watch their child parade around the area.
The canteen will be available for lunch for both parents and students.
Students in K-2 can bring in an Easter Hat from home while students in years 3-6 can bring in a hat from home or use the poster or mask made in class.
Looking forward to a n Eggcellent Parade.

This will follow the inaugural Grand Parents Day and official opening of the new Play Equipment.

NAPLAN Notice

Parents of students in year 3 and year 5 are advised that the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will occur between Tuesday 10 May and Friday 12 May.

House Colours

Just to remind parents and student that our sporting house colours are:

Bradman	Blue
Gray	Red
Newcombe	Black
Pannowitz	Yellow

Black Shoes Are Best

As parents purchase new shoes, please buy black leather shoes. They look the best, are best for growing feet and are the most comfortable. Black leather shoes also get senior students used to the idea as they move into high school.

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.
Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Road Safety is Everyone's Business

The Maitland Council will be sending officers to the school to patrol parking and driving behaviour over the coming weeks.

Pokemon Cards

Parents asked to please ensure that Pokemon cards are not sent to school with their children. There have been a number of incidents of students playing with the cards in an inappropriate way.

And the Winner is!!!

Congratulations to Xavier Whiteman and his family who won the General Contribution Promotion Draw.

They have won a \$100 voucher to Reading Cinemas.

Well done and thankyou to all families who helped the school by paying their General Contribution.

Pics from around the school



Love this playground...



Arriving for school on a foggy morning



That dirt pit!



How many Hula Hoops?



Marbling with Lex!



Catering for All

On Tuesday 15th March at 3:15pm, parents of students who have been identified as high academic achievers have been invited to an afternoon information session. At this session, teachers and parents will work together to determine the best way to meet their child's needs.

Always be Aware, but not Alarmed

Parents are reminded to please remind their children to never talk to strangers, never volunteer information to people they don't know and never hop into a car of someone they don't know.

There have been a couple of incidents of strangers approaching students in the Maitland Thornton area. In each case the student has avoided the person and told an adult immediately.

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
<i>Hunter Life Education</i>	<i>All Students</i>	<i>17/3 – 7/4</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	<i>15 March 2016</i>
<i>Canberra Excursion Payment 1</i>	<i>Yr 6</i>	<i>27/6 – 30/6</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	<i>18 March 2016</i>
<i>Music Tuition</i>	<i>Band Students</i>		<i>\$50.00</i>	<i>18 March 2016</i>
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.

‘Munch n Eat’ News

Pizza Day

A huge thankyou to: Tanya, Gill, Stacey, Mel, Rachel, Sarah, Leanne and Natasha for their help packing the pizzas on Tuesday. Without your help the day would not have been as successful.

Hash Browns at Lunchtime

Please note that hash browns cannot be ordered for lunch orders. They can be purchased over the counter and they can also be ordered for afternoon tea.

Primary Carnival Lunch Orders

An order form is going out today for student and parent orders for the Athletics Carnival which will be held on Tuesday 22 March. All orders and payments need to be back to the canteen by Wednesday 16 March. The canteen will have spare forms if needed.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 14.3 – Renae
 Tuesday 15.3 – Kelly
 Wednesday 16.3 – Elaine
 Thursday 17.3 – Jess, Kelly (am)
 Friday 18.3 – Sveta (am), Natasha (am), Ann, Jenny, Toni

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.
 Cheryl and Paula

ART WITH LEX

On Monday 5/6A had a great time with Lex learning the art technique called marbling. These are some of our creations.





Community News

Onsite Rental Group at Thornton is looking for a casual person 2-4 hours per day (school hours) to assist with data entry and allocation of work. The ideal applicant will need to have office experience and a good understanding of the Newcastle area.

Please forward your resume to peter.birch@onsite.com.au CC rita.maurer@onsite.com.au to be contacted for an interview.

The successful applicant will then need to register with our preferred employment agency.

Rita Maurer
Rental Sales Coordinator



18 Huntingdale Drive
Thornton NSW 2322

Phone 02 4028 6028
Fax 02 4028 6889
Email Rita.Maurer@onsite.com.au
Web www.onsite.com.au

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.

Thornton Public School
49641369

Thank you.

