

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Week 8
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Kids in Paradise!

This year's musical is promising to be wonderful experience for every child in the school. Set on an idyllic island in the middle of a beautiful ocean, the inhabitants have everything they could possibly want until the developers arrive and want to spoil it all.

The musical has a set of main characters with every class involved in at least one song and of course the grand finale.

To maximise the participation of the students at school, classes will be allocated into green or gold casts. There will also be two sets of main characters.

There will be at least three performances by each cast with a final all kids in performance on the last day.

The musical is scheduled to run during week nine of term three.

The objective of the musical is to give every child an opportunity to be in stage, to teach them singing and dancing skills and to allow them all to be part of a fantastic production.

Further information will be made available as the show takes shape.

With the talented teachers in our school the show will be a great success.

Picture of the Week

Our Cross Country Champions and winning house captains



Dates for your Diary

Monday March 21

Harmony (Bully No Way) Day

P and C Meeting

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

Tuesday April 26

School Development Day

Wednesday April 27

Students return Term Two

Defence Force Success

A well-attended afternoon tea for our defence families was held on Monday afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Souter for her delicious home cooking and to the parents students and staff members who supported it.



Opening Ceremony, Grandparents Day and Easter Parade

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.

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.

The canteen will be available for lunch for both parents and students

Looking forward to a n Eggcellent Parade.

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.

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.

Get Active Get Involved

A reminder that Monday 21 March is the Annual general Meeting of the Thornton P&C Association. All welcome.

Respectful Safe Responsible Learners

At Thornton Public School, we are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School.

Our core expectations are

- Respectful
- Safe

- Responsible
- Learners

These expectations are reinforced through the Passport for Success, the special postcards, the drink bottles and most importantly through the class lessons.

Rewarding what we want to see and teaching the students exactly what we expect are important parts of the program.

High Achieving Students Information Session

A successful afternoon session was held on Tuesday with over 25 families represented.

Parents are asked to please return the SMART goals to their child's teacher as soon as possible.



Expressions of Interest for High School

Expressions of interest are due today.

Please make sure they are at school.

Pics from around school



Scooting on a Thursday



Lunchtime Gym Program



More scooters!

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.

Library News

Congratulations to our 2016 Library Monitors. As a library monitor, students are responsible for duties such as returning books, maintaining equipment, supervising younger students, managing story corner and games and helping on the circulation desk. This position requires students to be dedicated, responsible, reliable and helpful to others. Several students have trialled for this position and those who were successful are 5/6Y – Kiara, Rory, Ciarra, Levi, Noah, Jacinta, Sarah H, Jenaya, Kaitlyn, Emily, Bethany and Paige; 5/6S – Tamia, Emily and Elissa; 5/6A – Breeanna and Skye; 4/5WS Book-lynn. Well done to all these students.

Overdue notices will be sent home next week. Please return any books as soon as possible. Please note that these notices are just a friendly reminder that your child has a book that needs to be returned. Occasionally there are books that are misplaced or have not been scanned back into the library. If you feel this is the case please do not hesitate to contact me.

We have also had several wet books returned due to leaking drink bottles. Unfortunately it is very hard to 'save' a book when it has been damaged by water. I ask that we take extra care when placing our library books in school bags.

Premier Reading Challenge is well on the way and we have many students reading a great variety of books. Once they have finished reading their book they can record it on their PRC sheet that is kept in the library. We have quite a few students who are well on their way to completing this challenge with one student, Luke (4K) already completing the challenge. You have until the end of August to read 30 books (K-2) or 20 books (3-6).

Students and teachers have been very excited about our new shelving that offers a more collaborative reading space.



PSSA Girls Cricket Vs Woodberry

On Monday the girls played their first match of the PSSA Knockout competition against Woodberry P.S.

Captain Bree won the toss and Woodberry were sent into bat. The girls produced some excellent catching and run outs from direct hits to limit Woodberry to a total of 120 runs. We chased down the runs with the bat and reached a total of 152 runs in the allotted 24 overs. Well done girls!



P & C News

Easter Raffle Tickets

These are due back on or Monday 21 March. This will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on 24 March.

AGM and P & C Meeting

These will be held this coming Monday night 21 March at 7pm in the SPR. A light supper will be provided and child minding available.

Easter Egg Donations

We are still in need of Easter Egg donations for our raffle please. If you can help please drop them into the office before Tuesday 22 March.








Have a great week and a safe and yummy Easter!!

Cheers Gill, Stacey, Alissa, Kristie and Cassandra

‘Munch n Eat’ News

Primary Carnival

The canteen at the carnival will be selling (until sold out):

-  Slushies
-  Chips
-  Lollies
-  Cans of soft drink
-  Selection of cakes and slices
-  Quench drinks
-  Juice

We will also have some extra pies and sausage rolls available over the counter.

IF the primary carnival is postponed the students will still receive their orders at school on the day. However parents orders will be held over until the new carnival day.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	21.3 – Sarah
Tuesday	22.3 – Primary carnival – HELP NEEDED AT SCHOOL CANTEEN
Wednesday	23.3 – Angela
Thursday	24.3 – Scarlett, Charmaine
Friday	25.3 – Berlinda, Ann S, Camilla

Thursday Easter Parade/Grandparents Day

If any parent/grandparent/carer would like to order lunch on the day the canteen will be taking orders for pies and sausage rolls. These can be pre-ordered at the canteen before Thursday or Thursday morning before 9am.

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 5/6Y

5/6Y have been learning about photography and how to frame a subject. They went exploring in our bushland to discover some interesting subjects and used the apple photo editing app on their iPads to create their final product.



Community News

Maitland Tennis Centre

2016 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0431188367

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 11th, 12th, 13th April

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

Name (1)..... D.O.B.....

Name (2)..... D.O.B.....

Name (3)..... D.O.B.....

Address.....

Phone (Home)..... (Mobile).....

Email.....

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Online @ www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

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Local Health District

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- Muswellbrook • Narrabri • Nelson Bay • Newcastle • Raymond Terrace • Scone • Singleton
- Tamworth • Taree • Toronto • Wallsend • Windale

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.



Teaching your child to read

If you would like to learn some interesting and very practical tips for teaching children to read, in a very entertaining presentation, please join us on Wednesday 23rd of March at 11am in the **Special Purpose Room**.

Yvonne Fletcher (Reading Recovery Teacher) will be sharing her tips with us.

RSVP TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO READ

NAME: _____

I will be attending the reading presentation on Wednesday 23rd March at 11am in the special purpose room.

Please fill in and return to the office.