



THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners.

Week 9

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Working Together Makes the Difference

Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for the coming weeks. Being able to talk about your child's progress in literacy, numeracy, social relationships and general work habits is a powerful way of monitoring and supporting your child's learning. Discussing what your child can do well and where your child may need to improve sets the scene for a successful year. It is also interesting for parents to get a bird's eye view of their child's social interaction style. Getting a feel for their social skills and work habits really paints the whole picture of your child.

Each child has set an academic goal, such as *"To improve my ability in addition and subtraction"* and a social goal such as *"To develop more friends and make the dance group"*.

The intention is for students to take responsibility for their learning, to reflect on their learning and for the goals to be reported on through the year.

Research suggests that effective communication between a parent and teacher can make a big difference to a child's learning. Students taking responsibility for their learning is also a powerful force in developing citizens for the 21st century.

If parents have not booked a meeting yet please make contact with your teacher.

Working together really does make the difference.

Picture of the Week

Four Generations!



Dates for your Diary

Week 10 and 11

Parent Teacher Interviews

Life Education Van

Wednesday March 23

Aboriginal education committee meeting

Friday April 1

Friday Forum - Library 9:00am

Monday April 4

P & C Meeting and AGM

Thursday April 7

School ANZAC Service 9:30am

Friday 8 April

Last day term one

Tuesday April 26

School Development Day

Wednesday April 27

Student return Term Two

Our Shout for a Cuppa!!!

On Friday April 1, the first Friday Forum will be held.

All parents are invited to come into the library, enjoy a Cuppa from the Paddock Café and have a chat about school issues, school plans or other issues which parents may need explaining.

The library has been recently refurbished with Community Consultation funds and we look forward to seeing the community come in and make the most of them.

Friday April 1

Friday Forum

Library

9:00am

Topic: Student welfare including Bullying No Way

All welcome

Cuppa Included

Attention All Bus Travellers

In recent weeks there have been a number of near misses in the local area as students hop off the bus. Parents are asked to please remind their children to move away from the bus once they have hopped off and wait until the bus is well and truly gone before moving off or crossing the street.

By being extra careful during this time, the potential for accidents can be greatly reduced.

Those Head Lice are Living it Up.

Parents are advised that those pesky little creatures are on the march and are having lovely time jumping from head to head.

If they are found in your child's hair, please treat them as often and as thoroughly as you can. They can be quite difficult to get rid of so please persevere and hopefully we can get on top of the current outbreak.

Bully No Way

A fantastic Bully No Way Assembly was held on Monday morning. Themes of Be Brave, Speak Out, Seek Help and Walk Away were all communicated in a number of ways. Our Bully No Way Rap, the year six video and the Francis Greenway High School Drama group all conveyed the message loud and clear.

Taking a stand against bullying supports our students to make good choices and make our school a Bully No Way place for all.

<http://youtu.be/qzGD6y8gdsw>

The Francis Greenway High School Drama Groups during the Bully No-Way Assembly



ANZAC Service

Thornton Public School will again have a catafalque party visiting us for the ANZAC service. The service will be held on Thursday April 7 at 9:30 am. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

The Beresfield dawn service is on this year as usual. Any interested students are encouraged to attend. Meet at the Beresfield cenotaph at 5:15 am on Monday 25th April. Please wear school uniform. The service runs for approximately one hour with breakfast in the Beresfield Bowling Club afterwards. It is great to get a large contingent of Thornton students along to this service. If students can make it, we would love to see them there.

Equipment Rules

Please be aware that all play equipment except for the Timberland Playground is out bounds before and after school.

Pics from around school



Athletics Carnival



Our Timberland Playground was opened today. Thanks to the P&C, the Spring Fair Committee and to all Thornton families who worked to raise the money that allowed this playground to be built.



A few of our wonderful grandparents and their grandchildren.

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

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 28.3 – EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 29.3 – Mel, Kelly

Wednesday 30.3 – Cassandra

Thursday 31.3 – Cathie (am), Maree

Friday 1.4 – Elaine, Jill, Toni, Mel

Hope everyone has a lovely Easter break.

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula



Flying High!

Class Report – 5/6S

5/6S

Wow! Check out these beautiful photos captured by students in 5/6S. We went exploring the school grounds and then edited our photos using the Photos app editing tools. Here are our masterpieces.



Lucas Honnery



Tess Lawford



Elke Telfer



Evan Martin



Phoebe Dunning

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HIGH SCHOOL?

Being Inspired by Lorin Nicholson

Despite being legally blind Lorin is a leading guitarist, successful business man, father and sportsman as well as a motivational speaker. His message to our students and staff incorporated his life experiences and his amazing guitar work. His simple but powerful message was to remind each of us that, despite any challenges we may face, it is possible to achieve our life's ambitions.



What is Hospitality?

Hospitality is a Senior Vocational Education Course whereby students gain a TAFE equivalent credential while studying for the HSC. Students undertake 70 hours of workplacement over the two years. Our school has a commercial kitchen with all the facilities a TAFE has and two teachers who are also qualified chefs.



THE SECRET TO
EDUCATION IS...



RESPECT THE PUPIL

YEAR 7 CAMP

During the first couple of days of term2, Year 7 will be on an adventure! The Year 7 camp is an overnight stay at Forster. Students will have lots of fun doing a range of activities where they will learn teamwork, cooperation and independence.



AVOIDING CYBERBULLIES

TELL someone about any cyberbullying
RECORD dates, times, save and print out messages
BLOCK messages or calls from cyberbullies
POLICE need to know about any threats
AVOID responding to cyberbullies



Our core values- Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Cooperation

Community News



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MEGA GROCERY STORE





TRADING HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:30am - 4:00pm

Thursday
9:30am - 8:00pm

MEMBERSHIP
By Gold Coin
Donation





Everyone is welcome!
www.aussiecareholdings.com.au



CHRISTINE'S FAMILY DAY CARE

I currently have 4 vacancies on a Monday and Friday and 1 on a Tuesday all for 0-5yrs. I am open from 7am – 5pm and provide morning and afternoon tea.

For before and after school care I currently have vacancies 4 days a week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I also do vacation care on these days.

I am a qualified, registered family day care educator. I live in Thornton and can walk children to and from school 4 days a week.

I do not charge for public holidays.

If you would like any more information, please call me on 0438692918 or email me at thescottz@outlook.com

CCB ,CCR, subsidies available to eligible families.



Christine's Family Day Care
Christine Scott



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.

