

THORNTON THUNDER

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"Developing Learners for Life"

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Week 10

1 April, 2016

No 10

Cyber Safety is always Important!

Our children will be living in a cyber-world for the rest of their lives. Parents are in a great position to teach them to be safe and responsible in this environment. Following are some simple steps to keep your kids safe.

- Supervise your children's internet use. Keep the home computer in an accessible place where you can keep an eye on what they are doing.
- Set a technology curfew. Turn off the wireless as many hand held devices are quite capable of surfing the net.
- Be a friend to them on facebook so you can keep an eye on their activities. Monitor closely the chat programs associated with ipods.
- Remind your child that not everyone tells the truth on line. Be careful.
- If they receive a message or email that is rude or threatening they should **Stop, Block, Tell!**
- Encourage your child to talk openly about their use of the internet. Encourage them to tell you if there are problems and encourage them to use the internet responsibly.

When used well the internet and social media are wonderful tools. When not used well, they can be very upsetting and damaging.

Teaching children to use this form of communication properly is an important part of parenting in the 21st century.

Picture of the Week



What a Space Project!

Dates for your Diary

Week 10 and 11

Parent Teacher Interviews

Life Education Van

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

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.

Stage Two Assembly

Next Friday is the last day of term one and there will be no stage two assembly on that day.

Staffing News Term Two

Next term Ms Brown will be on long service leave. Ms Yager will be replacing Ms Brown for this time. Ms Everson will be replacing Ms Yager during her absence. Week two of term two will see Mr Milburn on leave for four days. During this time, Mrs Pugh will be reliving as principal. Miss Thomson will be replacing Mrs Pugh during this time.

Stage Two Excursion update

This year, the stage two excursions will be different from previous years. Rather than having a camp, which tends to be replicated in year 5, the students will be participating in a Sydney excursion. This will tie into the classwork and provide a unique experience.

Year 3 will be enjoying a day trip to Sydney. Points of interest will include The Rocks, The Maritime Museum and Hyde Park barracks.

Year 4 will be enjoying an overnight trip enjoying The Rocks, The Maritime Museum and Hyde Park barracks staying overnight at the Taronga Zoo for a Zoo Snooze.

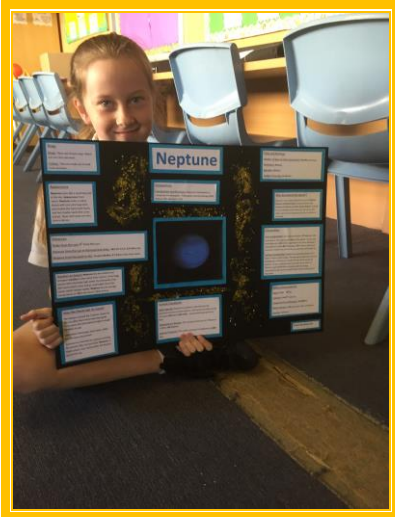
Details including costs and full itinerary will be made available at a later date.

It is planned for the excursion to occur in early term four.

See you Monday Night

Remember it is the P&C AGM on Monday evening at 7:00pm. Child minding and supper provided. All welcome.

Pics from around school



Some fabulous space projects!



Is it too early to play in the dirt pit?

Library News



Our wonderful monitors

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.

P & C News

AGM and P & C Meeting

Our AGM will be held this coming Monday night (4 April) at 7pm in the SPR. This will be followed by our normal monthly meeting. A light supper will be supplied and child minding available. There are still positions available if you are interested please contact Gill Cleary on 0400 832 415. Even if you don't wish to hold a position but want to know what's going on in our school this is the best place to find out.

Looking forward to seeing new faces.

Have a great week!

Gill, Stacey, Alissa, Kristie and Cassandra

'Munch n Eat' News

Friday 8 April – Last day of term

The canteen will have a limited menu on the last day of term...NO NUGGETS, NO CHICKEN BURGERS, NO SALADS...only pies, sausage rolls, cheese and bacon rolls, lasagne, mac cheese spag bol and roundas.

Canteen Volunteers Sign In

The school has a new Visitors Policy, so when volunteers are helping out in the canteen they will need to visit the office and sign in and get a volunteer lanyard before coming to the canteen. Volunteers will also need to sign out and hand the lanyard back to the office. This policy helps the school to know exactly who is on the school grounds and the purpose for them being there. The signing also applies for Parent Pals etc. This new procedure is helping to keep our students in a safe environment.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 4.4 – Leanne, Melanie – CANTEEN MEETING
 Tuesday 5.4 – Tanya
 Wednesday 6.4 – Alissa, Gayle
 Thursday 7.4 – Rachel, Kellie
 Friday 8.4 – Gill, Stacey, Berlinda – LIMITED MENU

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

Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAY **NETBALL** DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

~ **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** ~
For children turning the ages above this year



For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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BOOTCAMP CHALLENGE



WHEN:

**Starts: 4th April
Finishes: 30th April**

**CONTACT ME TODAY FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**

MOBILE: 0434889172

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BENEFITS:

Improved
Cardiovascular
Fitness
Improved Bone
Density
Mental Clarity
Internal Happiness

WHAT YOU RECEIVE:

Body Fat Before &
After
Tape Measurements
Before & After
A Full Bootcamp
Timetable
Training Expertise &
Advice
Nutritional Seminar
Weekly Challenges

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

4 Pack of Personal
Training sessions
\$60

The Gift of Golf - it has a long life of giving



SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF CLINICS

10-11am on Tuesday 12 and 19th,
Wednesday 13 and 20th April

\$15 per session includes drink, club hire
and game of Golf or FootGolf after

Book 2 or more sessions and save 10%

Are You Caring for Grandchildren?



East Maitland Pine Tree "GAPS" Support Group

Providing Grandparents As Parents Support

Come along and join our volunteers for morning
tea, relax, meet new people, be involved in
discussions with guest speakers discussing
relevant topics and access information we have available.

Venue: Bruce Street Hall
22 Bruce Street,
East Maitland NSW 2323

Time: Every Tuesday in School Terms
From 10.00am till 12.00 midday



For More Information
Phone Bev 0419 107 736



APRIL 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Adventure For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 12 April 2016 **Cost: \$20 per child**

Make a damper, build a bush shelter, learn basic first aid and other survival skills.



Digby Fixit Live! For 4 to 7 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 14 April 2016 **Cost: \$20 per child**

Author & performer Renee Price will use storytelling, songs & puppets to bring her character Digby alive. This 30 min. performance will be followed by book signing, craft and a chance to meet some of our wetland reptiles at an interactive talk.

Wriggly Wetlanders For 5 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 12 April **Cost: \$20 per child**

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities. Enjoy a Tank Talk and get up close and personal with turtles, snakes, and other reptiles.



For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Plaster Model Fun Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Wednesday 13 April 2016 & Tuesday 19 April 2016 **Cost: \$5 per child**

Paint a plaster frog, butterfly or other creature.



Tantrum Theatre Workshop Yr 3 - 6 school students 10am - 3pm

Monday 18 to Thursday 21 April 2016 **Cost: \$250, (early bird \$200)**

Inclusive & collaborative theatre making workshop - develop characters, stories & create your own costume. **Bookings with Tantrum; Ph: 4929 7279**

Public Performances Thurs. 21 April at 11am & 1.30pm Free with entry to HWC.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Open 9am to 4pm

Entry

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Wetlands Explorer (for 4 to 12 years) available any time during school holidays.
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.



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.

