



# THORNTON THUNDER

**Thornton Public School and its local Community**

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**Week 11**

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**8 April, 2016**

## **ANZAC Day Service, Simply Outstanding**

On Thursday at 9:30 am, the whole school came together to recognise and celebrate ANZAC Day 2016.

With a catafalque party in attendance, the service had a huge impact. Mrs Sarah Alcorn delivered a lovely speech about the relevance of ANZAC Day to her and other defence families and Emily Chapman read her prize winning ANZAC Day speech.

With young Michael Jenkins playing the last post and reveille on his trumpet, the service was a meaningful and relevant experience to all.

Thanks to our prefects who hosted, to all classes for presenting their wattle and silver fern as a commemorative token and to the families who came along and supported the school.

At Thornton School we certainly do recognise and celebrate the ANZAC Spirit.

*Lest We Forget*

## **Picture of the Week**

*Our wonderful bugler playing The Last Post and Reveille*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday April 26**

School Development Day

**Wednesday April 27**

Student return Term Two

**Thursday April 28**

Bronze Lizzys distributed

**Friday April 29**

Boys Cricket game vs Bolwarra

**Wednesday May 4**

Tadpoles begins

**Thursday May 5**

Mothers Day Stall

Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting

Stage One Assembly

**Friday May 6**

Mothers and Munchkins Breakfast

Stage Three assembly

**May 10-12**

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5.

### **Notes sent home this week:**

School Based Speech Program – Kinder

NAPLAN Letter to Parents – Years 3 & 5

## **School Resumes**

Tuesday 26 April is a School Development Day. Students return to school on Wednesday 27 April.

## **Mothers & Munchkins Breakfast**

Mark the date in your diary for the Mothers & Munchkins Breakfast on Friday 6 May. Invitations will go home when school resumes.

Students will complete an artwork for their mother or significant female.

These will be displayed and for sale at the breakfast for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds will go to the Pink Ribbon Foundation.

## **NAPLAN Dates**

Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 are notified that the NAPLAN tests will be held between Tuesday May 10 and Thursday May 12 2016.

Students participating have been notified.

## **ANZAC Day**

If any parents are interested in experiencing ANZAC Day at Beresfield Cenotaph, keep in mind that the school prefects and interested students attend the service on ANZAC Day.

Meet at the Cenotaph at 5:15am.

Congratulations also to Alyssa Kirkpatrick who will be reading her prize winning poem at the dawn service.

## **Year 5 Opportunity Class 2017**

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school may apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php>

Online applications open on Monday 26 April 2016.

## **Tadpoles are Hatching**

The tadpoles playgroup for students enrolling at Thornton in 2017 will be starting on Wednesday May 4 and run for 8 weeks.

For further information or to book a place, contact the school.

Places are still available for term three.

## **Annual School Report**

For those parents who are interested, the school's Annual School Report is now available on the school's webpage.

## **Buying New School Shoes?**

Black is back and is always the best choice.

## **Class Refurbishment**

Parents of students in 1N and 1D are advised that the students have been relocated while rooms one and two are repainted. As this is quite a big job, the work may carry into term two.

1N is in the science room behind the library and 1D is in the SPR.

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to our hard working P and C Committee for 2016.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| President:                       | Gillian Cleary     |
| Vice President:                  | Cassandra Daniels  |
| Secretary:                       | Kristie-Lee Archer |
| Vice Secretary:                  | Father Doug Cleary |
| Treasurer and Canteen Treasurer: | Stacey Hope        |
| Canteen Committee Member:        | Leanne Fitzsimmons |

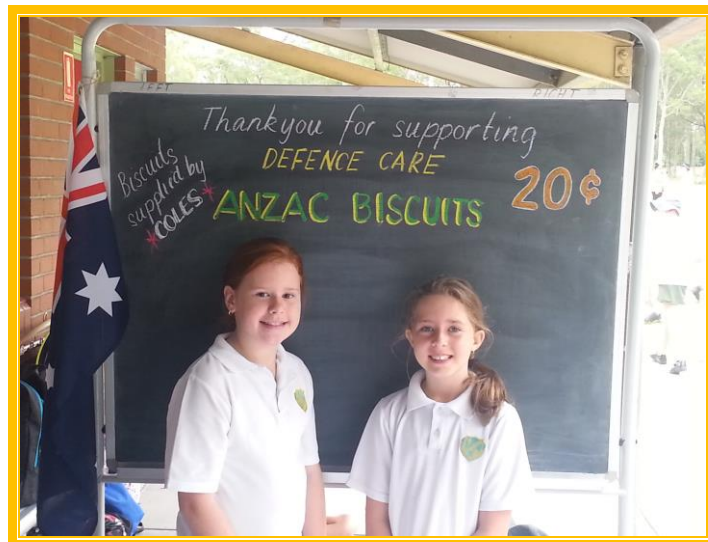
Positions still vacant include 2nd Vice President and 2nd Vice Secretary.

## ANZAC Biscuits to help Defence Care

On Thursday, after our ANZAC service students from 3J sold ANZAC biscuits to raise money for Defence Care. Coles at Thornton kindly donated 10 dozen biscuits for the children to sell. The sale was very successful with the students selling out in a matter of minutes. The students raised \$26 for the charity. Congratulations Mrs Johnson and 3J.

Further information about Defence Care and the work they do can be found at

[www.defencecare.org.au](http://www.defencecare.org.au).



## Pics from around the School



*Musical auditions*



*Playtime Yoga*





*Look who visited Mr Millburn*



*Students demonstrating their gymnastics skills in PE lessons*

## Entertainment Books

The NEW 2016/2017 Entertainment Book and Digital Memberships are available now from the school office for \$60.00. It is packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers.

The Digital Membership is downloaded to your smart phone. Always on hand, ready to use. Great to have ready for the school holidays.

From every Membership we sell, 20% of the proceeds go towards our school. The more Memberships we sell, the closer we get to our goal - so please forward this email to all your family and friends!

Click on this link to purchase the Digital Membership

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346k83>

## What's Due & When?

| Event                        | Year/Class | Activity Date | Amount   | Due Date     |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Canberra Excursion Payment 2 | Yr 6       | 27/6 – 30/6   | \$100.00 | 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

We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday night and a new P & C Committee was elected. The following positions have been filled:

President: Gillian Cleary  
Vice President: Cassandra Daniels  
Secretary: Kristie-Lee Archer  
Vice Secretary: Father Doug Cleary  
Treasurer: Stacey Hope  
Canteen Treasurer: Stacey Hope  
Canteen Committee Member: Leanne Fitzsimmons

I would like to welcome our new members to our committee and may our 2 year term be fun and profitable. We are still in need of a 2nd Vice Treasurer and 2nd Vice President so if anyone is interested in these roles please feel free to contact Gill on 0400 832 415.

I would also like to take this chance to say a HUGE thank you to Alissa Ziernik for an amazing job on the school P & C Committee for the past 8+ years. You are an amazing woman and the P & C are very grateful for all of your hard work that you put in. Enjoy your retirement!!

Our P & C meetings have now changed weeks as they will now be on the 1st Monday of each month instead of the 4th Monday as this will work better for exact bank statement match ups. We have also changed venues to the library.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 2 May at 7pm in the library where a light supper will be provided.

The Committee wishes to thank the past 2 years executives that have helped us with producing a stellar job and may the new Committee do just as well.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!

Have a great week!

Gill, Cassandra, Kristie-Lee, Father Doug and Stacey

## 'Munch n Eat' News

Thank you to all our helpers over the past term.

We will be having another Pizza Day next term so keep your eyes out for that.

We are getting online ordering in the canteen mid Term 2. We will be having an information session at one of our P & C meetings about it so we will keep you posted.

The roster for week 1 Term 2 is as follows:

Wednesday 27.4 – Cassandra

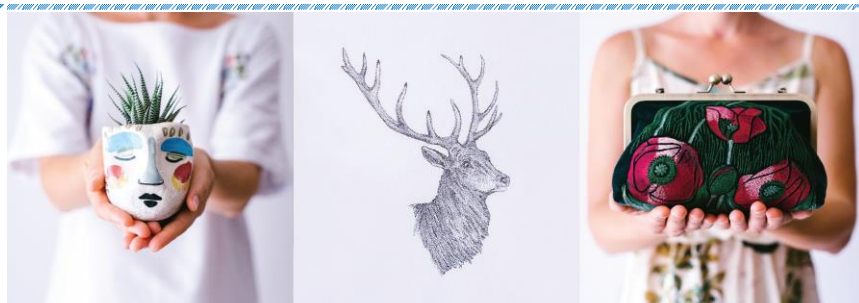
Thursday 28.4 – Cathie (am), Tonia (am), Maree

Friday 29.4 – Elaine, Jill, Mel, Toni

Have a safe and relaxing break

Cheryl and Paula

## Community News



# Olive Tree

## Autumn Market



**SATURDAY APRIL 23**

9AM-2PM | MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

*art | design | music | food*

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**School  
Holiday  
Adventures**

**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.







Centre/Events/School Holidays/2016/School Holiday Program April 2016

## 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](mailto: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.

