



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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ANZAC Day

Thornton was well represented on Monday morning at the Beresfield ANZAC Day Dawn Service with over 35 students and a number of staff attending. The clear, cool morning created an atmosphere of reflection and appreciation.

We remembered the many men and women who went to a distant war, risking life and limb with many never to return. We remembered the many wives, husbands, sons and daughters who were left behind, and we remembered the many communities that have been so affected by the ravages of war.

We also appreciated our serving members of the defence force. While Australia is a peaceful place, many countries in the world are not and it is with pride that we recognise the sacrifice of our current defence force and their families as Australia upholds its responsibilities in the quest for world peace.

At Thornton School, we recognise and foster the ANZAC spirit.

Our school service was very special and the increasing student numbers at the dawn service reflect a school community that knows its place in history and appreciates the sacrifice of others.

Lest We Forget

Picture of the Week

After the Dawn Service



Notes sent home this week:

Mother's Day Breakfast

Kinder Zoo Excursion – Parent/Student

P & C Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Monday May 2

P and C Meeting

Wednesday May 4

Tadpoles begins

Thursday May 5

Mother's Day Stall

Kindy assembly

Stage One assembly

Friday May 6

Mothers Day Stall

Mums and Munchkins Breakfast

Stage Three assembly

Friday May 13

Zone Cross Country

Wednesday May 18

Environmental Ed Meeting

Thursday May 19

Knights Knockout out – seniors

Friday May 20

Stage Three assembly

Kindergarten Speech intervention begins

PS: the term calendar is at the end of the Thunder

Year 5 Opportunity Class

Application for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2017 opened on **Tuesday 26 April 2016 and closes on Friday 13 May 2016**. Late applications will not be accepted. Parents must complete their applications online with a valid email address (not the student's email address). There are no paper applications.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2017 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 27 July 2016**.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Expression of Interest – Musical Props and Costuming

Calling all interested people!!

As you all know our musical will be in term 3 and while that it a still some time away it will fly. We are looking for people willing to help us with making props and finalising costumes. If you are crafty, a sewer or just interested in lending a hand could you please send a message to either the office or Ms Osborn (room 16) letting us know of your interest.

With many thanks from the Musical Committee

Tadpoles Dress Ups

We are asking for donations of clothes that can be used for dress ups by our Tadpoles group. Items of clothing can include: shirts, jackets/coats, hats, shoes, scarves, uniforms and costumes.

Thanks Defence Force Housing

Defence Force Housing, who are building the Wirraway estate, contributed funds towards the new stage one play equipment replaced after last year's storms. This week, we had a photo shoot on the equipment to send to the DHA for use in their promotional material.

A huge thanks is extended to the DH for their generous contribution towards play equipment.



Some of our Defence Force Kids on the new equipment

School Development Day

On Tuesday April 26, the staff participated in professional learning around a number of key areas.

We started with a walk in the bush to reconnect with the many learning opportunities that our wonderful block provides.

Gifted and Talented Education was also a focus. Ms Yager led the staff through strategies and approaches that can meet and extend the learning of our brightest students.

Current research around the most effective teaching strategies as determined by the academic John Hattie was another focus. The staff also looked at current discipline and welfare practices that are used in the classroom and playground.

A most worthwhile day which allowed teachers to reflect on their practice and work to be the best teacher they can be.



Our staff listening to a presentation on our wonderful spotted gum forest

Bronze Lizzy

On Thursday students who had achieved the required number of points in their Passport for Success were rewarded with a Bronze Lizzy Sticker.

This is the first step towards the Diamond Lizzy at the end of the year.

A huge thanks to Andrew Hatton for organising our personalised stickers. They are terrific and the students love them.

Pics around the school



What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
<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

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

CABONARA PASTA IS STILL OUT OF STOCK.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 2.5 – Leanne, Melanie
 Tuesday 3.5 – Tanya
 Wednesday 4.5 – Alissa
 Thursday 5.5 – Rachel, Kellie
 Friday 6.5 – Gill, Stacey, Berlinda

We have a vacancy for a Wednesday Volunteer once per month. If you can help out please come and see us in the canteen. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

Mothers and Munckins Breakfast

We are so excited about our Mother's Day Breakfast next Friday from 7:30am.

All Mums and Significant Women are invited.

Musical items will be occurring, portraits and or poems will be on sale for a gold coin and those delicious pastries(adults only) will be available free of charge.

See you there.

Please return the RSVPs as soon as possible.

STOP PRESS

The new uniforms are available from Lowes

Class Report – 2R

2R have written senses (tastes, feels, smells, looks, sounds like) poems about colours.

Red tastes like juicy apples

Red smells like a bushfire

Red sounds like a siren

Red looks like a roaring racing car

Red feels like a building

Blake

Yellow sounds like a hot beach

Yellow smells like soft cheese

Yellow looks like the bright sun

Yellow tastes like a sweet pineapple

Yellow feels like an Indian camel

Hasnain

Pink looks like a wedding dress

Pink smells like little roses

Pink tastes like yummy gum

Pink feels like a racing car

Pink sounds like an ice cream truck

Neve

Blue feels as cold as water

Blue tastes as yummy as blueberries

Blue sounds as calm as the ocean

Blue looks as blue as the sky

Blue smells as fresh as clean air

Charli

Green sounds like a stink bomb

Green looks like shiny grass

Green tastes like a soft pear

Green feels like a fast car

Green smells like a stinky fart

Brooklyn

Purple tastes like a tasty cupcake

Purple smells like a sweet rose

Purple feels like fingerpaint

Purple sounds like a bouncing ball

Purple looks like a sports T-Shirt

Dyon

Red tastes like chilli and burns your mouth

Red smells like a burning bushfire

Red sounds like a tiger roaring in a zoo

Red looks like a dirty smoke

Red feels like a fire

Oliver

Yellow sounds like chicks chirping

Yellow smells like pineapple

Yellow looks like Pokemon

Yellow tastes like honey

Yellow feels like the sun

Nate

Orange looks like a burning volcano

Orange smells like sweet flowers

Orange tastes like a beautiful orange

Orange feels like hot spaghetti

Orange sounds like a racing car

Rock

Blue feels like an ice block

Blue tastes like a blue lolly

Blue looks like water

Blue sounds like the beach

Blue smells like blueberries

Kael

Green sounds like a vampire

Green looks like grass

Green tastes like green frogs

Green feels like a smoothie

Green smells like leaves

Aymon

Blue tastes like ripe blueberries just picked

Blue smells like fresh air

Blue feels like cold water

Blue sounds like water washing down a river

Blue looks like the bluest sky

Beau

Red tastes like apples
Red smells like strawberries
Red sounds like a fire engine
Red looks like a fire
bread
Red feels like a hot car

Shakitah

Yellow sounds like a pretty bird flying
Yellow smells like a peeled banana
Yellow looks like a burning hot sun
Yellow tastes like a piece of banana
Yellow feels like a fluffy ball

Lilly

Orange looks like a sun setting
Orange smells like sweet flowers
Orange tastes like a gingerbread house
Orange feels like a ginger cat
Orange sounds like a tiger purring

Lucy

Blue feels like a blue bouncy ball
Blue tastes like fresh water
Blue looks like a smooth ocean
Blue sounds like a blue whale
Blue smells like a blueberry

Jacob

Purple sounds like a pencil drawing
Purple looks like a new car
Purple tastes like very sweet grapes
Purple feels like a sparkly drink bottle
Purple smells like a pretty flower

Anabelle

Blue tastes like yummy fish
Blue smells like a juicy blueberry
Blue feels like a blue ball
Blue sounds like a huge whale
Blue looks like a calm ocean

Lucas

Red is as loud as a Police car in a chase

Red tastes like a red apple

Red feels like a red rose bush sticking into you

Red smells like a bushfire in the distance

Red looks like a red fire engine

Caleb

Pink looks like a gown dress

Pink smells like a sweet rose

Pink feels like sticky gum

Pink tastes like long licorice

Pink sounds like a butterfly

Mia

Pink looks as bright as a pig

Pink smells as cold as icing

Pink tastes as yummy as jelly

Pink feels as soft as Fearless' belly

Pink sounds as loud as a pencil drawing

Helena

Blue feels like blue paint

Blue tastes like blueberries

Blue looks like the beach

Blue sounds like a blue texta lid going on

Blue smells like blue playdough

Sarah

Red sounds like a firefighters hose

Red looks like a flame

Red tastes like yummy jelly

Red feels like a soft strawberry

Red smells like a strawberry cake

Ameerah

Yellow sounds like a ball bouncing

Yellow smells like a sweet lemon

Yellow looks like the hot sun

Yellow tastes like a banana smoothie

Yellow feels like crunchy leaves

Ella

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Community News



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Come and see us at Tocal Field Days
Friday, Saturday and Sunday – April 29th – May 1st

Find us in the Good Food and Wine Hall, where we will be showcasing our Hunter Sourdough and Vegetable breads, as well as our pies, pasties, cakes and slices.

Bread Basket, proudly supporting the Thornton Public School Mother's Day Function.



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MONDAY 3.30 PM & 5.00PM

TUESDAY 4.00 PM & 5.15PM

ALL CLASSES RUN FOR 1 HOUR

STARTING THIS WEEK

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**FOR MORE DETAILS ph LEX JAMES on
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Thornton Public School Presents



Poster Competition

Design a poster to advertise our school musical for a chance to win a \$20 iTunes voucher.

Your poster must be **A4 in size**, include the **dates of the musical** (14th, 15th & 16th September 2016) and the **cost of the tickets** (all tickets are \$10 and can be purchases from the front office).

Competition closes **Friday May 20th**. Hand in your competition entry to the front office before the closing date.

Thornton Public School - Parents - Term 2 2016						
Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26 April SDD	27 April Students return	28 April Bronze Lizzy Day	29 April Cricket game Stage Two Assembly	30 1 Apr May
2	2 May K-6 Assembly P and C Meeting	3 May	4 May Tadpoles	5 May Mother's Day Stall Kindy Assembly Stage One assembly Aboriginal Education Meeting	6 May Mother's Day Breakfast Star struck dance rehearsal Stage Three Assembly	7 8 May
3	9 May	10 May NAPLAN	11 May NAPLAN Tadpoles	12 May NAPLAN	13 May Zone Cross Country Stage Two Assembly	14 15 May
4	16 May K-6 Assembly	17 May AECG Meeting Canteen Meeting	18 May Tadpoles Environmental Ed Meeting 11:00am	19 May Knights Knockout seniors Kindy Assembly Stage One assembly	20 May Speech Intervention (10) Star Struck Choir Stage Three Assembly	21 22 May
5	23 May	24 May	25 May Tadpoles	26 May Sorry day	27 May Friday Forum Stage Two Assembly	28 29 May
6	30 May Public Speaking Finals Questacon Science Circus K-6 Assembly	31 May School Disco K-2 5:30-6:30 3-6 6:45-8:00	1 June Tadpoles	2 June Kindy Assembly Stage One assembly	3 June Kindy to the Zoo Stage Three Assembly	4 5 June
7	6 June P and C Meeting	7 June AECG Maitland High	8 June Tadpoles	9 June	10 June Star struck Choir Stage Two Assembly	11 12 June
8	13 June Queen's Birthday	14 June	15 June Tadpoles Environmental Ed Meeting 11:00am Aboriginal Education Meeting	16 June Starstruck rehearsal Knights Juniors Grade Kindy Assembly Stage One assembly	17 June Starstruck Performances	18 19 June
9	20 June	21 June PIZZA DAY K-6	22 June Tadpoles	23 June Silver Lizzy Day Sausage Sizzle	24 June Reports go home. Stage Two Assembly	25 26 June
10	27 June K-6 Assembly	28 June Canberra Excursion	29 June Canberra Excursion	30 June Canberra Excursion Kindy Assembly Stage One assembly	1 July Canberra Excursion Last Day Term 2	2 3 July
Hols	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 10 July
Hols	11 July	12 July	13 July	14 July	15 July	16 17 July
48 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 47 DAYS FOR STUDENTS						

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