



# THORNTON THUNDER

**Thornton Public School and its local Community**

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**Term 2, Week 2**

**No 13**

**6 May, 2016**

## ***Our Mums Rule***

What a wonderful, albeit cool, morning we had to celebrate the women in our community today. With over 220 mums, significant others and 320 children, the Mothers and Munchkins Breakfast continues to get bigger and better every year. The pastries from the Bread Basket were delicious, and their generosity is applauded. The cereal, toast, coffee, tea and juice added to a wonderful morning of community, friendship and family.

The musical items added a lovely flavour to the morning and the poems and portraits added a memorable keepsake of the morning. Money raised will be donated to **Breast Cancer Australia**. Today this totalled \$465. **Great job!!**

At Thornton School we believe that the partnership between school and parent is a vital aspect to every child's education. Having opportunities like this for parents to be directly involved in their child's school life is the reality of the school parent relationship.

A huge thanks to the staff who organised this celebration and to the community for supporting us.

## **Picture of the Week**

*Enjoying our Mothers Day Breakfast*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**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

**September 14 – 16**

School Musical

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

Kinder Zumba

Questacon yrs 1 – 6

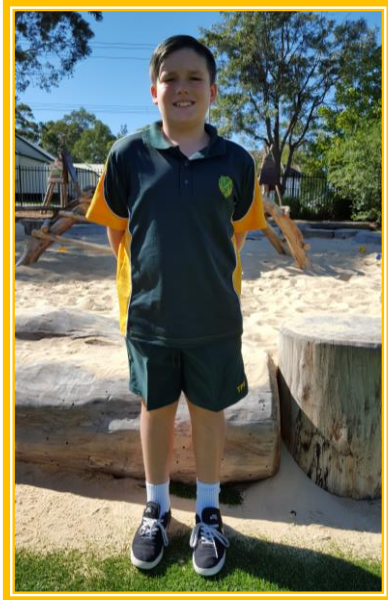
## **Houston, The Eagle has Landed, or, the Uniform has Arrived**

It is with much excitement that the new uniform is now available from Lowes. This is the result of over 18 months of consultation and discussion.

While some parents are purchasing the uniform now, please remember there is a two year phase in period for the uniform starting from now.

There is some discussion around sock colour and direction will be given on this after further consultation.

A sample of a revised school jacket was viewed at the P & C meeting on Monday. Again, further consultation will occur before a firm direction is taken.



## **Did You Know?**

Did you know that on each Wednesday afternoon, when the weather permits, our wonderful environmental coordinator Karen Brown takes a class out to mulch gardens in our school grounds? For 45 minutes a class of children with buckets move mulch from the back of the school to selected garden beds. They can move a lot of mulch.

Thanks Karen and to the classes who have so far participated. Many hands make light work!

## **Our Students are Starstruck**

Thornton Public School is again participating in the wonderful Starstruck show. With students involved in both the choir and dance group, we are well placed to again provide a wonderful opportunity for our students.

The theme this year is 'Our Heroes' and is full of wonderful songs and dance routines. The show is on 17 and 18 June. Tickets are available from Ticketek.

Thanks go to Ms Ziliotto, Miss Hughes, Miss Varley and Mrs Colefax. Great job!

## **We Take Safety Seriously**

Each semester, the school is required to complete an evacuation and lock down drill. Each time these drills are completed, the students understand what to do and how to do it. The drills are evaluated by all staff and recommendations for future drills put into place.

If parents are in the school during these drills they must comply with teacher direction. We also ask parents not to enter the school if a drill is in place.

Keeping everyone safe is very important.

## **Aboriginal Education is Everyone's Business**

Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June. At Thornton School, class challenges will be occurring in each class. By embedding Aboriginal Education perspectives in the core work of each class, reconciliation occurs through the breaking down of stereotypes and the building of understanding.

### **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 is 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

### **Sport Update**

Our Athletics champions are:

Junior Girl	Imogen 5/6S
11 Year Girl	Kiara 5/6Y
Senior Girl	Abbey 5/6Y

Junior Boy	Conor 4P
11 Year Boy	Hayden 5/6A
Senior Boy	Riley 6A

Our house Champion was Gray.



### **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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

### **Public Speaking Finals**

The grade Public Speaking finals will be held on:

Early Stage 1 – Monday 23 May

Stage 1 – Thursday 2 June at 2.15pm

Stage 2 – Friday 27 May at 2.15pm

Stage 3 – Friday 20 May at 2.15pm.

Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Pics from the Mothers Day Brekky**





## Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are available for purchase from the school office or go online at [www.entbook.com.au/346k83](http://www.entbook.com.au/346k83) to purchase a digital copy.

## What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
<b><i>Music Tuition Term 2</i></b>	<b><i>Band Students</i></b>		<b><i>\$50.00</i></b>	<b><i>30 May 2016</i></b>
Canberra Excursion Payment 3	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$100.00	13 May 2016
Kinder Zoo - students	Kinder	3/6	\$35.00	20 May 2016
Kinder Zoo – parent	Kinder	3/6	\$65.00	20 May 2016
Kinder Zumba	Kinder	25/5	\$18.00	20 May 2016
Questacon Science Circus	Yrs 1 – 6	30/5	\$5.00	24 May 2016
Canberra Excursion Payment 4	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$150.00	10 June2016

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**

*Tuesday Special – Spaghetti Bolognaise \$1.00 per cup*

On Tuesday at lunchtime we will have Spaghetti Bol for \$1.00 per cup until sold out.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 9.5 –  
Tuesday 10.5 – Kelly, Spaghetti Bol day  
Wednesday 11.5 – Elaine  
Thursday 12.5 – Jess, Kelly (am)  
Friday 13.5 – Ann, Jenny, Toni, Sveta (am), Natasha (am)

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

### **Class Report – 3Z**



#### **Bio Poem Planning Page**

Noah

First Name Jane

3 Words That Describe You smart helpful and caring

Who enjoys playing Candy Crush

Who is able to cook chocolate pudding

Who feels happy all the time

Who wonders what she will look like in the future

Who fears spiders

Who cares about me

Who dreams of having a job







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## Bio Poem Planning Page

First Name Mum

3 Words That Describe You very pretty, caring, lovely.

Who enjoys having time with me.

Who is able to cook yummy food.

Who feels happy when I hug and kiss her.

Who wonders what it's like to get some sleep.

Who fears spiders and cockroaches.

Who cares about her family.

Who dreams of being a super model.



Seth

## Bio Poem Planning Page

First Name Leia

3 Words That Describe You unbelievably beautiful, Kind and funny

Who enjoys cooking and art

Who is able to paint and draw

Who feels happy 100 % of the time

Who wonders if she is princess leia of star wars

Who fears snakes mebs

Who cares about her friends and family

Who dreams of being a famous artist.





Annabell

## Bio Poem Planning Page

First Name Annabell

3 Words That Describe You Strog, funny and sometimes Angry

Who enjoys baking cake

Who is able to let me sleep with her when I'm scared

Who feels happy

Who wonders if she will get my cross stitch done

Who fears of mice

Who cares about her family

Who dreams of not being deaf



## Bio Poem Planning Page

First Name Allie

3 Words That Describe You very beautiful and nice.

Who enjoys Sitting down and watching tv.

Who is able to clean very good.

Who feels kind about her self.


Who wonders if she is pretty

Who fears my mam feels said when we get lost

Who cares about my family

Who dreams of being a puppy

from Olivia







# Macey Bio Poem Planning Page



First Name Michelle

3 Words That Describe You awesome beautiful friendly

Who enjoys cuddles kisses spending time with her family

Who is able to make my life as best as she can

Who feels happy all the time

Who wonders what it would feel like to be on top of a two story house

Who fears snakes lizards and heights

Who cares about her family and our pet

Who dreams of having a mustang



# Bio Poem Planning Page



First Name Jonae



3 Words That Describe You likes cleanings, amazing and silly

Who enjoys going on holidays and cuddling Willow

Who is able to COOK, kiss, hug and keep the house clean

Who feels joyness in her

Who wonders about being the Green

Who fears of lizards and snakes

Who cares about our family

Who dreams of have a Mustang





## Community News

### 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 purchased from the front office).

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



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# What's happening at our high school?

**Our very own bus !** Late last term our school bus arrived and has been used for students to go out on excursions. It will be visiting your school to collect students involved in the Gifted and Talented Program. We must thank our fabulous P&C for making this purchase possible.



## Francis Greenway High School turns 50

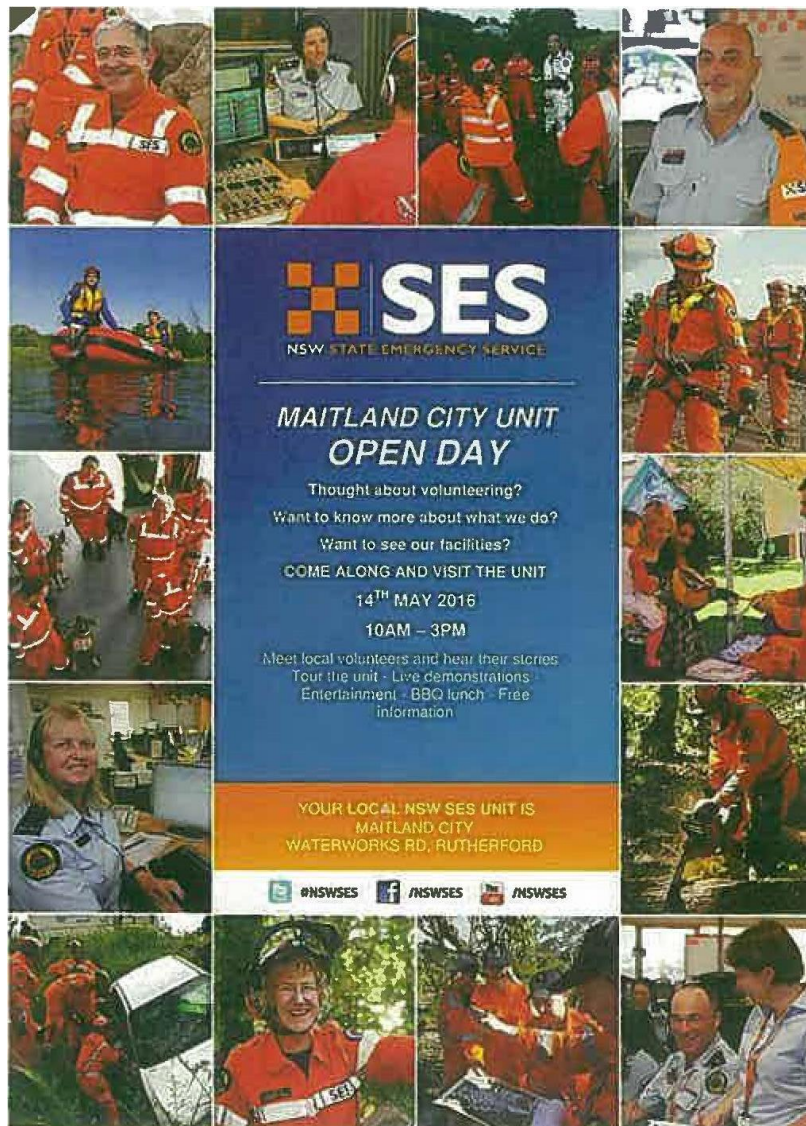
We are busy organising our birthday celebration which will take place during education week in August. On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August we will have an assembly with the cutting of our birthday cake. There will be a display of artefacts and tours of the school facilities. On Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> August the school will be open from 10.00am -2.00pm for tours, a sausage sizzle and to see the displays. More detailed information will be available closer to the time.

### School Attendance

I have included a chart to highlight the impact on a child's learning when they regularly miss school. At Francis Greenway we expect students to be in attendance and on time to school unless they are sick or there is a family emergency. Missing school for a birthday or to go shopping, for example, is not an acceptable reason.







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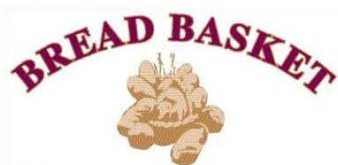
Thought about volunteering?  
Want to know more about what we do?  
Want to see our facilities?

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**Come and see us at Tocal Field Days**  
**Friday, Saturday and Sunday – April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**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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## Maitland Arts: Inclusive and Accessible Community Forum

**Monday 9 May 2016**

10am - 1pm (including light lunch)

Maitland Regional Art Gallery

230 High St, Maitland

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



This free forum will bring together the arts and disability communities of Maitland to discuss access and inclusion in the arts within the context of the significant social change brought by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The day aims to inspire individuals with and without disability and organisations from the arts and disability communities to support inclusive and accessible arts in Maitland.

**To Register for this free Community Forum** please complete the following questions and send to Justine Cogan at Octapod at [access@octapod.org](mailto:access@octapod.org) or 02 4021 1605 **by Monday 2 May 2016**.

- Name
- Organisation and Role (If applicable)
- Phone
- Email
- Access requirements (Please specify)
- Please write a brief description (100 words) of your interest/organisation/arts practice in relation to access and inclusion in the arts. (This information will be collated and circulated to attendees on the day)
- Are you staying for lunch? Yes/No
- Dietary requirements (Please specify)



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