



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Thornton Public School, School Council

Many schools in New South Wales have a School Council. School Councils have a particular role in a school. They are the voice of the many different groups that make up a school. These groups include the P&C, the broader parent community, staff and community members.

The council provides advice on school policy, advises on school planning and analyses the yearly evaluations. The council also reviews the school's finances and is a place where broad policy areas of the school can be discussed.

Each Council member can serve for a two year period with the possibility of a further two years if elected. Meetings are held 6 times per year, usually in the afternoon.

There is currently a vacancy on the Thornton School Council for a parent representative.

If any parents would like to be on the School Council, please complete the nomination form (included in this newsletter) and return it to the school by Friday 20 May. If necessary, a ballot will be held during the following week.

This is one way of being involved in the school and is an important part of the school's governance structure.

Picture of the Week

A Full Tadpoles Program



Notes sent home this week:

Yr 4 camp

Term 2 invoices

Dates for your Diary

Monday May 16

K-6 Assembly with the Irish Dancing group performing

Wednesday May 18

Environmental Ed Meeting

Thursday May 19

Knights Knockout out – seniors

Friday May 20

Stage Three assembly

Kindergarten Speech intervention begins

Wednesday May 25

Kinder Zumba

Monday May 30

Questacon Science visit

Friday June 3

Kinder excursion – Taronga Zoo

Monday June 27 – Thursday June 30

Canberra trip

Wednesday July 28 – July 29

Zoosnooz camp

September 14 – 16

School Musical

Cross Country

Today we sent over 30 students to the Zone Cross Country Carnival which was held at Tocal Homestead.

We look forward to hearing how our most talented runners fare.

Thanks Mrs Stanton and parents for organising everyone to be there and to run well.

Uniform Update

Lowes has reduced the price of the shirts to \$35.99 for two months as an introductory offer. If any parent has already bought a shirt, please take the receipt back to Lowes for a refund or credit against another shirt. Also, both boys and girls will be in white socks

As Greenhills is getting redeveloped, the Greenhills Lowes will have to close until the work is completed. Thornton uniforms will be available from the Maitland store once Greenhills closes.

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.

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.

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

Starstruck Dance Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday 16 May at 3.10pm in Room 13 with Ms Ziliotto.

Thank You So Much

A huge thankyou to Tony Cant Real Estate for their generous and kind donation. The money will support our wonderful Tadpoles Program.

Thanks also to the Athletes Foot who made a donation to the school from their loyalty program. This money will directly support the sports program in the school.

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

After School Talk

Do you dread that after school talk?

As a parent, we want to know of all of the great things that our child did at school that day. How was your day? What did you get up to today? Did you learn anything? Often we ask these questions only to hear a response like, "nothing", "dunno", "um...I forget".

Here are some tips to start that conversation:

1. Focus on just one part of the school with a more direct question. What was your favourite item in your lunch box? Who is the friendliest person in your class? Did your teacher do anything funny today? What was one kind thing you did today?

These questions are direct and only need a short response.

2. Start by telling them about what you did in your day. Outline all of the things you did briefly, focussing on the things that will interest them and then say, "That's what I did today, what did you do"?

This strategy gives students a model of how to respond to your question.

3. If none of these work I would suggest greeting them with a big smile and simply focus on the things that you are going to be doing that afternoon. "What a great day, are you ready for the skate park"? "Hi darling lets race home and get ready for football training, (or dance, soccer, netball etc).

It is always great to be upbeat and happy so that this experience is a positive one for both you and your child!!

Position Vacant – School Banking

Due to work commitments our current school banking coordinators are stepping down. The position involves 1½ hours a week and is quite a simple process and we will of course train the parents who would like to take on this role. If you have any questions please phone the school on 4964 1369.

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Zoosnooz Camp Payment 1	Yr 4	28/7 – 29/7	\$50.00	20 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
Music Tuition Term 2	Band Students		\$50.00	30 May 2016
Zoosnoz Camp Payment 2	Yr 4	28/7 – 29/7	\$70.00	10 June 2016
Canberra Excursion Payment 4	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$150.00	10 June 2016
Zoosnooz Camp Final Payment	Yr 4	28/7 – 29/7	\$70.00	30 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 16.5 – Sarah
Tuesday 17.5 – Penny, Christine
Wednesday 18.5 – Angela
Thursday 19.5 – Scarlett, Charmaine
Friday 20.5 – HELP NEEDED or will be a LIMITED MENU

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Thornton Public School Council

I _____ would like
to be considered as a Parent Community Representative as part of Thornton
School Council.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I _____ second _____
as a Parent Community Representative on the Thornton School Council.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Some Pics from the school



Harvest Sponsorship at work



Reading Time



EQUIP Activities in the Kindergarten Area



Some of our incoming 2017 Kindy students

We Love Our



Mums



I love my mum
because she buys
me cars.

Kenrick

I love my mum
because she plays
the X box with me.

Jim

I love my mum because
she loves flowers. My
mum is lovely. She can
drive. My mum loves
me when she's in a
good mood. She loves
me and likes to help me
make cupcakes with
pink icing.

Savannah

I love my mum because she plays the Wii with
me. My mum is helpful. She can help me make
my bed. My mum loves flowers. I love it when
she lets me hold the baby.

Taj

I love my mum
because my mum
is great. She can
help me catch the
cats. My mum
loves flowers.

Christian

I love my mum
because she is
helpful. My mum is
nice. She helps me
make cupcakes.

Kinnesha

I love my mum because she plays Trouble
with me. My mum is beautiful. She can drive
me to school. My mum loves me and flowers.
I love it when she takes me to the pool.

Shaylah


I love my mum
because she can
help me. My mum
loves flowers. She
can make cakes.

Dakota

I love my mum
because she can
make me cakes.

Sam





I love my mum because she loves dogs. My mum is beautiful. My mum loves me. She can cook for me. I love it when she takes me out and gets me something.

Ava

I love my mum because she gives me kisses. My mum is pretty. She can buy me ice creams. My mum loves me when I tickle her. I love it when she is beautiful.

Summah

I love my mum because she is the best mum ever. My mum is helpful. She can wash up. My mum loves me. I love it when she gives us kisses and hugs when I'm good.

Shelby

I love my mum because she loves me. My mum is cool. She can play the Wii with me. My mum loves me when she buys me a Wii toy. I love it when she loves me.

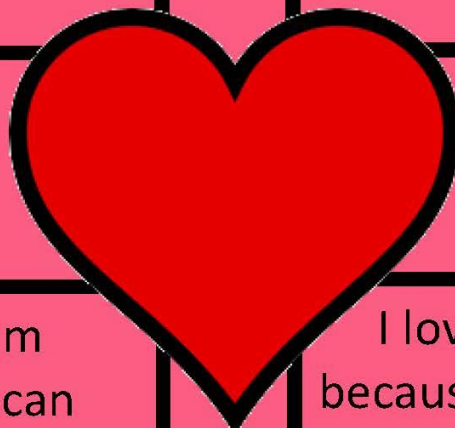
Maxwell

I love my mum
because she tickles
me. My mum is
beautiful. I love
mum because she
is cool. My mum
likes me. I love it
when she cooks
dinner.

Taylah

I love my mum
because she loves
me. My mum is
cool. She can cook.
My mum loves me.
I love it when she
kisses me.

Allirah




I love my mum
because she can
take me to school
and back. I love my
mum because she
tucks me in bed. I
love my mum
because she lets
me sleep in.

Samantha

I love my mum
because she is
cool. My mum
buys me ice cream.
She can fish. My
mum loves nuts
and flowers. I love
it when she buys a
cat.

Summer



I love my mum because she plays the Playstation with me. My mum is nice to me because she helps me. She can take me to places. My mum loves me because she has the best hugs. I love it when she drives me to school.

Joshua

I love my mum because she plays Sky Landers with me. My mum is cool every day. She can cook.

Logan

I love my mum because she helps me cook. My mum is beautiful and she helps me play the Wii. My mum loves chocolate.

Izabelle

I love my mum because she eats with me and watches TV with me. My mum is nice because she is funny. She can do the washing up. My mum loves dogs and cakes. I love it when mummy drives me to school and lets me go on rides.

Tiarney

I love my mum because she let me watch Harry Potter. My mum is awesome because she is nearly a teacher. She can have babies. My mum loves me because I am so cute. I love my mum when she buys me a new game.

Thomas

I love my mum because she gives me hugs before bed. My mum is cool and nice to me. She can help me do hard things. My mum loves me because I can do hard things. I love it when she gives me a hot chocolate and tickles before bed.

Jordan

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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.



ART CLASSES

For Ages 7yrs -15 yrs

A well-structured step-by-step class creating simple but effective artworks every week to 2 weeks using different art materials and techniques such as
* CRAYONS * CHALK PASTELS * PENCIL * INK *
* ACRYLIC PAINT * WATERCOLOUR * CLAYWORK *
* PRINTING * COLLAGE * MIXED MEDIA and much more

VACANCIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR

SATURDAY 9AM & 10.30 AM

MONDAY 3.30 PM & 5.00PM

TUESDAY 4.00 PM & 5.15PM

ALL CLASSES RUN FOR 1 HOUR

STARTING THIS WEEK

COST: \$15* per lesson

* PLUS MATERIAL LEVY. PAY BY THE TERM ONLY

**WHERE : SOMERSET PARK
THORNTON**

Lessons taught by LEX JAMES – Bachelor arts/dip ed.
15 years teaching experience, 25 years commercial art
experience. Author/illustrator and artist in residence/ art
Workshop co-ordinator at THORNTON.P.S.

Working with children approval number: WWC0240888E

FOR MORE DETAILS ph LEX JAMES on

**Ph. 0400316114 BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**