



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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What a Great Idea!

Next week the **Barmah Seat** will be in action in the school playground. **Barmah** means meeting place in the local Aboriginal Language. This is a perfect name for the seat as it will be used for any child who wants to meet and play with other children. The seat will be placed near the canteen and will be available for all students K-6. With Prefects supervising the area, if a child feels lonely, has lost their friends or doesn't know what to do, they can sit on the **Barmah Seat** and a Prefect will come along and help them. There are many activities happening in the playground and sometimes students simply need a little helping hand to get involved, talk to a child they don't know or try an activity they haven't tried before.

This is just one way of ensuring our students are cared for and have a positive way of managing their playground activities.

At Thornton School we care and we show it!

Picture of the Week

Our Galuwa Scholarship Recipient with her family
Well done Riley!



Notes sent home this week:

Yr 5 camp note

Harvest Rock Ensemble note

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday May 24

Monster Truck Visit

Wednesday May 25

Kinder Zumba

Thursday May 26

Sorry Day

Friday May 27 – Reconciliation Week

Stage Two assembly

Monday May 30

Questacon Science visit

K-6 Assembly and Equip Induction

Tuesday May 31

School Disco – K – 2 5pm till 6pm

Yrs 3 - 6 6:15pm 7:30pm

Wednesday June 1

FGHS sports day for year 6.

Friday June 3

Kinder excursion – Taronga Zoo

Monday June 6

P and C Meeting

Monday June 27 – Thursday June 30

Yr 6 Canberra trip

Wednesday July 28 – July 29

Yr 4 Zoo camp

Public Speaking

Students across the classes are currently preparing and delivering speeches as part of the Talking and Listening strand in the English Syllabus. The speeches will slowly produce one grade winner for each grade.

While the competition is one part of the current push, the real benefit can be seen when all students stand up and have a go. Developing skills in public speaking are critical in the 21st Century.

Lock Down Drill

On Tuesday morning, a lock down drill occurred. During this exercise, all teachers locked their doors, drew their blinds and settled the students on the floor of the classroom. All teachers and students completed this drill very well. Good job!

Crossing Behaviour

Parents and students are asked to please use the crossings. It only takes a moment of inattention for a terrible accident to occur.

Remember to never call your child across the road, always use the safety door and use the crossing to cross the road.

Drop Off Zone

Please remember, the rear car park and staff car park are not drop off zones. Please avoid embarrassment and don't use them.

They are Coming

Yes, They are coming

A monster truck will be visiting Thornton School on Tuesday morning between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. It will park on the top oval. Rusty will talk to the students about the monster trucks.

Keep Us in the Loop

Reminding all parents of the importance of keeping your contact details up to date. Please phone the office or send a note to school with your new information.

Our Debaters Can Certainly Argue the Point

For our very first debate Ms Wilson Stevens expressed her appreciation to her Year 5 debaters who unfortunately lost by a very small margin to Ashtonfield.



School Disco

When: Tuesday 31st May 2016

Time: 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm K-2 Students

6.15 pm - 7.30 pm 3-6 Students

Cost: \$5 entry includes a drink and packet of chips!

Theme: T.P.S

Dress up as any character beginning with the letters T, P or S!



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: _____

Knights Knockout

On Thursday the 19th of May the Thornton Public School Senior Rugby League team played a gala day at Windale. We played four games and unfortunately didn't win a game. We regrettably lost Riley Moore and Isaac Fairhurst due to an injury and had to play the rest of the games without any reserves. We had ball control and tried hard. I think we played really well and I am proud of the boys. We are really looking forward to our next game.

Sport News

Congratulations to Capri, Isaac and Riley for being selected to represent Maitland Zone and Regional Touch Football trials.

Our Zone Cross Country runners competed at Tocal last Friday. Well done to all competitors for their fantastic effort. Congratulations to Amelia who placed 2nd to go onto the Regional Cross Country Carnival.



Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Mastering Spelling

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

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

School Pics



Our Barmah Seat



Our Irish Dancers in Action



Teddy Bears Picnic



Tables Practice in the BYOD Class

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	Today
Kinder Zoo - students	Kinder	3/6	\$35.00	Today
Kinder Zoo – parent	Kinder	3/6	\$65.00	Today
Kinder Zumba	Kinder	25/5	\$18.00	Today
Questacon Science Circus	Yrs 1 – 6	30/5	\$5.00	24 May 2016
Music Tuition Term 2	Band Students		\$50.00	30 May 2016
Zoosnooz 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

Friday Helpers

Due to volunteers circumstance changes we are in need of some volunteers for Fridays.

If you could go on a roster once per month, or even just help out for couple of hours in the morning please come and see us.

Any help would be greatly appreciated as Fridays are our busiest day.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 23.5 – Jenny
Tuesday 24.5 – Mel am, Kelly
Wednesday 25.5 – Jo
Thursday 26.5 – Cathie am, Tania am
Friday 27.5 – Elaine, Ann S, Mel

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula



MUNCH AND EAT CANTEEN

Winter Menu 2016



MENU ITEMS

GREEN

AMBER

SANDWICHES



Chicken	\$3.00
Chicken & salad	\$4.50
Egg or curried egg	\$2.00
Egg & lettuce	\$2.50
Ham & salad	\$4.50
Salad	\$3.50
Cheese & tomato	\$2.50
Bread roll <i>add</i>	30c
Toasted <i>extra</i>	30c
Lettuce, tomato ,carrot ,beetroot, cucumber <i>each extra</i>	30c

Cheese	\$2.00
Ham	\$2.50
Strawberry jam	\$1.50
Vegemite	\$1.50
Cheese <i>as an extra</i>	.30

**MONDAY AND
TUESDAY MEAL DEAL**
Cheeseburger
**Choice of drink from
menu**
\$4.80

SALAD BOXES

Small box – <i>Inc. 1 bread, carrot, cheese, lettuce, tom, beetroot, cucumber</i>	\$4.00
Small box & ham OR chicken	\$5.00
Large box – <i>Inc. 2 bread, carrot, cheese, lettuce, tom, beet, cucumber, corn & pine</i>	\$5.00
Large box & ham OR chicken	\$6.00



HOT FOOD



Hot Chicken Roll	\$3.10
Hot Chicken and Mayo Roll	\$3.60
Hot Chicken and Gravy Roll	\$3.60
Lasagne	\$3.60
Mac & cheese	\$3.60
Spaghetti bolognaise	\$3.60
Carbonara Pasta	\$2.80

Chicken burger – lettuce, mayo	\$3.60
Chicken burger - plain	\$3.00
Nuggets (3)	\$1.50
Large pie	\$2.70
Small pie	\$1.80
Sausage roll	\$2.30
Rounda Pizza	\$2.30
Hash Browns (over counter lunch) can order A/Tea	\$0.30
Cup a soup	\$1.00



SNACKS

Custard cup	\$1.00
Fresh popcorn	10c
Milo cups – cold or warm	\$1.00
Seasonal fruit <i>from</i>	10c
Whole apple	60c
Rice crackers (6)	20c

Finger bun	\$1.40
Hot cheese & bacon roll	\$1.60
Rice sticks – cheese	\$1.00
Chips – honey soy & sea salt	\$1.00
Muffin (small/large) – choc	30c/60c
Jelly cup	50c

DRINKS



Bottled water	\$1.00
Up & Go – all flavours	\$1.60
Juice small – apple, orange	\$1.60
Oak light flavoured milk – choc, strawberry & banana	\$1.60

Focus- apple raspberry & b/currant	\$1.60
Plain milk	\$1.20
Quench – cola, lemonade & apple raspberry	\$1.60

FROZEN TREATS

Frozen fruit cups – orange, blackcurrant	60c
Icy bites	60c
Icy bites – half	30c
Juicies – wild berry & tropical	\$1.00
Frozen milk cups – chocolate & strawberry	60c

Slushy – Orange or Lime	\$1.20
Icy pole – lemonade	\$1.10
Bulla light ice cream cups	\$1.10
Milo - <i>on top of ice cream extra</i>	10c
Paddle Pops – rainbow, choc	\$1.50

EXTRAS

Boiled egg	50c
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Sauce - tom, sweet n sour & BBQ	30c
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Canteen Supervisors are Cheryl and Paula. Canteen Phone: 49641369

Lunch/recess orders are taken over the counter from 8:35 -9:20, after this only vegemite, cheese, jam sandwiches

Online ordering cut of time 8.45am

Class Report – 3J

MRS BROWN

We have been studying our local community and thinking about how volunteers help our community. We interviewed Mrs Karen Brown who has been a volunteer at Thornton Public School for many years.

Mrs Brown decided to help our endangered spotted gum forest in the school grounds.

By 3J



17 years ago Mrs Brown volunteered to help kindergarten children with gross motor because her children went to Thornton Public School. Mrs Brown did that for 10 years then the school started a gardening group. She did it because she liked to garden with her dad. She liked to grow vegetables and she liked nature.

Mrs Brown teaches students, teachers and parents to take care of nature. If Mrs Brown didn't come in we would not have trees to breathe.

By reporter Grace

When I go to Landcare with Mrs Brown we do gardening. We water plants so they don't dry out and die. I dig up weeds and put them in the rubbish. Lachlan and AJ help me. Landcare is fun.

By reporter Ethan



17 years ago Mrs Brown volunteered to come and help at Thornton Public School. In the next couple of years she saw there was a new volunteer job. It was gardening! Mrs Brown loves gardening. She did it with her dad when she was a little girl. She found it fun

Mrs Brown teaches students, teachers and parents about our lovely plants in our school. If Mrs Brown was not here we would not have our lovely trees and plants. We are so lucky to have Mrs Brown at this school.

By reporter Emily

Mrs Brown loved to garden ever since she was little. She learned that you can make a garden neat but let animals live in it. Mrs Brown teaches us to care for nature and not kill anything. Where would the animals be without her? Just think about it.

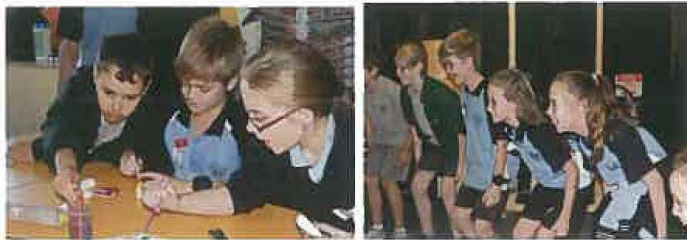
By reporter Heidi



Community News

What's happening at our high school?

E-Program- The E-Program is designed to provide opportunities to extend Gifted and Talented students in their field of talent. The program takes place every second Thursday and involves Year 4 and 5 students. Our school bus picks the students up for their day of learning and delivers them back to their school at the end of the day. As we know our students are not gifted in every area of the curriculum so at Francis Greenway our approach is to deliver a student centred program as opposed to a class where all students are expected to 'fit into a box'. The latest program was for students talented in the Creative and Performing Arts and as you can see by their faces it was a great day of fun and learning.



Has anyone noticed the big van at our school?????

Each year we have the dental bus come and do a free dental check on all students. If any issues are found with a student's teeth the family receives a letter with the details so they can arrange their own dentist to follow up. The reason our school commits to this program is our holistic approach to the growth, development and education of our students. Good digestion begins with healthy teeth which promotes overall good health. A healthy body supports learning.

Year 7 Advisor 2017

Ms Tegan Xenos

Tegan is an English/HSIE teacher and one of our Cheerleading staff

Our Homework Centre

Every Monday and Wednesday from 3.00 til

4.30 pm our staff are available in the school

library to assist students with homework

and assesment tasks.



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Educate him to be happy.
So when he grows up,
he'll know the value of things,
not the price.



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