



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Term 2, Week 6
No 17

3 June, 2016

Let's Talk Reconciliation

Reconciliation is all about improving relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Australian community. Reconciliation Week is held each year between **27 May and 3 June**. Launched by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation which started in 1998, it has been celebrated every year since.

The 27 May is the day that the 1967 referendum was passed. This was a national vote where more than 90% of Australians voted to change the constitution to better recognise Indigenous people as full citizens.

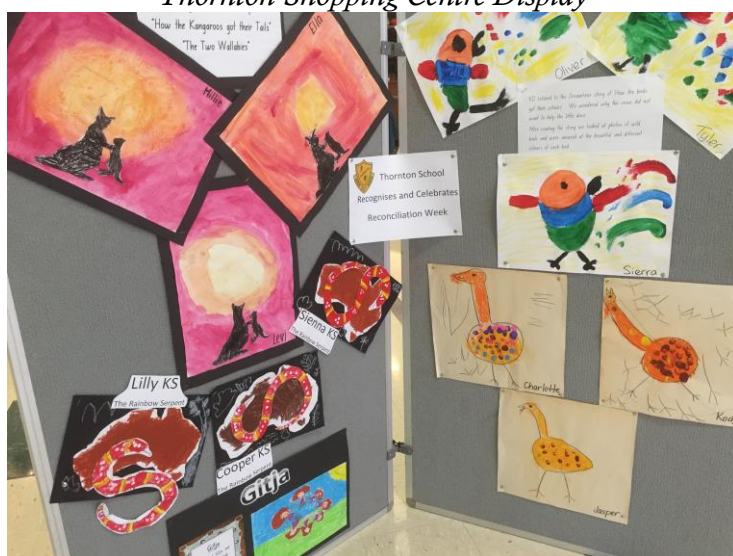
The 3 June marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia's 1992 judgement in the celebrated Mabo case. In this case the court recognised the Native Title rights of Indigenous peoples, overturned the myth that Australia was empty of people (*terra nullius*) before colonisation and recognised that Indigenous people did have rights over land.

This year, each class has completed a Reconciliation Challenge. Samples of these challenges can be seen in the Thornton Shopping Centre.

Together we can make a difference. Aboriginal Education is Everyone's Business.

Picture of the Week

Thornton Shopping Centre Display



Dates for your Diary

Monday June 6

P and C Meeting

Monday June 13

Queen's Birthday Long weekend

Wednesday June 15

Environmental Ed Team meeting

Thursday June 16

Knights Junior Knockout

Friday Saturday June 17, 18

Starstruck Performances

Week 9

Silver Lizzy Reward

Friday June 24

Reports home

Monday June 27

Public Speaking Presentation 2:30pm

Monday June 27 – Thursday June 30

Yr 6 Canberra trip

Notes sent home this week:

Thompson's pie fundraiser
Year 3-6 Musical

To Thornton community

With the potential of an east coast low developing over the weekend, the school may need to communicate with you. The communication channels will primarily be the APP and Facebook if needed

Staffing Changes Semester Two

A few staffing changes will be happening at Thornton over the coming months.

Congratulations to Miss Varley who has been appointed to a full time class based position at Shortland Public School. Miss Varley will finish up next Friday. The science teacher position will be filled over the coming weeks. Mrs Ziliotto will be teaching 4P on the Fridays.

Mrs Johnson will be retiring at the end of this term. We wish Mrs Johnson the very best and thank her for the many years of dedicated service she has provided to the students of our school.

In semester two, 3J will be taught by Miss Thomson, a talented young teacher and Mrs Allen who is returning from maternity leave.

Mrs Burgin will be returning from maternity leave next semester and will job share with Ms Allport on 2B.

Mrs Soklaridis will be on long service leave between 17/6 and 25/7. Mrs Green will be teaching KS in her absence.

Mr Millburn will be on long service leave for the last two weeks of this term. Ms Brown will step into the Principal role and Mrs Hooson will relieve as Deputy.

Miss Nicole Thomson will be teaching 2H during this time.

The Right Tools for the Job

When students come to school without the right equipment, their ability to get the most out of their lessons is reduced.

Students in the upper primary need a set of pens and pencils, a ruler, a rubber, some coloured pencils and textas.

For students in the lower primary pencils, a ruler, a rubber, a sharpener and colouring pencils will help them get the most out of their lessons.

Please ask your children if they have everything they need.

Baby Come Back

It seems the lost property Genie is at work at the moment as many clothing items which have been clearly named are disappearing. Please check your children jackets and jumpers to make sure they are yours and of course, return them to lost property if they are not.

Thank You.

Our Staff Rule

A special well done to the following recipients of Education Week Awards for 2016.

These award winners will be recognised at the Gateway learning Community Education week Reception on Wednesday 3rd August.

Outstanding Teaching	Laura Clulow
Excellence as a Non-Teaching Staff member	Leane Shelton
Fantastic Support from a Community Member	Maddy Gallagher
Excellence in Student Achievement and Engagement	Riley Keyes
Outstanding Whole School Program	Dance

Tournament of Minds (TOM)

TOM is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years.

Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programmes with the involvement of thousands of participants.

TOM aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a competitive environment.

The students will be required to solve a demanding, open ended challenge in the field of either Social Sciences, Engineering Mathematics, Language Literature or Science Technology. This challenge will be presented as a team at Newcastle Grammar School on Sunday, 28th August.

Expression of interest letters for students wishing to participate (years 4-6) have been sent out.

Book Club

Book club catalogues have gone home this week and they are due back by Friday 10th June 2016. No late orders accepted. You can place your order online at www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub using the new quick and easy loop system. Alternatively, you can place your order in the Red box on the counter in the Library, please note if you are paying by cash that all orders must have the exact money enclosed. No change is available in the Library

What's Due & When?

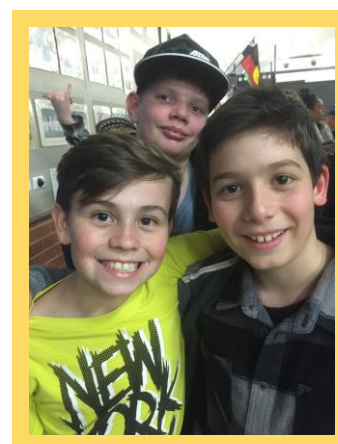
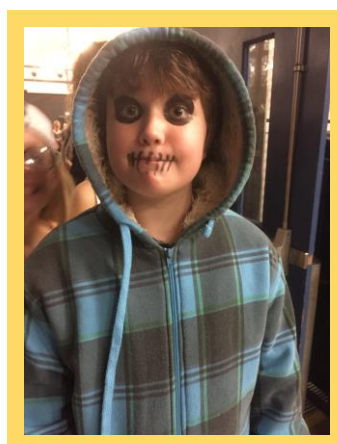
Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Zoosnoz Camp Payment 2	Yr 4	28/7 – 29/7	\$70.00	10 June 2016
Canberra Excursion Payment 4	Yr 6	27/6 – 30/6	\$150.00	10 June 2016
Year 3-6 POP Stars Musical	Yr 3-6	22/6	\$5.00	17 June 2016
Zoosnooz Camp Final Payment	Yr 4	28/7 – 29/7	\$70.00	30 June 2016

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.

School Pics

Disco Success

What a great night we had on Tuesday. Thanks Thornton Community for your support. The children love their disco nights.



Questacon Science Show was TREMENDOUS

Students from year one to year six enjoyed a highly entertaining Questacon Science Show on Monday.



Sports Stars Netball superstars



Francis Greenway Sports Afternoon

A fantastic sports afternoon was enjoyed by our year 6 students. All students reported great activities, great friendship and very enthusiastic high school staff.

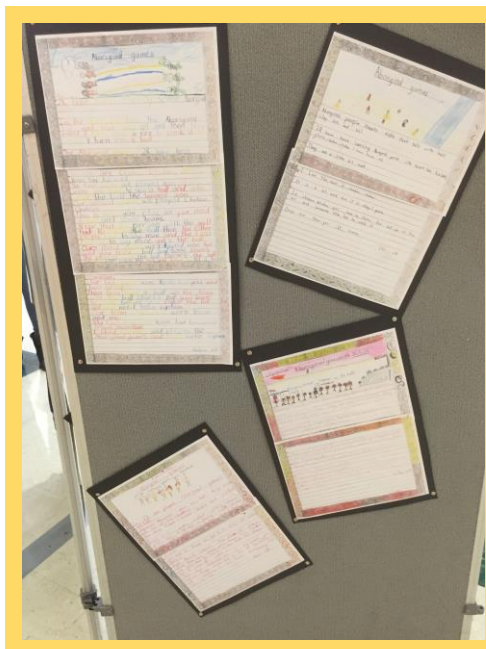


PSSA Knockout - Girls Cricket

Well done to the girl's cricket team who beat East Maitland by 10 runs in a nail biter! They are up against New Lambton in the 4th round. Good luck!



Reconciliation Art Work in the Thornton Shopping Centre



1D Class Report

Aboriginal Games Day

By Nate Bambey 1D

On Aboriginal Games Day 1D and 1S traced our shadows in chalk. An amazing 1S drawer and I did a super drawing! We did an Aboriginal drawing, they were awesome. We had an amazing day.



Aboriginal Games Day

By Hannah Johnson 1D

On Wednesday we played Aboriginal games called chasing shadows and keep it up. It was as fun as riding a horse.





The Importance of Reading to Your Child

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions. You can help your child in reading when you:

- show your child that you value reading by reading whenever you can
- provide a variety of texts for your child to read to you, eg stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines, children's recipe books
- point out words on street signs, packets and labels
- encourage your child to predict what a book is about from the cover and illustrations
- re-read favorite books
- talk about the different purposes for reading a picture book, a novel, a TV guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopedia
- point out the different size and shape of words
- point out the first sound of a word and encourage your child to think of other words that begin with the same sound
- encourage your child to read books for enjoyment as well as for information
- praise your child when they are reading, eg 'well done - that was a difficult word'
- encourage a positive attitude to books
- encourage your child to talk about characters and events in texts
- encourage your child to make sound effects for the characters and events
- ask your child to think of possible beginnings and endings for stories read and heard
- praise your child when they are reading
- 'sound out' difficult words and/or give clues to the meaning of difficult words
- encourage your child to have a go at reading words that are unfamiliar
- ask your child to read on past the unknown word to gain clues from the rest of the sentence
- show your child how to find the meanings of unfamiliar words in dictionaries
- encourage your child to watch films and videos of books they have read
- talk about the ways in which a film version of a book compares with the print version
- encourage your child to borrow books from the library.

Winter Warm Up Special

All Jumpers/V neck Jumpers \$2 and All Jackets \$3

Most sizes available open 2pm – 2.45 Monday to Friday.

Kind donations of coat hangers would be greatly excepted.

Thanks to all the Family's that have made donations to the clothing pool of late

Thank you for supporting Thornton Public School

Rebecca

‘Munch n Eat’ News

ONLINE ORDERING

You no longer need to line up at the canteen in the mornings to place your orders.

Online ordering starts on Monday. Register at www.flexischools.com.au

You can direct deposit money directly into your flexischools account at no charge, or use credit cards or pay pal (a small surcharge applies). You can use your computer, ipad or smartphone to order.

All orders incur a 25cent order fee that is applied by flexischools. But again, **NO LINING UP AT THE CANTEEN.**

Order cut-off time is 8.45am, but can order at least a week ahead of order day.

If you have any questions, whatsoever, just pop up to the canteen and we will be able to help you.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 6/6/16 – Renae

Tuesday 7/6/16 – Kelly

Wednesday 8/6/16 – Elaine

Thursday 9/6/16– Jess, Kelly H 9 – 11.30

Friday 10/6/16 – Ann, Jenny

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula



**CAN YOU GIVE
YOUR CHILD A
HEAD START IN
MONEY MATTERS?
COMMBANK CAN**

Good news! Our award winning School Banking program is available at your school.

This is a fun and easy way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, whilst offering an exciting rewards program for children as well as ongoing fund raising for your school.

All that is required is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, simply drop into any branch to apply or through NetBank (for existing customers). If your child has an existing Youthsaver account they are ready to start School Banking.

More exciting news about the program will be provided in Term 1 next year.

To find out more about the program visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of four diverse children (two girls and two boys) celebrating around a large golden trophy. One boy is holding the trophy, while the others are cheering and holding smaller trophies. There are colorful confetti and streamers around them. A small yellow diamond shape is in the bottom right corner.

FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH HAPPENINGS

POPSTARS- The 90's Musical

Please join us at our musical this year. It will take place on the evenings of 21st and 23rd June in our school hall. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketebo.com.au/fghs90

Our School Captains speak at the East Maitland Rotary Dinner

Makayla Bradford and Jack Olive, along with their Year Advisor, Matthew Russ attended the East Maitland Rotary Dinner on the evening of the 17th May. They were invited to speak about our school programs and the direction for the future. The students spoke about the core values of Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation and Commitment and our innovative Community Hub that has external services come into our school to support students and families. Another aspect they were proud to share was the transitioning of the Captains role from Year 12 back into Year 11. This change was made to allow Year 12 students to focus on their HSC. Our facilities were also mentioned in their speech. Our commercial kitchen, updated science labs, school gym and our Café allow our students extended learning experiences.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Calling all Francis Greenway High School Ex-Students, Parents & Community Members!

You are invited to join the 50th Anniversary celebrations at Francis Greenway High School this August. Please come and visit the school, meet old friends, tour the school, visit the classrooms, see how the school looks now, what's changed and what has stayed the same. Spread the word to your school friends and help to celebrate our special anniversary!

Wednesday 3rd August 10am Assembly to mark the date of the official opening of the school. This will include cutting of the cake followed by tours of the school. Visitors welcome.

Saturday 6th August 10am to 2pm Community Open Day: Tours of the school, open classrooms with demonstration and/or exhibits, photo displays and souvenirs. A BBQ run by East Maitland Lions Club will have food available for purchase on the day. An art exhibition will be held in the library showcasing students' artwork years 7 to 12. This artwork will be available for purchase. ALL WELCOME!

Please tell your families and school friends - everyone is invited and welcome! For more information and any enquiries please phone the school on 49641282 or visit our website francisgre-h.schools.det.nsw.edu.au



NEW SCHOOLWEAR STORE

Grand **OPENING SALE**



**SHOP 350
HIGH STREET
MAITLAND**

10% OFF EVERYTHING*

SCHOOL UNIFORMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE FROM MONDAY 30TH MAY.

**UNIFORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE
NEW STORE FROM MONDAY THE 6TH JUNE.**

*OFFER EXCLUDES GIFT CARDS, FLOOR STOCK ONLY. OFFER VALID MAITLAND STORE
ONLY FROM THE 6TH TO THE 8TH JUNE 2016. NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.



Winter Vacation Care

Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.

ABN 94 288 377 301

PROVIDER APPROVAL NUMBER: PR-00007689

Ph 02 4939 1840

83 - 85 Weblands St Rutherford NSW 2320

admin@mbccosh.org.au

Fax 02 4939 1849



4th - 15th July 2016 - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton

Pupil Free Day— Monday 18th July 2016 - Ashtonfield, Rutherford, & Thornton Centres Open

Open 6.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.

Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

4 convenient locations - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton

"Child Care Benefit(CCB)" and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility

Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by "Dept of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made)

Daily fees after CCB range from \$5.74 (1 child with 100% CCB) to \$46.50 per child

Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at all of our centres and Main office from

Monday 6th June 2016

Sorry no phone/fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)

Please remember a 2016 blue enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of any bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm - excluding Public Holidays) written

notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

Supported by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW

Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc - "showing Jesus' love to the Community"



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Institute of Australia

Certificate of Appreciation

with special thanks to

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for raising funds for the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia.

Your support is essential to research progress and can help to
save many lives from breast cancer.

Julie Cox

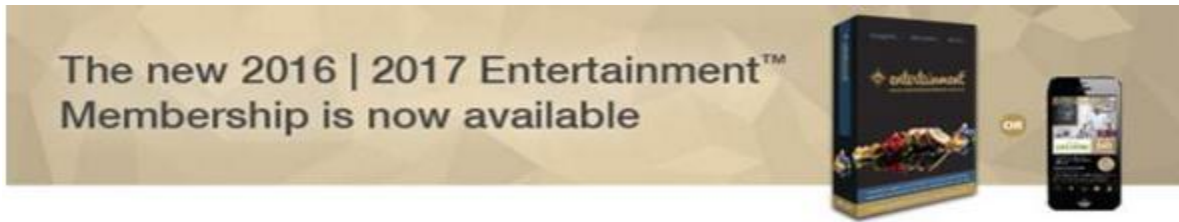
General Manager,
Breast Cancer Institute of Australia

Research for a world without breast cancer

Entertainment Book

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