



# THORNTON THUNDER

**Thornton Public School and its local Community**

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## **Being Aware and Vigilant**

It seems that Cyber Safety is becoming more and more important as the years go on. It is also apparent that the impact is reaching to younger and younger students. In fact, some apps that children access on their tablets at home have the ability to become a messaging device that other people can access. This is on top of the obvious dangers associated with Facebook, Snap Chat and texting. In fact, research shows that one in five Australian children aged 8-17 have been the target of cyberbullying in the past year.

At Thornton, we have a 'Bully No Way' policy and we work with our community and parents to put a stop to all forms of bullying including cyber bullying. Parents are reminded to please check the APPS their children are using and make sure there is no way that messages can be enabled. Please monitor any texting or other communication APPS. Children under 13 are not allowed to have Facebook or Snap Chat or Instagram.

Most importantly, talk to your children about what to do if they do stumble on an inappropriate site or receive a message from someone they don't know.

Being aware being vigilant and being careful will keep all of our children safe while enjoying the wonders of this digital age we live in.

## **Picture of the Week**

*Who could resist!*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**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 and 18**

Starstruck Performances

**Tuesday June 21**

Mufti Day Rainbow Theme

**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

**Wednesday July 27 – July 28**

Yr 4 Zoo camp

**Notes sent home this week:**

Yr 6 Canberra update

## Education Week Save the Date

On Friday August 5, Thornton school will be celebrating Education Week and the start of the Olympics. On this Friday, we will enjoy open classrooms from 10:30 - 11:00, a picnic lunch from 11:00 - 11:40, a short musical concert from 11:45 - 12:15 and then the Grand Parade from 12:15 - 12:45. Every child will make a flag which they will hold high in the Thornton Opening Grand March Past. A sports activity will then happen with the whole school and community watching on. What a great day to look forward to.

## Work Experience Kids

This week we have had some wonderful work experience students from Francis Greenway High School assisting in our classrooms. Nicola and Shaleih have been a great help to our teachers and students and we hope build upon the experience at Thornton and become Primary Teachers.

## SMS Notifications

We are trialling an SMS system which will notify you via text if your child is absent without explanation. You are able to reply to the text to explain the absence.

## Cyber safety

Each week we will be featuring a guide to popular social media sites and apps.

**App:** Snapchat

**Age Restrictions:** Snapchat is intended for people who are at least 13 years old.

**Persons under the age of 13 are prohibited from creating Snapchat accounts.**

For certain features or functionality offered, users must be at least **18 years old**.

**Description:** Snapchat is a mobile application that allows users to capture pictures and videos and send them as messages to other Snapchat users. Every Snapchat message has a viewing time limit ranging from 1 to 10 seconds, as selected by the sender. The timer starts when the recipient views the message. When the time limit is reached, the message is deleted and can no longer be viewed using Snapchat.

Check out these resources to help keep your children safe.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/cybersafety-tips-every-parent-should-know>

Please be aware that the Police Youth Liaison Office will be visiting Thornton on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. He will be talking about social media, the pitfalls and responsibilities.

## FGHS Show Returns

A reminder that money and permission note for the Francis Greenway High School Musical 'Popstars' is now due.

It promises to be a great show, one that all students will enjoy.

## Mufti Day

On Tuesday June 21, all students may come out of uniform. The theme for the Mufti Day is *All the Colours of the Rainbow*.

**The Gold coin donation will assist the school purchase costumes for the upcoming musical.**

**Rainbow colours! Gold Coin Donation!**

## Our Star Struck Singers and Dancers are the Best

Next week, Thornton School has students entered into the mass choir and the dance section of Star Struck. Since its inception in 1993, more than 45,000 public school students from the region have been given the unforgettable opportunity to experience performing in a major event.

In 2016, more than 3,000 students from local public schools will perform in Star Struck showcasing performers in music, dance and drama. Star Struck will be held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre, with four shows presented over two days from 17 June to 18 June 2016.

Audiences who attend Star Struck have the opportunity to see the pool of talent in our local public schools, some of whom will go on to become the next generation of leading entertainers. David Harris, Charli Delaney, Catherine Britt and James Johnston have all performed in past performances of Star Struck.”

For tickets, simply Google Star Struck Tickets or go to Ticketek.

Break a leg Star Struck performers.

## What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
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
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

*Pancake Cooking, 4P style*







*Our Zoo visit*

### **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*

We have started online ordering at the canteen. You can still, however, order over the counter as well.

If you would to start ordering online and not sure how to go about it, just call up to the canteen and we can help out. It is very easy to set up an account.

- Go to [flexischools.com](http://flexischools.com)
- Register by following the prompts
- Add your children
- Either transfer funds by paypal, credit card or direct deposit. Paypal and credit card have an additional fee, however, direct deposit is free to transfer funds, but do allow a day or so for funds to clear
- Cut off times for ordering are 8.45am, but can be done up to a week in advance
- No lining up at the canteen to put orders in

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 13.6 – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 14.6 – Christine, Penny

Wednesday 15.6 – Angela

Thursday 16.6 – Scarlett, Charmaine

Friday 17.6 – Berlinda, HELP NEEDED

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

**Class Report – 1G**  
**1G and their animal shelters**



**1G meets Apple the sheep**





