



# THORNTON THUNDER

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**Term 2, Week 9**

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## **Student Reports Reflect Student Achievement**

Semester one reports have been distributed to students today. The reports are based on thorough assessment and grade based discussion. The reports use the grades **Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic and Limited**. These grades reflect standards which have consistency across the school, the area and even the state.

Students who are working well and demonstrating an adequate knowledge of the expected outcomes will receive a **Sound**. This is for the majority of students.

For those students working at a high level of commitment and demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the outcomes, the grade of **High** would be appropriate.

Outstanding effort and competence, with an ability to demonstrate the required skills in new situations, would be eligible for an **Outstanding**.

For those students who show a basic level of competence and understanding, the grade of **Basic** will apply and those students who demonstrate an elementary level of understanding, the grade of **Limited** would be given.

In each case, the grade reflects the child's performance at that point of time. Students may move up and down the grades over a number of years depending on how they perform at each point of time.

## **Picture of the Week**



*Our Touch footy teams*

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday June 27**

Public Speaking Presentation 2:30pm

**Monday June 27 – Thursday June 30**

Yr 6 Canberra trip

**Friday 1 July**

Silver Lizzy Reward

**Term 3**

**Monday July 18**

Staff return to school

**Tuesday 19 July**

Students return to school

**Wednesday July 27 – July 28**

Yr 4 Zoo camp

**Tuesday 2 August**

Pizza Day

### **Term Three Arrangements**

From week 3 term 3 till week 10 term 3, Mr Millburn will not be at Thornton Public School as he will be working in the Moree Network of schools as a Director Public Schools NSW.

In his absence, Mrs Sharon Palmer will be relieving as Principal.

Mrs Palmer is currently Principal at Largs Public School and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the position of relieving principal Thornton Public School.

Mrs Palmer will be visiting the school before the official hand over date and will meet the staff, students and parents.

### **National Consistency Collection of Data**

If any parents do not wish their child's data to be included in the collection please notify the school office or speak to Mrs Hooson.

There is an explanation flyer at the end of the newsletter.

### **Starstruck Stars**

A huge thank you to Ms Ziliotto and Mrs Colefax for their work in giving our students the Starstruck experience.

Our dance and choir groups participated in what was an excellent show.

Well done!!



*Our Starstruck choir*

### **Library News**

Could all students with overdue library books please return them before the end of term.

### **Year 4 Zoosnooze Camp**

Just a reminder the camp is getting closer. Please return all yellow consent/medical forms to the office by Thursday 30 June.

## What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Zoosnooz Camp Final Payment	Yr 4	28/7 – 29/7	\$70.00	30 June 2016
Aussie Bush Camp Payment 2	Yr 5	31/7 – 1/8	\$100.00	1 July 2016
BYOD Levy	5/6S & 5/6Y		\$30.00	1 July 2016
Pizza Day	K - 6	2/8	\$5.00	26 July 2016
Aussie Bush Camp Final Payment	Yr 5	31/7 – 1/8	\$100.00	12 August 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

*Last Day of Term is a Limited Number*

Pies, Sausage rolls, roundas, mac cheese, carbonara, spag bol, lasagne, cheese and bacon rolls only.  
No salads, chicken burgers or nuggets.

*Pizza Day Tuesday 2 August*

Don't forget to get your pizza order in, online or over the counter.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 27.6 – Leanne, Mel  
Tuesday 28.6 – Tanya, CANTEEN MEETING  
Wednesday 29.6 – Alissa  
Thursday 30.6 – Rachel, Kellie  
Friday 1.7 – Stacey, Berlinda

### Term 3

Tuesday 19.7 – Mel, Kelly  
Wednesday 20.7 – Jo  
Thursday 21.7 – Tonia (am), Cathie (am)  
Friday 22.7 – Elaine, Jill

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

# WANTED

We need your help to collect items for the school musical.

We are looking for:

- 15 suitcases
- a toy pistol
- flower leis

If you are able to donate any of these items could you please drop them at the office by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of July** (Term 3, week 2).



## Class Report – 2B

Recently 2B read the book 'Looking for Crabs' by Bruce Whatley. We then went on to learn all about crabs! 2B loved learning interesting facts about these amazing little crustaceans.

### Crabs

#### Classification

Crabs are a part of the crustacean family. They are omnivores. They eat algae, fungi, bacteria, worms and other crustaceans.

#### Description

Crabs can be different colours. They have eyes on stalks. They have an external skeleton which is called an exoskeleton. A crab has 8 legs and 2 nippers.

#### Habitat

Crabs live almost all over the world and can live in all different types of water. They can also live on land.

#### Interesting Facts

Crabs communicate by drumming or flapping their nippers. They walk sideways on land and underwater. They can lay 1000 to 2000 eggs at a time. There are 4500 different species of crabs.

By Isabelle Rhodes



Caitlin McKenzie and David Field with their crab artwork.



Olivia Lawry finishing  
her crab artwork.

## Crabs

### Classification

Crabs are a part of the crustacean family. They are omnivores, which means they eat plants and meat.

### Description

Crabs have 8 legs and 2 nippers which means they have 10 legs altogether. Crabs have eyes on stalks. They can be orange and red in colour.

### Habitat

Crabs can live anywhere in the world. When they live on land they need their gills wet.

### Interesting Facts

Crabs drum or flap their claws to say other stuff to other crabs or crustacean animals. There are 4500 different species of crabs. Crabs also walk sideways because their legs are on the sides. They lay 1000 to 2000 eggs.

By Jackson Currie

## Crabs

### Classification

Crabs are omnivores which means they eat both meat and plants. They are part of the crustacean family.

### Description

A crab has 8 legs and 2 nippers. They vary in colours. Crabs have eyes on stalks. They have their skeleton on the outside of their bodies which is called an exoskeleton.

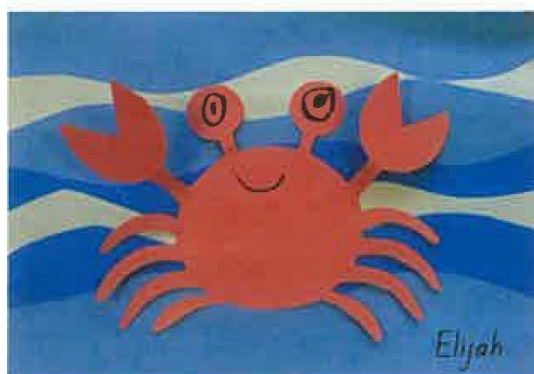
### Habitat

They live in all types of water. Crabs can live on land but their gills need to be wet. They can live almost all over the world.

### Interesting Facts


Crabs can lay as many as 1000 to 2000 eggs. Crabs walk sideways because their legs are on the sides of their bodies. Crabs communicate by drumming or flapping their nippers.


By Zara Lewis







## Class Report – 2H

**ECHIDNA**  
The Echidna is an amazing animal. It has a really long tongue that is about 18cm long.  
- Jack Milkovich  
**THE ECHIDNA**  
Echidnas eat worms, ants and grubs. Echidnas have hundreds of sharp spikes. The Echidna lives in Australia and New Guinea. They are monotremes.  
- Emily Manning  


**THE ECHIDNA**  
The Australian Echidna has terrifying spikes that pricks its enemies. They use their snout to find their prey which are grubs, worms and ants. They're all disgusting. Echidnas are monotremes which means they lay eggs. Their tongue is 18cm long.  
- Max Hartigan  


**AUSTRALIAN ECHIDNA**

**ECHIDNA**  
The Echidna lives all over Australia and New Guinea. Monotreme means that the Echidna lays eggs.  
The Echidna has little ears. The Echidna eats ants, worms and grubs. The Echidna's tail is 10cm long.  
- Jade Hounslow  


**ECHIDNA**  
The Echidna eats worms, ants and grubs. The Echidna lives in New Guinea and Australia and it has a tongue that is 18cm long. It has sharp claws and they use their snout to get their food.  
The Echidna uses its spikes to protect themselves and they are monotremes. They are so amazing. The film we watched with Miss Thomson was amazing.  
- Declan Hutchison  


**STORE**



# Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

School Students with Disability



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

### **Background to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

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In May 2013, all Education Ministers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments endorsed the implementation of a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability in all Australian schools (government, independent and Catholic).

The nationally consistent approach to data collection provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students with disability in schools and the adjustments they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

### **Authority for the collection of information for the purposes of the NCCD**

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The *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the Regulation) ([www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723)) requires the operators of government and non-government schools (approved authorities) to provide information to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department) for the purposes of the NCCD.

The information that approved authorities must give to the department is set out at subsection 58A(2) of the Regulation. This includes, in relation to each student with a disability at a school operated by the approved authority:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's category of disability (i.e. physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the student's level of adjustment (i.e. support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment).



The information **will not identify individual students** (subsection 58A(3) of the Regulation); no information that could reasonably enable the department to identify individual students will be provided by approved authorities to the department<sup>1</sup>.

Other details about the information to be collected and the format in which the information is to be provided to the department, will be contained in guidelines approved by the Education Council (the committee of the Council of Australian Governments comprising the Commonwealth and state and territory Ministers responsible for education). The NCCD guidelines are available on the department's website at [www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-students-disability-guidelines](http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-students-disability-guidelines)

### **Collection and disclosure of school level information**

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The information collected by schools for the purposes of the 2016 national data collection will ultimately be provided to the department. In some cases this will involve the school passing the data directly to the department and in other cases the school will provide the data to its state and territory government agency or other relevant body, depending on the school's particular arrangements. The state and territory government agency or other body will further de-identify school level data, and may aggregate the data at the state and territory level, before providing the data to the department.

The department, on behalf of the Joint Working Group<sup>2</sup>, will use the information collected for the purposes of preparing reports for and briefing the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee and the Education Council in relation to the NCCD. For the purposes of preparing these reports or briefing material, the department will ensure that the information is aggregated sufficiently so that no student's identity could reasonably be ascertained.

The aggregated information held by the department may also be used as an input to policy development for future funding and other policy requirements as required by the Education Council.

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<sup>1</sup> In the event that NCCD information given by an approved authority to the department does indirectly enable the department to reasonably identify an individual, the disclosure of that information by the approved authority, and the collection of that information by the department, are both authorised by law for the purposes of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Nevertheless, the department will seek to de-identify NCCD information that inadvertently contains identifying information.

The department's Privacy Policy, including further information about how individuals can access and correct personal information the department may hold, or how to make a privacy complaint to the department, is available at [www.education.gov.au/privacy](http://www.education.gov.au/privacy).

<sup>2</sup> The Joint Working Group to Provide Advice on Reform for Students with Disability is comprised of representative members from all state and territory government educational authorities, Independent Schools Council of Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, and the Australian Government.



The department will not otherwise disclose any personal information to third parties, including overseas recipients, without consent or unless authorised or required by law.

## Contact

For further information about the collection, use or disclosure of information for the NCCD please contact: [SWDPolicyTeam@education.gov.au](mailto:SWDPolicyTeam@education.gov.au).

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