



THORNTON THUNDER

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Term 2, Week 10

No 19

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Happy Holiday!

What a great term we have had at Thornton School. Some of the things the students have been involved in include,

- Lots of sport such as Cricket, Netball, Soccer, Rugby League, Touch Football, Daily PE, Friday sport and Developmental Play.
- Terrific dance and singing opportunities at Starstruck
- A fabulous Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall.
- Excursions to the Zoo and Canberra.
- The series of NAPLAN testing days.
- The continuation of the Passport to Success.
- Some excellent dancing at the school disco.
- A most successful Tadpoles Program.
- And always, great learning opportunities in all classes on all days.

May all Thornton families, students and teachers have a relaxing, safe and refreshing holiday so we are all ready for another term at Thornton School.

We are all about,

Learning, Caring Opportunities

Picture of the Week

Farewell Mrs Johnson



Dates for your Diary

Term 3

Monday July 18

Staff return to school

Tuesday 19 July

Netball Gala Day

Students return to school

Thursday July 21

Netball game

Friday July 22

Touch football game

Wednesday July 27 – July 28

Yr 4 Zoo camp

Tuesday 2 August

Pizza Day

Farewell Mrs Johnson

After a teaching career that began in 1979, and covered schools in Orange, Weston, Metford, Rutherford and Thornton, Mrs Johnson has worked tirelessly for the benefits of the students in her care. A talented teacher whose love of nature and passion for the welfare of her students has characterised a career that has been well spent. Humorous, conscientious, dedicated, creative and always ready with a laugh and joke, Mrs Johnson has been an excellent teacher and we wish her well in retirement.



Mrs Johnson's last assembly and the last class party

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.

Mufti Day Success

A huge thankyou to the many families who supported the Rainbow Theme Mufti Day last week. With over \$500 raised to support the musical, the day was certainly a success.

A Warm Thornton Welcome

For the first ten days of next term, Thornton will be hosting a visiting principal and vice principal from Canada.

Brenda and Steve Young will be spending time in the school looking at the teaching strategies that are unique to Thornton and NSW as well as enjoying the beautiful area in which we live.

If you see them in the playground, please say G'Day and give them a warm Thornton welcome!

Zumba Rules!

On Wednesday, the wonderful Donna and Meredith coordinated the final Zumba Session for our lucky Kindergarten students.

This program has been a terrific success and engages the students in an active fun musical form of exercise.

Thanks ladies.



School Development Day

The staff will be engaging in a number of workshops on our school development day. We will be looking at childhood trauma and how this impacts on learning, Restorative Practice and strategies around meeting the needs of students with autism. Students return to school on Tuesday 19 July.

Be Cyber Safe - Game of the Week

Constable Steal paid our school a visit to raise awareness of games and apps that are linked to bullying and violence. It came to our attention that many students in years 3 to 6 are exposed to a violent video called Grand Theft Auto. Please take the time to research this 18+ game to see if you think it is appropriate for your child.

App: Grand Theft Auto

Age Restrictions: 18 +

Description: The games allow the player to take on the role of a criminal in a big city, typically an individual who rises through the ranks of organised crime through the course of the game. Various missions are set for completion by the figureheads of the city underworld, generally criminal, which must be completed to progress through the storyline. Assassinations, and other crimes feature regularly, but occasionally taxi driving, firefighting, pimping, street racing, or learning to fly fixed-wing aircraft are also involved as alternate adventures, which can be done at any time during the game, with the exception of the periods performing main missions.

Some things to be aware of: Parents need to know that this game **isn't for kids in any way**. This game is controversial, letting you lead a life of crime, shoot police officers, drink and drive, and inappropriate sexual content.

Pie Drive Gets Everyone Excited

A huge thanks to our wonderful P&C who organised the pie drive this week. Your efforts directly benefit the students of our school. Thanks also to the many people who supported the drive with their orders.



Tadpoles Graduation

Our first group of Tadpoles Playgroup children for 2016 celebrated their Graduation morning wearing their 'I'm going to Big School at Thornton Public School' t-shirts. We thank Wirraway Thornton for their support.



WANTED

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

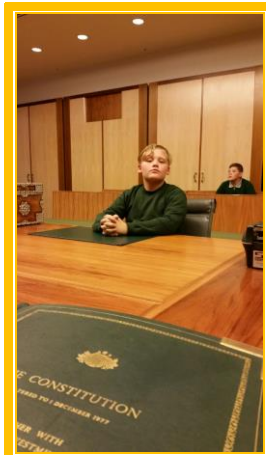
We are looking for:

- 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 25th of July** (Term 3, week 2).

Canberra Excursion a Great Success

Today, some of our years six students are looking tired but happy after a terrific four-day excursion to our National Capitol. Thanks to the parents who supported the excursion and trusted the teachers with their children and to the staff who worked 24/7 for the benefit of the students in their care. We have a wonderful school.



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

Pizza Day Tuesday 2 August

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

The roster is as follows:

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

See you all next term.

Happy Holiday



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time
your school
starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



A sky full of prizes to be won.

The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers.

Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, you'll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights



50
Camping
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90
Instant
Cameras



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PlayStation 4
Packs



200
Magazine
Packs