



# THORNTON THUNDER

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**Term 3, Week 1**

**No 20**

**22 July, 2016**

## **A Warm Welcome to all Thornton families**

Term three is upon us and by all accounts it is shaping up to be the best yet. We will begin the term with a busy week of sport with our basketball team, football team and touch football team competing at various competitions. Thanks to the many parents who assist with transport. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The following week is Education Week with the theme '*Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities*'. This day's program will include an excellent program of music, dance and open classrooms. We will close the day with a celebration of the 2016 Olympics.

This term we will see our stage two students heading to Sydney for an excursion. Year 4 will be enjoying a Zoosnooze and year 3 will be enjoying a day at the Rocks in the middle of Sydney.

Stage one will be heading to Tocal Homestead later this term for an excellent step back in time and year 5 will go to the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

At yesterday's Musical Committee meeting, the enthusiasm of the team was bubbling out of the room as the many jobs, ideas, organisational needs, special requirements, timetabling problems, ticketing plans etc were discussed. '**Kids in Paradise**' will be an outstanding success.

So welcome to term three, it really will be the best yet!

Remember,

***Big School, Many Opportunities***

## **Picture of the Week**

*Some of our netballers on Day 1 Term 3!*



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday July 26**

Canteen Meeting

**Wednesday July 27**

Girls Basketball Gala Day

**Wednesday July 27 – July 28**

Yr 4 Zoo camp

**Thursday July 28**

Pickers Cup, Senior Football team

Kindy assembly and Stage One assembly

**Friday July 29**

Girls Touch Football game

**Monday August 1**

Book Fair starts

K-6 assembly 2:30pm

P and C Meeting

**Tuesday August 2**

Pizza day

**Wednesday August 3**

Boys Basketball Gala Day

Year 1 to Tocal

**Thursday August 4**

Education Week Open Day

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**Thursday 4 August 2016** (note change of date)  
*'Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities'.*

The Education Week Open Day will be as follows,

**9:40 10:20**

The NED Show, a free production focusing on character development and positive attitudes will be delivered for all for all students in the hall.

**10:30-11:00**

Open classroom where the students will be preparing their flags for the Grand Olympic Parade.

**11:00-11:40**

Picnic Lunch

**11:45-12:15**

Mini Concert featuring:

- Harvest Band
- Stage One choir
- Harmony Choir
- Senior Dance Group.
- Irish Dancers
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**12:15-1:30**

Students assemble in countries and we all enjoy an Olympic Opening Ceremony. All classes will then parade with the flags of their country of choice.

What a terrific day we will have!

**Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Last term Year 6 went on an educational tour of our National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding for students under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward those costs. This contribution will be paid directly to our school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australia Government for their support of this program.

We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students

## **Our Canadian Visitors Have Been Most Impressed**

Our visiting Canadian Principals have been most impressed with Thornton School. They have enjoyed visiting the classes and meeting the students with many asking interesting questions about snow, bears and ice hockey.



Mr and Mrs Young will be addressing the assembly on Monday.

## **Changes to Library/Science and PE Times**

There have been some changes to our Library/Science and PE timetable this term. Please check with your child's class teacher if your child is unsure of their new times.

## **A Stitch in Time Saves Nine**

Please find the term planner included in this edition of the Thunder to help you keep organised. You will notice that stage assemblies stop after week 5 due to the commitments associated with the musical.

## **The Ned Show**

On Thursday August 4 at 9:20 am, the NED show will visit our school. The presentation focuses on positive character traits, positive attitudes and encourages students and staff to be their best. The visiting presentation is free. However, there will be items for sale from the office. There will be available Yo Yos and Yo Yo accessories. Prices range from \$8:00 to \$20:00. These items will be available from 4 August to 12 August. A separate flyer will be sent home before the show.



## Australian Institute of Sport

*By Skye and Trista*

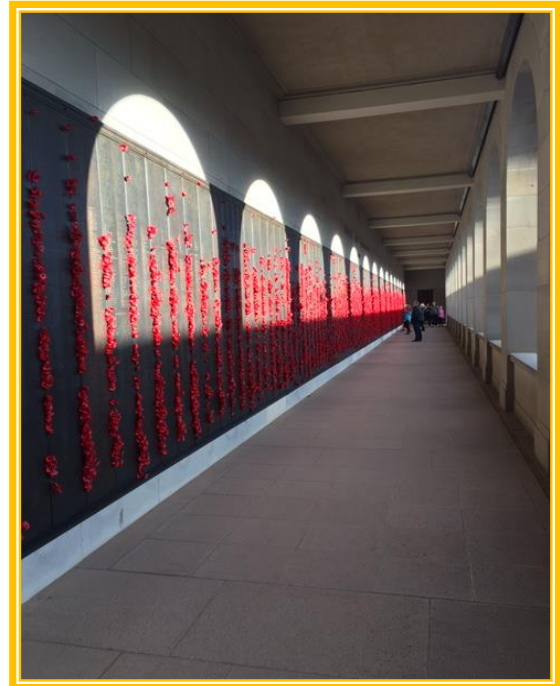
The Australian Institute of Sport is where all of Australia's best athletes train. It was really exciting to be actually going to the AIS even though we had no idea what it was going to be like. Our favourite part of the AIS was Sportex. Sportex is full of sport inspired games. We both liked the basketball game, cricket game and all the other games too. It was just so much fun. After about 30 minutes in Sportex it was time for the tour. The first place we saw was the gymnasium. We witnessed some of the gymnasts doing flips and turns on really high bars. Then we went to a gym. The biggest gym we had ever seen, it was bigger than the oval. We also got to go see a high tech pool with tunnels under ground and hidden cameras. Then we saw the Australian volleyball team in action.



## Australian War Memorial

### By Emily & Abbey 5/6A

Our first afternoon in Canberra involved visiting the Australian War Memorial. When we first walked in we watched a short video about war. Following the video, we split into two groups and looked around in the museum area of the War Memorial. While we were walking around we saw photos and information about previous wars and we saw small models of war zones and larger models of soldiers and vehicles. Then we went into a kid's zone where we could have some interactive play. In the kid's zone there were war uniforms and we pretended to fly a helicopter and imagined we were in a submarine. After that both groups went and looked at the walls filled with names of soldiers that died in the war and rows of red poppies people placed to remember all of the soldiers. We also went in the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a room people go to so they can pay their respects. After that we all sat down for the last post ceremony. Our two school captains laid a wreath of flowers at the side of the lake. The last post ceremony was very sad and emotional. By this time it was getting darker and icy cold so it was time to leave.



## Cybersafety - 'App of the Week'

As the year progresses, new technologies are emerging. This makes it difficult for parents to keep up with their clever techno minded children. Over the holidays Pokemon Go by Nintendo, was released and has become the biggest mobile game to ever launch in the world. Since its launch on July 6, millions of people around the globe have tried out Pokémon Go, collected Pokémon characters, trained them and walked around cities and suburbs to find where they might be hiding. All the while, they've been given perhaps their first significant opportunity to explore augmented reality technology and discover what some are calling a truly addictive experience. On the downside, criminals have taken aim at players and there have been several reported accidents reportedly caused by people playing the game while driving their vehicles. If your kids have become Pokémon trainers during the holidays, you might consider joining them on their real world adventures. Altogether, Pokémon Go has become an astonishing cultural phenomenon.

### **App:** Pokémon Go

**What is it?** Pokémon Go uses your phone's GPS and camera to create an augmented reality (AR) monster hunting game, blending the real world with a simulated online world.

**Who can access this?** Pokémon Go is intended for **users aged 9 and up**. Must have parental permission.

### **Things to be aware of:**

- Only download the game from official stores—iTunes and Google Play. There are fake versions available from other sites which contain malware.
- For privacy and safety, make sure your child uses a pseudonym for their player username.
- Watch where you are walking while playing the game, especially while walking on public streets. Street safety rules always come first.
- Be careful that the location you are going to is safe and not private property.
- Unlike many other games, you may actually meet the people you play against. Parents may wish to accompany their children to these public 'battles'.
- The game relies on you being online while playing. Be mindful of your data usage while roaming the streets.
- Although free to download, the game also offers in-app purchases. Make sure you and your child are aware of how additional changes may be incurred.

# Musical Information

The school musical is only 8 weeks away and the students are busily acting, dancing and singing away. These are the following class allocations for the green and gold cast. We are looking forward to showcasing our wonderful talents very soon 😊

GOLD CAST (Ms Yager)	GREEN CAST (Ms Clulow)
KC	KL
KS	KD
1S	1D
1G	1N
2R	2H
2C	2AB
3/4M	3Z
4K	3J
4/5WS	4P
5/6Y	5/6A
5/6S	6A



# 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).

## What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
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 Orders*

Orders are due back Tuesday 26 July for over the counter orders and Thursday 28 July for online orders.

**NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 25.7 – Leanne, Melanie  
Tuesday 26.7 – Tanya, CANTEEN MEETING  
Wednesday 27.7 – Alissa  
Thursday 28.7 – Rachel, Kellie  
Friday 29.7 – Gill, Stacey

Thanks to all our helpers.  
Cheryl and Paula



# Thornton Public School Calendar - Term 3 2016

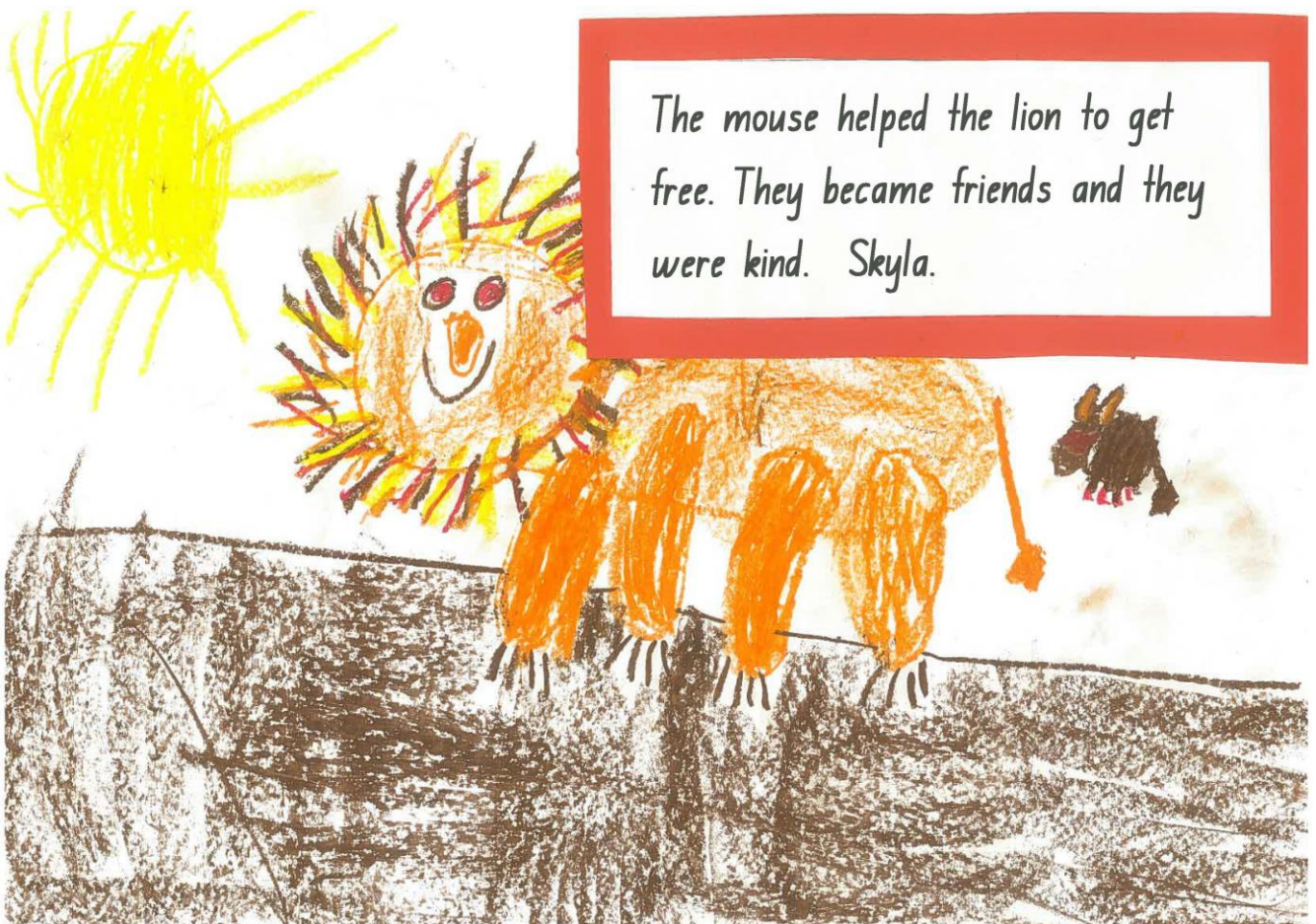
Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	18 July SDD SLSO Conf.	19 July Students return Netball Gala Day Choirs 1:00-3:00	20 July 3J Meet and Greet	21 July Netball Game Aboriginal Education Team Meeting	22 July Boys touch game Stage two assembly	23 24 July
2	25 July K-6 Assembly	26 July	27 July Tadpoles Girls Basketball Gala Day Zoo Snooze	28 July Zoo Snooze Pickers Cup Kindy Assembly Stage One assembly	29 July Girls Touch game Stage three assembly	30 31 July
3	1 August Welcome Mrs Palmer Education Week Book Fair. P & C Meeting	2 August Book Fair. Pizza Day	3 August Boys Basketball Gala Day Year 1 to Tocal Local Government Week Leaders Breakfast Tadpoles Book Fair. Education Week Awards Night Beresfield	4 August Book Fair. NED Show 9:40 am Education Week 10:30 Open classrooms 11:00 Picnic Lunch 11:40 Mini Concert 12:10 Olympic March Past	5 August Book Fair. Zone Athletics Stage Two assembly	6 7 Aug
4	8 August K-6 Assembly	9 August	10 August Year 2 to Tocal Tadpoles School Council	11 August Kindy Assembly Stage One Assembly	12 August Stage Three Assembly	13 14 Aug
5	15 August Science Week....	16 August	17 August Tadpoles	18 August	19 August Stage Two assembly	20 21 Aug
6	22 August K-6 Assembly	23 August	24 August Tadpoles	25 August	26 August	27 28 Aug
7	29 August	30 August Father's Day Stall	31 August Forum Year 5 to Great Aussie Bush Camp Tadpoles	1 September Year 5 to Great Aussie Bush Camp	2 September Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast Year 5 to Great Aussie Bush Camp Regional Athletics Carnival	3 4 Sep
8	5 September K-6 Assembly	6 September	7 September Tadpoles Environment Meeting	8 September	9 September	10 11 Sep
9	12 September Musical week	13 September	14 September Musical Matinee, Evening and Night performance	15 September Musical Matinee, Evening and Night Performance	16 September Musical Kids Show...	17 18 Sep
10	19 September Gold Lizzy Stickers out this week Talk Like a Pirate Day.	20 September	21 September School Council	22 September	23 September Last day Term three	24 25 Sep
Hols	26 September	27 September	28 September	29 September	30 September	1 2 Oct
Hols	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 October	7 October	8 9 Oct

Class Report – KS

The lion caught the mouse. The mouse said "Please don't eat me!"  
Sienna.



The mouse helped the lion to get free. They became friends and they were kind. Skylar.

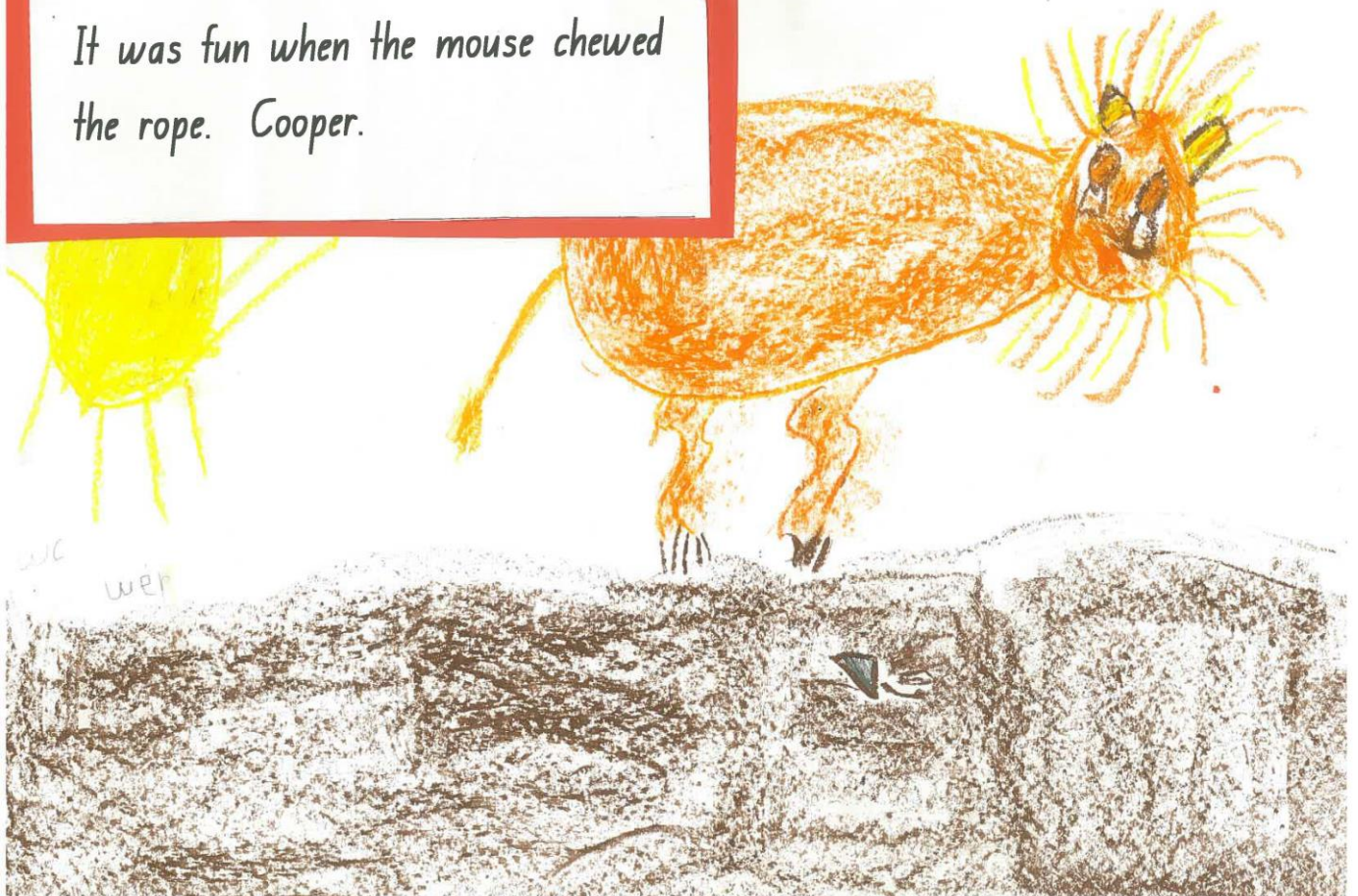




The big lion caught the mouse. He  
did not eat him. Jordan.



It was fun when the mouse chewed  
the rope. Cooper.





The lion got caught in the net. The mouse saved the day! Emma.



The mouse saved the lion. The lion is safe. Lilly.

