



THORNTON THUNDER

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Education Week

Shared Stories, Better Learning, Stronger Communities

Next week sees our annual Education Week celebration with the theme of *Shared Stories, Better Learning, Stronger Communities*.

At Thornton School, the stories of our community infiltrate every lesson and every playground game. Our stories of sport, family, community, holidays, mums, dads, pets, brothers and sisters, all combine to create the dynamic learning environment we have.

Building upon these stories is the learning that occurs both inside and outside the classroom. Learning in literacy, numeracy, science, PE, history, geography and of course relationships reflect our stories and work to create a strong school community where we all have a common goal and shared values.

Thornton as a community has everything it needs. A great shopping centre, library, sporting fields, churches and of course a wonderful school. In fact, it is the shared stories, better learning and stronger community that brings so many to the Thornton area.

We are indeed lucky to have what we have and it is on days like Education Week Open Day that we get to say thank you and celebrate the wonderful community we live in and the wonderful school that we have.

Thornton School

Excellent Reputation

Picture of the Week



Dates for your Diary

Monday August 1

Book Fair starts

P and C Meeting

Tuesday August 2

Pizza day

Digi Ed Day

Wednesday August 3

Boys Basketball Gala Day

Leaders to Local Government Week Breakfast

Year 1 to Tocal

Education week Awards Reception

Thursday August 4

Education Week Open Day

- Open Classroom

- Picnic Lunch

- Mini Concert

- Flag Parade

Friday August 5

Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday August 10

Year 2 to Tocal

School Council Meeting

Education Week Open Day
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

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!

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

Claim the Date

Parents are advised that the Year 3 excursion to Sydney is planned for Monday October 17. The cost will be around \$60 and will cover bus fare and venue entries.

The 2016 Dads Awesome Camp Over will be held on Friday 11 November.

Remember

A reminder that Mr Millburn will be out of the school for the next 8 weeks. Mrs Sharon Palmer will be relieving during this time.

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.

Get Appy

We have around 280 downloads of the school APP. It would be great to have every family with the App on their smart phone. It is a very effective way to communicate dates, messages and the newsletter. Login Details:

User name	community
Password	thorntonps

And Face Book Too!!

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Debating

On Thursday 28 July our Year 6 debating team, the Thornton Public Theories, went up against the Ashtonfield Alfes. The topic we were debating on was 'That every school kid should be in a competitive sporting team'. We were the negative team. Unfortunately, we lost but only by a very small amount. Our 1st speaker was Elke, 2nd was Hannah, 3rd was Tess and our team captain was Maddison. Our amazing time keeper was Tori-Lee and our wonderful chair lady was Chloe.

A big thanks to Ms Osborn for stepping in at the last minute to run the debate. We all did an amazing job and the final result came down to the smallest things. Thank you also to Mrs Wilson-Stevens for the amazing job she has done on coaching us this year.



Year Four's Excursion to Sydney

What a great time the kids in year 4 had at Sydney. Visiting the Maritime Museum, the Rocks and Hyde Park Barracks made the first day a terrific experience. Sleeping over at the zoo and then spending the day at the zoo topped off a terrific excursion. Thanks Mrs Pugh and teachers. The students certainly benefited from your efforts.



Taking Care of Kids

Parents are advised that if their child is on crutches, wearing a sling or in plaster, they will not be allowed on to the playing fields. They can still play in the other areas of the school. This is to discourage running games and the subsequent possibility of further injuring themselves.

Thornton Community Garden

All welcome to celebrate our 1st birthday so come along and support great community initiative. There will be free coffee and birthday cake. This Saturday morning 30 July in the grounds of the Anglican church from 10am – 12pm.

What's Due & When?

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
FGHS Mini Lessons	Yr 6	10 August	\$5.00	6 August 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

We will only have the pre-ordered pizzas on Tuesday. No other orders over the counter. So if you don't have a pizza ordered you will need to bring your lunch.

Education Day Thursday 4 August

There will be a limited menu on Thursday 4 August.

No chicken burgers

No salads

No sandwiches

Parents wishing to order lunch to have with their child need to order by 9am

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday 1.8 – Renae

Tuesday 2.8 – Kelly

Wednesday 3.8 – Elaine

Thursday 4.8 – Jess, Kelly (9 – 11.30)

Friday 5.8 – Ann, Jenny

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

Community News

What's happening at Francis Greenway High?

VIVO Assembly

Our school uses VIVO as our reward program. Students are awarded points based on our four core values: Respect, Responsibility, Commitment and cooperation. Students can then use their points to shop at the VIVO store. Each term we hold an assembly to celebrate and to award certificates to those students who have the most points in each of the four core values. Our next VIVO Assembly is on Friday, 22nd July at 10. 40 am. All Welcome.

CAFÉ

Every second Wednesday, some of our students run our Café. We are lucky enough to have Mrs Smithson who is a chef by trade and one of our Hospitality teachers manage this project. The café is open to staff and senior students and parents who might like to drop in and have a bite to eat. The food is delicious!



Our Japanese Garden

In Year 7, all students study Japanese as a language. Students are able to continue to study Japanese in Stages 5 and 6. Mrs Waller, along with some very industrious students have built a Japanese garden. This is a place for relaxing and also has a learning space for classes. Pictured below are our hard working students and Eri Takeuchi who comes in on a Tuesday to work with students on practising their Japanese.





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**Do you love to sing?
Are you in primary school?**

Represent your school in the Regional Primary School Choir

Hunter Trebles

Hunter Trebles is the junior choir of the Hunter Singers organisation, celebrating 27 years of music making. Young singers in Hunter Trebles participate in weekly rehearsals at Merewether High School, learning songs and singing technique, music theory, playing games and having fun making music. The Hunter Trebles is conducted by music teacher and Star Struck choir director, Charissa Ferguson.

Hunter Trebles perform in concert with the Hunter Singers once a term, plus additional performances at the Sydney Opera House Festival of Choral Music, Star Struck, and King Edward Park Carols by Candlelight. Membership is open by audition for students in years 3-6 at government primary schools. Hunter Trebles rehearse on Tuesday afternoons at Merewether High School between 5.00pm and 6.30pm. Membership costs are subsidised by the Department of Education and fees are \$90 per term, with a uniform cost of \$90, which includes three performance t-shirts, and performance pants.

Hunter Trebles is holding an information session and audition afternoon on Tuesday, August 2 from 4.30pm-5.00pm at Merewether High School Learning Centre. Parents and students are invited to join us for a brief introduction and overview of the ensemble, and then young singers will participate in a singing workshop, with musical games and informal singing assessment in a friendly environment.

Visit the Hunter Singers website at www.huntersingers.com or facebook page www.facebook.com/huntersingers for more information.

Hunter Trebles Information Session and Singing Workshop
Tuesday August 2, 4.30pm-5.00pm
Merewether High School Learning Centre (entry from Pokolbin Street, Broadmeadow).

Please register your interest by emailing admin@huntersingers.com, by messaging Charissa Ferguson on 0407 010 741, or by contacting Annie Devine on 0400 322 081.



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free two/three day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 16-17NSWPC6

Location: Newcastle NSW

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment
- Increase your capacity to maximise your young person's learning at home and at school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers
- Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families
- Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop days

Workshop details

Venue: Quality Hotel, Noah's on the Beach
Corner Shortland Esplanade & Zaara Street
Newcastle NSW 2300

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 August 2016 (2 consecutive days)
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations for the Two day workshop open on Tuesday 21 June 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au. You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 31 August 2016

Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days

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