



# THORNTON THUNDER

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## **Education Week**

### *Shared Stories, Better Learning, Stronger Communities*

What a fantastic introduction to Thornton Public School!

I have had a great week with many fantastic experiences - Pizza Day, P&C Meeting, Local Government Breakfast with the Captains and Vice Captains, GLC Education Week Presentation Night, Enrichment Group Claymation Activities, Book Fair, Musical Preparations, Tadpoles and Education Week Open Day activities! WOW!!!

My name is Ms Sharon Palmer and I will be relieving as Principal until Week 10 during Mr Millburn's absence. I have come from Largs Public School where there are only 130 students in 6 classes! This week I have spent some time with the school map learning my way around the school and visiting most classes. I have been most impressed by the many wonderful programs being implemented at this school, the great teaching that I have seen and of course the hard-working, well-mannered students that are putting in a fantastic effort. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many parents at the P&C meeting, as classroom helpers and during Open Day! Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome!

I am looking forward to learning many more names and learning much more about your fantastic school in the following weeks!

*Sharon Palmer*

## **Picture of the Week**



### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday August 8**

K-6 Assembly

**Wednesday August 10**

Year 6 to FGHS - Capa Day

Year 2 to Tocal

Tadpoles

School Council meeting

**Thursday August 11**

Kindy Assembly

Stage 1 Assembly

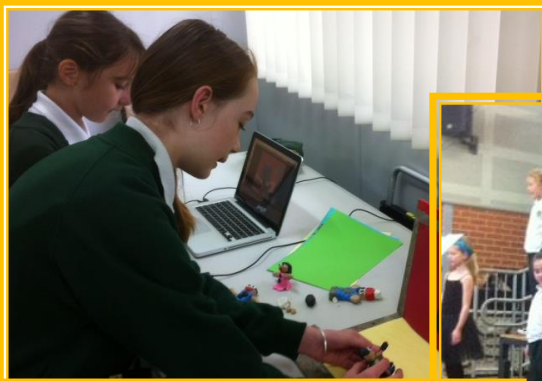
**Friday August 12**

GATS Drama Day

Stage 3 Assembly



## Education Week! What a Fantastic Week !!



### **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.

### **Kindy 2017**

With over 80 kindergartens already on our books for 2017, the school is in a very healthy position. If there are any students for 2017 out there, please come into the school and collect enrolment forms from the office.

### **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.

### **'App' of the Week**

Parents should be aware of which social media sites their children are subscribed to and how each of them function. These sites use Internet connections to connect their users so that they can engage in conversation or share pictures and videos. These social media sites have applications which use information and resources from a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet.

Children are abandoning traditional social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter for Instagram. Instagram is quickly gaining popularity among tweens and teenagers.

**App:** Instagram

**What is it?** Instagram is a way to share your photos with friends and family. You can take a picture, choose a filter to transform its look and feel, then post it to Instagram.

**Who can access this?** You must be **at least 13 years old** to use the service.

**Things to be aware of:** Instagram does not have any obligation to pre-screen, monitor, edit, or remove any content. Parents need to decide what their child is capable of handling, how comfortable they will be talking to you about what they see, how much supervision you can offer. This is true not only for Instagram but all of their activities online. If your children are using Instagram, *then you should be using Instagram as well*. Ensure you follow your child and monitor the content they post. By default, anyone can hover over your child's profile and view info unless you change the settings.

### **The Ned Show**

Yesterday the NED show visited our school. The presentation focused on positive character traits, positive attitudes and encouraged students and staff to be their best.

We now have items for sale from the office. Yo Yos and Yo Yo accessories.

Prices range from \$8:00 to \$20:00.

These items will be available till 12 August.

A flyer is at the end of the newsletter.



## 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

A big thank you to the following volunteers that helped out for pizza day:

Ann S, Natasha W, Stephanie K, Mel I, Tanya H, Stacey H, Gill, Kelly and Cass.

Without your help the pizza day would not have run so smoothly.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	8.8 – Sarah
Tuesday	9.8 – Penny, Christine
Wednesday	10.8 – Angela
Thursday	11.8 – Scarlett
Friday	12.8 – Stacey, Gill, Ann

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.

Cheryl and Paula

## Community News

**EXCLUSIVE OFFER TO  
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**20% OFF**  
ORIGINAL PRICES  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
**AND EVERYTHING ELSE**





**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**AVAILABLE INSTORE & ONLINE**

\*Floor stock only. Exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing Zero 5% discount. Excludes gift cards.

**Maitland Special  
Care Nursery  
Fundraiser**

*Trivia Night*

5.30pm Saturday 15 October 2016  
Kurri Kurri High School Gymnasium

Tables of 10 - \$15 per person  
Price includes small platter of nibbles  
Sausage sizzle and drinks available  
on the night

To book a table or for more  
information go to  
[facebook.com/MaitlandSCNFundraiser](https://facebook.com/MaitlandSCNFundraiser)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
MAITLAND SPECIAL CARE NURSERY

## Class Report – KC









# Science Week 2016

## It's happening all over the Hunter!

The Hunter Innovation and Science Hub is proud to invite you to a wonderful range of science walks, presentations, workshops and festivals to celebrate this year's Science Week in the Hunter. Most are free and for the whole family

For more details please join us on **Facebook** or check out the 2016 National Science Week events in the Hunter <https://is.gd/XZVN2x>



Time	Event	Location
<b>13-14 August</b> 10am-4pm	Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival	Newcastle Kart Racing Club, Cameron Park
<b>14 August</b> 11am-12pm	Botanic Gardens Guided Walk	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
<b>15 August</b> 5.30pm-7.30pm	Kids Health Public Seminar	Hunter Medical Research Institute
<b>16 August</b> 9.30am-5pm	Robotics Workshops	Cessnock High School
<b>16 August</b> 4-5pm	CSIRO Energy Centre Tour	CSIRO Energy Centre
<b>16 August</b> 6pm	NSW Geological Society HEDG Talk	Newcastle Museum
<b>17 August</b> 9am-5.30pm	Robogals visit Singleton Library	Singleton Library
<b>18 August</b> 9am-2.30pm	RoboCup Junior	The Forum - UoN
<b>18 August</b> 5-6.30pm	Hunter Pi in the Sci	East Maitland Library
<b>19 August</b> 4.30pm-7pm	Bots & Beers	Foghorn Brewhouse
<b>20 August</b> 10am-12pm	Drones in the Vines	Glandore Estate Wines
<b>20 August</b> 2-5pm	Time Walk - Volcanoes, Coal and Fossils	Nobbys Surf Lifesaving Club
<b>21 August</b> 10am-2pm	Hunter Science Festival	Newcastle Museum

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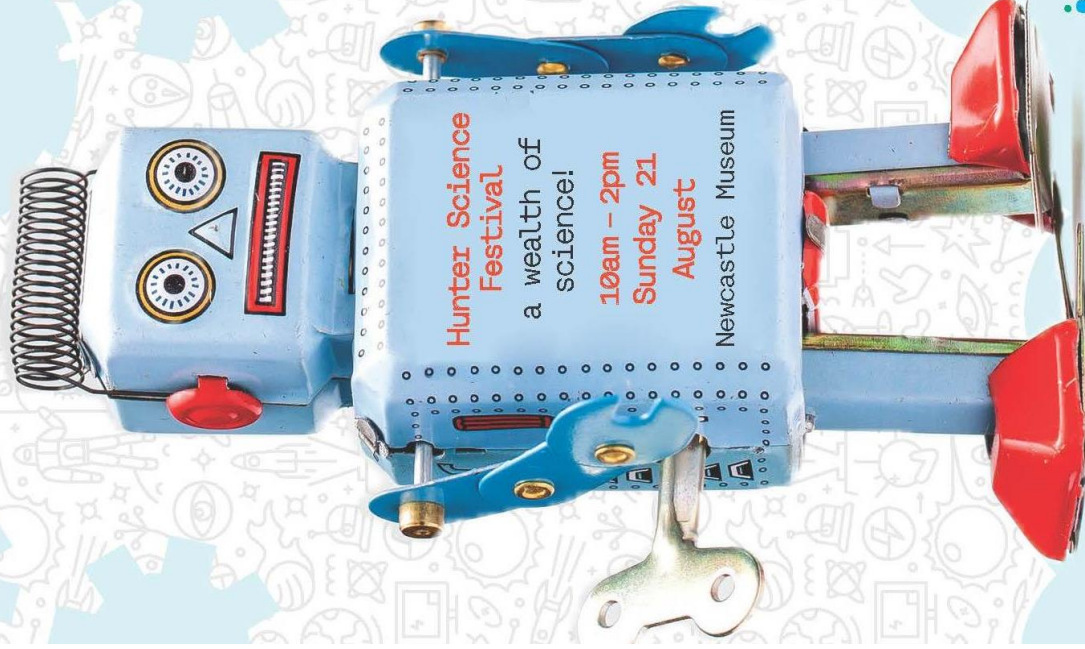
Watch the  
*Small Acts Big Change* show

Check out the  
sensational  
Science Shows

Get up  
close to  
reptiles &  
insects

Meet wonderful  
local scientists

plus  
heaps  
more





## FOR GIRLS

Outdoor training specifically designed to get you fit, get your metabolism burning faster and target those problem areas.

Activities scaled for all fitness levels.

Take the LEAP towards a HEALTHIER future

MON, WEDS, FRI @ 9.30 am

LOCATION - SOMERSET PARK - WET WEATHER VENUE ALSO

BOOK NOW - 0411 679 202.

COST - \$10



BOOTCAMP  
@ 9.30 AM

LOSE WEIGHT,  
BURN FAT, TONE  
MUSCLES

BE MORE ACTIVE  
GET OUTDOORS  
LOOK GREAT  
HAVE FUN

SOMEONE BUSIER  
THAN YOU IS  
TRAINING RIGHT  
NOW

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Hello  
Parents!

## THE NED SHOW™

CHARACTER EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

SHOW DATE: 4 August 2016  
SALE DATES: 4 - 12 August 2016

The NED Show is a character education programme that centres around three important messages that have life long relevance:

**Never give up \* Encourage others \* Do your best\***

During the assembly, students will learn about NED's three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

THE NED SHOW  
PROVIDES...

**45**  
free printables  
for using at home

**23**  
child-friendly  
learning videos

**1**  
unforgettable programme  
that creates champion  
attitudes!

Meet NED in a Video!



[www.theNEDshow.com/PARENTS](http://www.theNEDshow.com/PARENTS)

Access 55 mins  
of yo-yo instruction  
for tons of  
Old-Fashioned Fun  
after the show!



[www.theNEDshow.com/KIDZ](http://www.theNEDshow.com/KIDZ)

### use NED at Home

- Share a story about **never giving up** on something that was important to you as a child.
- Be your child's #1 **encourager!** Recognise something that your child is trying to be awesome at and applaud their efforts.
- If your child is excelling in a particular area, identify new challenges that will keep them **doing their best!**



**FREE  
DOWNLOADS  
for home!**

### The Pay-it-Forward™ Sale

NED gear is available for purchase for 5 days after the show at our school.

Our school gets The NED Show for free because we're hosting a **Pay-It-Forward** sale. When you purchase a NED item, you help send this assembly on to the next school.

More items at  
[www.shopNED.com.au](http://www.shopNED.com.au)

NED® YO

Glow-in-the-dark

\$8



BOOMERANG™

Auto-return feature

\$15



EXCELERATOR™

Professional ball bearing yo

\$20



Prices include GST.



Replacement String  
(10 strings)  
\$5



Yo-Yo  
Holster  
\$5



Send order form and payment to school with your child.

Pupil:

Teacher:

	QTY.	TOTAL
NED® Yo	___ x \$8	___
Boomerang™	___ x \$15	___
EXCELeRator™	___ x \$20	___
10 Strings	___ x \$5	___
Yo-Yo Holster	___ x \$5	___

**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheques should be made payable to our school.