



THORNTON THUNDER

Thornton Public School and its local Community

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Principal: Mr John Millburn

Term 3, Week 9

No 28

16 September, 2016

What a fantastic Musical! Kids in Paradise has been a great success!

It was amazing to see how the whole Musical came together with all students involved!

Thank you again to the staff and students who have worked tirelessly and to the parents and community for your support!

An extra big thank you to Miss Clulow and Ms Yager for their massive efforts in organising such a wonderful production!

Well Done Thornton!

As Mr Millburn is returning on Wednesday I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and students for your great support and help. I think I have been very lucky to be involved in many events such as the Leaders Breakfast, Father's Day Breakfast, Book Week, the NED show, Education Week Open Day and Awards Night and of course, the Musical! It has been a pleasure relieving at Thornton and I am amazed at the parent support for all the great events and opportunities it provides. Apparently I need to come back for the scrumptious Mother's Day Morning Tea!!

Thank You Thornton!

Sharon Palmer

Picture of the Week



Dates for your Diary

September 19

Sporting Teams Photos

September 23

Last day of Term 3

October 10

Students return for Term 4

P&C Meeting

Musical – ‘Kids in Paradise’

As a follow-up to the musical, I would just like to remind parents that we requested, due to child protection reasons, that there be no photos or videos of the performance. Any photos or videos taken of students before or after the musical (or any that may have been taken in the show) are not to go on social media. Social media publication of photos or videos requires parental permission of all students involved. Ms Yager is making a trailer of the musical and will post it on the Thornton Facebook site in the coming weeks. Students without photo permission will not be included. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

It is important, that we as a community, respect the rights, legal requirements and child protection of all our students.

School Council

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 3.15pm in the staffroom.

Students Arriving Early

Just a reminder that students are not to be at school before 8.30am. There is no supervision before this time. Please contact OOSH on 4939 1840 if before school care is needed. Thank you!

High School Enrolment Forms

Year 6 – Please return your year 7 enrolment forms to your designated high school asap.

Lost Property

Could all parents please ensure that all jackets, jumpers and hats have their student's name clearly printed on them. All lost property will be cleared out at the end of next week. Parents are welcome to check lost property for lost items.

What's Due & When?

There are a lot of payments due by the end of this term. Please ensure payments are made by the due date to avoid disappointment.

Event	Year/Class	Activity Date	Amount	Due Date
Swimming Scheme Full Payment	Yr 2	24/10 – 4/11	\$50.00	Overdue
Day in Sydney excursion	Yr 3	17/10	\$50.00	21 September
Interrelate – Moving into the Teen Years	Yr 6	24/10 – 7/11	\$37.00	21 September
Murrook Aboriginal Centre	Various	10/11	\$10.00	21 September
Music Tuition Fees	Various	T3 & T4	\$100.00	21 September

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.

HEAD LICE

We currently have a problem at school with head lice. Your child could be one of those affected. Please examine your child's hair very carefully and regularly.

Reinfestation is always possible hence the importance of regular examination.

Children are not to return to school till the lice and eggs have been treated.

ID Musical Report

This week we have been busy practicing and performing for our wonderful musical 'Kids in Paradise'. We have been looking forward to this all term.



ID felt excited and eager to take the stage.

Thank goodness for the weekend, our superstars need a rest!



We hope you enjoyed the show!

Library News

Overdues

Overdue notices have been sent home. Please check at home and in the classroom for any books that need to be returned.

World Book Online

Remember all student have access to the online encyclopaedia, World Book. This can be access through our library system, Oliver or www.worldbookonline.com

Username and password is thorntonps.



***Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

Parent Survey

Over the next few weeks Thornton school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home. You can use smartphones, Ipads or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open now until 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. Thank you!

The login for the parent survey is <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/thornton2016>

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Team Photos

On Monday 19 September, school and sporting team photos will be taken. All students will need to come to school in full school uniform.

If your child is in a sporting team, they will need to bring their sports uniform in their bag to change into at school. Team jerseys will be given out at photo time. The following groups will be photographed:

PSSA Knockout teams:

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Junior Rugby League
- Senior Rugby League
- Netball
- Boys Cricket
- Girls Cricket
- Boys Touch Football
- Girls Touch Football
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball

School Groups:

- Year 6 – Full School uniform not Year 6 shirts
- Tournament of the Minds
- Year 5 Debating
- Year 6 Debating
- Band (including tuition)
- Dance Ensemble - black leotard (girls) black singlet (boys)
- Irish Dancing - black leotard, black stockings, hair in two pigtails (Year 2) / hair in a bun (Year 3-6)

Canteen News

Infants Carnival orders need to be in the canteen by next Wednesday 21st September.

Friday 23rd September (last day of Term) there will be a limited menu: -

Pies, Sausage rolls, Mac cheese, Lasagne, Spaghetti bolognas, cheese and bacon rolls ONLY.

‘Munch n Eat’ News

The roster for next week is as follows:

Monday	19.9 – Tanya
Tuesday	20.9 – Alissa
Wednesday	21.9 – Rachel
Thursday	22.9 – Stacey
Friday	23.9 – Gill, Ann

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.
Cheryl and Paula

What's Happening at Francis Greenway High?

Ava achieves Medallion for Excellence

Ava Eveleigh has been recognised with a Certificate and Medallion for Excellence at the 47th NSW Japanese Speech Contest held at Macquarie University.

A number of judges, teachers and students approached her afterwards complimenting her on her speech. All asked what school she was from and she very proudly announced Francis Greenway High School.

Ava's family, Japanese teacher and the class' Japanese tutor were all present to share her success.

Student Leadership Recognised

Elizabeth Davey, president of our Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group recently received a leadership Award from Jenny Aitchison for her contribution to Aboriginal Education in our school. Elizabeth does the Acknowledgment of Country at our weekly assembly and official events and is a valuable representative for Aboriginal Education in our school

Working with our Primary schools in Literacy

Along with our partner primary schools Francis Greenway is striving to ensure an academic transition to high school. Staff from all schools are using the literacy continuum to identify where students are achieving in literacy. This information allows the high school to create teaching programs which include literacy strategies specifically aimed at addressing the learning of individual students.

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Rugby Jersey

The new winter addition to our uniform.

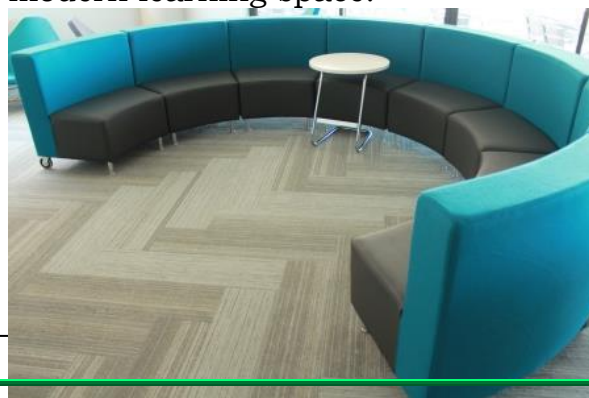
\$84.00 at the uniform shop

Year 8 Electives

The current Year 7 cohort are choosing an elective subject for Year 8 in 2017. The introduction of an elective in Stage 4 provides students the opportunity to study a subject which aligns with a personal interest and aptitude. For 2017, Forensic Science, Acting, Our Healthy Active Community and Graphic Design will be studied.

Exciting News !!!

We have started the redevelopment of our library. In 2017 we will have a brand new space specifically designed for future focused learning. There will areas for collaborative learning and will include a lego wall, iSTem area, a Makerspace and a designated senior study. All of our furniture will be replace and we will repaint and re-carpet to make a modern learning space.



When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.





GRRRA8 SPORT - GRRRA8 FUN

**GRASS ★ ROOTS
SPORTS**

MULTI SPORT CAMP

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Active Kids are happy and healthy Kids.

GRRRA8's Multi Sport Camp provides an enjoyable and active forum for kids to develop and acquire ball skills, fundamental movement skills and self-confidence on and off the field during the September School Holidays.

Ages

6 to 12 - BOYS & GIRLS

Date

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th September

Venue

RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
Weblands Street, Rutherford

Time

9am to 3:00pm + additional free after care
Drop Off – 8:30am + Pick Up until 5:00pm

SPECIALISED COACHING

By Expert Coaches, Teachers & Mentors

GRRRA8's coaching team has a strong foundation in teaching and expertise in multiple sports.

Cost

\$150, or register with a friend for \$250

Camp Sports Pack – Retail Value \$50

- GRRRA8 Shoe String Bag
- GRRRA8 Water bottle
- GRRRA8 Cap
- GRRRA8 Bounce Ball
- GRRRA8 Slap Wrist Band

What's included

- 2 days of specialised coaching and sports filled action
- Clinic Participation Pack
- Provided with 4 x Healthy Snacks and Hydration (Kids to bring their own lunch)
- Optional free 2 hours after care

Early Bird Special

Register before the 6th of September
\$130 per participant or register with a friend for \$210

Register Online Only at www.grrra8.com.au



Maitland Athletics welcomes all returning athletes and invites any interested new participants to register for the 2016/17 season. Join the fantastic sport of athletics, where our kids RUN, JUMP & THROW in a family friendly community.

Where: Smyth Field Maitland (behind the Maitland Art Gallery & PCYC). When:

Friday nights over summer, from 6.30pm.

Why: It's where our kids go to run and have fun! Be part of a great community! Who:

From Tiny Tots (born before Sept 2013) right through to U17's and Seniors. [How to Register](#)

Online form and payment; paying with your credit card. Go to www.lansw.com.au and follow the registration prompts. Be sure to click Maitland as your athletics centre. Or, join us at our Registration Days – September the 16th and 23rd at Smyth Field. From 5pm.

Trial Nights

Friday's - September 16, the 23rd and the final trial night is Friday the 7th of October. Start at 6.30 (following Rego) and it's about having fun and getting (re)familiar with athletics. [Competition Nights](#)

Season formally starts on Friday the 14th of October - that's when the kids start competing for point score.

More Info - www.facebook.com/MaitlandAthleticsClub or text 0473 963 579.



NRL Newcastle Grand Final Holiday Clinic

The NRL Development team will be holding a Play NRL Holiday Clinic these school holidays on **Thursday 29th September** at Lakeside Sporting Complex, Raymond Terrace.

It's the perfect time to join in on all the fun and learn some skills from the 'Greatest Game of All' 4 days prior to the NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final.

Cost \$40 which includes a Play NRL Pack full of goods.

Register Now!

Below is the link:

<https://playnrl.com/programs/>

After you find this type in your postcode and our details for the Clinic should appear.

For any further details please contact:

Luke Lawrence
Phone Number: 0402892487
Email: llawrence@nrl.com.au

Or

Lyndon Sheppard
Phone Number: 0411159430
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Thanks and I look forward to a great time at our Grand Final Holiday Clinic.

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The Australian Rugby League Commission acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



**KIDS CAN JOIN THE FUN AND
LEARN TO PLAY CRICKET**

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Cricket is a sport for all and there's more ways
than ever for kids to experience the fun of cricket!



Sydney 6ers SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

**Learn to play
the magenta
way these
school holidays!**

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS:

SCG, Shellharbour, Nowra,
Erina, Newcastle, Singleton,
Gunnedah, Armidale

Register at

sydneysixers.com.au/school-holiday-camps



SOFTBALL SEASON is coming!

REGISTER NOW at

www.striker.softball.org.au

Or at club training (see details below)

*All abilities, ages 4yrs – 60+yrs catered for
Teams include –*

Benny Ball, T-Ball, U12, U15, U18

Senior Grades from 1st to 4th Grade

*Games played at the same time & place
every Saturday*

TRAINING EVERY TUESDAY

JUNIORS 5-6PM - SENIORS 6-7PM

STEVENSON PARK, MAYFIELD WEST

(western side – on soccer fields)

SEASON STARTS - 15 OCTOBER 2016

More info call Liz Cadogan (Registrar) on 0427 111 393



HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS CLINICS

GYMNASTICS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

LOOKING FOR YOUR CHILD TO DO SOMETHING THESE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? COME TO OUR GYMNASTICS CLINICS
CATERED FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12 YRS. EACH 2 HOUR
CLASS WILL BE AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR AFTER SCHOOL
CLASSES DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.



**WITH FRIENDLY,
QUALIFIED
INSTRUCTORS**

**WEDNESDAYS
10AM – 12PM**

\$15 PER CHILD

**SPOTS ARE
LIMITED**

BOOK NOW!

GYMNASTICS 21
CLASSES WILL BE HELD
AT PAT HUGHES
COMMUNITY HALL

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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SEP/OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

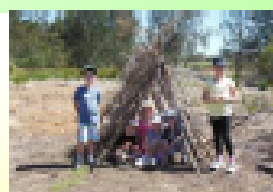
Kids - Become a Citizen Scientist

For 7 to 10 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

For 11 to 14 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 28th September Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential

Come and join us for bird spotting and feather collecting get to know our wetland birds. Find out how Dr Kate Brandis is creating a feather map to help save our unique wetlands



Bush Skills

For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 4th October Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential

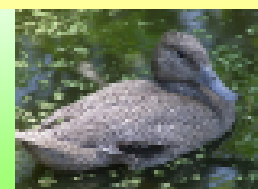
Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter, enjoy a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Get up close and personal with some of our resident reptiles.

"Dinosaur" Ducks

For 4 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 4th October Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential

Meet our resident endangered Freckled Ducks. Make a bird caller and see if they call back. Includes a reptile encounter, craft and duck tales.



For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Sand Art Fun

Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Tuesday 27th September Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)

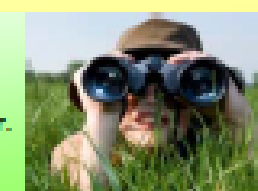
Use coloured sand to create an amazing picture you can take home.

Wetlands Explorer

For 4 to 12 years

Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free

Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

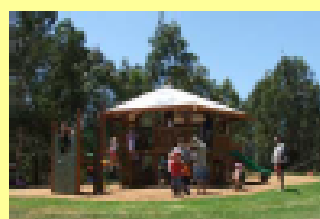
Open 9am to 4pm

Entry

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.



**Please note: we are
open Monday of the
long weekend.**