



Thornton Public School

Respectful. Responsible. Resilient

Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

11th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to update all community members on the School Community Charter which is now accessible on the Department of Education's website. The School Community Charter formalises our partnerships with parents and focuses on the positive interactions between school staff and families. It also reminds parents and carers that schools will take steps to address unacceptable behaviour to ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the school community.

The charter has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and outlines the important role parents and carers play in our school communities.

The charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are:

- collaborative
- supportive, and
- cohesive.

Please read the charter included in this newsletter and ensure that all communication with the school is respectful and that consideration is given to the unique nature of a primary school.

Respectful communication is a right - in all workplaces people have the right to feel respected.

Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities. Already this year we have had examples of parents using aggressive and intimidating language, including the use of obscenities. To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our school, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Please ensure that all communication when contacting the school, regardless of whether it is face to face, phone calls, written communication or social media is appropriate and respectful.

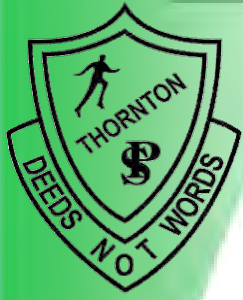
Parents in School - I ask all parents to be aware of their surroundings when in the school and the specific nature of a primary school when on the school site. Our purpose is to educate young people who range in age from 4 to 12 years of age and we must have a secure environment in which all students are safe and free from distraction. There are a number of parents who are coming in to the school grounds and sitting outside classrooms towards the end of the day and disturbing our students from their learning. Please refrain from disturbing our classes by not entering the school ground until 3.00pm to collect your children.

If you are on school grounds please do not enter the student toilet blocks as these are student only areas that could have other children using them. If you need to take a non-school age child to the toilet please use the toilet between Room 6 and the library which is a lockable toilet for single use.

Finally, under no circumstance is it appropriate for a parent or visitor to our school to approach one of our students to discuss/accuse or attempt to resolve an issue between two students. If a parent has an issue with a student at our school they need to contact the office and make an appointment to discuss the issue with one of our Assistant Principals or Deputy Principals and allow us to deal with the issue appropriately following Department Of Education Policy.

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Student Numbers - Our numbers at Thornton Public School have regularly increased during the first few weeks of school and last week we reached the number that allocates us our 28th class. This will have no impact on our current classes as I anticipated this increase and formed 28 classes from day one of this school year. However, it will mean that a new demountable classroom will be placed on site and 4L will relocate from the SPR to the new classroom as soon as is practicable.

Voluntary Contributions – Last week we sent home invoices for voluntary contributions to your child's education. There are no compulsory fees or charges in New South Wales government schools for students to meet the minimum curriculum requirements. While the Education Reform Act 1990 states that Government school education is to be free of charge, schools have the ability to raise funds to supplement departmental allocations to enable their educational and sporting programs to be initiated, maintained or enhanced. School contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. Have a great week.

Stuart Wylie - Principal

Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
K-2 Thursday 28th February	TPS	Parent Information Session
3-6 Thursday 7th March	TPS	Parent Information Session
5th March	Lambton Swimming Pool	Hunter PSSA Swimming Carnival
13th March	TPS	Cross country
18th March	Alan and Don Lawrence Oval	Athletics Carnival

New Bell Times

Session 1	9.00am – 11.00am
Lunch	11.00am - 11.15am (eating time)
Lunch	11.15am - 11.45am play time
Session 2	11.45am - 1.15pm
Recess	1.15pm - 1.45pm (eating time stage area)
Session 3	1.45pm - 3.00pm

School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

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Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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Clean Up Australia Day

Since 1992, schools across Australia have got stuck in and made a real difference to their environment and local communities through participating in Schools Clean Up Day.

Thornton Public School clean-up day will occur on Friday, 1st March at 2.20pm

Parents and grandparents are invited to come along and be involved in our school clean-up day. At 2.20 meet your child's class outside their room to focus on an area in the school to pick up litter. Every bit of help will make an immense contribution to rubbish removed in our school.

School Clean-Up Day is a fun and engaging way to teach young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish, resource recovery and the repercussions of rubbish dumped irresponsibly in the local environment. As a community it is important to work towards this together.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, 1st March.

Please bring either tongs or garden gloves for yourself and your children. If you cannot attend please supply your child with either of these items so they may help their class dispose of rubbish.

Library

Want to know more about what is happening in our library? Check Oliver library. Students can access this through their student portal. Here you will see library messages, featured authors, reading lists, online links and new resources. Students can check out what they have on loan and review their favourite books. We also have a subscription to World Book Online for students to use at home and school. This can be accessed through the student portal or online –

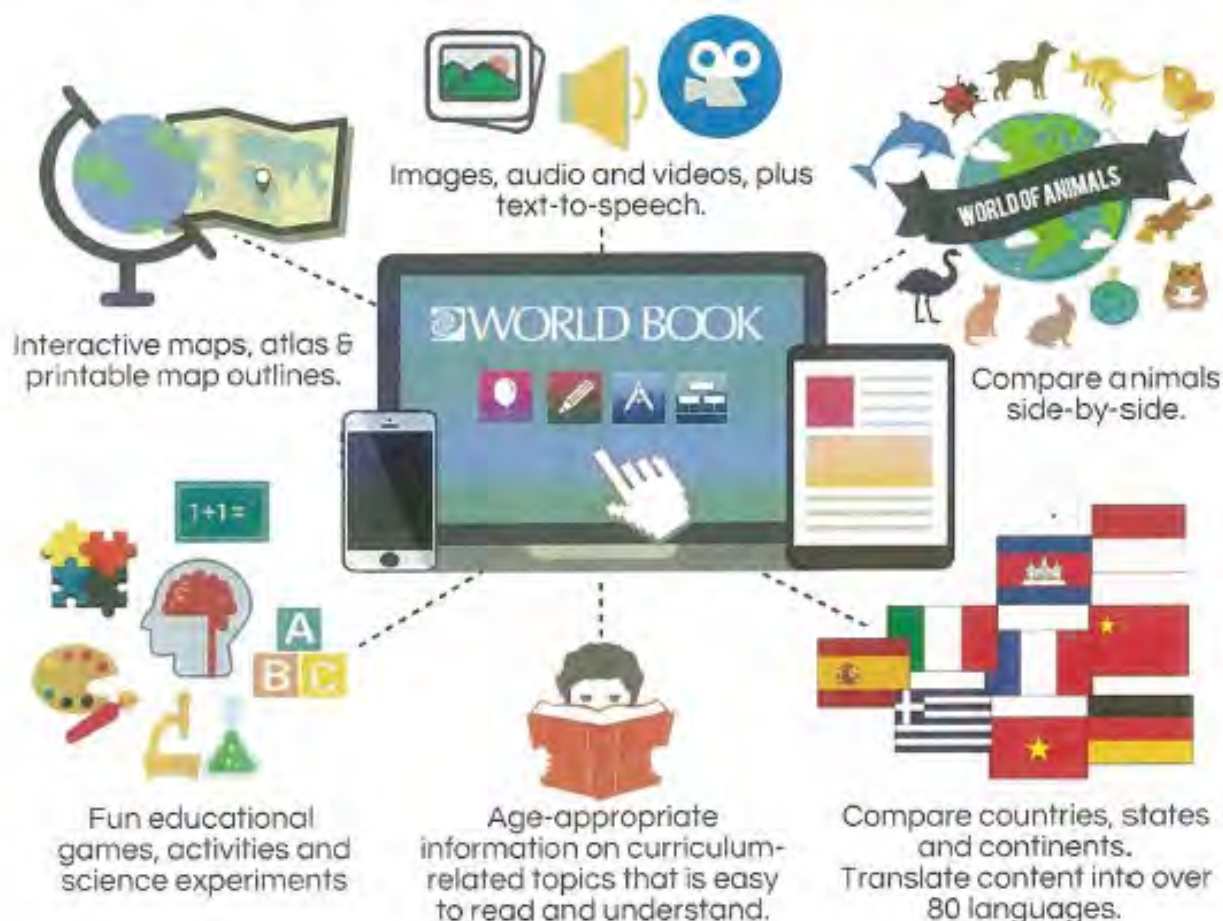
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Trash Free Tuesday

Dear Parents,

Thornton Primary School will be starting our Waste Free Lunch Day on Tuesday, 12th February. **Trash Free Tuesday** will happen each week.

On these Tuesdays, we ask that your child's lunch contain no packaged items. Ideally, your child's lunch will only contain items that will be eaten, composted or recycled.

Examples of how to pack waste-free lunch items are provided below. Reusable containers are a handy way to pack a waste-free lunch. They also make it easy to buy food and drink in bulk (instead of in single-servings) which can save money over time.

The Waste-Free Lunch Day is one of Thornton Primary School's sustainability education initiatives. By participating, students will have a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste. Waste-free lunches also save money and promote healthy eating.

What is a waste-free lunch?

Waste free lunches contain only items that are eaten, composted or recycled. They do not contain wrappers or packaging that need to be thrown in the rubbish bin. Using reusable containers and drink bottles is the cornerstone of a waste-free lunch! Reusable containers with different compartments will keep sandwiches intact and make treats easy to pack.

Waste-free lunches are easy. Pack lunches in the evening. Put leftovers from dinner directly into your box. Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Buying items such as juice, yogurt, crackers and biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste.

Why pack a waste-free lunch?

- **Less waste sent to landfill.** Landfills are reaching capacity and incineration creates air pollution.
- Empower our kids to make positive changes for the planet.
- Eliminate the need for processed, pre-packaged foods.
- **A cleaner school, making Thornton PS a nicer place to work and assist students in taking pride in their school.**

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in Thornton Primary School's Waste-Free Lunch Day.

Example of lunch items with waste

Sandwich in disposable cling wrap or plastic sandwich bag

Chips or pretzels in a plastic/foil packet

Juice in a squeeze pouch, with a plastic straw

Yoghurt in squeeze pouches or plastic 'shot' bottles

Individually-wrapped muesli bars

Pre-packaged fruit salad in a small plastic tub or tin

Pre-packaged 'snack pack' of crackers and cheese spread

Individually-wrapped confectionary bars or cakes

Individually-wrapped cheese sticks / strings

Example of items in a waste-free lunch

Sandwich in a snug-fitting reusable container

Snacks bought in bulk put in a reusable container

Water or other drinks in a reusable bottle,

filled at home from a bulk container

Yoghurt in a small reusable container, filled at home from a bulk container

'Trail mix' in a reusable container

Whole fruits without packaging or fruit pieces in reusable containers

Salad vegetables such as carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and celery, plus a small container of dip.

Muffin, fruit bread or biscuits in reusable container

Cubes/slices of cheese in a reusable container



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THORNTON CANTEEN IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

WHERE:	Thornton Public School Canteen
WHEN:	Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, or per term
HOURS:	School Hours
EXPERIENCE:	Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.
SALARY:	"A La Carte" lunch (healthy sandwich, wrap or meal of your choice) a drink and unlimited tea & coffee and of course friendship.
REQUIREMENTS:	Complete Appendix 5 available for school office and provide 100 points ID. Enclosed shoes.
BONUS:	Your child/children will be happy to see you in their favourite place – school! You get to spoil them a little, whilst getting to meet new people and make friends within the school community.

Please complete the form below and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please nominate: Day which you prefer to work and how often?

Monday Weekly

Tuesday Fortnightly

Wednesday Monthly

Thursday

Friday

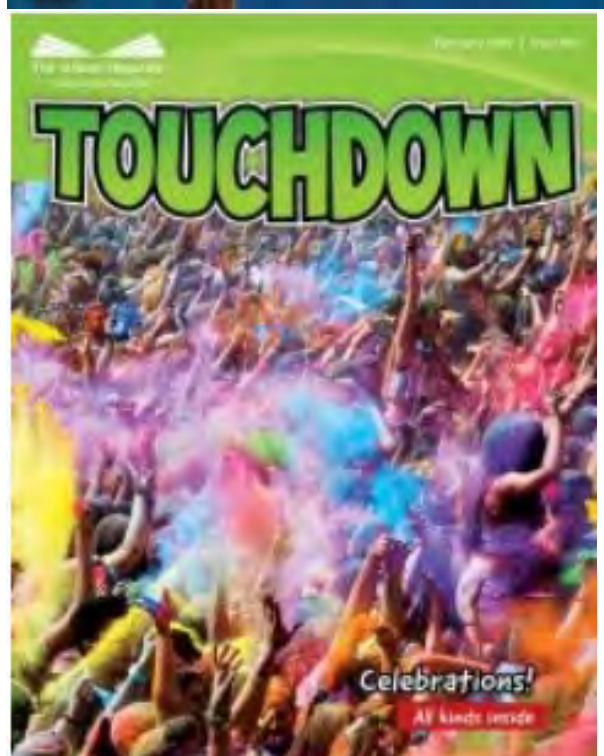
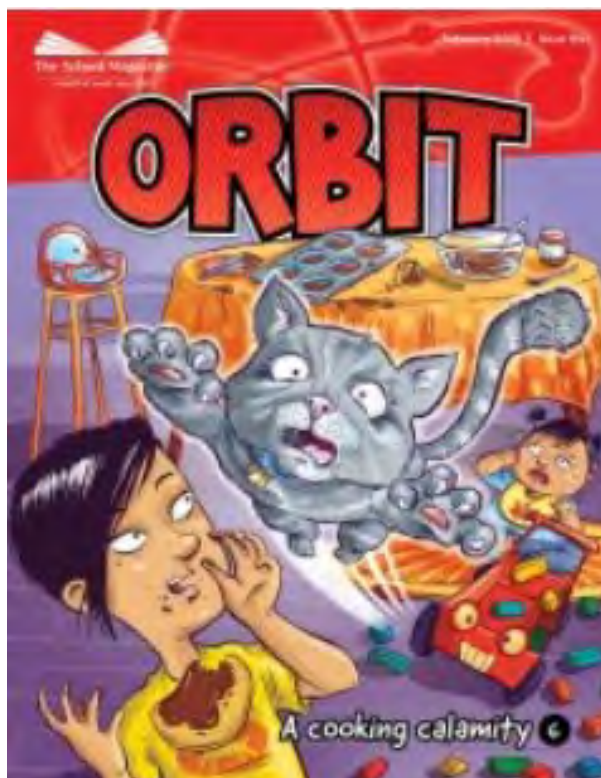
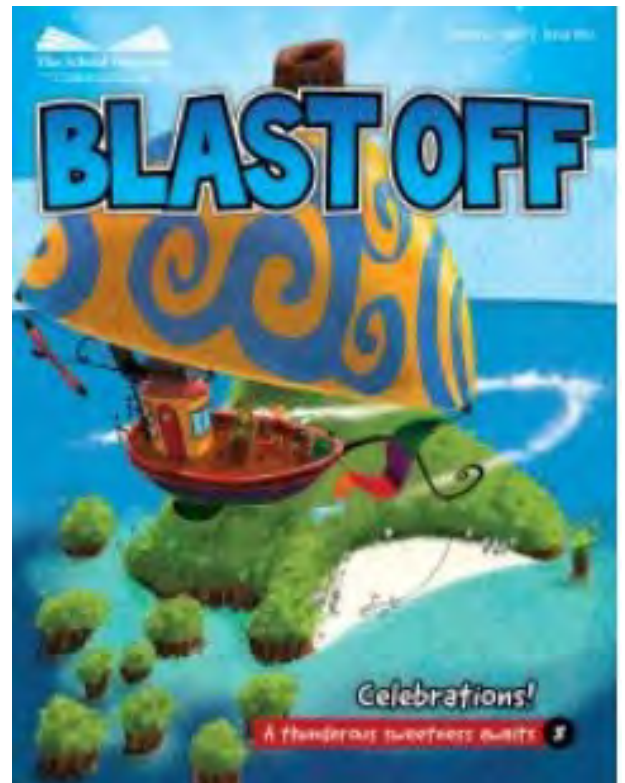
Please circle preference:

- Half Day Morning (9am – 11:30am)
- Half Day (11:30am – 2pm)
- Full Day (9am – 2pm)

IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH: _____

The School Magazine 2019

Just a reminder to parents to pay your \$10 Magazine subscription for students in years 3 –6



P&C NEWSLETTER

A big Welcome to all our New Families. Thornton Public School P&C have another big year ahead planned to support our school and the children.

WHAT IS THE P&C?

The P&C is an organisation that exists in almost every Public School in NSW. They bring the school and the community into close cooperation. The P&C is important to the school and is involved in lots of activities in the school like the running of the school canteen, the uniform shop and fundraising.

WHAT WE DO-

Over the years the P&C together with the school have been able to raise enough funds for the upgrading of the school playground and with new library books as well as supporting students who represented the school in sport, the many CAPA programs and the band.

HOW WE OPERATE-

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month @6pm in the SPR. It is here that we make decisions about fundraising & activities. The Principal gives updates on what's happening around the school.

Actively participating in P&C is a great way to meet other parents, finding out what's happening at school and to have a say in these things.

RAFFLE TICKETS

We will soon be sending home a consent form for raffle tickets to be sent home with your child. We will only send tickets home to those families that return the form.

CANTEEN NEWS

Flexischools our online ordering system is up and running again and from next week our lunch competition will be on again. Anyone who orders their lunch through Flexischools will go in the draw to win a FREE lunch. There will be one child drawn each week.

We are always looking for help in the Canteen. If you can spare a few hours please see the girls in the Canteen and they can add you to the roster.

SPRING FAIR-

It was decided at Monday nights meeting that Spring Fair will be held this year in conjunction with the schools Centenary. Things will be different with it this year as well as a change of name and date and day. We are looking at holding it on a Friday from lunch. This event will be cancelled without volunteers as it is too big of a job for just the Committee to put together. If you would like to join in the organising of the event then please message us at our Facebook page Thornton Public School P&C as we will be organising a meeting to get the ball rolling very soon.

Register now!



Maitland Saints AFC



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Open for boys and girls 5-17yo



Sign up for junior footy **play.afl**

REGISTER

- 1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.
- 2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.
- 3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".
- 4 Add your students, select their school and class.



ORDER

- 1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.
- 2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.
- 3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.
- 4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.



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Come and Try Days!

Suitable for Kinder to Year 6

Wednesday 6 March 2019

and

Wednesday 13 March 2019

5.00pm to 6.00pm

Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park, Elgin Street Maitland

Stick pack available to order - \$35
(includes stick, ball and mouth guard)

If you wish to join in the fun please go to:
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 and fill in the Google Form







www.maitlandhockey.org.au
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 **Maitland Hockey Inc**

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THORNTON LIBRARY

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 3.00pm – 4.30pm
 5 – 12 years
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Beresfield Barracudas Swimming Club
 Welcomes New and Existing Members to the
 2018/19 season!

Friday Nights at 6pm
 From Friday 19th October – March 2019
 Come along for a try before signing up!

Online registrations are now open – see website below
\$100 per swimmer

7 Y/O + under are FREE, thanks to the Optus Junior Dolphin Program
 Costs include National, State and Local affiliation fees
 All new swimmers must bring their birth certificate to the 1st club night

To register:
 WEBSITE www.beresfield.nswswimming.com.au / or via club lane: nsw.swimming.org.au
 Or on a club night: try before you buy!

For more information:
 COMMITTEE available @ 1st club night: Fri 19/10 Beresfield Pool
 EMAIL barracudassc@optusnet.com.au
 PHONE 0438 581 087 to speak with our Registrar, Jacqui / Alternate PHONE 0413 337 184
 FACEBOOK For all updates LIKE the Facebook page!

About Beresfield Swimming Club Inc

We are a family oriented swimming club which encourages members to develop their skills at their own pace. Our Club Meets are based on improving on your best times in each stroke. We have races suitable for beginners over 15m through to competent swimmers over 50m, 100m and 200m. Competency is assessed by times and proficiency, with swimmers being graded for each stroke from beginners in E-grade through to A-grade for the fully proficient swimmers.

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