



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient

Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

11th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good start to the year at Thornton Public School. Our school is settled and all our students are working hard and achieving great results. Well done to all students for their efforts in both their classrooms and the playground. This term our new basketball hoops have been available for use and they are proving very popular with all students.

Congratulations to all of our competitors at the recent Regional Swimming Carnival. All our students swam their best in the pool. All reports indicate that a great day was had by all and our swimmers demonstrated outstanding behaviour and team spirit. Congratulations to Benjamin Eltham who will be going to state for Breast Stroke.

Congratulations also to our senior boys Rugby League team who recently won the Mark Hughes Shield and are the 2019 champions. Excellent result.

P&C

Our P&C had their AGM for 2019 recently and there were a number of staff and parents in attendance. The P&C have elected Shaie Barrett as President for the 2019 school year. Congratulations to Shaie and the other members of the 2019 P&C executive team. Our teachers look forward to working with the P&C again this year for the betterment of the school.

Student Pick Up and Drop Off - Particular care needs to be taken by parents in and around schools when collecting students, particularly young students.

The following should be adhered to when driving and parking safely near our school:

School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all children

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on each gazetted school day.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate

Observe all parking signs – they are planned with children's safety in mind. Fines and demerit points apply if you park illegally

NEVER double-park, it puts children at risk

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child, they will learn from you

Slow down near the school crossing

Avoiding Traffic Congestion Around the School:

Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing

Always observe the parking signs outside the school, they are designed to keep children safe

NEVER PARK ILLEGALLY:

In the school driveway

On or near the school crossing

In the school bus bay

In the 'No parking' zone

NEVER DOUBLE PARK: It:

Blocks the vision of other drivers

Forces children onto the road

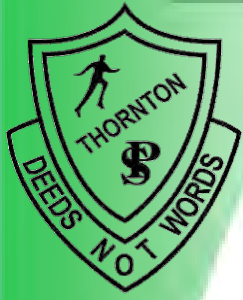
Obstructs the flow of traffic

Just a reminder to all parents that, the two internal car parks within the school grounds are for staff only. It is not appropriate for these parking spaces to be used by parents at any time as there are Departmental Guidelines and associated safety concerns involving public usage. I would encourage all parents to adhere to this request.

The school will bring any concerns about dangerous practices in and around Thornton Public School to the attention of parents and the appropriate authorities.

Have a great week.

Stuart Wylie - Principal



Anti Bullying Assembly

On Friday the 15th March our school will be involved in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA gives schools the chance to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in their school community. It provides an opportunity to focus on bullying and the big changes we can make to create safer communities for everyone.

We welcome parents at the assembly -

K-2 12-12.30 pm

3-6 12.45-1.15pm

In the hall

Important Dates

| Date | Time | What's On |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday 13th March | TPS | Cross country |
| Friday 15th March | K-2 12-12.30 pm 3-6 12.45-1.15pm | Anti Bulling Assembly |
| Monday 18th March | Alan and Don Lawrence Oval | Athletics Carnival |
| Thursday Even Weeks | 12.45pm—1.15pm | Kindergarten Assembly |
| Thursday Odd Weeks | 2.30pm—3pm | Stage 1 Assembly |
| Thursday Even Weeks | 2.30pm—3pm | Stage 2 & 3 Assembly |

New Bell Times

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| 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 |
| Afternoon Tea | 1.15pm - 1.45pm (including eating time in stage area) |
| Session 3 | 1.45pm - 3.00pm |

K/1H



Welcome to K/1H

This term we have welcomed 9 wonderful kindergarten students to Thornton Public School and our year 1 students have enjoyed showing them how to be respectful and responsible members of our community.

We have been working hard in Literacy and Numeracy with Mrs Hooson and have been completing a unit about Community and Our Families with Mrs Cartwright . We have been learning about the differences in our families, the importance of kindness and who can help us in our communities. We have also completed self-portraits which are hanging on our classroom windows.

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

We work
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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:

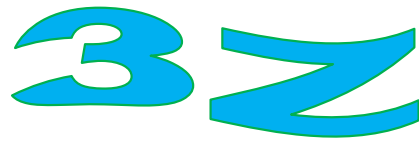
- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to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



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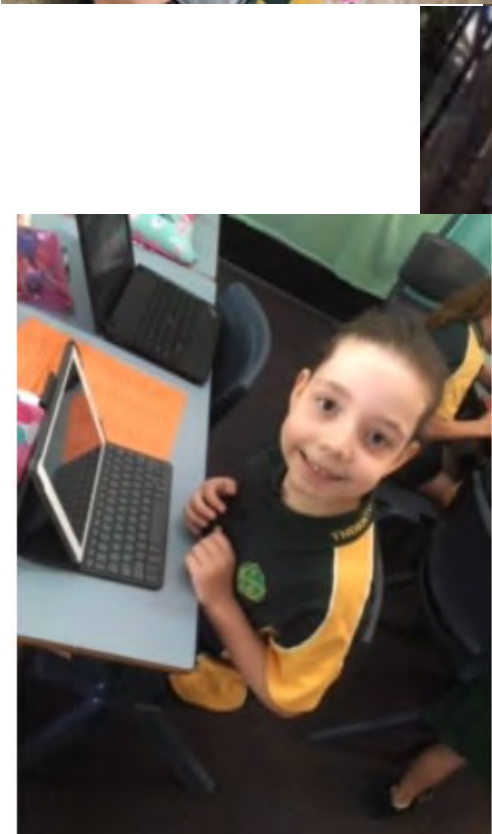
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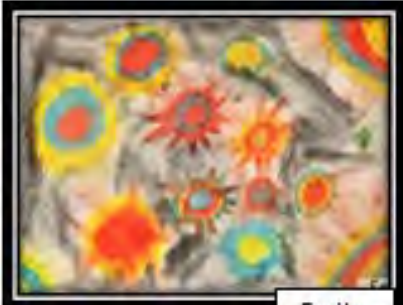


3Z enjoying BYOD Trash Free Tuesday and Clean Up Australia Day

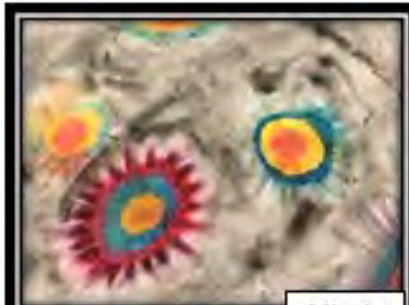




5N Budding Artists



Emily



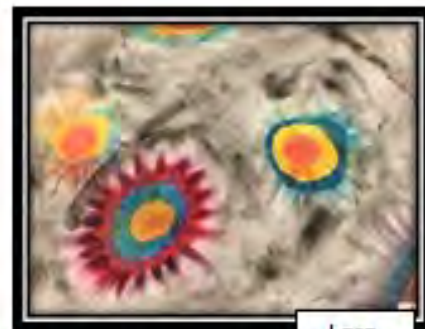
Micah



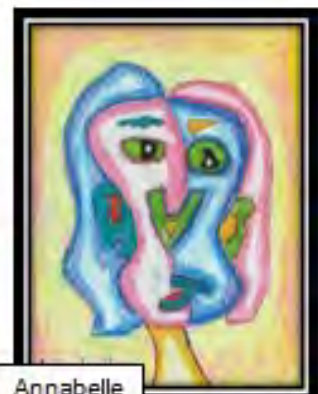
Mia



Connor



Lara



Annabelle



Jackson



Zara



Brooklyn



Jaida



Jackson

Book Club

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BRINGING THEM HOME

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The Internment Ceremony is will be taking place on the 6th April 2019 at Wanaruah park in Singleton.

Save The Date

When: Saturday April 6th 2019

Time: 9.30am for a 10am start

Where: Wanaruah Park, Simpson Terrace, Darlington (Singleton)

02 6543 1288
19 Maitland street, Muswellbrook 2323
admin.wanaruah@bigpond.com



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**THORNTON
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

From all of us at the Cathy Freeman Foundation, we would like to thank all the teachers, students, friends and families who participated in Stomp Out the Gap in 2018. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are able to continue delivering our life-changing programs to Indigenous students living in remote communities.

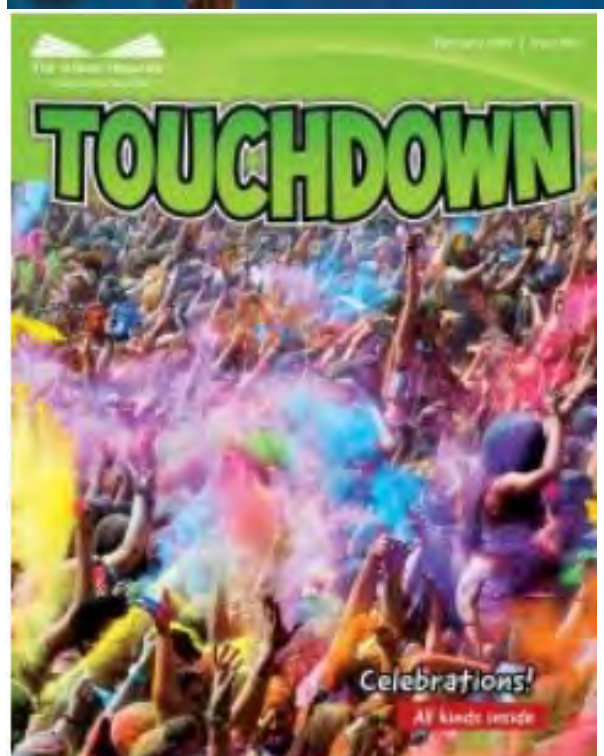
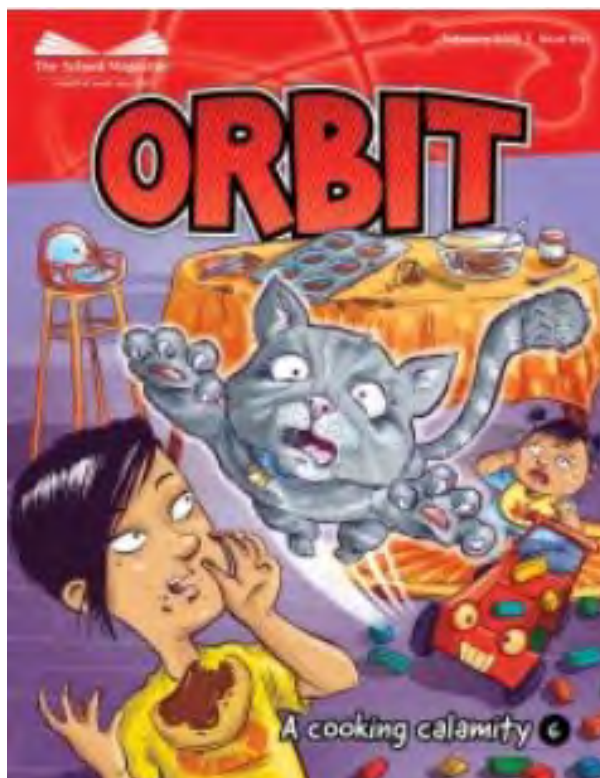
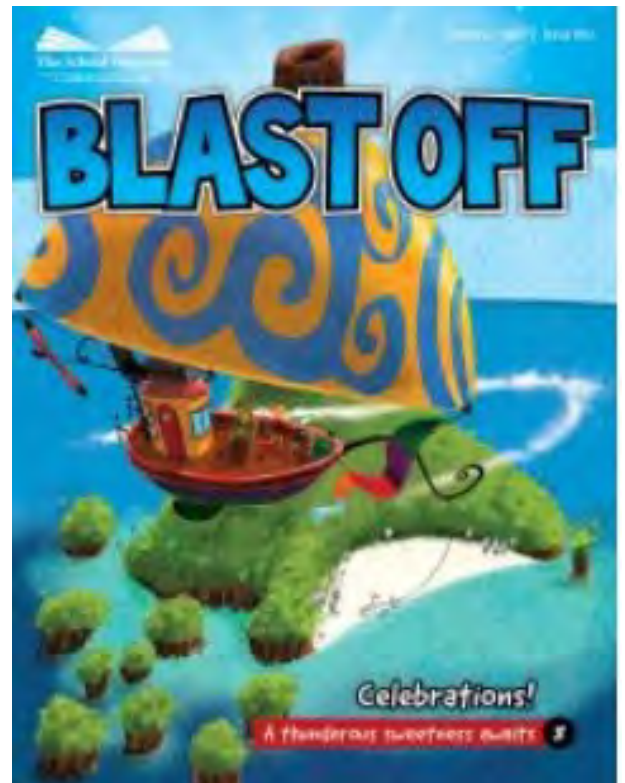


Cathy Freeman

Cathy Freeman
Co-Founder & Director

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For more information:

COMMITTEE available @ 1st club night: Fri 19/10 Beresfield Pool
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