



Busy. Busy. Busy.

T.P.S. is a place where our students are getting involved in many programs we have to offer. Sports, performing arts are top of the list with dance, choir, music, Aussie rules, rugby league, cross country and athletics. All students are aiming to attend our Week 11 PBL rewards afternoon by having respectful, responsible and resilient behaviour (more information coming soon).

NAPLAN information notes have gone home to all Year 3 and Year 5 students. If you would like more information please see your class teacher.

BYOD is off to a successful start for 2019. Years 3-6 and their teachers are enjoying the challenge of creating and being involved in learning experiences supported by technology. A reminder that devices stay in bags to and from school and are stored safely while at school.

Resilience is a school value. At school we teach resilience as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons. Here are some top tips on building resilience with your child.

Teach your child to experience success by supporting them in something they like doing whether it's a sporting, academic or artistic endeavour.

Help them develop skills to be successful at school such as having a good concentration and memory by playing card games and puzzles.

Being able to read people's emotions is powerfully predictive of how well children can get on with people at school.

Be aware of the 'yuk and yum' factor – some things will make your child feel good and other things will make them feel bad. The idea is for them to gather things around them that cheer them up if they've had a bad day.

Keep things in perspective – explain to a grumpy child their circumstances are not the worst possible, and that others have been through similar situations. Walk beside them as they handle the situation. This helps them to build hope and the belief they can handle problems when they come up.

Enjoy the week ahead

Thornton Public School
Government Road
THORNTON NSW 2322
Ph: 02 4964 1369
E: thornton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



School Banking Thursday



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
Wednesday 10th April	TPS	Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 10th April	TPS	Cupcake Day
Friday 12th April		Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 30th April		School resumes for Term 2
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

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



KJ

This term in KJ we have been camping in the wilderness, using our skills as construction workers and running a pizza shop through *imaginative play*.



We love to investigate mini-beasts and match their fossil prints in play dough and explore the depths of the ocean at our *investigation centre*.

We have been learning about how to read and to *self-regulate* our emotions through using the zones of regulation. KJ kids loved to make funny faces to demonstrate these emotions and how to 'bounce back' when something doesn't go their way.



Red Zone



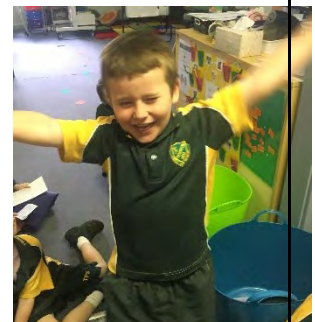
Blue Zone

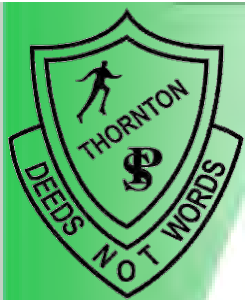


Green Zone



Yellow Zone





We're bonkers about bees in 1B and 1C!



1B and 1C have been learning about lots of different bugs and insects this term. Bees were definitely a favourite though! We now know so many facts about bees and how important they are to our environment.

Facts:

'Bees have jagged stingers' - **Sam**

'Bees group together to defeat a wasp' - **Alex**

'Bees take pollen to another flower' - **Brycen**

'Bees wings can make things hot' - **Xavier P**

'Bees spit nectar into each other's mouths' - **Jovaan**

'If the flowers are far away they dance the figure 8 dance. But if the flower is far away they do a circle dance.' - **Nate**

'They blow spit bubbles to make honey. Then they flap their wings to get water out.' - **Tatum**

'Bees help each other make honey' - **Charlie**

'Bees help flowers grow because they carry the pollen.' - **Xavior D**

'Only the female bees have stingers'. -

Payton S

'Queen bees have straight stingers so it doesn't fall out and so it can't die.' - **Lola**

Bees collect nectar' - **Kye**

'Bees have 5 eyes' - **Jessie**

'Bees help each other make honey' - **Charlie**

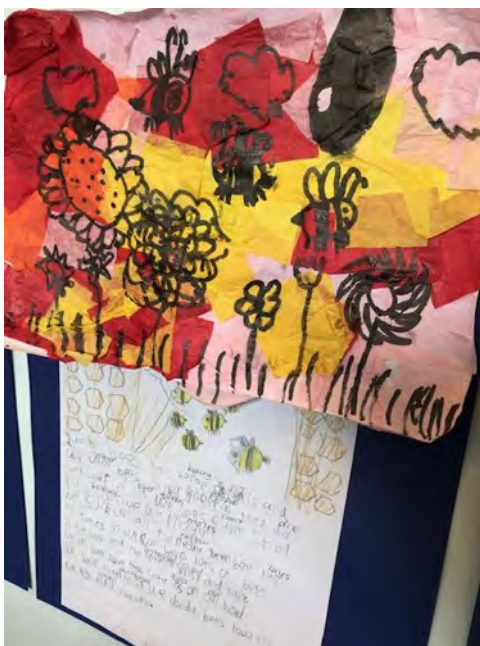


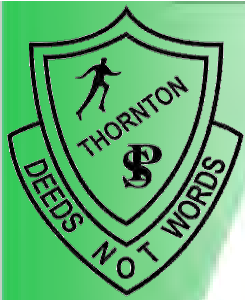


Bee investigation centres:

Students explored all they could learn about bees during reading groups at our investigation centre. Students made observations, labelled diagrams, studied the lifecycle and created their own information books all about bees.

Bug and Insect Art:





Stage 2 Report

A busy couple of weeks in Years 3 and 4. Thanks to parents for attendance at our Parent Information sessions. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.

Read. Read. Read. We are encouraging students to read frequently from a range of texts. The Premier's Reading Challenge promotes a love of reading for leisure and pleasure. Check out the website and <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> All of our classes in Years 3 and 4 are BYOD with students and staff exploring many options for the integration of technology into teaching and learning activities. Fun is being had through the 'Sporting Schools' program with students participating in AFL sessions each week.

Teachers are already planning for Term 2 with our major focus across learning areas being 'Sustainability'. As part of this focus an excursion to Hunter Wetlands is being planned for Week 5. More information is coming home soon.

Children's University

Well done to the 43 students who have nominated to be part of the Children's University program this year. What an exciting opportunity for these children to experience learning outside the school environment and be recognised for it. We are looking forward to hearing about all the wonderful activities our students are engaging in throughout the year to accrue the stamps in their passports, and ultimately, to join in the graduation ceremony at the University of Newcastle.

A representative from the University program will visit our school soon to deliver passports so the students can start registering their hours.

4M

1 Maya



Maya
Daddy
4m

The Boy who could
talk to Animals

One evening there was a boy
wandering around a forest. The boy's name
was Jack. **SUDDENLY** Jack saw this
shiny bright light beside him. He decided
to follow the shiny light.

Jack saw this light glow stone
that was glowing. Jack wondered what
would happen if he touched the stone.
He touched the stone. Jack felt a
spark. He thought he was just imagining
things. So he returned home. A couple of
days later Jack heard a bird chirping.
So he said "Hello" to the bird. He was
surprised because the bird replied to
him. The bird said "Good evening". Jack
fainted in shock.



2 Maya



Maya
Daddy
4m

When Jack woke up he decided to
see if he could talk to other animals.
So he walked to the forest. Jack said
"Good morning" to Mr. bear, Miss snake,
wise owl and more. They all replied
to him. Jack understood them all.

Jack got a job at a farm
and all the animals came to live
on the farm.

One day at 12:00pm Jack saw
this Mysterious Man staring at him.
The man said "I know that you can
speak to animals".

"Come work at my circus".

"No thanks" whispered Jack.

"You can earn lots of money". The circus

Man said strongly.

"I'm done with this".



3 Maya

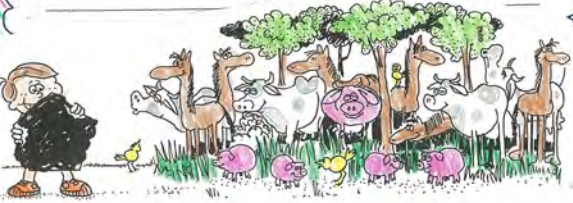


Maya
Daddy
4m

Said Jack:

Jack whispered to Miss snake "Go fight
him". So the animals started to fight
the circus man.

Then the man ran away. Jack
decided to have a lovely dinner with
his animal buddies.



Killer whales Sunimah Lindberg 4m

The Arctic or Antarctic regions. A killer whale
are members of the dolphin family.

Breeding

When a female killer whale has a
calf it stays with its mother for two
years. Calf means baby whale. A calf is
born in August. It weighs up to 100 pounds.

Special behaviours

One of a killer whale's special behaviours is
when they hunt for food. They go in small groups
called pods. When they try to catch birds they
try not to scare them far away so they sneak
up on it, but if they don't sneak the bird will
fly away.



Killer Whales, SummahLindberg 4M

Killer whales are one of the most amazing creatures that live in the ocean. In my report I will tell you about them.

Appearance

Killer whales are black and white. An average male can weigh up to 7 to 10 tons. An average female can weigh up to 4 to 6 tons. They have strong jaws and tail.

Habitat

Killer whales are found in the Arctic or Antarctic. They live in the ocean around the world.

Diet

Killer whales can eat many marine mammals. They also eat fish, turtles, octopus, squid, and seals. They only eat seals when they are in the Arctic or Antarctic.

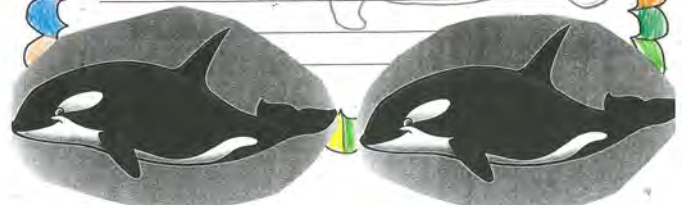
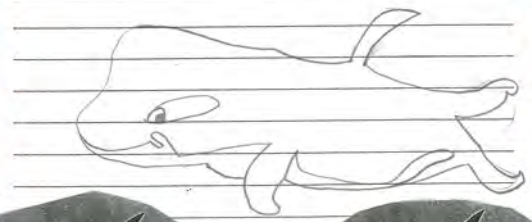


Will Lowford 4M

Killer Whales 3

Breeding

A calf weighs about 400 pounds. A calf normally lives with its mother for about two years. The mother feeds it's baby it's milk.



Will Lowford 4M

Killer Whales 1

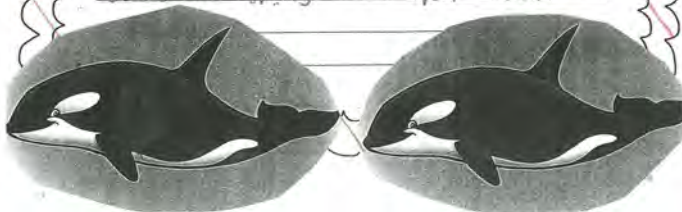
Killer whales are one of the most amazing creatures that live in the ocean. In my report I will tell you all about them.

Appearance

Killer whales are black with white patches on their body. They are the member of the dolphin family. Killer whales are mammals. They have large dorsal fins and flippers.

Habitat

Killer whales are found in coastal waters and open oceans.



Will Lowford 4M

Killer Whales 2

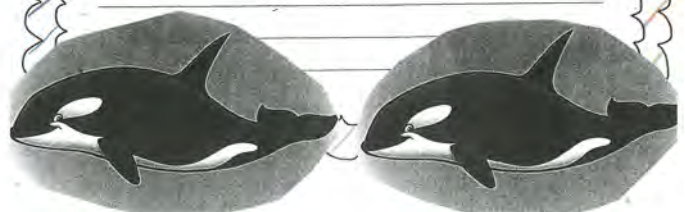
They are mostly found in the Arctic and Antarctica. They live in all oceans.

Food

Killer whales feed on squid, fish, birds, turtles and sea mammals.

Special Behaviours

Killer whales can live up to 30 to 50 years. Different pods have different languages. Pods work together to catch fish. Pods are highly intelligent. They can jump.





Stage 3 Report

Stage 3 students are in for a treat this year with our excursion planned to Bathurst, Katoomba and the Jenolan Caves! The trip is booked for 21-23 October 2019.

Permission notes and information about payments with due dates have gone home today (Monday). This will be a wonderful trip with some unique experiences planned for students to support our learning in History and Geography with a focus on Australia as a nation.

In other Stage 3 news, it was wonderful to see so many students on stage last week receiving merit awards for showing Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We are on track to have everyone joining in on our PBL Rewards Day at the end of this term.

Welcome to 6AC

Students in 6AC have been adapting well to their new future focused learning environment. Future focused learning is about developing and preparing students across all curriculum areas with skills and capabilities to thrive in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. Future focused learning environments inspire students to be leaders of their own learning. Students collaborate and are learning to use critical and creative thinking skills to solve problems and to become



5M's Magnificent Writers

DROUGHT

Jackie French
Bruce Whatley

A drought in a sheep's life

I stared at the tall creature with no fluff...I stared at the face he only has fluff on the top of his head, the creature stared back at me I jumped. "Sweetie lets go eat our meal" my mother called. I scrambled down the hill to taste the juicy green grass. I took a bite and felt relaxed and warm, safe. As I finished the rest of my meal my brother tackled me "what's what's that!???" he looked over my head to see our fluffy friend yelping at us "BARK-COME ON-BARK BARK-LETS MOVE-BARK BARK BARK-THE RAIN IS COMING." My mum, friend Peyton, Zoe, Shakitah and my brother ran away from the yelping creature into a gate inside a huge tower it look a bit like the tall creatures home but bigger.

"Hello?" I heard a deep voice coming from a big shadow "yeeehhoow" I heard another voice on the other side of the big shadow. "Huh? Who who's there?!!" Shakitah yelled defensively. She got a bit dramatic and started to do karate moves "HOOOY YAAAAA" she hit the creature in the face "OUCH I WAS JUST SINGING GEEZ!" the big creature yelled "WHATS YOUR NAME? WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL ARE YA?" Zoe screamed "G'Day well ma name is Emily, Emily-Kate, I'm a horse and my brother's name is Ethan he is a horse too" Emily explained.

"G-day mate I'm Ethan" he said while putting his glasses on. Drip, drip, drip, drip, I heard rain
 "AAA" Peyton yelled (oh yeah, I forgot to tell you, Peyton is scared of rain). We went to the other side of the room "bark bark bakarrk"
 The small furry creature cheeped "Hello??" Zoe suspiciously whispered. "I'm Neve back bakaaaaaaaaaak"
 she cheeped "And I'm Poppy her sister!" Poppy cheeped back.

A few months later something strange was happening. Half of the flock was gone and we didn't get served any water anymore... It was strange "Viv! Viv!" Shakitah screamed in disappointment "what's wrong?!" I said in a desperate manner. "Y-y-your m-mums g-gone" Peyton ran out of breath from coming down the high hill. "What do you mean gone?!" I yelled in fear.. "She got put on a machine thing and it ran off" Zoe's voice trampled. "Bark-GET IN THE TRUCK SHEEP-Bark GO GO GO!" the fluffy friend yelped. We trampled in with a Bang! The door slammed shut. "Sissy? We're are you?!" my little brother yelled, I hugged him "don't worry I'm here" I said in fearless motion "Hey! Who's Hugging Me!!" it was Peyton "Oh haha sorry Peyton" I said in embarrassment.

A few hours later we came to a stop. The door slid open! We all sprinted out into new fresh land. "MUM!" I screamed in tears "Sweetie oh dear sweetie!" she said in an emotional way. "Mummy!" my little brother ran to our Mum, "Peyton? Zoe? Shakitah?" I yelled in fear "we're here" Zoe spoke from behind "yeehaw" Emily-Kate ran around the paddock with Ethan "New land!" Neve cheeped with excitement "cool!" Poppy replied.

We finally had food, water and more land we made new adventures and consequences that we learnt from and discovered new things as we went.

The Drought

I ran as fast as I could whilst my best friend behind. He was just an inch away from tagging me, before a tall thin creature with only fluff on the top of its head, I think it's called a huuuu-maaaaan, came up to my best friend and picked him up and took him to a peculiar and strange place...

I haven't seen him "Ughhhhh it's been hours" I moaned "where is he? I hope he's ok" as I turned around, I saw my best friend with no coat, he's basically naked "they took all my wool" he said as he quivered.

The next morning as the sun rose over the hills far in the distance my friend was feeling much better about his brand new hair cut. As we pranced off to start our day with a frolic in the paddock I noticed something wasn't quite right.

The once lush green pastures were now feeling crunchy and considerably dry under foot. The sun was beating down relentlessly from the clear cloudless sky. We really need that wet stuff that falls from the sky to cool us off a little and give the pastures something to drink.

Day after day the same thing happened. Everything was turning brown and crispy, the juicy green grass turned to dry crunchy flakes that turned to dust in my mouth. The sun was so hot I didn't have any energy to lark in the paddocks with my friend, I just want to find somewhere I can lay in the shade but the big shady trees have lost their leaves and the hard brown bits are all dry and falling where I would like to lay.

It got dryer and dryer, my family got thinner, more animals lost their lives. Soon it was just me and my best friend Bleep. Well, there was that tall, thin creature with a bit of fluff on its head, a huuuu-maaaaan I think it's called.

I was only a little lamb, I've come learn that the huuuu-maaaaan is called a farmer and the farmer is who takes care of me. He tried everything he could to help us survive in this heat struggle. I guess we are the lucky ones that we're still here.

As the months drifted into years, there was still no sign of things getting better. I'm much older now and I wonder what life would be like if my paddock was still like the old time stories the other animals used to tell. I can barely remember what it was like with green juicy grass everywhere, as far as my eyes could see or my little shaky legs could carry me.

I laid down in my favourite spot, on top of the red dusty dirt when suddenly..... POP!..... something hit my nose. What was that? I can't see anything but something hit it. Just then, PLOP,..... it hit me again, this time, right between my eyes! What IS that? I got up from the dusty dirt and started to run. I ran as fast as my little frail legs would carry me to where I saw bleep. "Bleeeeeeeep, Bleeeeeep, something keeps falling and hitting my head" I cried.

Just then I stopped and looked at the ground that surrounded me. That stuff was falling all over the place I couldn't escape it. It was everywhere. It started to fall faster and the drops got bigger. It felt wet and cold and ooohhhh so good in this dry hot humid weather.

Is this the stuff that the animals would talk about, I thought it was only stories, could the stories be true? Is this the rain they would talk of that would make everything green again?

I looked over in the distance and saw the farmer, he looked happy, he was jumping around doing a dance then I heard him cry "it's raining, it's raining!" I thought to myself the stories are true, this is what rain looks like, I started jumping in laughter and happiness as the ice cold rain drops got faster and heavier til I couldn't see in front of me the rain was so heavy.

Over the next few weeks the grass started to grow, the paddock got greener, the leaves on the trees became thick and lush. It was beautiful, I hope it stays that way.

By Emily-Kate Plumb

TADPOLES



**Is your child intending
on starting school at
Thornton Public
School in 2020?**

Join us at Tadpoles

A Transition and Orientation
program for children before
they start school



To find out more about Tadpoles at

Thornton Public School

Please contact Mrs Sok

49641369

OR

Thornton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Parent Information Session

What: Tadpoles and Kindergarten 2020

When: Wednesday 15th May

OR

Thursday 16th May

Where: Thornton Public School.

Time: 5pm till 6pm

Please RSVP by Monday 6th May



Who: Children in zone and intending on starting Kindergarten at Thornton Public School in 2020.

Children attending Tadpoles will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

When: Term 3 for 9 sessions.

There will be 3 groups

Beginning:

Wednesday 31st July

Thursday 1st August

Friday 2nd August

Where: Thornton Public School Hall
Government Road Thornton NSW 2322

Time: 9.15am – 10.45am

Cost: \$45 (\$5 a session) to be paid at office

The Tadpoles program is delivered by an experienced kindergarten teacher and other Thornton Public School staff.

Under 10s Knights Knockout

The under 10s Knights Knockout team went to Salamander Bay to play in the Division A Knights Knockout Tournament on the 19th March.

We went through the pool games undefeated, beating Telarah PS 12-4, St Brigid's Raymond Terrace 16-4, St Therese's New Lambton 12-8 and Raymond Terrace PS 16-12. These results ensured us a spot in the final.

We came up against Biddabah PS in the final. Biddabah scored 2 quick tries against us in the first half. The boys kept their heads up and played some great football to be narrowly defeated 16-12.

The entire team showed great skill, attitude and sportsmanship throughout the whole day and it was the best under 10s result we have had in quite some time.



Woo, New & You

During week 7 students from Stage 3 attended a STEM presentation at the University of Newcastle. The presentation was run by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence (CASE) and brought together several outstanding STEM experts from the University, Education and Industry. Students were involved in informative and hands-on presentations with the aim of the event to engage primary and secondary students in STEM and demonstrate the enjoyment and importance of mathematics and statistics in society and their future world of work. The highlight for all was the engaging and inspiring presentation from the awesome Eddie Woo



PSSA Cricket

On Friday of week 6, the boys and girls PSSA cricket teams played Metford Public School in the state knockout competition.

It was the first game of cricket for the majority of students and it was great to see everyone trying their best and enjoying themselves.

The girls team played first and were sent into bat. Monique and Ella opened the batting and did a great job against Metford's bowlers. Monique produced some great batting and retired not-out. Ella and Kaitlan continued on and both finished not out with Thornton reaching 131 after 20 overs. All the girls took to the field and did a great job. All girls bowled extremely well and demonstrated great teamwork in the field. In the end it was Thornton's bowling that won the game, with Metford only being able to reach 90 runs after 20 overs.

Well done to Monique, Destiny, Ella, Viv, Kaitlan, Zoe, Gorgia, Shakitah, Charlie, Neve and Gemma on a great game of cricket.

The boys took to the field in the heat of the day and sent Metford into bat first. The boys demonstrated teamwork on the field and all players produced some accurate bowling. Josh picked up two wickets, Benjamin 1 wicket, TJ a superb caught and bowled and Declan an impressive run-out from a direct hit in the outfield. After 20 overs Metford had set the target of 116 to win. All boys batted well with Josh retiring not-out. The entertaining game came down to the last over with Thornton just falling short of victory, reaching 109 runs after 20 overs. Well done to Josh, Michael, Brodie, Sam, Declan, TJ, Clayton, Ace, Zane, Riley & Benjamin on a great game of cricket.

Thanks to Marianne and Renae for scoring and thanks to Kristina for supplying ice cold water for the teams!





BRINGING THEM HOME

The earthly remains of several Wanaruah people are currently being held at the Museum and the University in Sydney. The Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council, with support from the community will be bring them home and inter our ancestors in the earth on the Hunter Valley once more.

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



CATHY FREEMAN FOUNDATION

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

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



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first P&C Newsletter from our new committee.
We have dived right in and are excited to start fundraising for our school.
For any information on fundraising or enquires please e-mail
thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.
Make sure to find and “like” us on Facebook @ Thornton Public School P&C to keep up to date on everything we have planned for our school.

Thinking about joining the P&C?

We would love to meet new members so if fundraising and getting to know new people is something you enjoy doing please join us at our next meeting.
We meet on the first Monday of every month in the SPR. Our next meeting will be on the 6th of April at 6.30pm.

How to become a Financial Member

Financial members are the members of the P&C who are eligible to vote on/ be a part of the executive committee or have a say on the decision making of the P&C.

To become a financial member we require a membership fee of \$2 to be paid to the Treasurer.

However, if you do not wish to be a financial member you are still welcome at P&C meetings as we are always looking for fresh ideas and volunteer support.

Easter Raffle

This week we have sent out raffle tickets to be sold for \$1 each and drawn at the Easter Hat parade. If you did not receive raffle tickets to sell and would like some you can collect from the canteen or send us an e-mail or message on our Facebook page. We are also asking for donations for prizes in the form of Easter eggs or Easter themed gifts. These can be left at the office.

Help our fundraising cause!

Support us and treat yourself!

 **entertainment**

Discover the best of your city with Entertainment.

Still only
\$65 Every sale contributes to our cause



Enjoy thousands of offers for everything you love to do

2-for-1 offers, special rates and up to 50% off on activities, dining, shopping, travel and leisure.

Order your Entertainment Membership today!

80+ Contemporary Dining Offers!	 \$40 value	 \$40 value	 \$50 value	 \$25 value	 \$65 value	 \$45 value and many more...
200+ Casual Dining Offers!	 \$45 value	 \$40 value	 \$50 value	 \$35 value	 \$35 value	 \$40 value and many more...
160+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 2 for 1 and many more...
2,000+ Travel and Retail Offers!						 and many more...

Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

Every sale contributes to our fundraiser, so purchase your Entertainment Membership today!

Thornton Public School

Order your Memberships online today!!

www.entbook.com.au/346k83

Scan this code to order



Purchase your Membership before the 4 April 2019 and receive bonus offers valued at \$200! Subject to availability.

Copyright © 2019 Entertainment Publications of Australia Pty Ltd. All rights reserved. ACN 065 011 903. Entertainment is a registered Australian trade mark of Entertainment Publications of Australia Pty Ltd.

