



## Thornton Public School

*Respectful, Responsible, Resilient*

Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

8th April 2019

What a great term 1 in 2019!!!! I can't believe 11 weeks has already past. Over the past 11 weeks it has been great getting to know the new students, including the Kindergarten of 2019 at Thornton P.S. The new students have been happy and enthusiastic and I appreciate the 'hellos' whilst walking around the school. All students across the school have worked hard and deserve a 2 week holiday, starting next week. Just a reminder that students return in Term 2 on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

Congratulations to those students who will be attending PBL rewards day on Tuesday and Thursday this week. This recognises those students who consistently follow our school values and the Lizzie 5. These days will be exciting as teachers have some excellent activities planned.

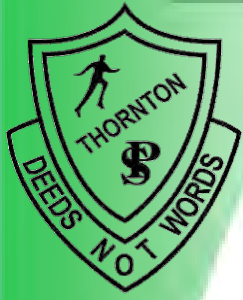
The P&C did a marvellous job supporting the school carnivals this term and should be congratulated for their efforts. Thank you for supporting our students for these initiatives and a reminder that all members of our school community are welcome to attend P&C meetings that are held on the first Monday of each month.

Year 6 students, don't forget to order your Year 6 shirts! This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate your time at Thornton PS and stand out from the rest of the school. Get your orders in by Thursday the 11/4.

All members of our school community are welcome to attend our school Anzac assembly on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. This will start at 10am in the school hall.

Have a great upcoming holiday! Looking forward to hearing everyone's holiday stories. Stay safe and charge the batteries for an exciting term 2.

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## School Banking Thursday



## Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
Wednesday 10th April	TPS 1.30pm	Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 10th April	TPS 11am	Cupcake Day
Thursday 11th April	TPS 10am—11am	ANZAC Day Service
Friday 12th April	2.15pm	Whole School Assembly
Friday 12th April		Last Day of Term 1
Monday 29th April	NO students	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30th April	Students return to school	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

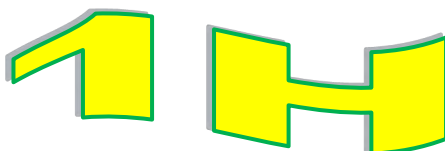


# KD

KD have enjoyed a fantastic start to schooling life! They are settling well into routines and immersing themselves in the joys of exploratory learning. For the past two weeks we have been investigating dinosaurs with many discussions about 'what we know' and 'what we wonder'. It has been wonderful to hear that many students have continued these conversations at home and then brought in their own special books to share with the class. Most mornings in KD start with a reading lesson and independent learning activities. These learning activities provide opportunities for students to develop team work, creative thinking and problem solving skills.



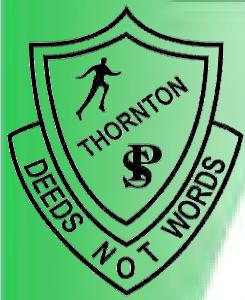




LH have been busy learning in Literacy Groups.





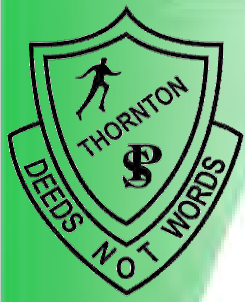


# 15

A big thank you goes to Mrs Colefax for giving an educational talk about people who help us in our community. Mrs Colefax is a fire brigade officer with the local RFS. She spoke to the children about the role of a fire officer and gave us some important information about what to do in case of a fire. The students of 15 were excited to make their own fire trucks for this classroom display.







# 2T

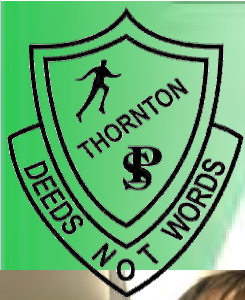
With the construction underway for Mr Lynch's new classroom, 2T have taken the opportunity to discuss making models for a few reasonable upgrades to Thornton Public School and given the task of designing a new precinct behind the year 2 rooms.

From beaches and pools to hotels and museums, 2T are showing their design and construction skills as well as creativity, with many students collaborating and combining their designs. We have used trash to turn it into treasure.

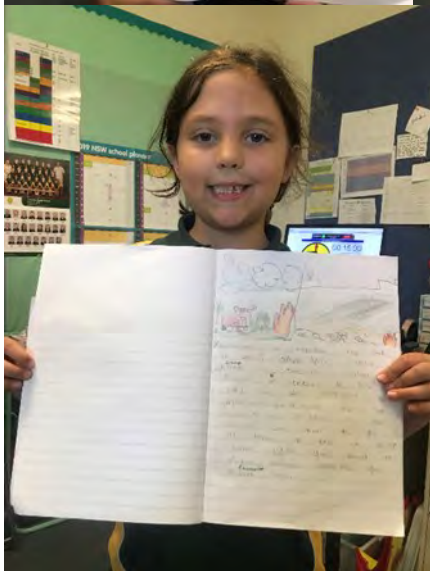
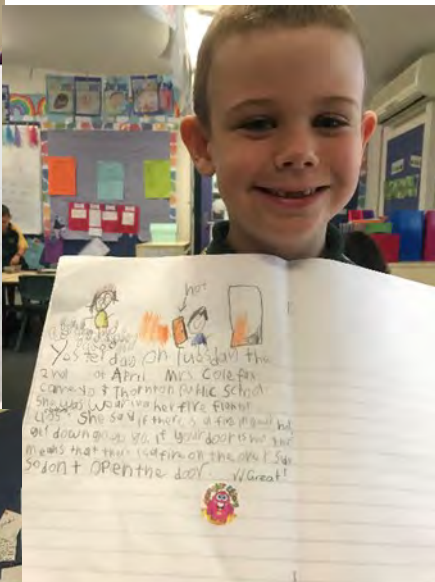
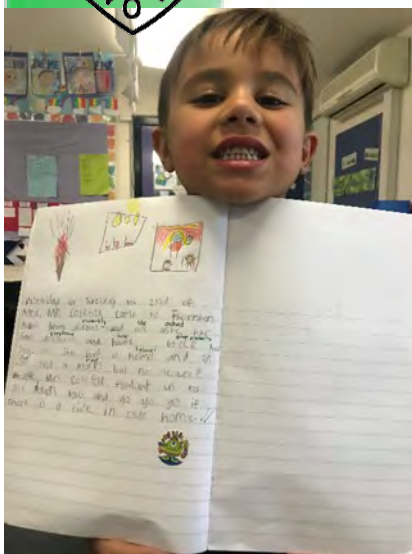
We can't wait to see the finished results as we are still refining our designs. Who knows, we might even be able to convince Mr Wylie, Mr Collins and Mrs Wright that we need to have our very own zoo! – 2T



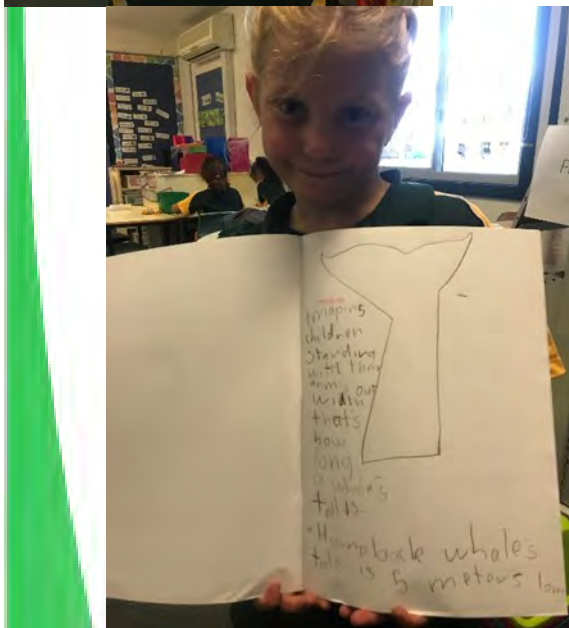




On Thursday Mrs Colefax came to tell us about the work she does for the Rural Fire Service. Here are some of our recounts and artworks.



Harper shared an amazing fact about Humpback Whales.





Year 4 2019

# A Day in the life of 4A

## 4A- The beginning...

In 4A we have learnt Maths, Literacy, Spelling and most importantly to never bully or be rude or mean to anyone. We have learnt the value of hard work and teamwork. We all love having Friday Freedom. We love using our devices for school reasons (and not for school reasons). Also we have learnt to treat people how we want to be treated and using our Lizzie 5. We love doing art with Miss Gibbs. We also love doing literacy with Mrs Allen. Our class rocks- Mrs Allen and Miss Gibbs. Our class is sensible, reliable and most important, bully free. By Elliot and Siena G

## Mathtastic!



We have been learning about angles and where we can find angles. We learned about length and we like doing rotating groups. We used Geoboards with Miss Gibbs and length questions with Mrs Allen. We also measured objects around the classroom and used trundle wheels to measure the netball court.

By Thomas and Brock

## AFL Fun



We have been learning AFL hand passes and how to kick. Sam was our coach and he taught us many skills and the rules of AFL. We really loved playing the modified game and we had lots of fun.

By Sophie and Sam

## Super Sport Carnivals

Swimming Carnival: You do races with the whole school and do activities while you race against friends and cheer on your house.

Cross Country: you run the whole time over the bush and do two laps. It is so exhausting. Athletics: our whole school comes together and do races, shot put, discus and long jump. At our school there are a lot of sport carnivals.

By Kingston and Oliver

## Our Environment

Our class is committed to keeping our environment clean and tidy.

We participated in Clean Up Australia Day and are improving our efforts on Trash Free Tuesday and recycling our trash and compost.



## Literacy Lovers



## Bully No Way

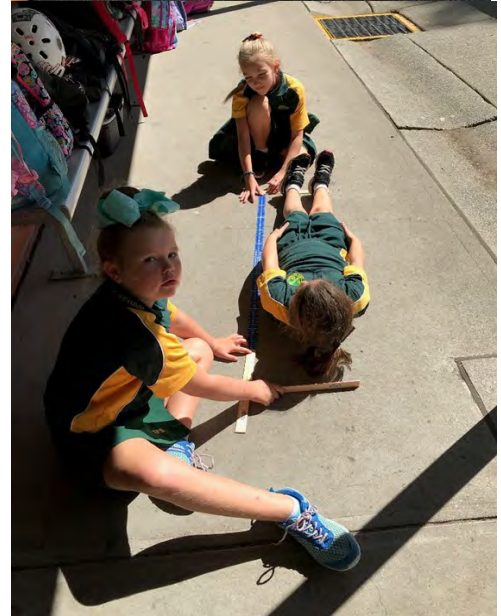
We have been learning about not to be a bully and not to bully people. Bullying can hurt people's feeling, can be harmful and awful. Our school is a no bully zone. We stand up to bullies and make sure they don't hurt other people by saying "No." We have learnt to be Respectful, Responsible and Resilient by doing role plays and making bully no way videos. By Keilana and Siena G.



# 3S

3S have been enjoying maths lessons including number talks. We especially enjoy using hand signals to indicate their answers and understanding. This week we conducted a “Length of Mr Collins investigation.” We gathered reasonable estimates, discussed how we could accurately measure Mr Collins and then measured him. We then measured each other and worked out the difference in length compared with Mr Collins.

3S, Mrs Stretton and Mrs Shelton.





# 5/60

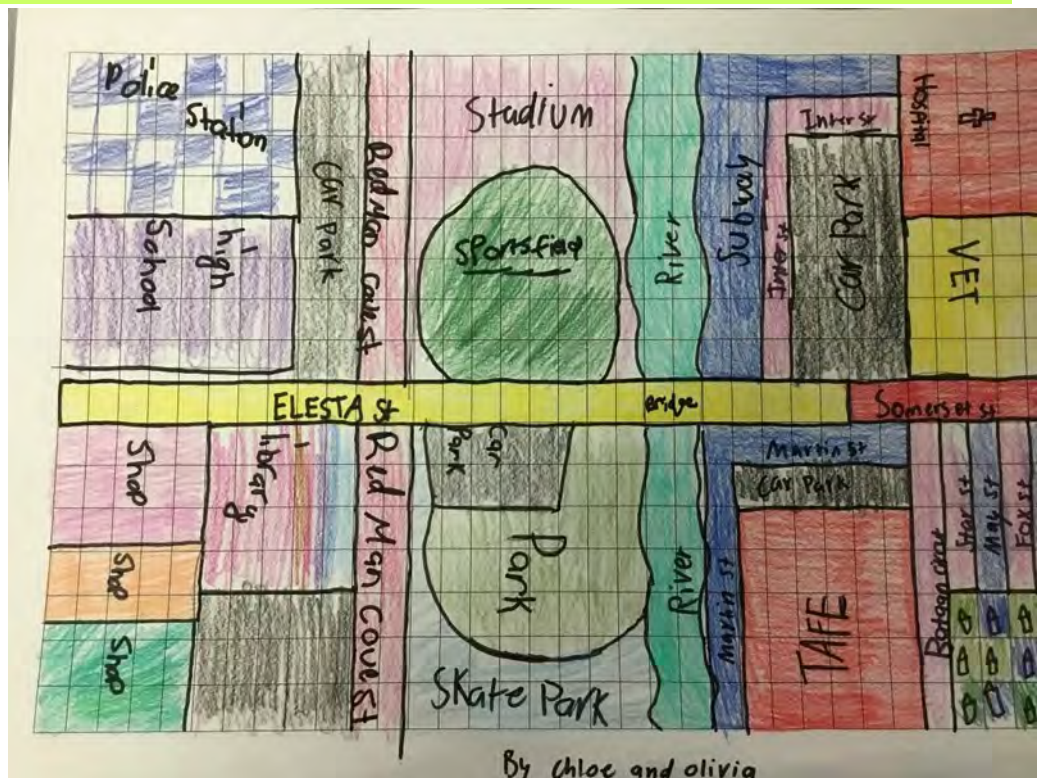
Students in 5/60 have been designing their own cities. They needed to work collaboratively to create a map of a city which incorporated a number of key features such as a hospital, school, shops, housing and roads. We are planning on using our maps in a number of ways during maths lessons.

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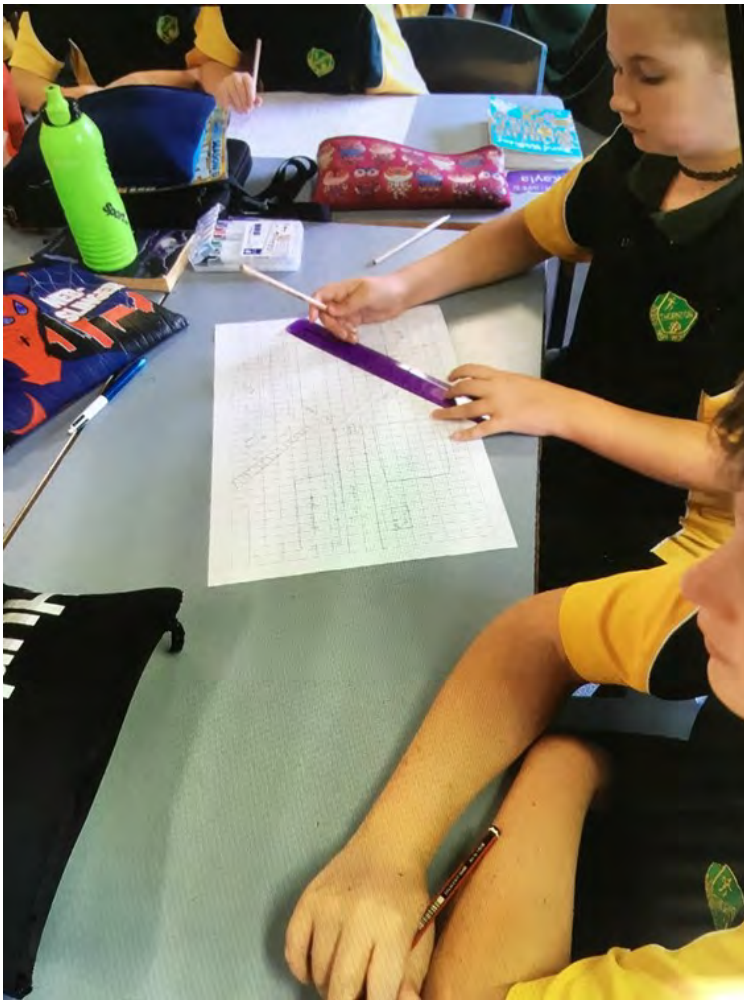
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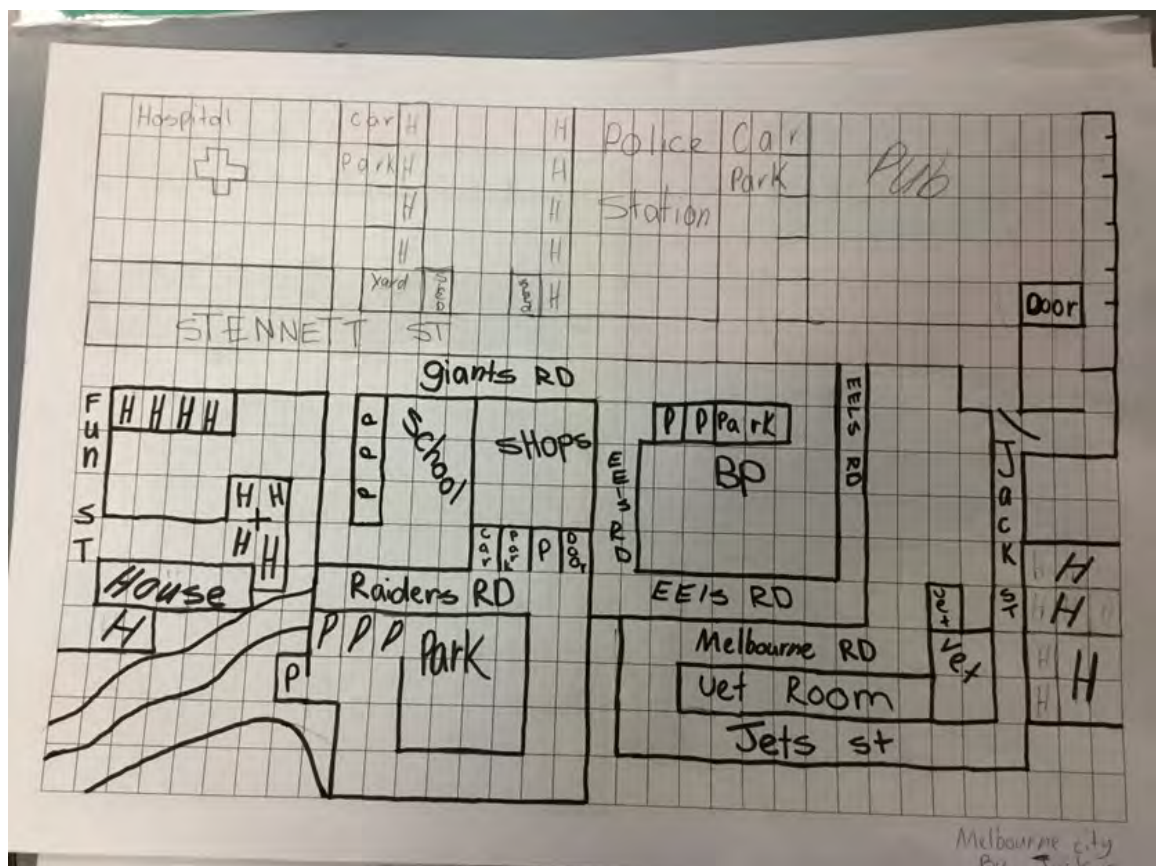
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Students needed to work together to plan where they were going to put roads, houses, shops etc.



# 5E Drought Art

5E have been doing a unit on natural disasters. We have focused on the Jackie French book "Drought". It is a story about how drought effects the people, animals and land of Australia. 5E have explored drought and had a chance to rewrite the story from the point of view of the animals. We created an artwork based on the cracked, dry land that could be seen in the illustrations done by Bruce Whatley.

Here are some amazing artworks done from students of 5E.

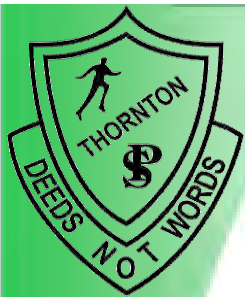


Benjamin D



Sabilla B





# Library

Congratulations to our 2019 library monitors. These students have worked very hard during term 1 training for this position - Brayden, Sarah, Paityn, Sabilla, Kaitlin, Anaijah, Macy, Sienna, Helena, Olivia, Layla, Lilly, Emily E, Emily, Chloe, Kiarna. Also Jasmin, Haley and Aaliyah who missed the photo.



# 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

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## **Parent Information Session**

**What:** Tadpoles and Kindergarten 2020

**When:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

OR

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Where:** Thornton Public School.

**Time:** 5pm till 6pm

Please RSVP by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> July

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.





Parents, Caregivers and Members of the Thornton Community are invited to attend our School's ANZAC Service which will take place on Thursday April 11 in our school hall commencing at 10.00 am. Our school leaders will also be representing our school at the Beresfield Dawn Service on ANZAC Day.



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**Congratulations** to the 77 students at Thornton Public School who have maintained 100% attendance this term! These students will receive a certificate of commendation in recognition of their achievement. Keep up the great work!

Attendance patterns are established early and so each term we will be looking to recognise those students achieving 100%. Of course there are times when absence is unavoidable such as illness and emergency leave. In these circumstances please explain the absence within 7 days via ~~sms~~ or verbal communication. Unexplained absences remain recorded as 'unjustified' once 7 days have passed.

## My Child won't go to school – what should I do?

Please contact your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible to discuss the issue and seek assistance. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. Further assistance may be sought from the Home School Liaison Officer.

## I've been asked to go to an Attendance Learning and Support Team (LST) Meeting – what is it?

An Attendance LST is a face to face conference between the parent, teacher, attendance coordinator and Home School Liaison Officer. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- identify issues that may be preventing your child from full attendance at school
- develop attendance goals and support structures to improve attendance
- prevent ongoing non-attendance

## Ongoing non-attendance

The Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action when children have recurring absences from school. Ongoing poor attendance may result in:

- A formal attendance improvement plan
- An application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order
- Prosecution in the Local Court



# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 1.1
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 3 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 3.1
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 6 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10

Give your child every chance to succeed...

**Every day counts!**



## Did you know:

If a student misses as little as 8 days per school term, they will have missed a whole year of school by the end of primary school!



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