



Principal's Message

We had a fantastic Mother's Day breakfast in Week 2 which was a wonderful and fun event. I know all the Mums and Nanans who came along had a beautiful time with their children and were really appreciative of the efforts of our staff. It was also very exciting for our students who loved the opportunity to pamper and look after their loved ones. Thank you to all the family members who came along for participating and enjoying our beautiful morning. I was very impressed with the photo booth, the music and I enjoyed the smiling faces of those who enjoyed a great feast. With such a big school it was a challenge to get everyone fed and keep them active and happy but our organising team did an amazing job. Well done team!

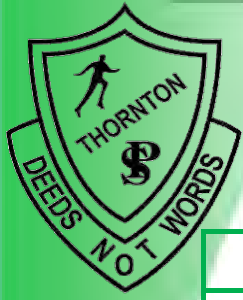
NAPLAN: Last week our Years 3 & 5 students sat the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is a State Wide Assessment and our students have performed well in these assessments in recent years. We are confident that our students will perform very well in these assessments again this year.

Attendance - We want the children to be at school every day that they can. Attendance is important to develop academic and social skills. Our attendance this year has been pretty good and we would like to thank you for your support in this area. Please remember that if your child has one day off every fortnight by the time they finish primary school they will have missed 3 terms worth of work which puts them 3 terms behind other children's learning, and makes school harder for them in high school.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program - Please keep the Woolworths stickers coming in. The program ends on Friday 25th June. In previous years we have been able to purchase many wonderful resources for our school with the support of this program.

Have a great week.

Stuart Wylie
Principal



Important Dates

Date	Time	What's On
Thursday Odd Weeks	1.50pm—2.20pm	Kindergarten Assembly
Thursday Odd Weeks	2.25pm—2.55pm	Stage 1 Assembly
Thursday Even Weeks	1.50pm—2.20pm	Stage 2 Assembly
Thursday Even Weeks	2.25pm—2.55pm	Stage 3 Assembly
Friday 24th May	9am—3pm	65 Roses out of Uniform Day (RED)
Wednesday 29th May	9am to 3pm	Year 3 Wetlands Excursion
Friday 31st May	9am to 3pm	Year 4 Wetlands Excursion
Monday 10th June	NO SCHOOL	Queens Birthday Holiday
Friday 14th June	9am—3pm	Kindergarten Excursion
Wednesday 19th June	9am to 3pm	Year 1 Wetlands Excursion
Thursday 20th June	9am to 3pm	Year 2 Wetlands Excursion
Wednesday 26th June	9am	High School Transition
Wednesday 21st August	9am	High School Transition
Monday 21st October - Wednesday 23rd October		Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Tuesday 3rd December	9am	High School Transition

To Parents/Carers,

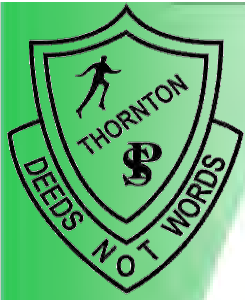
Students at TPS are required to wear hats whilst playing in unshaded areas to minimise the risk of life threatening skin diseases later in life.

As part of the uniform policy and sun safe strategy, student's hats must not have writing or drawings on the outside of them. Students will be asked to put these in their bags until they are cleaned and will be asked to play in shaded areas.

We thank you for your support.

Thornton Public School





TADPOLES



A Transition and Orientation program for children before they start Kindergarten in 2020.

To find out more about Tadpoles please join me for a Parent Information session:

What: Tadpoles and Kindergarten 2020

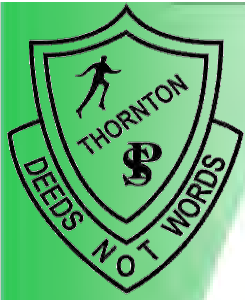
When: Wednesday 15th May **OR** Thursday 16th May

Where: Thornton Public School-Rooms 5 and 6.

Time: 5pm-6pm

Looking forward to seeing you

Mrs Sok

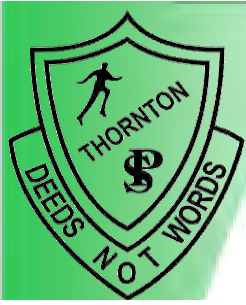


Parents as Teachers/Community Helpers

Welcome to the following parents-
Renee, Rebecca, Abbey and Samantha.
who will begin their PaTCH (Parents as Teachers/Community Helpers)
training with Mrs Wright and Mrs Sok on Monday 6 May.
They will be working in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 classrooms.
Your kits are ready to go!



Thank you ladies for your time and support.



KL

KL LOVE investigation centres! Our investigation centres help to promote thinking and allow for quality discussion about 'what we know' and 'what we wonder'.

As a part of our literacy session KL students have been able to become entomologist, marine biologist and palaeontologist.

In Term One KL enjoyed looking at all of the different creepy, crawlies they would be able to find in their gardens at home.

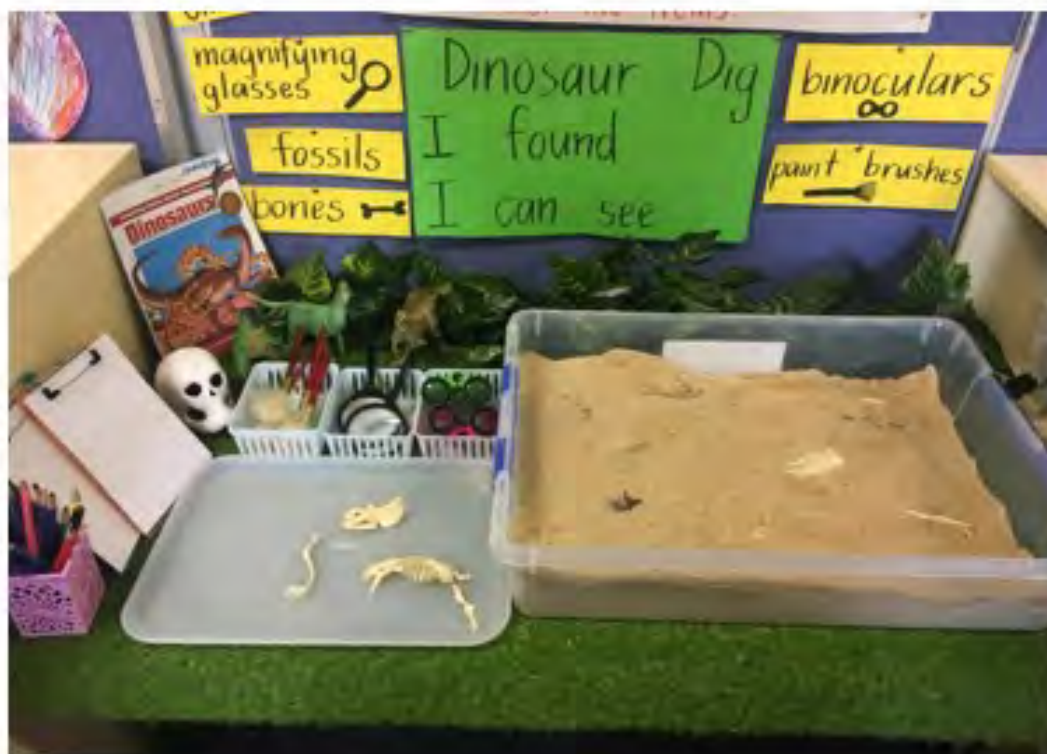


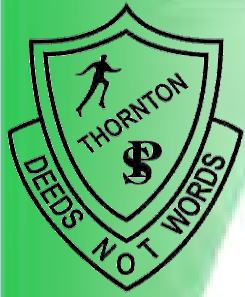
We also went under the sea to discover the different creatures of the ocean. KL were amazed to find out some interesting facts about these animals in the book 'The Variety of Life' by Nicola Davies and Lorna Scobie.

- Blue Whale – This immense whale is over twice as heavy as the biggest dinosaur.
- Japanese Spider Crab- They have a leg span of 3m and can weigh as much as a 6 year old child.



In their newest investigation centre KL students are able to search for dinosaur fossils; they are then able to take a closer look at these fossils using magnifying glasses, students then write and draw about their discoveries.





1S The Koala Who Could

By Rachel Bright

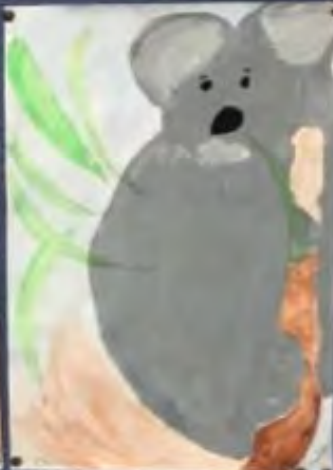
1S read the story 'The Koala who Could', by Rachel Bright. After reading the story we spent time writing about the story and learning about koalas. 1S also painted a koala sitting in the branch of a gum tree.

<u>Koalas</u>		
<u>Know</u>	<u>Want to Know</u>	<u>We Learned</u>
Koalas have a black nose.	Why do they eat <u>eucalyptus</u> leaves?	They are endangered because their <u>habitat</u> is being destroyed.
They have grey and white fur.	(gum leaves)	They are marsupials.
Have eyes like a cat. (brown)	Where do they live?	They have a pouch.
They eat gum leaves.	How old do they get?	They weigh up to 15 kg.
They climb trees.	How heavy are they?	They are 60-85 cm tall.
Fluffy ears	What are their babies like?	Babies are called joeys.
They have sharp claws.	How do they climb?	Mother koala feeds joey milk.
They can scratch.	Can they swim?	At 6 months it rides on mum's back.
Carry babies on their back.		



Koalas live in gumtrees.

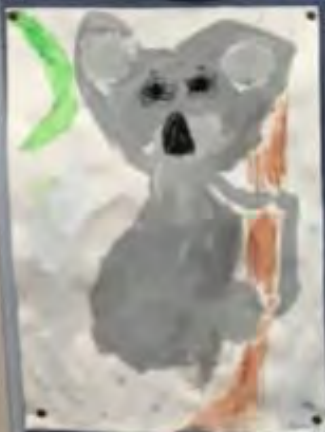
They eat eucalyptus leaves and they sleep a lot.



Koalas have grey and white fur and black noses.

They have sharp claws for climbing and clinging to the trees.

They are marsupials. Mother koalas have a pouch like a kangaroo.



Baby koalas are called joeys. The mother koala feeds her joey milk.

Joeys are the size of a jelly bean when they are born.



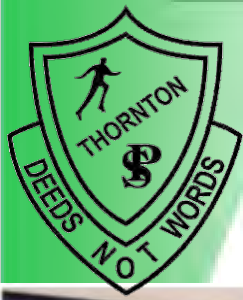
Joeys stay in their mother's pouch for six months.

When joeys are too big for the pouch they ride on their mother's back.



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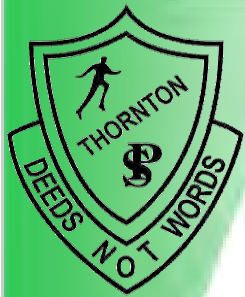


1/2G and Sticky



1/2G loved having a visit from “Sticky” the spiny leaf insect. We were very brave holding her. She tickled our hands and arms. We discovered many interesting facts about leaf insects and thought they make great pets. We all hope she will come back to visit our classroom again.

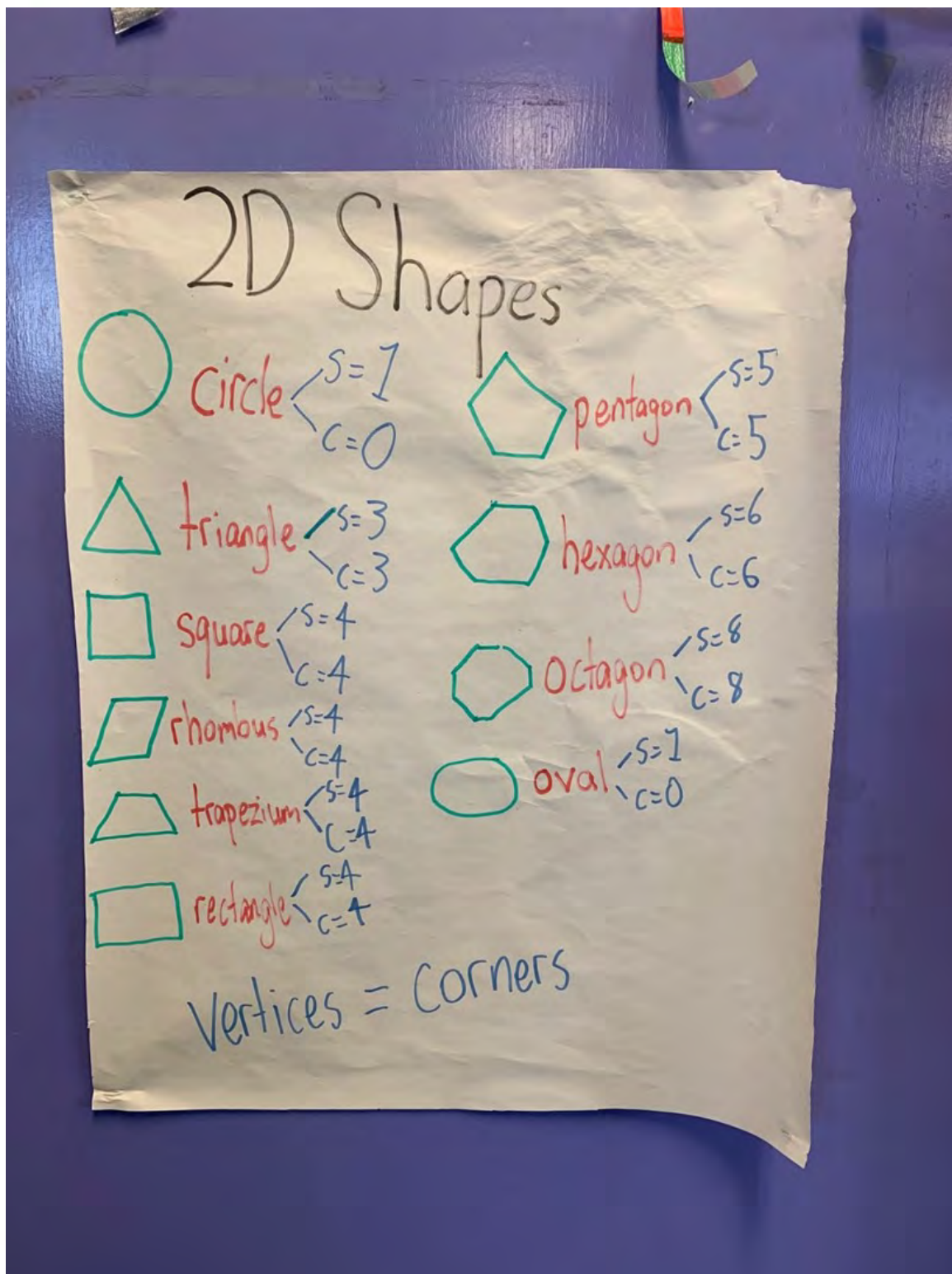




2P

Mathematics – 2D Shape

2P have been looking at and exploring a variety of 2D shapes during math lessons. We identified a number of 2D shapes and their properties, sorted them based on their properties and created and described our very own 'Shape Monsters'.

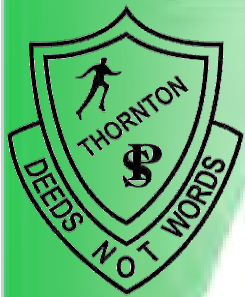




3T

This week 3T have been very busy sitting NAPLAN most days so have been enjoying the breaks in between tests. We have been learning new games and practicing our shooting in Golden Child. We've also had a busy week learning all about data. We have been surveying one another and have learnt how to create column and picture graphs. With all of our furniture being moved around, we also decided to redesign our classroom! Students drew plans from a birds eye view of their ideal classroom and made it happen! This week we have also been watching ABC's 'War on Waste' and have been talking about the impact we can have on the environment and how we can make it more sustainable.





3/4F & 3S



34F & 3S MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

34F AND 3S WERE EXTREMELY LUCKY TO MAKE AMAZING TEA CUP SUCCULENT GARDENS FOR THEIR MOTHERS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE. EACH STUDENT SELECTED A TEA CUP, MILK JUG OR COFFEE MUG TO PLANT THE SUCCULENTS IN.

ONCE WE CHOSE OUR RECEPTACLE WE HALF FILLED IT WITH CACTUS SOIL. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE WONDERFUL MRS HUGHES (FANTASTIC MRS FINCHER'S MUM) PICK A VARIETY OF DAZZLING SUCCULENTS FRESH FROM HER GARDEN FOR US TO PLANT IN OUR MAGNIFICENT CUPS.

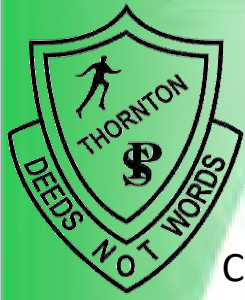
WE EACH CHOSE A SELECTION OF SUCCULENTS AND PLACED THEM IN THE SPECTACULAR HALF-FILLED CUPS.

WE THEN NEEDED TO FILL THE CUPS AND JUGS WITH MORE SOIL. WE COVERED THE TOP WITH SMALL PEBBLES AND WATERED OUR SPECIAL SUCCULENT CUP GARDENS.

WE THEN GAVE THESE AWESOME GARDENS TO OUR BEAUTIFUL AND CARING MUMS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE FOR MOTHER'S DAY.

ALL OUR MUMS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED TO HAVE SUCH GRAND GIFTS.





Stage 3 Report

Congratulations to all of our award winners from our first assembly in Term 2. The new-look Stage 3 assembly was wonderful to be a part of, celebrating student effort and success. We had so many students receive PBL Merit Awards demonstrating they are on track to receive a Lizzy Ribbon.

A special congratulations goes to **Zara** from 5N for receiving the Deputy's Award! She was recognised for -

*Consistently displaying our PBL values in the playground and classroom. She is a good friend and always looking for ways to help others.
A valued class member of 5N.*

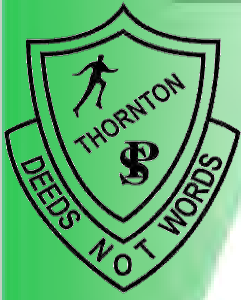
Year 6 Reminder: Please make sure you return your Transition to High School Permission Note and \$15 to the office as soon as possible.

Year 5M



Year 5 have started the term with STEM challenges. Students were challenged with creating towers made only out of straws, tape and paper plates. To be successful our teams needed to make a tower bigger than their tallest team member. That was too easy. The next challenge was to make a tower taller than the teacher. For our budding group of engineers that was also far too easy also. The final challenge was to make a tower that could touch the roof and stand by itself. A massive congratulations to Tyler, Timothy, Rock, Ethan and Michael who managed to build their incredible tower that soared high enough to hit the Year 5 classroom roof.

Our second challenge was to create a Rube Goldberg machine, a machine that completes a simple task in a really complex way. This STEM task proved challenging...and messy. Although most groups were not successful I was impressed with the creativity and perseverance that 5M showed.

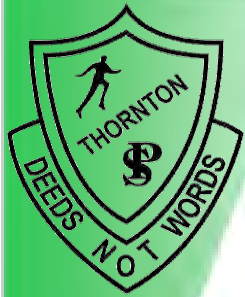


6AC

6AC have been going marbles!

6AC have been flexing their creative and critical thinking skills to design and construct a marble run from a range of materials. An array of marble runs were





Library



Life Literacy

Last week I was able to go to a conference and listen to Morris Gleitzman. He is current Australian Children's Laureate and one of our bestselling children's authors. Mr Gleitzman explained why children's reading is about so much more than literacy. Reading helps develop life literacy too. Children love stories in which a young character goes on a problem solving journey. To solve or survive the problem, the character must develop skills and qualities beyond their previous experiences. Such as:

- * Thinking bravely and honestly about what's causing the problem.
- * Developing their research skills to better understand what they're up against.
- * Big problems require teamwork, so the character needs to form friendships and alliances. Understanding enemies is a help too. All of which requires development of people skills, in particular empathy.
- * Creative thinking is a must because a character with a problem needs problem-solving strategies.
- * And resilience is inevitable because big problems never get solved on page 27, not when an author is contracted to write 250 pages. Which gives the young character plenty of opportunities to pick themselves up and try again.'

As young characters in the story steam ahead on their problem-solving journeys, young readers are at their side, themselves absorbing every one of these new skills and abilities. His message emphasised that young readers will be much better equipped to be adults in our world with skills such as resilience, creative thinking, empathy, bravery, interpersonal skills and problem-solving abilities.

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/rendezview/kids-reading-is-about-so-much-more-than-literacy/news-story/b1e4ab15823dde723ec1e54761a55a9>

STORIES MAKE US

2018 *Calendar* 2019

MORRIS GLEITZMAN

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LAUREATE



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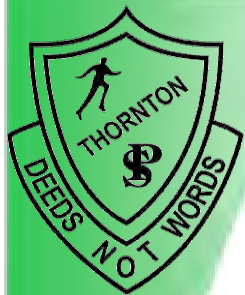
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Thanks for the pictures, Analemm.
Happy readings everyone.

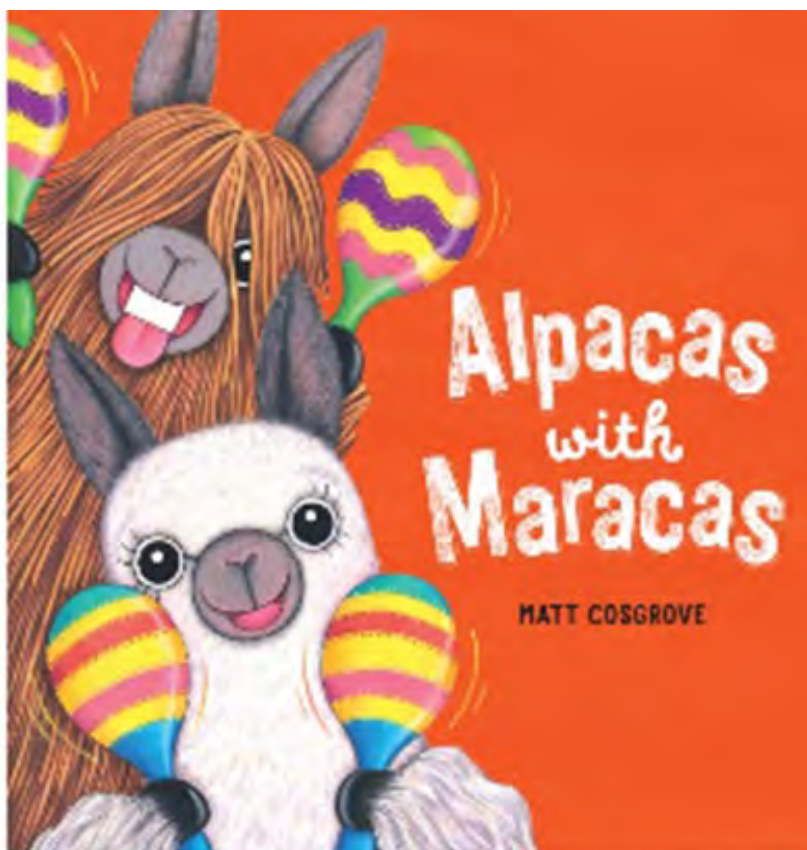
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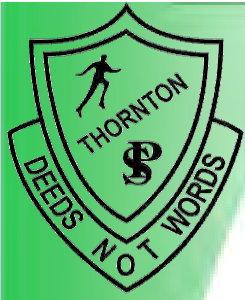


National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres and many other places around the country. Now in its 19th successful year, it aims to promote the value of reading and literacy and promote the value and fun of books.

The date for this event this year is Wednesday, 22nd May and the book is 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove. Our school will participate by reading the story to the students and completing related activities.





World Environment Day

World Environment Day is held on Wednesday June 5th 2019, and is on June 5th every year. It isn't a public holiday, it is an environmental awareness day, run by the United Nations. World Environment Day (WED) was first held in 1974. 143 countries take part and the day focuses on environmental concerns ranging from pollution to global warming and sustainable food production to protection of wildlife.

The theme for WED is 'Air Pollution'. 92 per cent worldwide do not breathe clean air. 7 million people worldwide die prematurely from air pollution. Most air pollution is caused by burning fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas to produce electricity and power our vehicles.

Our school will participate on Wednesday, June 5th by coming to school dressed in blue and/or green. A gold coin donation will go towards building our sensory garden. Students in class will design posters 'How would you change the world' and the library will complete an artwork made out of bottle tops. Thornton Public School participates in trash free Tuesday's every week however we ask that on Wednesday, June 5th we all work together to have a special 'Wipe out Wednesday'. All students are asked to bring in lunch and afternoon tea that is completely waste free. We would like to see much less single use plastic packaging and will celebrate those students who make an effort by giving stickers to children who have little or no 'waste' in their lunches.



Wipe out Waste



Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?



Pack



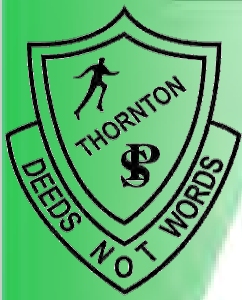
- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack

Avoid



- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items





Mr Parker & Mr Gaffney support 65Roses Day!

On a cold chilly morning this week Mr Parker & Mr Gaffney will be riding to school the long way in support of our fundraising efforts for Cystic Fibrosis. We will ride 65km on the way to school on Friday May 24th. We will leave the Newcastle area and go via Hexham, Raymond Terrace, a few other places and Morpeth before arriving at school in full red.

Below is a link for our fundraising page so you can get on board and show your support!

<https://65roses2019.everydayhero.com/au/thornton-ps-bike-ride>

Take the **65ROSES** CHALLENGE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

\$109.04

\$650

Cystic Fibrosis Community Care

MY STORY

As teachers we choose to make a difference in the lives of children all the time. Every day we work to improve the long term outlook for the hardworking children at schools.

The 65 Roses Challenge is another way that we can provide help. I look forward to fulfilling the challenge set.

I'm inspired by the work that Cystic Fibrosis Community Care do, so we wanted to raise money for them as part of my participation in 65Roses2019. Please help us help them by giving whatever you can using the 'Give Now' button.

Please spread the word by sharing my page with your friend...

[Read more](#)

ALL POSTS PHOTOS DONATIONS



SETH, LEVI, FLYNN PIEFKE **GAVE \$109.04**
2 great Teachers riding 65km for such an amazing cause.

18 MAY 2019



THORNTON PS BIKE RIDE

18 MAY 2019

On Friday 24th May, Mr Parker and Mr Gaffney from Thornton Public School will ride to school the long way. The 65 kilometre long way to be exact. Starting in Jesmond, we will make our way to Thornton Public School via Hexham, Raymond Terrace, Miller's Forest, Duckenfield and Morpeth. A small gesture by a large group means a lot to others. Come On Get On Board!



THORNTON PS BIKE RIDE

Give Now

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THANK YOU TOP SUPPORTERS

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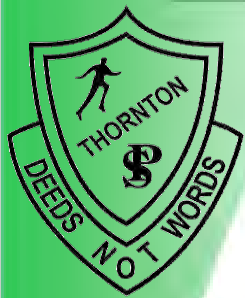
DONATIONS SUMMARY

Number of donations	1
Average donation	\$109.04
Donated so far	\$109.04



CYSTIC FIBROSIS COMMUNITY CARE CHARITY

Cystic Fibrosis Community Care (CFCC) is the peak community not-for-profit working with and for people living with cystic fibrosis (CF) across NSW and VIC. Our mission is 'Lives unaffected by CF...'



Netball

In week one the Thornton Public School Netball team played a very close game against Beresfield Public School. The game finished in a draw so extra-extra time was played. Unfortunately, TPS lost by two points. The team showed fantastic sportsmanship proudly displaying Thornton Public School's PBL values, respect, responsibility and resilience. We would like to say a big thank you to our super umpire, Alisha Falua.



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

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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.

Let's stick together with Earn & Learn

Start collecting today


collect

Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can.



keep

Stick them on the sticker sheets and pop them in your school's collection box. Or stick them on the posters.


count

Let us know how many stickers you have at the end, and hang onto them until your new equipment arrives.

To find out more visit
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Collecting for: **Thornton Public School**

Entry to the promotion is open to primary and secondary schools, and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotion runs 1 May 2019 until 25 June 2019. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. Participants must be registered by 25 June 2019. One Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker is given for every \$10 spent in a single transaction at Woolworths Supermarkets, Woolworths Metro and online, excluding liquor, tobacco, gift cards and other specified purchases. While stocks last. Stickers must be counted and submitted by 7 July 2019. Stickers must be redeemed for equipment by 21 July 2019. Retain stickers for validation. For full terms and conditions, please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



School Banking Thursday



Pay No Gap

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No Health Insurance?

Only \$145 (\$95 for kids)
Checkup, Clean & Fluoride

Teeth Whitening

In Office Only \$499. Save \$500
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SMILE TODAY

FAMILY | BRACES | IMPLANTS

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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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

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