



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient



Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

26th August 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fabulous couple of weeks of activities we have had at school as we celebrated Education Week, Book Week and had Parent/Teacher Interviews. We had a great dress up day for Book Week and our Author visit was a real highlight. It was nice to see so many parents and grandparents in the school and to see so many excited students enjoying showing off what they have been doing this year during our Education Week events. Parent participation in our Parent/Teacher Interview evening was also fantastic with the evening running very fluently and all of the parents and teachers I spoke to seemed to be happy with the new format. Thanks to all the parents who completed our survey.

Thanks also to all staff who helped organise our events and worked hard to ensure these events were a success. A big thankyou to Woolworths who donated the bread for our BBQ and to Browns Butchers who supplied 150 Kgs of delicious sausages including a donation of 10 Kgs of sausages. Thanks to everyone who bought books at the book fair as well, we sold over \$9000 worth of books during the week.

Another great excitement in recent weeks was our very own Thornton Public School Aerobics team the Thornton Thunder again winning first place in the Australian Aerobics Championships. For the second year in a row they have travelled to QLD and won the National Aerobics Title. This year with a new coach Emily Gibbs. What a fabulous effort by an amazing group of young ladies who have worked incredibly hard to achieve their dream after placing second in the NSW finals. Going on to beat twelve other teams from around the country including the team that took out the NSW title. An experience the girls will never forget.

Up-coming events to look forward to are the Pyjama/Beanie Day (raising money for Camp Quality and Beanie for Brain Cancer), P&C Father's Day stall and our Father's Day breakfast. All of these events make for another very busy week at our school.

If you are, or know a local tradesperson who might be interested in doing work in schools then please read the following information.

REQUEST FOR ALL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE LOCAL TRADES PROVIDERS AND SUPPLIERS The NSW Government has committed the largest investment in planned maintenance at public schools in the history of NSW. A record \$1.3 billion is being spent on an ambitious delivery program, focused on employing local businesses and contractors across the state.

To assist in addressing regional school maintenance issues and at the same time provide work for local trade's persons and suppliers across the Hunter / Central Coast regions, over \$100 million is being invested to upgrade and maintain our school infrastructure.

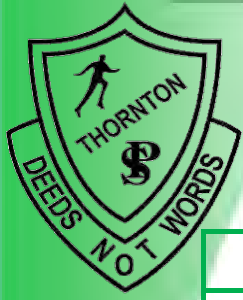
Given this record spend by School Infrastructure NSW, you are invited to an Asset Management Unit industry breakfast briefing. This will provide information to existing and new contractors on how you can get involved.

To find out more by attending our Industry breakfast register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-engagement-information-session-tickets-65766578607> or contact your Asset Management Unit on 4088 3500.

Safe Travel to School – We have had a couple of close calls with students on bikes not following the road rules in recent weeks. A reminder that children must observe the road rules when riding bikes, scooters or skateboards to school. Students are not permitted to ride bikes, skateboards or scooters on the footpath outside the front of the school and must dismount and walk across the pedestrian crossing to safely cross the road. The roads outside the school are very busy before and after school and I am concerned someone could be injured. Please discuss these very important safety warnings with your child if they ride to school.

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
Thursday 22nd August	1.50pm	Whole School Assembly
Thursday 26th September	1.50pm	Whole School Assembly
Monday 21st October - Wednesday 23rd October		Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Tuesday 3rd December	9am	High School Transition

Hat reminder

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.

Hats are available from the school office for \$15.00

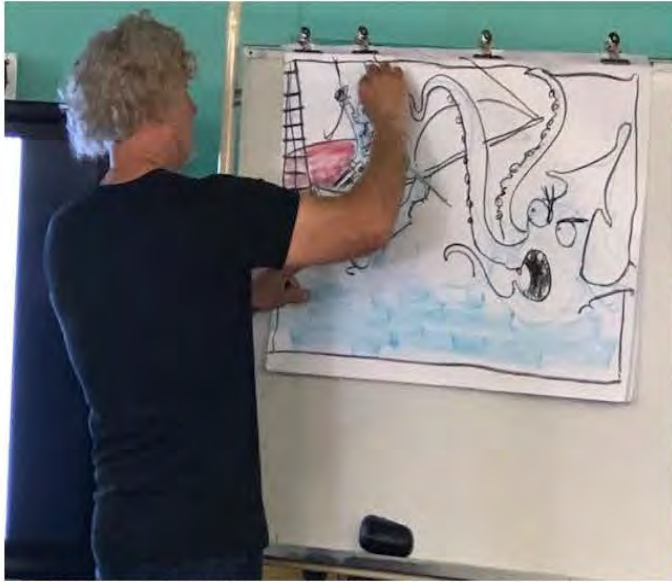
We thank you for your support.



Book Week 2019

'Reading is my Secret Power'

Our Kindergarten, Stage one and Stage two students enjoyed a visit by Stephen Michael King last Wednesday. He shared some of his secrets to how he creates his stories and illustrations.



1B shared some of their amazing 'Rainbow Bear' illustrations.



We had so much fun at our Book Parade on Thursday. Lots of super hero dress ups and characters with secret powers. More photos will be available on the school website soon.





SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Thornton Public School is honouring 100 Years of quality education with a week long celebration.

The program of commemorative events is as follows:

Saturday 2nd November - 1-3 pm - Open Day for Ex Staff & Pupils

Wednesday 6 November -9.15am Formal Assembly and showcase of student talents

Friday 8 November - 1-6 pm - 100yr Birthday Party and School Fair

Keep your eye out for more information on our Facebook page and newsletters



<https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonPS/>



Are You An Ex-Student of Thornton Public School?

As part of our school Centenary we are conducting a Memory Collection Project to capture your memories of your time at the school.

Please consider taking our Memory Collection Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXFL5VB>

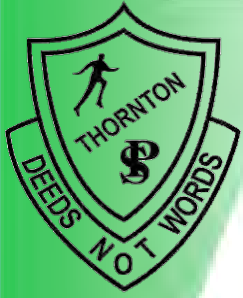
All responses will remain anonymous and will be used as part of our digital presentation and to inform our teaching and learning on the history of the school. Hard copies of the survey are available from the school office or from Thornton Library.

Thornton Public School First School Pupils 1919



Did You Know?

Our school opened in April 1919 with 38 pupils. Prior to the opening of the school some children had travelled the two miles to attend the school at Tarro. However, as the then Principal, Mr E H Harris, noted of his new students "some had not been to school, and the majority but little."



Tadpoles

Last week Tadpoles enjoyed participating in outside activities.
The adults also had fun watching and playing with their children.

Look at us:

Throwing and
catching balls



Jumping on the mini tramps

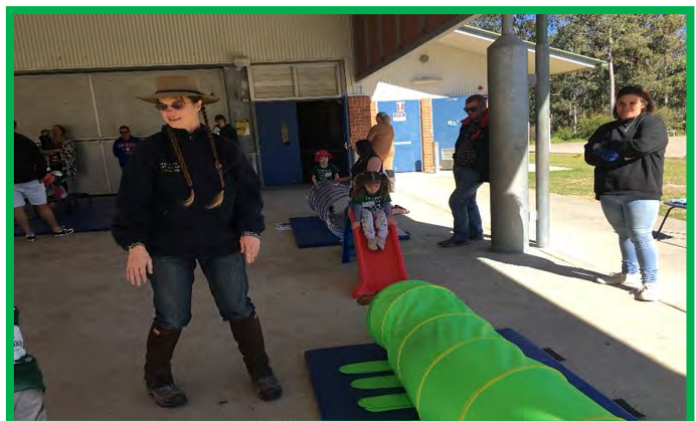


Walking forwards
and sideways across
a balance beam



Crawling through tunnels and
sliding down the slippery dip

Mrs Sok



Who said, 'Kindergarten kids can't draw?'

Teachers love reading quality literature to their students.

Look at the quality illustrations they have produced:



KI - *I'm the Best* by Lucy Cousins



KD - *The Bear and the Piano*
by David Litchfield



KJ - *Chrysanthemum*
by Kevin Henkes



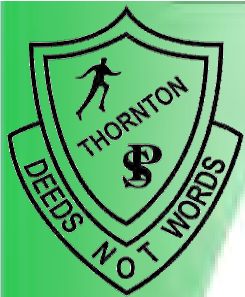
KL - *The Last Peach* by Gus Gordon



KR - *Pink* by Lynne Richards



K/1H - *Commotion in the Ocean*
by Giles Andreae



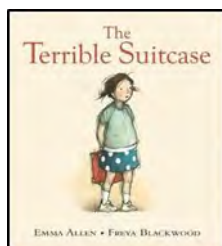
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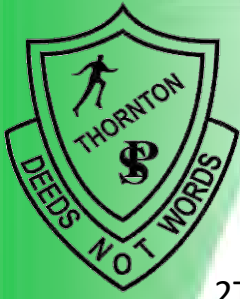
KL have had a very exciting start to Term 3!

In maths we have been playing a very exciting game called 'Shake, Rattle and Drop' to learn about our friends of 10!



We read the story 'The Terrible Suitcase' by Emma Allen and talked about all the exciting (and important) things we would take in our suitcases for a trip into outer space. So, we painted our rocket ships, wrote about what we are taking and off we went using Virtual Reality goggles! We had a fantastic time exploring the moon and our neighbouring planets. KL especially enjoyed learning about how Earth orbits the sun!





2T

2T have been learning to use similes and alliteration in our writing.

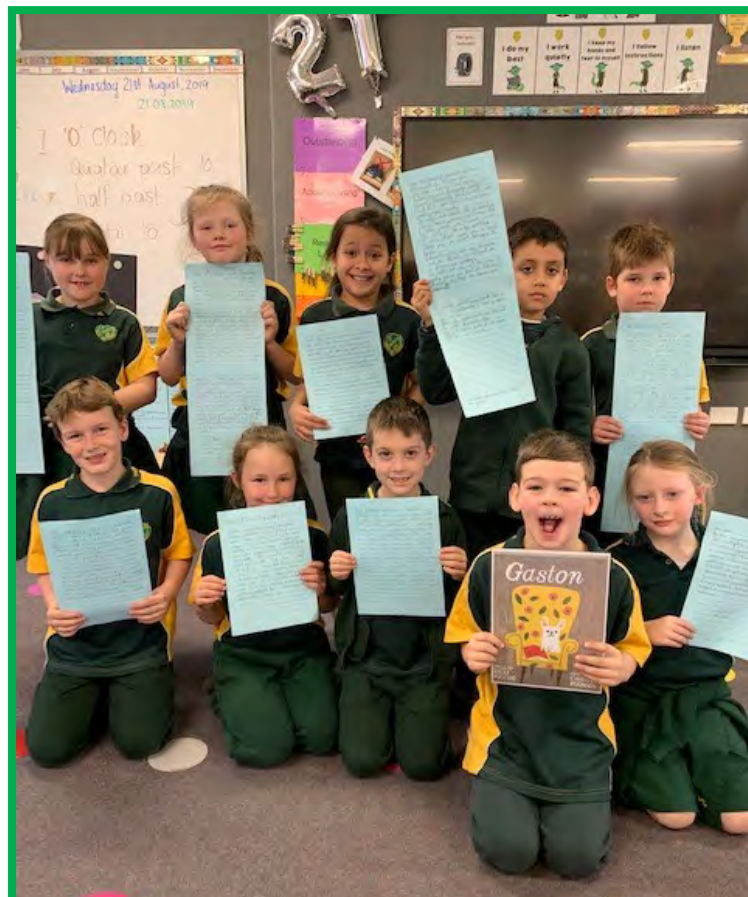
This week wrote to Gaston. A precious pooch who was a little bit different than his perfect poodle sisters.

One day, his mother discovers there had been a terrible mistake , as Gaston goes to live with the brutish and brawny bulldog family.

Mrs Poodle discovers the terrible mistake was letting Gaston go. Her heart felt as if it had been broken into a million pieces, and wanted to persuade Gaston to come home.

We have almost finished publishing our letters, feel free to pop into room 28 and see our writing.

Mr Trindall & 2T

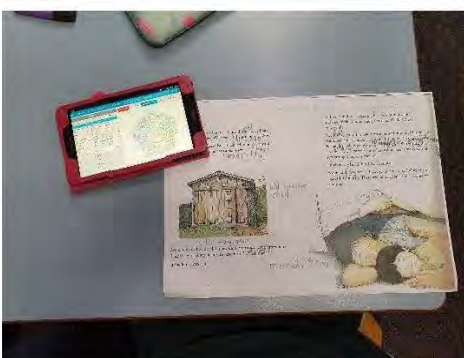
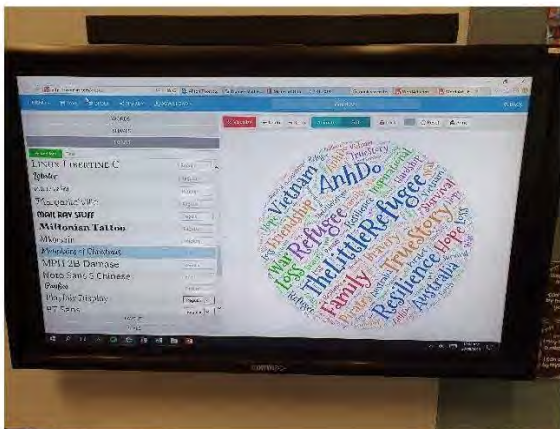


3T

3T are having blast this week! We have been creating 'Synonym Rolls' in our 'French Bakery' (insert fake French accent here) and are working very hard to become more descriptive writers. We read 'The Little Refugee' by Anh Do and created Word Clouds to describe the scenes using our senses.

In maths we are learning our times tables through songs like 'Uptown Funk' and 'Cheerleader' to help us remember them.

This week we are having a lot of fun studying various artists (like Van Gough, Picasso, Monet, Kandinsky- and many more!) and have had a go at re-creating some of their artworks. We have been looking at how the artworks are created, what mediums are used and what inspires them. Jackson Pollock has definitely been our favourite artist so far!



4A Real World Maths

KAHOOT

Kahoot has been fun! Kahoot is a question making app. In my group we have been trying hard to make our ten questions. My questions are about subtraction up to four digits. Some people are not good at it so I will help them With it because I am good at it I have had fun with it.

- Oliver



IMOVIE

We have been doing an iMovie on area. iMovie is an app that you can video, make movies and trailers for people to enjoy and laugh. We have been taking videos about area. Area can be used in real life like if you were building a house because you need to know how much space is in your house.

- Cali

MASTERCHEF

In real world maths our group did Masterchef, we made pizza. We add the ingredient Step by step the ingredients were added. We used fractions to cut the pizza into thirds and time to know how long the pizza was in the oven for. We researched what ingredients we needed and how long we needed to cook it for. Real world maths helps us to learn about fractions, measurement and time.

- Sophie





MINECRAFT

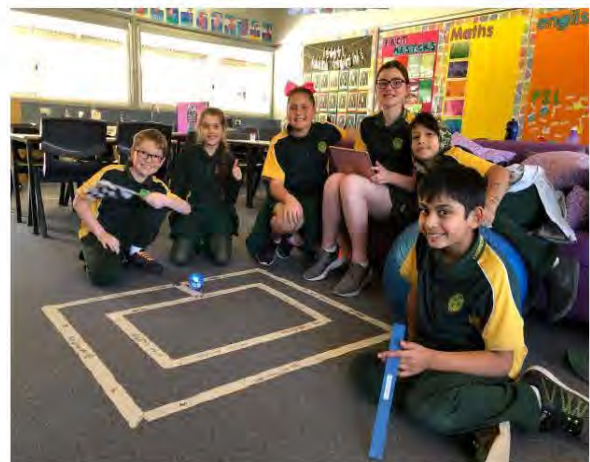
Real World Maths is an amazing way to help you with maths. I was in the Minecraft group. In Minecraft we were building a haunted house. But not just any haunted house. It was a maths haunted house. We used dark oak wood to build the walls of the house. We added staircases going down into a secret base. That secret base leads to the times tables. We added heaps of times tables questions. If you walk through the right door you go to the next question but if you go through the wrong door you fall into lava. The questions start easy and then the questions start to get harder. Real World Maths is a great way to learn more about maths.

- Siena G

ROBOTICS

Me and my team are doing Robotics using a Sphero. Sphero rolls, we have a track for it. The maths we use is length the outside of the track is 1 m and the inside of the tracks is 59 to 63 cm. I'm go to show you some pictures of the track.

- Amelia



5M



This week my class and I made stop motion videos with our table group to create teamwork with people we don't usually work with. I enjoyed this activity, we learnt that we need to move the Lego peace's very slowly.

Me and my partner (Will) made a marshmallow head and two M's moving towards the head then the head spun around and the audience got to see coloured marshmallow!

Brayden Martin



Below are some QR codes so you can check out our work.



6A

Keeping it Virtual **REAL**ity



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6A have been exploring the world through virtual reality. Students have been discussing and writing descriptive texts about what they see.

A few of the places we have visited include; the International Space Station, African Safari, Great Barrier Reef and the Solar System.



6A

Create the future

6A have been utilising 3D printer technology to bring their creative stories to life.

The project was to create a short story that could be turned into a stop-animation video. Students had to use the narrative structure of an orientation, complication and then resolution. Students designed and created characters using 3D modelling software called TinkerCad, incorporating transformational language learnt in mathematics.

Stay tuned over the coming weeks for a link to watch some of these entertaining stories!





P & C News

Can You Help Out?

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the running of the Father's Day Stall.

Can you spare an hour or two?
Maybe even the whole day!

Let us know if you can help out by sending us and email to:

thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



The P&C are running a Krispy Kreme fundraiser.

Order forms with payment (cash only) need to be returned to the school office no later than

3pm Monday 9th September

Alternatively you can email your order to thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au and transfer funds by the due date to

Thornton Public School P&C Association

BSB: 032 639

ACC: 205 820

With your child's surname and class as the description.

Extra order forms can be collected from the office

Thank you for supporting Thornton Public School.



100 YEAR BIRTHDAY FETE



This year, Thornton Public School is turning 100!

To celebrate, the school has a range of activities and events happening throughout the week beginning 4th November.

Friday the 8th of November will be our 100 Year Celebration Fete!

There will be rides galore, market stalls, raffles and many other fun activities planned on the day.

We also have a Facebook page for the 100 year celebration. If you would like to join it to find out more information and when our next meeting is.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/831110317225099/?
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We are looking for volunteers to assist on the day and during the lead up to the fair.

If you could spare time to help in any way, please contact the P&C via email – thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au