



# Thornton Public School

*Respectful, Responsible, Resilient*



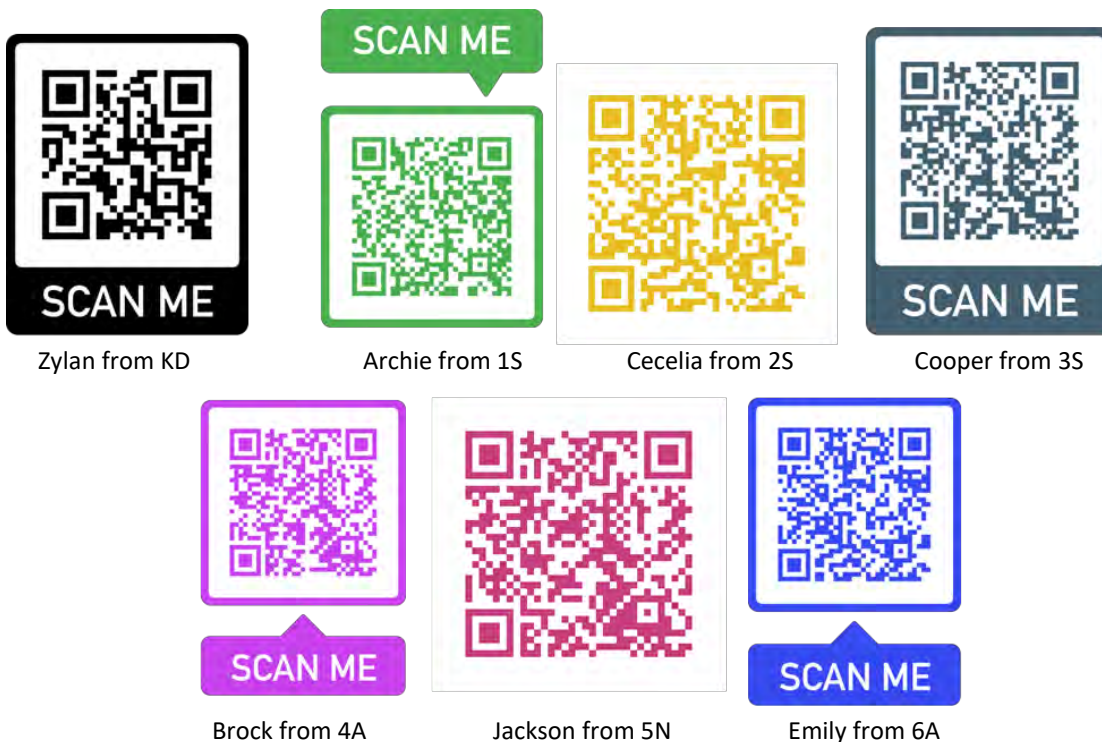
Principal: Mr Stuart Wylie

23rd September 2019

Can you believe it is week 10!?

What an exciting term it has been. There have been so many wonderful things that have happened this term! Education Week, Book Week, Tadpoles, Father's Day Breakfast and our K-2 Athletics Carnival, just to name a few!

We asked some of our students what the highlight of their term was and this is what they had to say.....  
(you will need to scan the QR code, like you are taking a photo, on your Smartphone!)



Zylan from KD

Archie from 1S

Cecelia from 2S

Cooper from 3S

Brock from 4A

Jackson from 5N

Emily from 6A

This week we will be celebrating all of the students that have demonstrated

**Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**, everywhere and every time for PBL Rewards Day!

With the school holidays just around the corner, what an awesome opportunity for you and the kids to get out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather. Below are some links of some great websites to help you out these holidays!

**Happenings in Maitland** <https://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/news/school-holiday-fun-in-maitland>

**Holiday fun at Maitland Library** <https://www.maitlandlibrary.com.au/whats-on/for-kids/holiday-fun>

**Happenings in Newcastle** <http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/getattachment/Explore/Things-to-do/School-holidays/spring-holidays-brochure.pdf.aspx?lang=en-AU>

**Powerhouse Museum** <https://maas.museum/whats-on/>

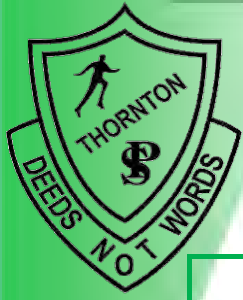
**Riverlights Multicultural Festival** <https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley/maitland/events/riverlights-multicultural-festival>

**Sydney Opera House** <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/visit-us/bring-the-kids.html>

Have a safe, relaxing and fabulous break everyone!

Until next time,

Mr Collins and Mrs Wright



## 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
Wednesday 25th September	11.30am	Two Trenches One Letter Project
Thursday 26th September	1.50pm	Whole School Assembly
Monday 21st October - Wednesday 23rd October		Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Friday 27th September	Between 2 and 3.15pm	Kristy Kreme Donuts
4th —8th November		100 year celebration
28th Oct—8th November	By Bus	Year 2 Swim School
Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st November	TPS	Interrelate
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.



# 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.

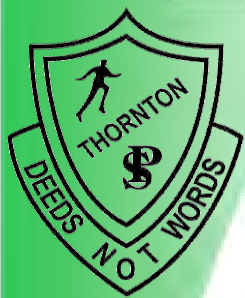
### **Thornton Public School First School Pupils 1919**



### **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."





# PBL Award Winners

Stage 1 Winners



Kindergarten Winners

Deputy Principal Awards





# Kindergarten

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten got to participate in their first sports carnival.

It was a great day enjoyed by all especially Mr Wylie, Mrs Wright and Mr Collins who participated in the events as well.



The Kindergarten teachers and I wish you all a happy and safe holiday. Returning refreshed and ready to experience the final term of Kindergarten. Mrs Sok



# 1H

Over the last few weeks, 1H have been investigating and looking at different cultures and countries. So far, we have learnt how to say hello in 20 different languages and enjoyed learning about Vietnam, China, Italy, India and Nigeria.



While learning about China this week, we made Chinese lanterns, playdough fortune cookies and ferocious Chinese dragons. We also learnt about Chinese New Year and got very hungry talking about delicious Chinese cuisine.



## Fun Facts about China:

- China's giant pandas are good swimmers.
- If put together, all of China's railway lines would loop the Earth twice.
- Paper was invented in Ancient China.

## Fun Facts about Vietnam:

- There are more than 45 million registered motorbikes in Vietnam.
- Ranked the 5<sup>th</sup> happiest country in the world.







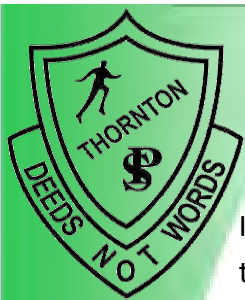
# 2P

Over the last few weeks, 2P have planted sunflower seeds and written a procedure about it. We are hoping to each grow our own sunflower. For our celebrating different cultures unit, we made pasta as a way of celebrating the Italian culture. 2P had fun participating in the athletics carnival too! In math, 2P has been learning about chance and mass. We have been using words such as likely or impossible to describe events and we have been using scales to measure things in our class.

By: Isabel P.







# 3Z

In 3Z we learnt about 3D shapes. We had to deconstruct 3D shapes to discover what their net shape is. We then combined different nets to create a 3D robot which we dubbed Zed Bot! Thank you to all the parents and carers who brought in boxes so we could do this really fun lesson J

Miss Collins and 3Z.



















## Stage 3 News

With only two school weeks to go until we travel to Bathurst for our Stage 3 excursion, it is fabulous to see students fully engaged in learning about the Gold Rush in Australia and the significance of this time in the development of our nation. Hopefully we find more gold in Bathurst than we found in the school sand pit!



A reminder that all students travelling to Bathurst need to be at school at 6.30am for a 7am departure on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## PBL Fun

Well done to all Stage 3 students following the recent adjustments to our playground areas. Students adapted to the changes quickly and are now loving the extra space they have to play during break times. Students are making good choices in the playground and demonstrating our PBL Lizzie Values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. This sets an excellent example for younger students!



We are looking forward to the culmination of a fantastic term with a pleasing increase in the number of students eligible to attend our PBL Rewards afternoon on Friday. Teachers have some exciting activities planned. Look out for the invitation coming home with your child this week.

# Website launch



Welcome to 6AC

## A DAY IN A LIFE OF 6AC

There's always great things happening in 6AC, and now we have decided to share this with the world!

Our website, "A Day In The Life of 6AC", is now live!

You will find some examples of our quality work, pictures of us hard at work and some fun bits too.

Scan the QR code below or click the [link](#) to find us. We will be updating our page regularly so keep checking in to see what's new.



### MY CRAZY FAMILY MEMBER

BY NASTYHIA NDIYI



My crazy family member is my grandmother. She is 85 years old and she is very funny. She has a very good sense of humor and she always makes me laugh. She is very smart and she knows a lot of things. She is very kind and she always helps me when I need it. She is very beautiful and she has a very nice personality. She is very loving and she always makes me feel loved. She is very smart and she knows a lot of things. She is very kind and she always helps me when I need it. She is very beautiful and she has a very nice personality. She is very loving and she always makes me feel loved.



### QUIZ-QUIZ-TRADE



### RALLY COACH

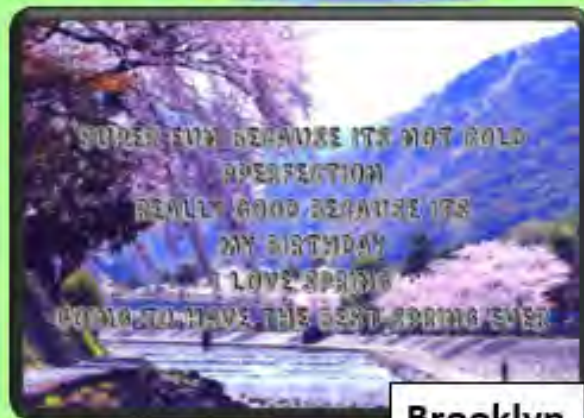




# Spring has Sprung in 5N



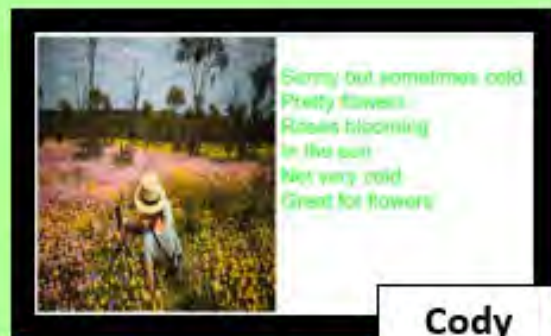
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Lara



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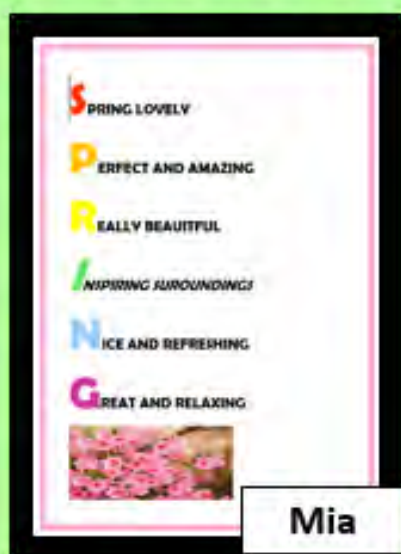


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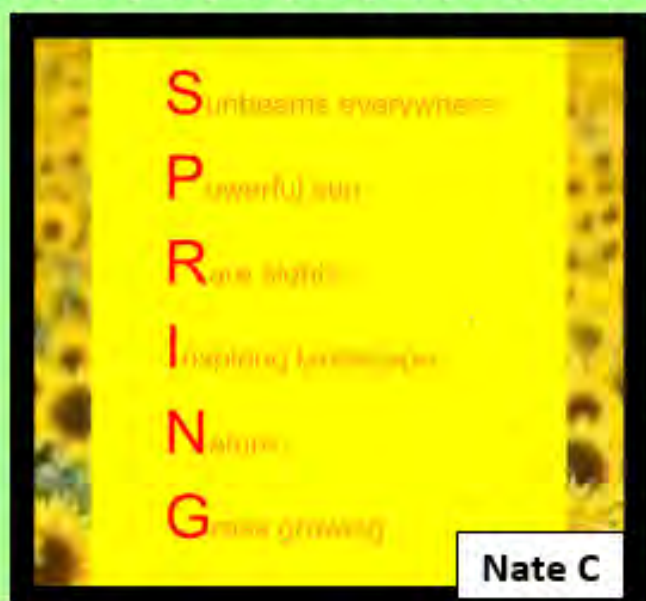


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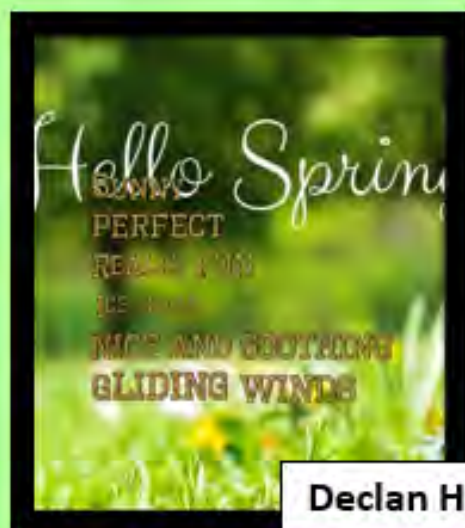
Mia



Nate C



Matilda



Declan H



Maddy



Jade



Connor



# Spring poem

Sunny  
Pretty  
Roses  
In the pool  
Nice  
Gentle



Nate J

SPRING  
WORM PRETTY  
SUNNY CLOUDY FLOWERSH  
GRASS BLOOMING TREES ANIMALS  
BEACH



Dyon

**S** MILE ALL THE TIME  
**P** RETRY FLOWERS BLOOMING  
**R** ISING AS THE SUN DOES TOO  
**I** S GOOD WEATHER  
**N** EW BABY ANIMALS ARE HERE  
**G** OING OUR AND HAVING A GOOD TIME



Miley



Matilda

S<sub>uper</sub> sunflower  
P<sub>retty</sub>  
R<sub>ed</sub> and any other  
I<sub>ncredible</sub>  
N<sub>o</sub> sharp points  
G<sub>reen</sub> not black



Zach







Jade



Nate J



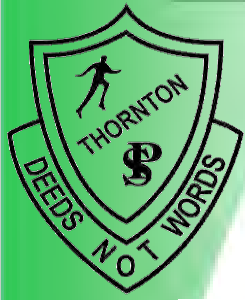
Mia



Jade







# Tadpoles



Tadpoles visited the library where they listened to stories read to them by primary students and completed an art activity together.

It was lovely to see the Tadpoles and the older students interacting and spending time together.

It was a positive experience for both the primary students and Tadpoles.





Last week was the graduation ceremony for Tadpoles. This is where Tadpoles turn into frogs.

Mr Wylie, Mrs Wright and Mr Collins presented graduation certificates to the children as proud parents watched on.







We made noisy frogs! Sorry mums and dads.



Ate yummy cupcakes made by Sheree Abberfield and Mel Winkler.

Thank you, ladies.

Tadpoles also enjoyed devouring chocolate Freddo frogs.

What a wonderful week we have had!

For the final week of Tadpoles, we will be visiting Kindergarten classrooms and spending time with the Kindy kids.

Thank you to the parents for supporting the Tadpoles Program. It has been my absolute pleasure to teach and spend time with your children and you.

Mrs Sok



### Kreative Koala excursion

Today we went to Wirraway Park to do some water testing from the pond next to the park.

Everyone thought it was very interesting seeing the temperature, salinity, turbidity and pH. First we went to the pond in pairs and got samples of the water. We took it to the tables and started testing. We started with the temperature, we had to get a thermometer and put it in the sample. The highest temperature was 17 degrees Celsius and the lowest temperature was 14 degrees Celsius. After writing down the temperature of the water we moved onto the pH (potential hydrogen). We had a little paper like stick with different colours on it which change colours depending on how much bacteria is in the sample of water. 6-8 was the most neutral which means it is excellent/ very good. Luckily everyone got 6-8. After that we moved onto salinity. Next we had to do the salinity of the sample of the water. Less than 400 uS / cm means it was very good. But everyone got 400-800 uS/cm which was fair. We measured that with a green, epipen looking device. Then we went to turbidity, which used a big tube with wave lines at the bottom. We had to pour our water into the tube little by little and had to keep checking the lines were there. The reason for this is to see how clean the water is. Everyone got less than ten which means the water is very clean. We are very thankful that we got to do this water testing. It was so much fun to learn about how good Wirraway parks pond was.

By Helena













# Environment Award

Well done to 3S and 3/4F who were awarded the Week 5 Environment Award. Twice a term classes will be awarded a certificate and trophy for making an effort in recycling, bringing trash free lunches and keeping their outside class environment clean and tidy. Both 3S and 3/4F made a great improvement in using their recycle bin this term. Every class has a yellow recycle bin placed outside classrooms and are encouraged to use this instead of throwing recyclables away.





## Library

All backorders from our book fair were delivered this week. I hope the students enjoy their purchases. Thank you for your support of our library in making these purchases.

A reminder that overdue notices have been sent home. Please return any overdue books as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any problems.

We have a great collection of books in our library. K-2 must have a library bag to borrow and 3-6 are encouraged to bring one. This helps keep our books in good condition.

4M are showing off their borrowing for the week.





This week we had several tadpole sessions visit our library. Students from 6A, 4L, 3S and 4A shared a story with them. I then read 'Rainbow Bear' by Stephen Michael King. We followed this with a shared craft activity. A great time was had by all.







# 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

**RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN 2-12 YEARS OLD**

## A PARENT EDUCATION COURSE

**AT** Woodberry Place of Friends – Schools as Community Centre  
Woodberry Public school, Lawson Ave, Woodberry NSW 2322

**ON** Thursday's 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

**AT** 12:30 – 2:30pm

## PARENTS WILL LEARN

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing strategies - the 3 choices model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour

## PARENTS RECEIVE

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion

## WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE?

The course facilitator is **Amy Blackwood Woodberry SACC and Belinda Reed Mindaribba LALC**

Both presenters for this course are licensed course facilitators

## REGISTER TODAY

Facebook – Woodberry Place of Friends/Events/123MagicandEmotionCoaching

For more information contact –

Amy Blackwood or Dana Constable on (02) 4964 2174

Belinda Reed (02) 4015 7000

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## **Defence School Transition Aide Program (Foundation to Year 12)**

### **Defence School Mentor (DSM)**

**(insert name of school here)**

**Whole Position Salary: \$28000/annum**

**Closing Date: 10 October, 2019**

**Location: Francis Greenway High School**

#### **Job Description:**

The occupant of this position will provide information and support and develop a range of activities for children of Defence members and families to ease the impact of mobility and service related parental absence.

The DSM is a school/education authority employee and is responsible to the principal or nominee for everyday activities.

**Contact Officer: Joanne Edwards (application should be emailed to [joanne.m.edwards@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joanne.m.edwards@det.nsw.edu.au))**

**For further information, phone 49641282**

#### **Selection Criteria:**

Your application for this position should specifically address each of the selection criteria listed below and the work profile attached. Short listing and selection will be based upon responses to these selection criteria and the attached Duty Statement.

- SC 1 Demonstrated ability to empathise and work with students from Year 7 to Year 12.
- SC 2 Appropriate qualifications and/or demonstrated relevant experience.
- SC 3 Demonstrated high level of communication skills both oral and written and the ability to communicate effectively with a diverse range of people e.g. students, school principal, school staff, parents, Defence Members and their families.
- SC 4 Ability to liaise with a range of individuals and community groups. Demonstrated skills in advocacy and negotiations including problem solving and conflict resolution are essential
- SC 5 Demonstrated ability to organise own work, set priorities, meet deadlines, work independently and as a team member, and maintain confidentiality.
- SC 6 Ability to plan, organise, evaluate and deliver innovative and creative programs, resources and activities relating to mobile families, students and the school community.

All applicants for school based positions are required to disclose information regarding criminal convictions for certain offences. Criminal history of any appointee will be checked under the relevant State / Territory legislation. Other working with children checks as required by State/Territory Education Systems.

#### **Work Environment:**

Schools perform a vital role in providing quality educational services to their students to assist them to acquire knowledge and understanding, to pursue special interests, to strive to achieve excellence, and to develop social and vocational skills. Schools also aim to facilitate and support the participation of parents and carers to enable a smooth transition and rewarding educational experience for young people from Defence families.



**Duty Statement:**

Under direction of the Principal or Principal's nominee:-

A DSM provides assistance to Defence children and their families.

This may include:

- Support and assist young people from Defence families to integrate into the school community;
- Create a greater and ongoing awareness within the school community of the needs of students from Defence families;
- Work with individuals, groups, families and stakeholders to develop, implement and evaluate relevant programs;
- Promote the participation of students from Defence families in school and community activities;
- Provide advocacy and negotiation support for these students as required;
- Provide them with information and appropriate referral to support services;
- Develop resources and programs to support students from Defence families;
- Proactively contribute to the school team adhering to school policies and priorities.

It is expected that the successful applicant will be able to demonstrate the following attributes:

- Initiative and leadership qualities;
- Ability to work independently;
- Display an inclusive approach to working with young people.

The DSM is not a teacher or counsellor nor is it intended that the DSM work with one student on a long term basis

# Springtime Multi-sport Holiday Program

Keeping Kids active and happy during school holidays

Multi-sport and games include:

Basketball - Indoor Cricket - Indoor Soccer - Floor Hockey  
- Touch Football - Ultimate Frisbee - Musical Chairs - Limbo  
- Board Games - Dodgeball & other fun games.



## Week 1

Monday 30 September

Tuesday 1 October

Wednesday 2 October

Thursday 3 October

Friday 4 October



## Week 2

Monday Closed

Tuesday 8 October

Wednesday 9 October

Thursday 10 October

Friday 11 October

**Times** 9am - 3pm. Opens at 8:30am for registration  
5pm late pickups available \$10 extra

**Ages** Suitable for all children from kindy to year 6

Early Bird Price if you book & pay by Fri 27 September

1 Day - \$40

2 Days - \$80

3 Days - \$110

4 Days - \$130

5 Days - \$150

6 Days - \$170

7 Days - \$190

8 Days - \$200

9 Days - \$210

25% Sibling Discount available

Prices include  
morning tea  
and lunch



Enrol or find out more at:  
[www.maitland.basketball.net.au](http://www.maitland.basketball.net.au)

Ph: 49343503

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AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with backpack and choice of bonus item!



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



## MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!



## JUNIOR CRICKET

AGES 9-17 | 2-4 HOURS

Play more shots, face more balls and take more wickets as you develop your skills through three levels of junior cricket.

SIGN UP NOW TO ALL-GIRLS LEAGUES

- ✓ Short, action-packed games.
- ✓ Enhanced game formats allowing for greater skill development.
- ✓ Develop teamwork in a fun and competitive environment.
- ✓ Join an existing team or join up with a group of friends.



JOIN A CLUB NEAR YOU TODAY

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YOUR REGISTRATION FEES  
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## MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GET ACTIVE PLAYING ALL GIRLS JUNIOR CRICKET.

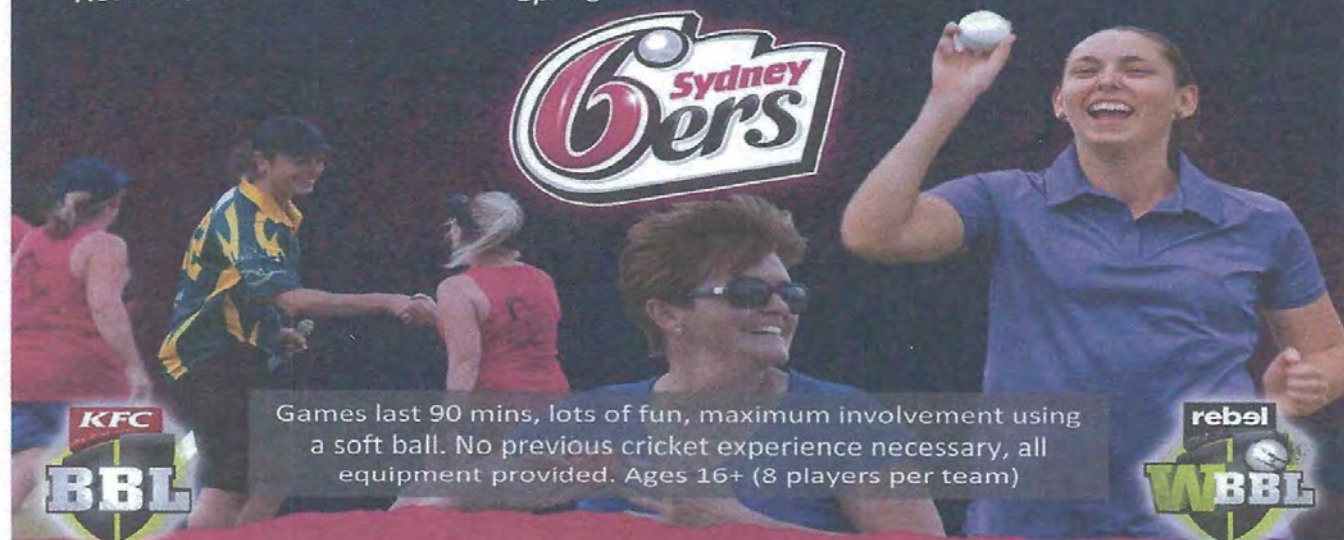
It's a fun competition for girls aged 11 to 17 – come and join us.

Your local club has teams set up for girls just like you – discover how cricket can boost your confidence, stretch your skills and grow your friendships.



# SIXERS SOCIAL WOMEN'S CRICKET

Come and play Social Cricket !!  
Round up your friends and family to play in the Sixers' Social Cricket competition for women  
Spring & Summer Leagues



Games last 90 mins, lots of fun, maximum involvement using a soft ball. No previous cricket experience necessary, all equipment provided. Ages 16+ (8 players per team)



Register online at [PlayCricket.com.au](http://PlayCricket.com.au) and add in "Sixers Social"



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To get started, all they need is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on School Banking day and be able to participate in our exciting Rewards Program.

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Your child can track their savings through the School Banking Savings Tracker or the CommBank Youth app, which is available to download from the App Store.\* It helps teach children real-life money skills, in a fun and secure digital environment.

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**Three ways to open a Youthsaver account for your child.**



Apply online at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Log on to your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank)

Head to the menu on the top left corner, select 'Products & offers,' then 'Bank accounts' and 'Student & youth accounts,' scroll down to Kids and tap 'Open account.'



Visit any CommBank branch

## What you'll need

You'll need an Australian residential address and personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver licence or citizenship certificate."

If applying in branch, please bring along your child's birth certificate and/or any applicable Court Order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.



Your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet when you open a Youthsaver account in branch, or in the mail if opened online. They will use this wallet to make their School Banking deposits.

**Things you should know** As this advice has been prepared without covering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting upon this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for the Foreman account are available at [commbank.com.au](#) and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 68 623 123 124. The CommBank Youth app is free to download however your mobile network provider charges you for accessing data on your phone. The CommBank Youth app is available on iOS operating system 9.0+, tablets and smartphones available via the app. Webpage access with NetIDcode SMS required. You can use this app when applying for a new account. Existing customers simply use a CommBank brand name identification for the steps. Only one child can open up device for security purposes. (The child is under the age of 18, the Bank will accept one of the following documents as acceptable identification on its own. Please note that foreign identification can only be used if identified in Israeli, British or Indian passport issued by an Australian State. Identity, Birth certificate issued by an Australian State, Foreign passport issued by a foreign country. Note: It must be written in a language not understood by the person carrying out the verification. The document must be accompanied by an English translation from either a translator at the level of Professional Translator (or above) currently accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (NAATI) or another accredited translator who currently holds an NAATI accreditation. NAATI is the Australian government owned National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters. Where a parent/legal guardian is a signatory to the child's account, they are required to be identified to the acceptable identification standard.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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](mailto:thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)



Do you have a couple of free hours in your day?

We would love some extra helping hands in our P&C run canteen

Without our wonderful volunteers we would not be able to open our canteen so we appreciate all the help we can get!!

If helping out in the canteen is something you are interested in please send us a message with the day/s you are available – [thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)