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Term 1 Week 2 2020

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to school for 2020!

I hope that you had an opportunity to relax and spend quality time with your children, family and friends during a very hot summer break.

As we start a new school year, I would like to welcome to our school our new kindergarten students and their families. I would also like to extend a warm welcome back to our Yr1 – Yr6 students and their families and any new students who are starting with us this year. We have a wonderful community here at Thornton PS and I am sure all of our new students will enjoy being part of our school.

The start of the year has as always been very busy but started very smoothly. Our students are all settling in to their new classes well and are excited about their return to school and catching up with friends and talking about their holiday adventures.

Our Kindergarten students have been completing their best start assessments last week and officially started school on Monday Feb 3. All students in years 1-6 started in their new classes last week and we have formed thirty classes. If you have any concerns about your child as always please contact your child's teacher and discuss your concerns with them.

I know we will have a great year at TPS again this year and look forward to catching up with parents at the many community events we will organise in 2020.

Have a great year.

Stuart Wylie

Principal

## Deputy Diaries

We welcome you back to Thornton Public School for a fabulous year of learning, improvement, exploring, lots laughing and success!

What an absolutely amazing start we have had at TPS. We congratulate our students, big and small, for returning to school and demonstrating respect, responsibility and resilience.

Today, we welcomed 114 new Kindergarten students. A warm welcome to all of our new families! We cannot wait to share in your child's learning journey throughout the years! Keep an eye out tonight on NBN News at 6pm, Prime 7 at around 7-7:30pm and the Maitland Mercury on Wednesday, as there will be a news bulletins featuring our SEVEN sets of twins in Kindergarten!

We have a some very exciting events and days planned this year. Next week, we invite you all to meet your child's new 2020 teacher. *Meet the Teacher* sessions will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> (K-2) and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> (3-6) of February. Teachers will run two 30-minute sessions. The first will commence at 4:30pm and the second at 5pm. If you cannot make it, classroom teachers will send an information note with a summary of the session home. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Have a fantastic week!

Until next time,

Mr Collins and Mrs Wright



## Early Stage One Report

It's that time of year where new Kindergarten students start 'big school'. Today, Monday 3rd February will be their very first day. The Kindergarten teachers are very excited to meet the big bunch of students eager to begin their learning journey at Thornton Public School!

*Eleanor Roberts*

Assistant Principal

## Stage Two Report

Welcome and congratulations to all students who have moved up to stage 2. Mr Gaffney has also joined many students in transitioning from year 2 to year 3. It's a bit exciting moving into the primary end of school. We have 7 excited classrooms full of eager children that are ready to learn and meet their new teacher. All teachers have already begun to establish classroom boundaries and routines. Across the whole school, our consistent PBL message of Respectful, Responsible, Resilient students remains the same.

All stage 2 students are encouraged to put their bag outside their room in the morning and move to a supervised area of the playground. Remember the play equipment is not open until lunch and please ensure you are walking on any hard surface. Don't forget your school hat!. At the end of each break time, stage 2 returns to their classroom to line up and wait quietly for their teacher to return.

Students will receive plenty of information in the coming week regarding when school events such as Assembly, homework or scripture will start. It is never too early to read regularly at home to a parent or friend. Any reading is beneficial. Try watching the news together and see if you can read the little stories that run along the bottom of the screen.

For any concerns regarding your stage 2 child, the first point of call is always the classroom teacher. Students and teachers build a productive, positive relationship throughout the year. The teacher is the most knowledgeable person regarding your child in the school. For further information regarding school

matters, an appointment with Mr Gaffney can be made via the front office if required.

*Brian Gaffney*

Assistant Principal (Relieving)

## Stage Three Report

Stage 3 have had a fantastic start to the 2020 school year! All students have been getting resources ready for their classroom learning and participating in a range of activities where we are getting to know each other and understanding daily classroom routines. Stage 3 teachers are all looking forward to a productive and successful year, celebrating the achievements of the children in their class and beyond.

*Meegan Kavanagh*

Assistant Principal

## 2BN

### Week One in 2BN

Would you like to hear about our outstanding class 2BN? Our class teachers are Mrs Burgin, Miss Northfield and Rolly. We have 23 **amazing** and **clever** students. So far we have been reading, writing, drawing and having **FUN!** We are looking forward to an **extraordinary** 2020.

Danielle Northfield

## 3F

In 2020 fabulous 3F are looking forward to lots of exciting learning. Many of the girls and boys are looking forward to some science activities, such as the solar system and the way that plants and animals survive.

We are also enthusiastic about other subjects like mathematics including telling the time, writing and spelling.

We look forward to flourishing together like flowers.

Kate Fincher

## 5C

5C are off to a flying start this year. We have been getting to know a lot about each other in the first week and are focused on kindness towards others. The students have taken this on



board and have been beautiful to their peers (and me!) in the first week of the year. We are also working on our growth mindset; changing the way we think about situations to become more positive and develop personal and interpersonal skills. I am extremely excited for this year and working with this wonderful group of students!

Mr. Carlon

## 6AN

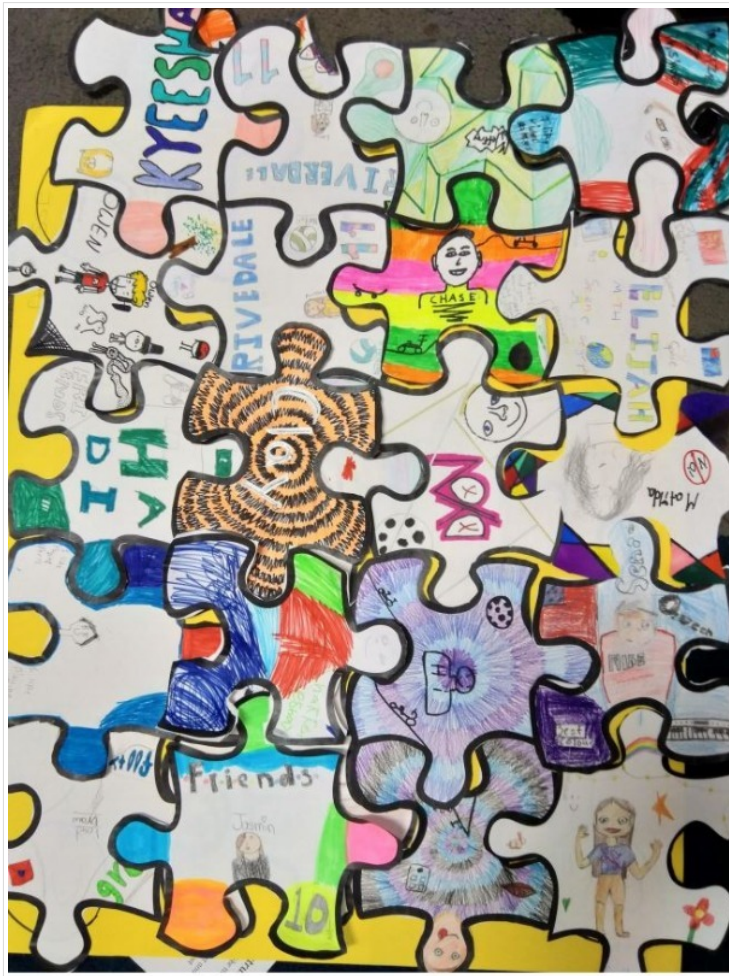
6AN have had an absolute cracker of a start to the year! All students have shown their maturity in settling into the new year and classroom.

Students have spent the week getting to know the teachers and their new classmates

through a variety of activities. They should be proud of their start to year 6.

From the 6AN crew we wish everyone a great 2020!

Haley, Jasmine, Elijah, Brodi, Tyler, Jeffrey, Connor, Owen, Kyeesha, Anabelle, Billy, Jasmin, Senio, Hadi, Caelyn, Chase, Emily-Kate, Peyton, Madeleine, Viv, Clayton, Seth, Emily, Lara, Blaire, Mrs N & Mr A



## K - 2 Assembly Roster 2020

### T1

Week	Date	Class	Teacher
3	13/2	2R	Miss Rutherford
5	27/2	1/2P	Mr Parker
7	12/3	2S	Miss Shepherd
9	26/3	1T	Mr Trindall
11	9/4	1GE	Mrs Gordon & Mrs Edwards

### T2

Week	Date	Class	Teacher
1	30/4	2B	Mrs Burgin
3	14/5	2C	Mrs Chapman
5	28/5	1F	Mr Finney
7	11/6	1G	Miss Reid
9	25/6	1M	Miss Malone

### T3

Week	Date	Class	Teacher
1	23/7	KR	Mrs Roberts
3	6/8	KI	Miss Innes
5	20/8	KS	Ms Schutt
7	3/9	KE	Mrs Ridder
9	17/9	KW	Miss Wallace

T4			
Week	Date	Class	Teacher
1	15/10	KCN	Mrs Cartwright & Mrs Nix
3	29/10	2R	Miss Rutherford
5	TBD	TBD	TBD
8-10	TBD	Presentation Day	TBD

T3			
Week	Date	Class	Teacher
2	30/7	4Z	Ms Zilliotto
4	13/8	3F	Mrs Fincher
6	27/8	3H	Mrs Hanley
8	10/9	3M	Mr Mulconry
10	24/9	3/4M	Mr McLean

## 3 - 6 Assembly Roster 2020

T1			
Week	Date	Class	Teacher
4	20/2	5/6O	Ms Osborn
6	5/3	6AN	Mr Atheron & Ms Northfield
8	19/3	4/5K	Mrs Kavanagh
10	2/4	6E	Mr Eneliko

T4			
Week	Date	Class	Teacher
2	22/10	4/5K	Mrs Kavanagh
4	5/11	5/6O	Ms Osborn
5	12/11	Sports Assembly	Mr Eneliko
8-10	TBD	Presentation Day	TBD

T2			
Week	Date	Class	Teacher
2	7/5	6W	Miss Watson
4	21/5	5M	Mr McLoughlin
6	4/6	5C	Mr Carlon
8	18/6	4L	Mr Lynch
10	2/7	4AS	Mrs Allen & Mrs Stanton

## Welcome to our Defence Families

This year Thornton Public School welcomes eight new Defence families from across Australia and from the United Kingdom to our school. I hope you are all settling in and acclimatising to your new home. Moving to such a large school can often be confronting for little ones. If your child is struggling with transition please let me know as I can work with them on any problems they may be experiencing.

For those returning to school I hope your child's transition to their new class has been smooth one and they are enjoying being back with us.

Currently there are a number of Defence parents away from home. This makes changes associated with the new school year difficult for some students. I can assist by working with your child and their teacher to support them during this time of change. If you have not already let me know please let me know via email at [yvonne.fletcher@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yvonne.fletcher@det.nsw.edu.au) or leave a message at the office at 02 4964 1369

## Defence Welcome Day & Family Expo

[https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/33/welcome\\_expo\\_flyer\\_approved\\_hunter\\_office.pdf](https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/33/welcome_expo_flyer_approved_hunter_office.pdf)

## Competitors only Swimming Carnival 2020

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## P & C News

### School Canteen Ordering App

Thornton Public School use Flexischools App to place orders and pay for Canteen. See below details on how to do this.

Set up your account

#### 1. Download the Flexischools App

Download the app from the [App Store](#) or from [Google Play](#).  
Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification

#### 2. Register

Open the Flexischools App and click 'Like to register?', enter your email address and click 'Register'. You will be sent a registration email. Follow the instructions in the registration email to finish setting up your account. Once your account is set up, login to the Flexischools App, select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select Student and 'Add a student', search for their school name, select their year level and class and enter their details.

### 3. Top Up Your Account

To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups.

#### Order

##### 1. Place your order

In the Flexischools App, swipe up and down to find the service category you are interested in, swipe left and right to find the service you are interested in and select the green 'Order' button.

##### 2. Make your selection

Select the items you wish to order.

##### 3. Make payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

### Canteen Volunteers

If you are available to volunteer at our school Canteen we would love to have your assistance.

Hours between 8.30am and 2pm. and if you can only do a few hours that would be appreciated

Contact us on [thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:thorntonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

### P & C Members Wanted

If you would like to be a part of the school communities P & C Group we would love to see you at our meetings.

First Monday of each month 5.30pm at the School Library

### Uniform Clothing Pool

Our clothing pool is now located at St Michael's OP Shop, opposite the school.

Thursday - Friday 9am - 3pm

Saturday - 9am - 11am

### Position Vacant - Casual Canteen Supervisor – Term 1

Thornton Public School P&C

Munch and Eat Canteen

Position Vacant.

1 x Casual Canteen Supervisor – Term 1 vacancy

3 days per week – Wednesday to Friday

Thornton Public School P&C are looking to employ a Casual Canteen Supervisor to undertake a job share role at our school Canteen.

The Canteen Supervisor will report to the P&C Committee and will be responsible for the day to day running of the canteen including:

- Daily food preparation and cooking.
- Ordering of stock.
- Serving students and staff.
- Catering for functions and special events
- Cleaning of canteen.
- Daily cash handling and bank reconciliation.
- Maintaining a Healthy Canteen to the guidelines outlined by the Department of Education (NSW).

A current Working with Children Check, Food Safety Handling and First Aid Certificates will have to be obtained.

All interested applicants are to apply by email with a current resume to:

Thornton Public School P&C Committee

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

Application close 4pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Thankyou

Thornton Public School P&C Committee.

## School Hats & Library Bags

School Hats are available to purchase from the school office \$15

Library Bags are available to purchase from the school office \$15

Please note Kindergarten packs include a library bag

## Getting to and from School safely

As a parent or carer, it's your responsibility to get your child to and from school safely. Student safety is our priority.

Keep our school community safe by:

- driving and parking safely, even if it means parking further away and walking the rest of the way to school. We have limited legal parking on Government Road so please ensure you do not double park or illegally park in these areas as rangers are around.

- being a good role model
- never calling your child from across the road
- using the safest place to cross the road.

### For parents and carers of younger children

Discuss with your child how to be safe when:

- walking
- in the car
- waiting for, travelling on, and getting off the bus
- riding bikes and scooters

Also talk about and practise:

- safe travel routes
- plans for when unexpected things happen
- what to do in wet weather.

### If your child is using Public Transport to get to and from School

Students can apply for an Opal card by going to [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

## Before & After School Care

At Thornton Public School we offer a Before and After School Care service. This service is run by the Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.

All enquiries are to Contact Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc Direct on: 4949 1840

email: [admin@mbcoosh.org.au](mailto:admin@mbcoosh.org.au)

## Good for Kids Good for Life

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## Local Sports Clubs

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