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Term 1 Week 4 2020

Deputy Diaries

Principal's Message

Happy Week 4 to everyone

What an excellent start to Term 1. Once again there is lots happening at school. I would firstly like to congratulate Mrs Roberts and her amazing team for the fantastic job they do with Kindy organisation and transition to big school. All classes are settled and working beautifully.

Well done to the students who participated in the swimming carnival on Monday. Lots of friendly competition, smiles and fun was had by all considering the unfavourable weather. Big thank you to Mr Eneliko for his hard work organising the carnival.

On Thursday it is the first Primary assembly of the year. 5/60 will be presenting an item and this year we want to encourage all parents/carers and community members to attend our assemblies to celebrate the success of our students. Part of school plan is engaging our community and this year we are putting effort into increasing participation of our community into our assemblies. I am looking forward to seeing some wonderful items this year and see our school leaders do a great job presenting.

Just a friendly reminder that during the mornings students should arrive as closely as they can to 8:30am. Teacher's duties commence at 8:30am and we want to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Lots of great things to look forward to for the rest of the term. We have cross country, athletics carnival, PBL rewards days, BYOD connection days and much more. Looking forward to seeing student participate in this great opportunities.

Let's have a great rest of the term!

Mr Collins

Welcome to week 4. We are so proud of our students who have settled beautifully into the school year!

Part of the Department's Strategic Plan is that Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school improves every year. Over the past few weeks, our teachers have been participating in targeted Literacy and Numeracy Professional Learning in to improve teacher effectiveness to support student learning. We are so looking forward to a year that focuses on improvement and success!

We would like to thank all of our families who joined us for our Meet the Teacher sessions last Wednesday and Thursday. What a great opportunity for you to find out important information regarding the school year and meet your child's new teacher.

With so many new faces, we would love to see more of you at our P&C Meetings. They are held on the first Monday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm and are another opportunity for you to voice your ideas and future plans for TPS!

Another event that we would love to see you all at are our K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. Assemblies are every Thursday (K-2 and 3-6 alternate weeks) and are held in the hall at 1:50pm. Please come along and help us celebrate our achievements.

Have a great week!

Until next time,

Mr Collins and Mrs Wright

Week 4 Awards



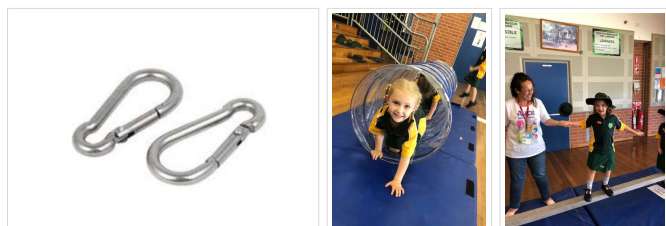
Early Stage One Report

Kindergarten students are continuing to surprise their teachers by showing independence in the classroom and the playground. Please remember that a teacher is on duty each morning from 8:30-9:00am in the Kindergarten playground area so that you can safely 'kiss and drop' your child. We encourage you to do this to not only avoid children becoming upset and having difficulty separating from their parent once the bell rings but to allow the child to build independence and engage in play with new friends.

At lunch time and afternoon tea time the playground equipment has been a huge hit with all of the students-especially now that the students know how to safely navigate the monkey bars! Please remind your child that they are able to sit and finish their food after the play bell rings. Some students have been so excited to play that they don't finish their food then become hungry in class time. The teachers will also encourage the students to finish their food first before going off to play.

Friday 14th saw students take home their 'GREEN BAGS'. These bags will go home each day from school and need to come back to school each day. Teachers will check the bags each day for any notes that may be inside. Please ensure they come to school each day. One of the very clever parents has put a carabiner clip (see the picture) on their child's bag-perfect for clipping on their child's green bag to ensure the bag is not put down somewhere with the chance of becoming lost and so that it does not get left at home in the mornings.

Eleanor Roberts
Assistant Principal



Stage One Report

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Parent Information Sessions on Wednesday evening. Teachers created a written summary of the information discussed on the night, so if you were unable to attend and haven't received this handout please contact your child's teacher.

Read, read, read!

As part of their homework, students in Stage One are being encouraged to read on a nightly basis. They can read home readers from school, library books and books they already own and love. Students are asked to record the title of the book in their reading log and return it to their class teacher when they have read for 25 nights. Students won't always finish a book during their nightly reading, but still, need to record the title of the book because we are recognizing the number of nights students are reading not the number of books.

To encourage and celebrate reading, students will receive a certificate from their class teacher after every 25 nights (*providing they remember to hand their reading log to their teacher*). At the end of the year, students who have read for 175+ nights will be invited to a special celebration!

We can't wait to see all the wonderful books being read at home.

Kelly Rutherford
Assistant Principal

Stage Two Report

The weeks of term 1 are rolling on very quickly already. Many activities are now beginning across the school to compliment the fantastic learning that is underway in the classroom. This is week 4 and many stage 2 students are off to the swimming carnival. Our assembly begins on Thursday and the first PBL rewards day of the year is just next week. So glad to see many students displaying their resilience in the classroom.

The school year never starts off easy, there are higher expectations of student learning and many tasks will be initially challenging. It is at these times that we encourage our students to be resilient and ask for some assistance. Encourage your child to describe what they have already done or tried and where they are stuck. Often they will only need a bit of extra clarification to help get them going again. This is important for year 3 student who will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment early term 2. Students will be working towards understanding these assessments better through the help of their teachers.

Mr Gaffney
Assistant Principal

KW were the proud winners of this fortnights Attendance Trophy



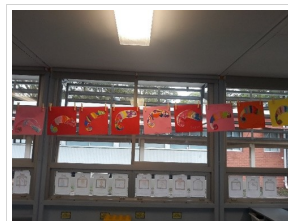
1F

The students in 1F have settled in nicely, learning more about each other every day and working hard in their daily activities. This includes working in literacy groups, where students have had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of fun literacy activities. The students have also enjoyed participating in a range of numeracy activities during their rotating mathematics groups.

In addition, 1F have engaged in a number of art activities that they were very enthusiastic about. One of these was a

fingerprint activity that was completed as the introduction to our first MAPPEN unit.

Looking forward to a great year with 1F!



2C

The day when...Mr Collins came to visit 2C!

On Friday 7th February, 2C had a surprise visit from Mr Collins. We convinced him to stay and read us the story, "The book with no pictures" by B.J Novak. Who would have thought that a book without pictures could be so entertaining? Mr Collins had all of us in fits of laughter and desperate pleas for him to stay and read it again but alas, he had to return to important executive duties, and we had important writing to do!

We used the idea of the book to stir our imaginations by creating our own words and coming up with meanings to go with them. It was such a fun exercise and generated many quality talks about whether we had created verbs, nouns or adjectives. Here are some of the words we came up with:

Kiara-Lee: Snamel- (noun) *snake with a camel head found in the really deep water in South Africa.*

Lani: Germix- (noun) *a dog with a pickle tail and spikey teeth*

Hudson: Commuter- (noun) *a mutant computer that eats people and turns them in a computer*

Luke M: Sork- (noun) *a donut wearing glasses*

Ethan: flouggie spider-(noun) *a big spider that rampages cities. It can eat people. If you see it run away from it!*



4AS

Introducing 4AweSome!

4AS here! With the two AweSome teachers Mrs Allen and Mrs Stanton. There are 26 students in our class. We're all different and we love to laugh. Our classroom has been taken over by the colours blue and purple. We have a cool down room where we can use the Zones of Regulation. The VIP table is a glittery purple and blue table for the student who shows the PBL affirmation of the week. On Fridays we have Friday Funday or Friday Freedom if you earn 5 Dojo points. We're looking forward to having a fun and happy year!

4L

4L have had a brilliant start to the year 2020! Our 2020 vision is about getting to know each other better by taking part in many team building and class building exercises. This has enabled us all to connect with our new classmates and strengthening new and old friendships. We have also started our classroom routines, and all students should be congratulated on bringing a wonderful attitude to learning new skills and activities that may be strange and new.

4L are very excited to be a BYOD class this year, and have been using the interactive website Interland to learn about being more internet aware, including privacy, sharing content, and cybersafety! We are all accomplished Internauts!

In 4L this term, we are looking forward to the various carnivals coming up, including the Cross Country and Athletics carnivals and Mr Lynch's favourite, the Ride2School Lapathon which will be on in the upcoming weeks.

Mr Lynch



5M

Abstract Art by 5M



Library

Welcome back for another year at Thornton school library. Our library lesson format will be an hour for Stage 2 and 3 and 30 minutes with Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. Please check with

the class teacher as to which day during the week your library lesson is scheduled. I would like to remind you that all K-2 students must have a library bag to borrow. It is also preferable that years 3 -6 bring a library bag for borrowing as it helps maintain the quality of our books.

All students are given the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). Children in K-2 will be doing the challenge in their classrooms and I will record all books read for them. Children in years 3-6 will be doing the challenge independently in class, in the library and at home. Each week they are given the chance to borrow a PRC book from our library, read it over the week and record the details. More information about this challenge will be forthcoming.

I am still chasing up overdue loans from last year. It would be appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible. Books not returned from last year will affect student borrowing this year.

I would like to welcome Ms Danielle Northfield to our library. Ms Northfield will be teaching lessons on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Please feel free to pop into the library mornings or afternoons if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Want to know more about what is happening in our library? Check Oliver library. Students can access this through their student portal. Here you will see library messages, featured authors, reading lists, online links and new resources. Students can check out what they have on loan and review their favourite books. We also have a subscription to World Book Online for students to use at home and school. This can be accessed through the student portal or online –

The log in details are - www.worldbookonline.com

ID : thorntonps

Password : thorntonps

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day and Green Mufti Day

Since 1992, schools across Australia have got stuck in and made a real difference to their environment and local communities through participating in Schools Clean Up Day.

Thornton Public School clean-up day will occur on Friday, 28th February.

School Clean-Up Day is a fun and engaging way to teach young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish, resource recovery and the repercussions of rubbish dumped irresponsibly in the local environment. As a community it is important to work towards this together.

On this day we will be having a green mufti day and ask students to bring in a gold donation. This donation goes towards helping re-establish our vegetable gardens. We are looking at supplying shovels, forks, barrows, seedlings, stakes,

watering cans, soil and plant food. As an example, a \$2 coin will buy 1/5 of a shovel or a packet of seedlings. Once we have raised money for supplies students will have the opportunity to help plant and maintain these gardens.

Please bring either tongs or garden gloves on this day so that students can contribute to keeping our community clean.

Swimming Carnival & Zone Swimming Carnival

Competitors Only Swimming Carnival

On Monday, students, teachers and parents braved the wet weather for our Competitors Only Swimming Carnival. We had over 70 students attend that displayed great swimming ability. Unfortunately due to lightning in the area, our carnival was held to a halt multiple times throughout the day.

Our students showed a great deal of resilience in this time, where they were asked to stay undercover and to not use the pool for up to periods of an hour. When we were instructed by the lifeguard that it was safe to re-enter the pool, the students were keen and ready to go. Due to time restraints we were unable to hold the 50m Butterfly event and asked parents to submit swim squad times to assist with zone applicants.

I am proud to say that Thornton Public School have over 20 students that will be competing at the Maitland Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 20th, February and look forward to the great results our talented swimmers will supply.

Thank you to all the competitors and parents that toughed it out through the poor conditions, especially to the volunteers that assisted with time-keeping.

Good luck to our Zone representatives I am sure you will do our school proud.

Mr Eneliko

Recycling & Trash Free Tuesday

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At Thornton Public School our curriculum includes helping our students understand and appreciate what they can do to protect and enhance our environment. Several initiatives have been implemented over the last few years. These include saving energy by switching lights and air conditioners off when not in use. Composting our fruit and vegetable scraps and recycling

paper, milk or juice cartons and bottles, foil, aluminium and steel cans. Students place their fruit and vegetable scraps in a small bin in the classroom and our environmental monitors transfer this to our compost bin which when ready, is used on our gardens. Classes also have a small yellow recycle bin where they can place any recyclable items from their lunch or afternoon tea. Every Tuesday we encourage students to take part in Trash Free Tuesday. Here we request students try to bring a lunch that has no packaging.

Benefits of Waste Free Tuesday include:

- Students eating healthier lunches, as they are being provided with less pre-packaged "gimmicky" snack foods and more fresh food
- Less waste being sent to landfill
- Cheaper lunches, as food items bought in bulk are less expensive than pre-packaged products
- Providing students with a practical example of how simple behaviour changes can address a widespread environmental issue
- Promotion of environmental stewardship and advocacy within our school
- A cleaner school, making Thornton PS a nicer place to work and assisting students to take pride in their school.



Plastic School Drink Bottles

We have our 100 year School Drink Bottles available to purchase from the office for \$5



P & C News

Next Meeting Monday 2nd March 5.30pm in the school Library

School Security

If you see anything suspicious in or around our School please call School Security on 1300 88 00 21

Food Allergies

A number of students have allergies that may trigger an anaphylactic reaction. We have rules that students don't share food and students are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating. Peanuts in the form of peanut butter are the most likely form of contamination that may lead to an episode. We ask that parents don't provide peanut butter sandwiches for students. We don't claim to be a nut free school as there are so many foods which contain traces of nuts. The school has strategically placed Epi-pens and all staff are trained in their use.

Thankyou for helping keep our students safe.

School Banking

Thornton Public School are apart of the Commonwealth Bank School Banking. It is collected on a Thursday morning if you can ask your child to drop their bank book off to the office.

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Access Hours into Thornton Public School

School main gate on Government Road

Morning

School main gate opens 8.30am

School main gate closes 9.15am

Afternoon

School main gate opens 2.55pm

School main gate closes 3.30pm

Please note that entry to the school out of these hours should be for circumstances such as collection of your child early and the office will buzz you through to sign out your child this is for safety reasons and so we know who is onsite.

Road Safety is a priority to us and teaching our students to use the pedestrian crossing located in front of the main office gate is important so all other gates will remain shut for this reason.

OOSH entry is through gate 7 located on Taylor Avenue

Opening hours OOSH 6.30am

Closing hour OOSH 6pm

NDIS

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Francis Greenway Parent Information Session 2021

An opportunity for parents of year 6 students to meet staff, view the school facilities, hear about subjects on offer and the transition to high school program

Date: Wednesday 19 February 5pm-6pm

At: Francis Greenway Highschool

If you are unsure what High School you are zoned for please contact our office.

Year 7 - 2021 Parent Information Evening - Maitland High School

Year 7 2021 Parent Information Evening in MPC 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

2021 Year 7 Adviser Matthew Lovegrove to address parents, Student Leaders and HTs to lead group tours around the school. Hospitality students to provide light refreshments 5.30pm-6.00pm. CAPA Music Performance 5.30pm-6.00pm

Maitland High School

Wednesday 19 February 2020

If you are unsure what High School you are zoned for please contact our office.

School Attendance

Parents must ensure:

Their children of compulsory school age are enrolled in a government or registered non-government school or, they are registered with the Board of Studies. Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) for home schooling.

Their children who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for their instruction.

They provide an explanation for absences by means such as a telephone call, written app, Schoolzine App or email to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

They work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with the school.

From the beginning of 2015, Family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School - Procedures. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. Where the principal considers that the travel is appropriate during the school term, the parent submits an Application for Extended Leave - Travel for the principal to approve. The Principal will request travel documentation such as travel itinerary or e ticket to attach to the application. The application form can be found at the school office.

Golf Clinic

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Please see flyer for Term 1 2020 Kids Golf Clinic, conducted at Beresfield Golf each Tuesday afternoon from 4.15 to 6.15pm commencing 3rd March 2020.

Any students aged 6 - 12 interested in joining us for some fun golf coaching this term

Good for Kids Good For Life

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