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Term 2 Week 10

## Principals Message

Dear Parent/caregiver,

We have come to the end of what has been the most challenging and unprecedented school semester I have experienced in more than thirty years of education. We started in a shroud of thick choking smoke that stopped us from playing outside and quickly moved in to a global pandemic that stopped many of us from coming to school and has affected every person on our planet in some way or other. The disruption to all of our lives and the break in continuity of learning for our students cannot be overstated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff who have pulled together magnificently during these trying times. All staff have done everything they can to support our students, families and each other through this pandemic. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure continuity of learning for our students to achieve the best possible outcomes through this disruptive period of their schooling. It is a testimony to our incredible team of teachers and our SASS team that we were able to migrate to at-home learning so quickly and efficiently and then return to business as usual just as quickly. They have certainly earned their two weeks of holidays.

With myself and a number of other staff forced to work from home for a significant period of time during COVID-19 I want to thank Jessie Wright, Nathan Collins, Eleanor Roberts, Kelly Rutherford, Brian Gaffney and Meegan Kavanagh for their on-site leadership during the pandemic. Their efforts not only ensured that our school remained open for those families who needed us, but they also created a culture of fun and wellbeing for students and staff during very trying times.

Next term, I will provide updated health advice and information regarding any reduction in social distancing restrictions that are allowed. However, as we have seen in Victoria with the

increasing numbers of identified cases of COVID-19, two weeks is a long time during a global pandemic. Hopefully we will not see a spike in cases over the holidays as people travel around the state and will return to a more normal school life in Term 3.

**Attendance at School Term 3** - Just a reminder that all students should now be back at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition or they are currently unwell. Please ensure you keep your child home if they are unwell and seek medical advice if they have Covid-19 related symptoms.

**Enrolments 2020** - We are currently accepting kindergarten enrolments for 2021 and organising Tadpoles for later in Term 3. If you have a school-aged child who will start kindergarten next year please make contact with the office.

Have a great holiday.

Stuart Wylie

Principal

## Deputy Diaries

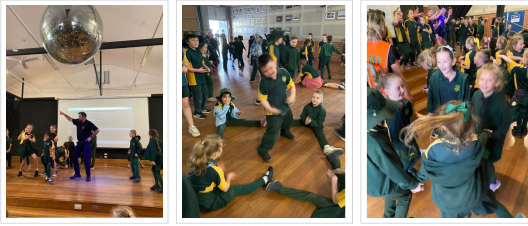
Wow!! Week 10 already!!

We have had an amazing term and cannot be prouder of the responsibility, respect and resilience that the students at TPS have demonstrated. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support!

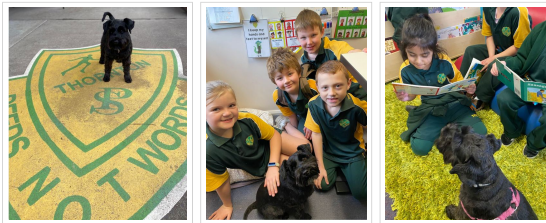
Today we celebrated all students who have demonstrated our PBL values consistently throughout the term with our PBL Rewards Day! Well done to those boys and girls who joined in!

Well done to our Year 6 leaders for running their first K-2 Disco for the year. Our leaders met with Mr Wylie and problem solved how they could raise money to support all Year 6 students to purchase a Year 6 shirt, following the challenges of COVID-19.

They decided to run a K-2 Disco at lunchtime and demonstrated amazing leadership. Thank you leaders for coming up with such a great idea and giving up your breaktime, so that our little people could have a boogie!!



We would like to introduce a new staff member at our school. This is Scout and she is our TPS Companion Dog. Scout had her first day at TPS today. She had a very busy day visiting classrooms and the Wellbeing Hub. She will work with the children at TPS, in the classroom and on the playground to support the wellbeing of beautiful students.



Have a wonderful holiday everyone. Please stay safe and we cannot wait to see everyone on the first day of Term 3, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Until next time...

Mr Collins and Mrs Wright

## Early Stage One Report

Thank you, families, for your resilience in helping your children return to school this term with all of the changes that have taken place. It certainly has been a strange first half of the year!

Your children have all done an outstanding job with continuing their learning after a tumultuous beginning to their schooling.

With today being the last day of the term and our PBL rewards day, the children have attended the fundraising disco at lunch time and enjoyed partaking in the PBL rewards activities including dress-ups, craft, colouring in, construction, the famous KI disco and extra outdoor play.

All of the Kindergarten teachers hope that you have an enjoyable and safe break. See you all in Term 3!!

Eleanor Roberts  
Assistant Principal

## Stage One Report

As we come to the end of another very unprecedented school term, Stage One teachers would like to thank all the parents for their wonderful support and wish you all a safe, healthy and relaxing break.

The term is finishing with a bang. Today students in Stage One had the option of attending a disco at lunch time. This disco was organised as a fundraising event for Year 6 students and there were lots of excited and energetic students ready to move and groove. Today was also a PBL rewards day. Students who have consistently displayed the school values of respect, responsibility and resilience were able to spend part of the day participating in a free choice activity. There were a variety of activities for students to choose from, including soccer, drawing, construction toys, music and dance. Congratulations to all those students who were able to attend the PBL rewards session.

Kelly Rutherford  
Assistant Principal







values of Resilience brilliantly. Resilience to return to school. Resilience to get back to learning and Resilience to accept that we have changed a little. Thornton PS will return again next term ready for all students to learn in a safe and comfortable environment. All stage 2 teachers look forward to seeing you all back then.

Thanks  
Mr Gaffney  
Assistant Principal

## Stage Three Report

Well here we are at the end of Term 2 and what a term it has been. A big congratulations to our students who have adapted in so many different ways over the past 10 weeks. It certainly has been one to remember.

Thankyou to all of the year 6 students who have completed and returned their Year 7 enrolment forms. If you still have not returned these, please do so ASAP. Year 6 shirts are also in the process of being ordered. We will inform parents when they arrive at school.

As we head into Term 3, we are still awaiting advice from the DoE when excursions are to recommence. We have dates ready to go for our Year 6 Canberra excursion and our Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 4. Once we have the green light, we will be sending out information to families ASAP. From all of the Stage 3 teachers and support staff, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everybody for a productive and smooth Term 3.

Meegan Kavanagh  
Assistant Principal

4/5K & Stage 3



## Stage Two Report

A huge thank you goes out to all stage 2 teachers, students and parents for their understanding. Commitment and effort during this term. It has been a term like no other in our school's history. We have all learnt to get along with each other better, rely on friends and enjoy our time together. Joined with some crucial educational lessons, stage 2 students have returned to school in an amazingly positive way. All students have shown one of our universal school







	<p><b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.</p>	<p>Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.</p>	<p>EXCEEDS <b>\$344</b></p>	<p>(School Zone) <b>2</b></p>
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## Children's Uni News

- CU online oncampus experience (June 29-July 3): Amazing staff across UON and learning destinations have contributed into a series of video challenges which will replace the oncampus visit this year. Please see attached document to be connected through to these challenges. Remember to record your activities into your passports!
- School holiday activity list: Whilst many providers are still restricted in their offerings we would like to highlight learning destinations that are open, please refer to the attached school holiday activity list check out the CU Facebook page for new challenges across the holidays. Remember to record your activities into your passports!

[july\\_school\\_holidays.pdf](#)

[2020\\_CU\\_On\\_line\\_campus\\_experience\\_video\\_details\\_FINAL.pdf](#)

## Canteen - Birthday Bucket

## Road Safety at Thornton Public School

Friendly Warning that Police are patrolling around our School to help maintain safety of our children and to ensure we are all following the road rules.

There are still people double parking along Government Road during pick up time in the afternoon please note this is against the law. There are plenty of parking spots available in the adjacent street if you can come to the school gate and collect your child and go across the pedestrian crossing. By Double Parking you are blocking visibility which forces other cars to go around you which puts our students in danger.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who keep our kids safe by obeying the road rules around the school for pick up and drop off. Please remember that patience is vitally important to the safety of our students and please consider parking a littler further away and walking to collect your child.

DRIVE SAFE

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A...

# Birthday BUCKET

Is your child having a birthday at school? Then why not let them celebrate with their friends and classmates by organising a bucket full of iceblocks for them to enjoy!

**All you need to do is:**

- Choose which ice blocks you would like us to serve
- Tell us how many children are in your child's class
- Fill in the birthday bucket order form and hand it to the office with payment
- Please give us 3 DAYS NOTICE to ensure we have enough stock!

We will then have your bucket of ice blocks ready for the birthday boy or girl to collect at lunch time on their special day!



\$1.20ea



\$1.20ea



\$1.00ea



\$1.00ea



\$0.50ea



**ZOOOPER DOOPER**  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Rotary  
Interiors Team

to create works of art, followed by a demonstration of a simple art-making activity you can do in your home using collected objects and other recycled materials.

In Week 2, learn about Newcastle born, Adelaide based artist Tom Gleghorn and his use of abstract expressionism to create works of art, followed by a demonstration of a simple art-making activity you can do in your home by splashing, dribbling and flicking paint.

Newcastle Art Gallery is also open with two daily sessions Tuesdays to Sundays. To avoid disappointment, book your free Gallery session via the [website](#).

### Newcastle Museum

What kind of crazy fun science has our Museum scientist Catherine got for you these holidays? Join the [Museum's Facebook page](#) at 3pm each Thursday in the school holidays as free science fun is streamed live.

You can continue to discover the Museum @home with a range of experiments by [Museum Express](#). Download your activities and watch the videos to create your own mini car, train or tram from recycled materials or take up some of our Museum Missions and solve the mysteries!

Or perhaps you're ready to re-discover the Museum... in real life! Explore the FIRE! exhibition as you wander through A Newcastle Story, watch the BHP Steelmaking Simulation and learn about the history of steel and coal in the Fire and Earth gallery and learn about local Aboriginal history and culture as you explore Cultural Resurgence and Kuueeyung exhibitions.

Open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am-1.30pm. [Online bookings essential](#).

### Blackbutt Reserve

Winter school holidays are the perfect time to explore Blackbutt Reserve. Grab some emu food from the kiosk, talk a stroll along the boardwalk, grab a picnic basket or just go wild in the playground. For the more adventurous why not take a hike on one of the many walking trails. [Visit the Blackbutt Reserve website to find out more](#).

## Book Club

Book Club will be delivered to our school in week 1 of Term 3

## School Holidays

[https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/513/program\\_vacation\\_care\\_july\\_2020\\_v2.pdf](https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/513/program_vacation_care_july_2020_v2.pdf)

## Canteen - Winter Menu

[THORNTON\\_Winter\\_Canteen\\_Menu\\_2020\\_UPDATED.pdf](#)

## Whats On - July School Holidays

### Some Cool Inspiration For These Winter School Holidays

Join [Newcastle Libraries](#) online in a range of creative workshops for you to explore crazy creative writing challenges, making and painting.

Perhaps you'd like to tap into a zen mindset and make a [magical mandala](#), or discover how local artist and illustrator, Liz Anelli, created the illustrations in her picture book Desert Lake... and see if you can do the same!

Join a [Newcastle Art Gallery](#) Educator for a free 30-minute online class using materials from around the home. Developed for primary-aged children, these free webinars are designed to stimulate playful art making possibilities.

During Week 1, learn about Murrurundi born, Melbourne based artist Peter Atkins and his use of found and collected objects

## Swim Academy





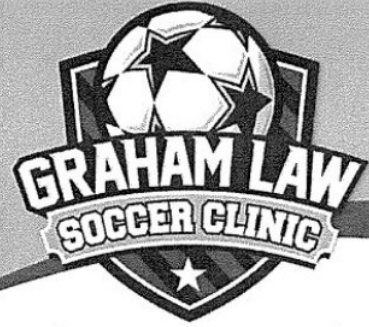
Jump N Swim Academy

We provide a unique and specially designed heated indoor Learn To Swim facility with a high performance UV treatment plant that provides safe and clean water.

Lessons all year round with comfortable pool temps of 32°  
Providing quality lessons for all ages.  
Waterbaby classes start from 4 months of age.  
Lessons available for special needs.

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## Soccer Clinic



## Holiday Clinic

2 day intensive program.

*Graham's invaluable experience includes being an ex Jets Youth coach and 5 times NewFM League winner. He is also the newly promoted Head Coach of NPL club Charlestown Azzurri.*

With community sport starting again from 1 July, and falling in line with the July school holidays this is the perfect time to register your child in our next holiday clinic.

As you are aware restrictions are changing regularly and we will therefore run our clinic in line with health regulations current at that time. We are at present working on the program which is going to include new drills to excite all our participants and as always ensure lots of motivational fun!

**Ages 5 - 7** will focus on building confidence, receiving and passing the ball correctly, dribbling, shooting and getting used to playing in a team environment.

**Ages 8 - 15** will focus on developing core skills and game awareness. Coach Graham will work to improve communication and decision making through game scenarios while also identifying areas for improvement.



**6th/7th July 2020**

**Fieldsend Oval East Maitland**

9am - 12noon 5-7 yr olds - **\$80**, 9am - 3pm 8-15 yr olds - **\$150**  
(Discount offered if registering siblings)

The cost of the program includes fruit on day 1 as well as fruit and a BBQ lunch on day 2 (should restrictions state we are unable to prepare our own food, an alternative will be arranged).

To register or for more information please contact us through our Facebook page or feel free to contact **Ashley** on **0413 068 711**

