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Term 2 Week 8

Deputy Diary

Principals Message

Thornton PS students have returned to school beautifully and have been doing their best to demonstrate our school values of being respectful, responsible and resilient! Teachers have been working their hardest to ensure students get back in our core business; teaching and learning and kick start the routines from earlier in the year. Well done everyone!!!

It has been exciting to see the quality work from around the school and have students share with their families their successes and challenges. Assemblies return this week so please look out in your student's bags on Thursday afternoon to see if they have received a merit or PBL award. This will only be for students at this stage.

To our families...thank you for your wonderful resilience in supporting the school during remote teaching and learning and the continued changes to normal routine, e.g. drop off and pick up times and online teaching. We are a team and value your input and want to continue to build genuine relationships with you all for the best interests of your children.

Students should also be commended on the way they have been engaging in changes to normal things across the school; e.g. handwashing and changes to playtimes. We are doing this to ensure the highest amount of cleanliness in our school and to support the safety of students and staff.

We look forward to an exciting rest of the term.

Until next time, Mr Collins and Mrs Wright

Early Stage One Report



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient



Dear Parent/caregiver,

Our school is slowly getting back to normal with routines being re-established and all students settling back in to their classrooms. Our number one priority over the last few weeks has been your children and ensuring they feel safe and happy in the school environment. Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPCC) and NSW Health Guidelines demonstrate that schools continue to be safe and school students do not need to follow adult physical distancing guidelines. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or if your child is anxious about attending school then please contact their teacher and discuss ways in which we can support them at school.

This week we have seen updated health advice and reduction in restrictions that are allowing us to slowly return to business as usual. As of Monday 15th June, school assemblies are able to be held although they are limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors are allowed to attend (sadly that includes parents). School photos are allowed to take place which is fantastic as these are treasured mementos of a child's time at school. Choirs and other performing arts at school are allowed to recommence, with safety protocols in place. Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests). Unfortunately, non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events this includes parents and carers.

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 and the expected timeframe or they are currently unwell. There have been a small number of schools in NSW and Victoria that have had identified cases of COVID-19. Please ensure you keep your child home if they are unwell and seek medical advice if they have Covid-19 related symptoms.

Bus Behaviour - Unfortunately, inappropriate bus behaviour has been brought to the attention of our school executive. The children travel unsupervised on the bus and are expected to adhere to safety regulations. We are asking that all families speak to their children about safe travelling on school buses. The school will fully support any travel suspensions implemented by the bus company.

Supervision of Students - Reminder to all parents that schools are not expected to provide supervision for students any earlier than the half hour before normal school classes commence in the morning. Our school day starts at 9.00am and therefore teacher supervision begins at 8.30 am on the playground. Students should not be at school before the 8.30am bell as there is no supervision during this time. If you need to drop your child at school before 8.30am then please make arrangements with our Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) provider.

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

Have a great week.

Stuart Wylie
 Principal



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Can you believe half the year is gone already!!!

The students of ES1 have been busily working on developing their independence since their return to school from remote learning. Teachers have also been busy completing assessments with each student in their class to determine where to next for your child's learning and preparing your child's report to be sent home later this term. Your child's teacher may send home some sight words and sounds for your child to continue to revise at home.

Please remember to use your child's login to PM ecollection of online reading books. Your child's subscription is valid for the rest of the year. If you need to know further information about accessing the online reading books, please contact your child's teacher.

Eleanor Roberts
Assistant Principal

Stage One Report

Curious Students

Students in Stage One are enjoying learning about the world around them as part of their science and geography themed unit of work. Over the past few weeks they have been learning about living things. They have been encouraged to be curious about the environment, make observations and ask questions. They have been learning about the parts of plants and how animals can be classified. Students have made predictions and observations as their class completed simple experiments. We hope they have been coming home and sharing their knowledge with all the family. Last week, classes started to take a closer look at weather and this week the focus on weather will continue as students learn about the seasons and the impact they have on their daily lives. You might like to talk to your child about the daily temperature, weather forecast and seasons.

Kelly Rutherford
Assistant Principal



Stage Two Report

Stage two students have returned with enthusiasm and are enjoying being back at school! Yes, that is the truth. Reports say that children like being back at school.

All classes have been working towards the consolidation of skills covered while working from home such as descriptive

writing, manipulating number and aiming to achieve their pen licence (very popular in 4Z right now).

Students have worked hard on re-establishing friendships and putting into practice the skills covered in class through PBL and Personal Development. In-depth discussions about the recent anniversary of the National Apology by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd engaged many students who have deepened their understanding of this crucial part of Australian history.

Stage 2 is enjoying the extra space in the playground with staggered playtimes and just need to keep looking after their jumpers when they're taken off in the playground. Please ensure you have your name on your jumper. We often find some at the end of the day and a name makes it easy to return

Brian Gaffney
Assistant Principal

Stage Three Report

Stage 3 are continuing to engage in many learning activities in the classroom.

We are in the process of commencing 'pen pal' letter writing to a local aged care facility. Once we start receiving letters (1 resident for each of our Stage 3 classes), students will start responding and send their own questions back to their class pen pal. Notes will be going home if you do NOT wish your child to partake in the exchange of letters. We are all very excited to begin this very worthwhile community initiative.

A reminder to all of our Year 6 families to return Year 7 enrolment forms back to the front office ASAP. These need to be returned regardless if your child will be applying for enrolment in either a government OR non-government high school.

Our leaders are currently very busy organising our first in-school disco. This will be for our K-2 students. Monies raised during the fundraiser will go toward the costing of our Year 6 shirts.

Meegan Kavanagh
Assistant Principal

Beanie for Brain Cancer

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Tell them from me Survey

We are delighted that this semester, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 June and 3 July. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 19th of June. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Information is now available for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placements for 2021. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child/ren for the 2021 school year, please complete the information in the note provided and return to the front office by Wednesday 24th June, 2020. If you do not have access to print the relevant information/note, please contact the front office and we will send one home with your child.

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/502/information.pdf

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Year 5 Opportunity Class


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