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Term 1 Week 4 2021

Principals Report

A very warm welcome back to all our families for 2021 and a special welcome to new families who are starting at Thornton PS for the first time. I hope all students had a well-deserved break and are ready for a successful year. It would be lovely if we could have a school year which is not affected by a global pandemic but unfortunately 2021 is not going to be that year and COVID -19 is going to continue to impact on our activities again this year. This is our first newsletter for 2021 and we hope you will get lots of useful information out of this fortnightly communication.

We are two full weeks in to the school year and all students in Years K to 6 have been placed in their 2021 classes and are already working towards achieving growth in all Key Learning Areas. Our Kindergarten students have settled in to their school routine like seasoned professionals and they are all happily establishing new friendships and filling their days with learning and fun activities.

I would like to welcome Allyssa Nelson to our executive teaching staff this year as our Assistant Principal Wellbeing (replacing Mr Gaffney). Welcome also to the following new teachers; Lenice Jaunalksnis, Lani Roberts, Claire McMahon, Zoe Bunting, Zac Manning, Rosie Allport, Bryce Medcalf-Pommer, Luke Drain and Jess Allan. We also welcome back Stephanie Clarke and Sam Sharman from maternity leave and Caroline Foster from long service leave.

In 2021 we have 31 classes formed including five Kindergarten classes, five Year One classes, one Kindergarten/Year One class, five Year Two classes, four Year Three classes, four Year Four classes, three Year Five classes, three Year Six classes and one Year Five/ Year Six class.

We held our annual swimming carnival last week and it was a huge success. Thank you to Mr Eneliko for his organisation

and all staff who supported him to make sure our students enjoyed the day. It was a beautiful sunny day and all students, staff and parents who attended enjoyed themselves and had smiles on their faces. Good luck to those students who will be representing the school at the zone carnival.

Our first P&C Meeting will be at 5.30pm on 1st March and we are hoping it will be a face to face meeting (we will check the COVID guidelines prior to the meeting and abide by their direction). Further information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Updated COVID 19 Guidelines were sent out via the Schoolzine App at the start of the term. We will provide further information through the App when and if things change so you are aware of the safety plan we have in place at school. The update included information on visitors and parents with appointments utilising the schools' unique QR code. When parents (or other visitors) have an appointment to visit the school they are required to sign in as normal and also scan the QR Code and show the Admin staff that they have signed in to the Service NSW COVID Safe Check-in tool. The sign-in area is in the school administration block and the QR code is available at the front of the school.

I look forward to working with all of our staff, students and community representatives to make 2021 a very rewarding year.

Have a great week.

Stuart Wylie

Principal

Deputy Diaries

Both Eleanor and Nathan would like to welcome you all back with a big smile to Thornton Public School for an amazing 2021. We are excited to kick off the year with a bang, ready for lots of learning, improvement and success mixed with lots of fun!

What a great three weeks at Thornton PS. So many great moments celebrating the hard work of the students and teachers. Friday was a lovely way to finish the three weeks by celebrating our positive playground program by wearing your team colours. A big thank you to our new Assistant Principal Wellbeing, Ms Nelson. Ms Nelson has been a wonderful addition to our school community and will continue to lead PBL and wellbeing initiatives in our school, including positive playground.

It is pleasing to see so many resilient students, big and small, coming to school and demonstrating the PBL expectations. This year we welcomed 102 new Kindergarten students. A warm welcome to all of our new families!

Well done to the swimmers who represented Thornton PS at the school swimming carnival. Special mention to Mr Eneliko for how wonderful organisation and the parent volunteers who helped out with timing on the day. All students and teachers had a great day and student behaviour was wonderful!

Our school assemblies start in Week 4. In Week 4 we have Stage 2 and Stage 3 assemblies. In Week 5 we have Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 assemblies. At this stage, the community remains unable to attend due to COVID protocols, however, we are looking forward to welcoming you all back when the time is right.

Another integral part of our school plan is *teaching and learning*. This is our core business. This involves having the best, most qualified teachers in front of the students at TPS. There has been a tremendous amount of professional learning happening at TPS. Teachers are always improving their skills when teaching literacy and you may notice the teachers of your child's class at workshops to give your students the best quality practice in the classroom. Great teaching inspires great learning and improves student outcomes. Periodically, our newsletters will share the professional learning that our wonderful staff members engage in to positively impact on the learning of our students.

There are lots of exciting things happening over the next few weeks: BYOD connection day in Week 5, zone swimming carnival and zone sport trials start to begin in our area.

Let's keep up the great work!

Eleanor Roberts & Nathan Collins

Deputy Principals

Early Stage One Report

Welcome to our excited little friends who are just beginning their school journey in Kindergarten! All students have settled in well and we have had an excellent start to the term. Classes have been very busy learning about routines at Thornton Public School, the Lizzie 5 and building lots of new friendships. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the mums and dads for supporting your child's successful start to school. I look forward to sharing this exciting year with you!

Emma DiStefano

Relieving Assistant Principal -Early Stage One

Stage One Report

A big welcome to all our Stage One students and families as we begin a fabulous year of learning in 2021. Students have been settling into their new classes, catching up with old friends and making new friends. All our teachers have been enjoying the opportunity to get to know their students and establish class routines and expectations. I have been lucky enough to visit all the Stage One classes and it has been wonderful to see students engaging in a range of activities including sport rotations, maths games, writing and literacy centres. I am looking forward to spending more time in each class, working with teachers and getting to know all the students in Stage One.

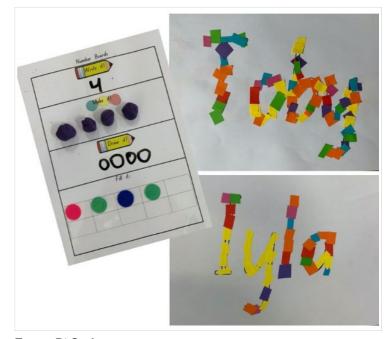
Kelly Rutherford

Assistant Principal - Stage One



What's been happening in KD?

KD have been very busy in the first few weeks of school! We have been focusing on writing our names and learning all about numbers!



Emma Di Stefano

Classroom Teacher & Relieving Assistant Principal - Early Stage One

KC



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KC has had a fabulous start to 2021I We are currently working on learning to write our names, counting forwards and backwards and learning to participate in Literacy groups. KC has also set up an investigation centre after reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we are learning about the Lifecycle of a Butterfly. In a couple of weeks, we will be excitedly watching some chrysalis hatch into beautiful butterflies!









KM

It has been a busy start to KM with 19 kindergarteners joining Miss McMahon and Mrs Swalwell at the start of their schooling journey. This week we have been focusing on writing our names and numbers. We have been listening for new sounds in our school environment and using playdough to make shapes and images. Lots of new friendships are being made and we are having fun every day!

Claire McMahon

Class Teacher

KR

KR have been working so hard the past week, learning how school works, their responsibilities during school time, how to be respectful to each other and learning new ways to strengthen resilience. We have created an emotions room within the classroom, which has helped us understand how and why we may feel a certain way, acknowledging that it's ok if we are not always happy and learning strategies to help bring our emotions back into balance. Elmo, was also introduced this week, and he is our class helper whenever someone needs a cuddle. We also like to take brain breaks from our learning and dancing along with the smartboard was a highlight this week. We are doing such a great job at learning about our new school and new routines. I am very proud of each and everyone of them and looking forward to a great learning and teaching year.

Lani Roberts

Class Teacher

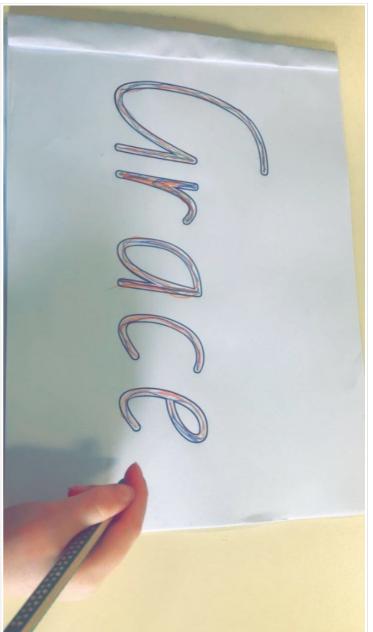


KS

KS have had a very busy and exciting first week of school. It has been wonderful to see the students develop their skills in transitioning into kindergarten. KS have really enjoyed listening to stories that incorporate rhyme and particularly like to join in the reading process. This week we have been practising to write our names using the correct formation of letters and sequence. We have also explored whole number concepts through hand on activities.

Naomi Schutt

Class Teacher



K/1J

Amazing K/1 J





Welcome to K/1 J. What a splash we have made to the new year. It was lovely to see all the student's smiling faces at the beginning of the school year and welcoming them all into their new classroom.

K/1 J have been busy learning our classroom routines and helping the Kindergarten children settle into school life. We have been reading Twig – a story about a stick insect who finds it hard to start at a new school, in a new class and to make new friends ... Sound familiar! We have had fun writing about Heidi the twig insect, as well as drawing her in her school uniform. K/1 J have also started Maths groups and rotations, learning about whole number, forwards and backwards counting and using ten frames beyond 10, WOW!!!

K/1 J have settled well into their new classroom and are great helpers to each other. I can not wait to see what the rest of the term and year has install for us in K/1 J.

Mrs J 😊

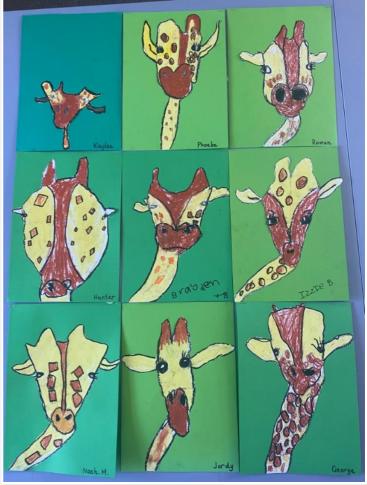
Lenice Jaunalksnis Class Teacher

1A

In 1A, over the last two weeks, we have been reading a book called 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. It is about a giraffe called Gerald who learns to dance to his own rhythm. We have completed lots of activities based around this book as it looks at the many ways in which we are unique and the differences we all bring. We have made posters advertising the 'Jungle Dance,' drawn Gerald the Giraffe using oil pastels and discussed the many ways we can accept differences in our class. We have also been learning how to support and encourage each other in our learning journey as well as increasing our independence in our day to day activities and tasks. We have been practising this during our maths rotations and literacy groups.

Rosie Allport Class Teacher

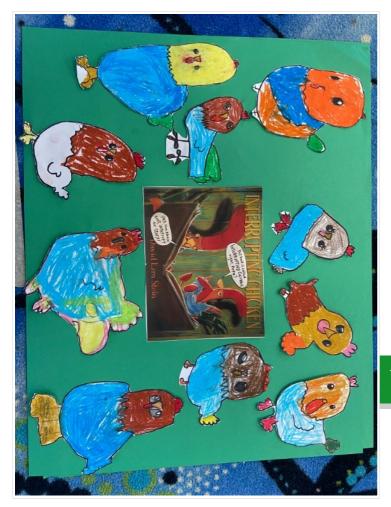




New beginnings for a fun filled year in 1B. Our class have been finding their feet with new friendships and exciting goals for what is to come in 2021. We have focussed on setting a shared behaviour expectation for the class with the use of the school PBL values and our weekly writing. George Ezra Steins "Interupting Chicken" has been a smash hit as I have been BUCK BUCK Bacawwing my way around the classroom. Students have created a piece of writing and an artwork to go with this strategy of positive behaviour learning. It has introduced students to building their self-control in a positive way and fun way and will continue to be a reference point throughout the year. Buck BUCk Bye for now.

Bryce Medcalf-Pommer

Class Teacher



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This year Miss Innes graduated with Kindy 2020 to Year One and everyone has been settling well into a new year! 11 were excited to be back at school after the holidays and have been busy learning and creating some beautiful artworks! Pictured is their interpretation of the colour 'Red' from the Indigenous picture book 'Colours of Australia' by Bronwyn Bancroft. The

students used oil pastel and red wash to create these colourful artworks.

Miss Innes

Class Teacher







1GWS

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Ms Wilson- Stevens and Ms Gordon are very lucky to have such a wonderful group of children this year.

1GWS are settling in quickly to their new routines and are already making some news friends.

1GWS have been reading funny stories about monsters. They have been clever artists to design and draw their own monsters. They have also written descriptions of them.

Class Teacher







2B



Cathy Gordon & Jillian Wilson-Stevens Class Teachers

2B 2021!

What a wonderful start we have had to the term. 2B are settling in well to Year two expectations and new routines. They have enjoyed some fun creative tasks, games and STEM challenges to get to know each other and develop team building skills. 2B are also experts on what it means to be a "Bucket Filler". We have read a variety of books to discuss whether a character is a "bucket filler" or a "bucket dipper". All students agree that Pig the Pug is the ultimate bucket dipper! They created some amazing oil pastel crayons drawings on black card of Pig the Pug. There is A LOT of artistic talent in 2B! We can't wait to see more over the year.

Mrs Burgin & Miss Papas Class Teacher

1M

Over the last few weeks, we have been learning our new classroom routines and expectations. We have also started with some fun craft.

Rebekah Malone









2C

Team 2C really is the place to be!! The first weeks in our WONDERFUL class has brought together a group of diverse, talented and amazing students. We have been working together to get to know each other and also learning about being 'bucket fillers'. This will help us make our classroom and our school a happy place where everyone feels supported and encouraged. Team 2C jointly created a kindness calendar and we are aiming to complete little acts of kindness across around our school and at home to brighten someones day. We have been completing lots of team building challenges, where we have been focusing on developing our team work skills. Our favourites have been 'Saving Fred' and playing Golden Child. Team 2C have even welcomed four little fish to our class and this has definitely been a highlight with everyone eager to take care of them! We named them Fishsticks, Bubbles, Rosie and Dasher (we are still debating which one is which). Over the coming weeks, Team 2C will be continuing to grow and learn together but we are very excited about the year ahead.

Alarna Chapman

Class Teacher

2P

Wow, it's week 4 already! We have been very busy in the first 4 weeks here in 2P. We have started the year writing a letter to the main character of the book 'The Bogtrotter', we've been remembering all the important things that we know about numbers, keeping active by skipping in PE and have begun to make our room look beautiful with some flower and vase artworks. We can't wait to keep learning and having fun in 2P! Blake Parker

Class Teacher



Welcome to... 2S 2021

2S have quickly settled into Year 2 and are working hard already. We have

spent the first 3 weeks getting to know one another, establish routines and

discover what Year 2 is all about. We completed our first art lesson of the

year, which was a fabulous self-portrait. Students worked really hard on

drawing their features in the correct parts of their faces. The outline makes

this art really pop!

We also have been busy working on place value. We created out MAB Block

monsters and lots of students in 2S felt they were up for the challenge of

creating a 4-digit monster! I can't wait to see what other amazing things we

create this year! I know it will be jampacked and full of wonderful learning

opportunities.

Brooke Shepherd

Class Teacher





2Z

2Z have hit the ground running so far in 2021. The students arrived on the first day with a smile on the face ready to learn. Students have settled in nicely and are interacting positively with each other in and out of the classrooms. This week the class is writing persuasive letters to Mr Wylie to make improvements to the school such as planting more trees for outdoor reading, a school zoo to research and look after animals and even our own school swimming pool. 2Z have enjoyed reading "The Bad Guys" by Aaron Blabey where students have "laughed their pants off" while predicting possible outcomes for the characters. Students have participated in a variety of mathematics activities using dice, playing cards and blocks to develop their whole number skills. Regular maths and pe games have helped myself get to know the students. 2Z have completed some artworks where everyone tries their best, even Mr Manning. I am looking forward to a magical 2021 with 2Z.

Zac Manning

Class Teacher







Wear your Team Colours

All our students and teachers enjoyed our "Wear your team colours" dress up day at school today to launch Our Positive Playground initiative. This involved lunch time games and sports where students play together with teaching staff. The initiative encourages positive interaction, turn taking and social-skills development.

Allyssa Nelson Assistant Principal - Wellbeing



Defence Families

Defence Families

This year Thornton Public School welcomes six new Defence families from across Australia 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. I can be contacted via email at yvonne.fletcher@det.nsw.edu.au or by leaving a message at the office at 02 49641369. Kind Regards

School Vegetable Garden

Our school vegetable garden is growing some great produce that our students are enjoying. Thankyou to Mr Lynch and all the garden club students.





Kindergarten Playground Upgrade

Our Kindergarten playground has had some upgrades over the holidays with the installation of some beautiful Sandstone around the equipment which can be used as seating for the students as well as a timber arbour and walkway. The students are enjoying this new space and its a great addition to our school.



Thornton Public School Uniform

School uniform

Our uniform is practical and easy wearing. Our uniforms can be purchased from Lowes at Greenhills Shopping Centre and we also have a school clothing pool. It is now located at St Michael's OP Shop, opposite the school. It is open:

Thursday-Friday 9am-3pm

Girls Summer Uniform

POLO TOP: SOCKS:

SKORT SHORTS

HAT:

SHOES:

Girls Winter Uniform SKORT

POLO TOP: SLOPPY JOE: JACKET:

TRACKPANTS: SOCKS: TIGHTS: HAT: SHOES:

Boys Summer Uniform POLO TOP: SHORTS: SOCKS:

Boys Winter Uniform TRACK PANTS:

JACKET: SLOPPY JOE: SOCKS SHOES

Jewellery is not considered to be part of the school uniform Children with pierced ears should wear plain studs to school.

Thornton Public School Uniforms

Bottle Green Available from Lowes White

Bottle Green - Sunsafe available from office

Bottle Green Available from Lowes Bottle Green with school crest

Bottle Green with school crest or Taslon with school crest

White Bottle Green

Bottle Green - Sunsafe available from office

Available from Lowes Bottle Green

White Black Bottle Green – Sunsafe

Available from Lowes

Bottle Green

Bottle Green with school crest or Taslon with school crest Bottle Green with school crest

White

Bottle Green - Sunsafe available from office

Uniforms are available for purchase at LOWES, Greenhills. Sunsafe hats are available for purchase from the

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

Best Communication procedures at Thornton **Public Scchool**

This year we will be continuing the streamlining of our communication. Our communication from home to school happens across a number of mediums:

Fortnightly school newsletter published, Thornton Public School Facebook promotion posts, Thornton Public School Schoolzine information and notes, Thornton Public School website.

Where possible we always endeavour to limit the paper being printed and therefore we publish through ZSapp and the website.

School Hats and Library Bags

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

Library Bags are available to purchase from the school office

Please note Kindergarten packs include a library bag

Getting students 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

Canteen Menu 2021

CANTEEN MENU

Hot Food	
Pasta Napolitana	\$3.50
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$4.50
Bacon Carbonara	\$4.50
Lasagne	\$4.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$4.50
Fried Rice	\$3.50
Chicken Fried Rice	\$4.50
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.50
Chicken Tender Wrap	\$5.00
6 Chicken Nuggets	\$4.50

Sandwiches & Tubs

White, Wholegrain or TOASTED

Bread Roll or Wrap

Vegemite or Cheese

Ham, Cheese & Tomato

Ham/Chicken & Salad

Salad Tub with Ham/Chicken

Egg & Lettuce

Ham OR Chicken

Ham & Cheese

Salad

Burgers & Wraps

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Chicken Burger	\$4.50
(Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	0)
Cheese Burger	\$4.50
(Mince patty, Cheese & Sa	auce)
Gluten Free Burger	\$4.50
Vege Burger	\$5.00
Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Chicken Ceasar Wrap	\$5.00
Salad Wrap	\$4.50

Friday Specials

Sauce (Tomato or BBQ)

Lunch Bags

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Meat Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Sausage Roll (GF)	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Extras	

\$0.40

\$0.20

Order and pay online

Register at: flexischools.com



\$2.00

\$2.80

\$3.00

\$3,40

\$3.80

\$4.00

\$4.50



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CANTEEN MENU

Drinks Juice Poppers Apple and Blackcurrant Orange and Apple

\$2.00 \$2.00 **Sparkling Juices**



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Choc/Strawberry Milk	\$2.50	
Up & Go	\$2.50	
Water	\$2.50	

Frozen	
Quelch Stick	\$0.50
Frozen Pineapple	\$0.50
Juice Cup	\$0.60
Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Ice Mony	\$1.20
Slushy	\$2.50

\$1.00

Snacks

Fruit	\$1.00
Pikelets	\$0.10
Muffin	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$1.20
Jelly Cup	\$1.20
Jelly & Custard Cup	\$1.20
Yoghurt Cup	\$1.20
Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Sea Salt Chips	\$1.20

Pacass Hat Food

1/2 Bread roll & melted cheese	\$1.00		
Muffin Pizza (Ham & Cheese)	\$1.00		
Fried Rice	\$3.00		
Garlic Bread	\$0.20		



Snap Stix Ice Pop

Our School Canteen Menu has been checked and approved by NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

Before and 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

Thornton Playgroup



NSW Group of the Australian Air League

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1057/ nsw_group_2020.pdf

Maitland Junior Football Club



Maitland Junior Football Club Inc

2021 REGISTRATIONS

Maitland Junior Football welcomes and invites you to play football with our club in the 2021 season

Players turning 5 this year are eligible to play this year with players in the 5-7 years receiving a pair of shin pads and a ball.

Active Kids vouchers on the Service NSW website are available to download to use when registering to play football. Please download the voucher before registering as the number of the voucher is required during the online registration.

Maitland Junior have mixed and all girl teams in Community Football, Development Football and Interdistrict Football which means we have great pathways for all players to play football.

All registration costs are the total for the season and includes registration fees, season fees and drink bottle. Shorts and socks are \$45 a set and are available at the ground. The full break down of our costs are on our website www.maitlandjuniorfc.com.au under Registration and Fees Explanation.

Registrations are online via a link on our website and to complete the registration attend Fieldsend Oval on one of the below dates.

All players not previously registered with Maitland Junior Football must submit a copy of a birth certificate, passport, licence or proof of age card either at Fieldsend Oval or via email to Evelyn at secreg@maitlandjuniorfc.com.au

Registration dates at Fieldsend Oval are:

January Sunday 31st - 10am - 2pm

February Thursday 4th - 4pm - 8pm

February Sunday 7th - 10am - 2pm

February Thursday 11th - 4pm - 8pm

February Sunday 14th - 10am - 3pm

February Thursday 18th – 4pm – 8pm

For further information, please contact Evelyn on 0432 945 237

Welcome to Maitland Junior Football Club

AFTERNOON SPECIAL! 3PM-4PM WEEKDAYS 1x medium coffee & 1x kids' shake (bring this coupon with you to redeem) ONLY \$8.00 fibunaccicoffee



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