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Term 1 Week 10 2021

Principals Report

It is difficult to believe that we are coming to the end of Term 1. It has been an extremely busy term, full of lots of fun and learning. The cross country went well today with some excellent efforts and personal bests. Students showed great resilience, persistence and sportsmanship. Thank you, Mr Eneliko, for organising such a successful event.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our community for the amazing support you have given the school around complying with the ongoing COVID restrictions. In particular, your vigilance in keeping children home from school if they are unwell to keep our community safe has been greatly appreciated.

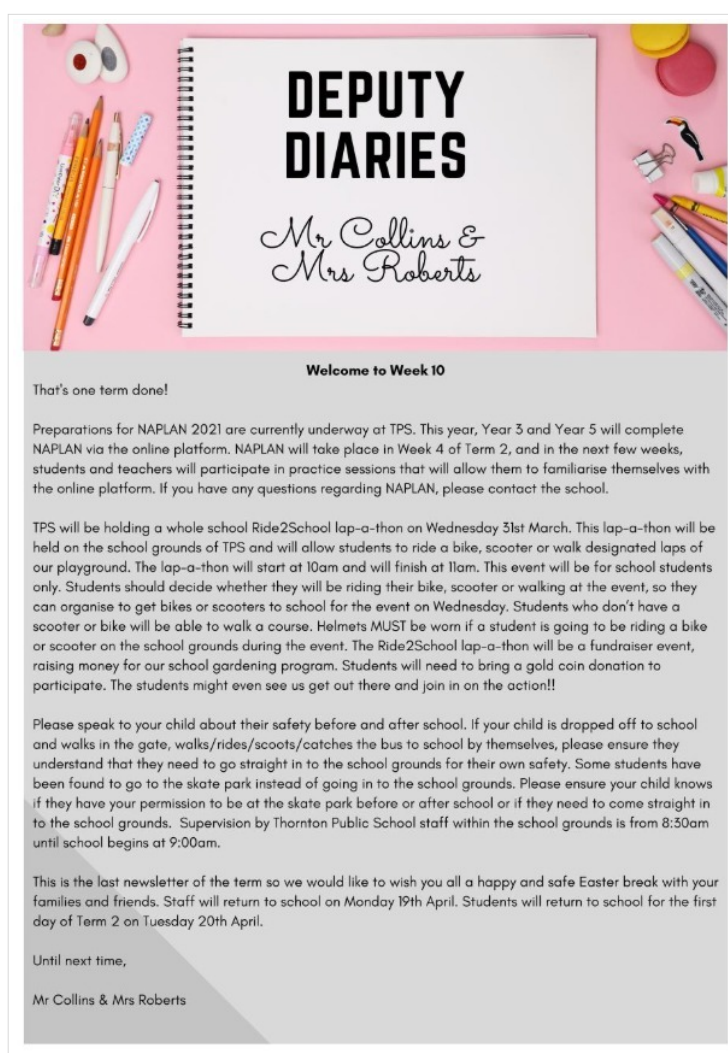
As the last few days of the term unfold we have our school Bike A Thon tomorrow and on Thursday to finish on a high our K – 2 Easter Hat Parade. I wish all staff, students and families a lovely Easter and holiday break, ready for an action-packed Term 2.

Kind Regards

Stuart Wylie

Principal

Deputy Diaries



Stage Two Report

It will be a busy and exciting end of the term for our Stage 2 students. Our Year 3 students have begun participating in School Readiness Testing for NAPLAN Online. These students will take part in practice tests to familiarise themselves with what NAPLAN Online will look like and ensure the school

network can meet the demands of the national assessment. Our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the actual NAPLAN between 11 – 21 May 2021.

Our Stage 2 students will also participate in lessons using virtual reality kits that the school has borrowed as part of the Department of Education's 'stem.T4L' initiative. Students will have access to virtual reality headsets so they can participate in interactive virtual tours, literacy and numeracy activities. These activities will align with class teaching and learning programs.

Our students have also been participating in reading conferences with their classroom teachers and myself to further develop their reading skills. The conferencing process provides a unique opportunity for students to engage in reading where they can share their thoughts on what they have read, set goals for future reading and receive feedback from their teacher. Feedback from our students and teachers on this process has been overwhelmingly positive.

I wish our school community a safe and happy break over easter and look forward to the learning challenges ahead in Term 2.

Shawn Rudolph

Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage Three Report

As Term 1 comes to an end, the Stage 3 teachers would like to congratulate all students for a wonderful term. Teachers and students from all 7 Stage 3 classes have enjoyed reading the novel 'Boy Overboard' and developing the concept of point of view. Through a range of writing and viewing activities and experiences, the students have developed their skills, particularly in the area of creating persuasive texts and writing a range of poetry.

Stage 3 have also been busy throughout the term selling ice blocks to support our Year 6 fundraising. We will continue to have a number of events such as discos and out of uniform days throughout the year to continue raising money for the Year 6 present to the school. A big congratulations to our leadership team who continue to come up with some creative ideas to support this.

Once we return back in Term 2, expression of interest notes will be sent out for our two major excursions for 2021. Year 5 students will be visiting Bathurst for a 3 day / 2 night excursion and Year 6 will be attending our traditional Canberra excursion for 4 days / 3 nights. Both excursions will be in Term 4 which gives parents and carers the opportunity to pay these off throughout Terms 2 and 3.

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to a productive and busy Term 2.

Meegan Kavanagh

Assistant Principal - Stage 3

Attendance

Please see the below Attendance Ladder diagram visually showing the expectation of good attendance >96% and how many days missed each percentage band equates See below is the link for Departmental advice about compulsory attendance at school every day:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/compulsory-school-attendance-information-for-parents>

Antonet Ziliotto

Attendance Coordinator



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Attendance Coordinator

3H

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Wow! 3H has had an amazing term and our learning is in full swing!

This week we have been learning how to be excellent persuasive writers – look out parents – we have some very stubborn and argumentative debaters coming your way! But for now, we are trying to decide who is better – Santa or the Easter Bunny. It has led to a very heated debate but the Easter Bunny was ultimately deemed far superior.



We have also been very successful in moving our Literacy Group activities online. We have learnt how to use Microsoft Teams, track our learning, make videos to show our understanding and complete loads of online activities!



In maths we are becoming very good at mastering our times tables and learning how to tell the time. We have been playing Kahoot, drawing clocks on the floor, testing each other on our knowledge and having lots of fun in between!



3H are also teaming up with 3D to make our superclass 3HD for STEM activities. We have been learning all about the design process, keeping a journal of our thoughts and ideas through FlipGrid, and making some truly superb paper planes.



It has been an incredible 9 weeks so far and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store!

Alison Hanley
Classroom Teacher

For visual art, we have been learning how to make mixed media artworks. We have been refining our technique for using oil pastels and water colour paint in our portraits of Willy Wonka. We learnt that applying pressure when colouring with oil pastels will make colours vibrant. We also experimented with adding water to paints to change colour and texture.



Shaun Trindall
Classroom Teacher

3R

What maths whizzes we have in 3R! This term the students have been building their maths facts, speed and accuracy of adding and subtracting numbers using playing cards. We couldn't all agree on our favourite game, but would love to show our families just how fast we are at adding numbers together or finding the missing addends. Grab a pack of playing cards and ask your child to show you how!

Eleanor Ridder
Classroom Teacher



4A

3T

In 3T, we are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

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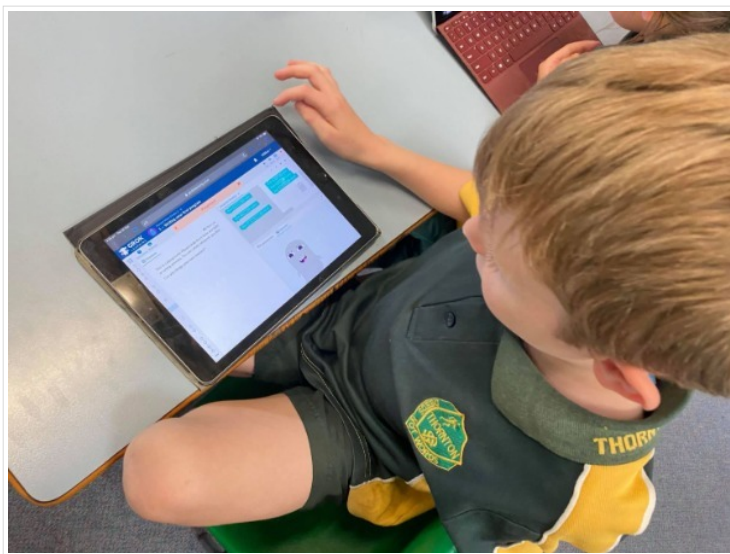
4A students have dived into the world of computer science and programming through a range of hands-on and interactive activities. Students have explored binary numbers by working together to physically program an image into existence, as well as working with block code to design, debug and create small computer programs like a dance party, shark attack game and Minecraft voyage!



Andrew Atherton
Classroom Teacher

4M

What a busy term it has been in 4M! For the past few weeks, we have had a huge focus on using technology in the classroom. All students are engaging with technology each day to complete their literacy group activities and to help consolidate their knowledge in Mathematics. We have also been involved in many STEM activities, including making our very own QR codes, building monsters using block coding, creating programs for our set of Microbit computers and even using VR headsets which 4M has been lucky enough to have access to first! Here's hoping Term 2 will be even more productive.

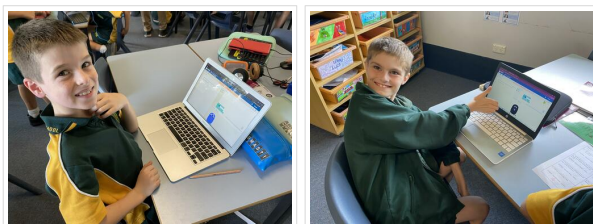


Mr McLean, Mrs Crimston and 4M
Ben McLean
Classroom Teacher

4AS

What is STEM in 4AS?

STEM integrates the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. On Thursdays, 4AS and 4M have been collaborating during STEM lessons to develop skills in problem solving, teamwork and creativity. We have been learning about binary numbers, QR codes, Microbits, block coding and using VR headsets. We look forward to evolving on these skills we have learnt in future STEM lessons in Term 2.



Erinne Allen & Hannah Stanton
Classroom Teachers

5C

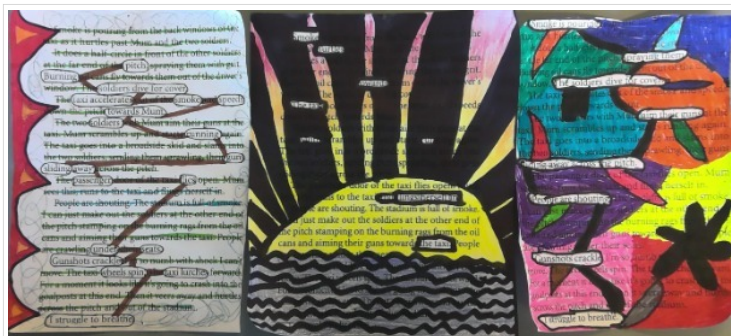
5C have been studying the novel "Boy Overboard" and exploring ideas and thoughts we might have in our minds. This is an art activity where students had a brain explosion of some thoughts they might have about themselves now and in the future.

Joseph Carlon
Classroom Teacher



5M

5M have been reading the story Boy Overboard and discussing the plight of refugees. To accompany our reading we have experimenting with different kinds of poetry. Our class favourite was blackout poetry. Here are some examples of our work.



Aaron McLoughlin
Classroom Teacher



Kate Fincher
Classroom Teacher

60

5/6K

5/6K have been very busy learning about a range of poems. We have learnt how to write structured poems such as haiku's and cinquain's. Many of the students have attempted to write their own poems by making sure they place the correct structure as they write.

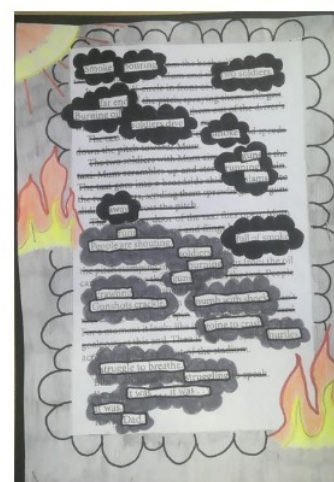
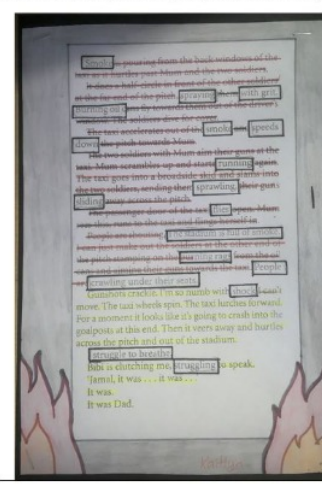
We have also been using black-out poetry as a way to send a message from a piece of text. The students have completed this using a page from the class novel 'Boy Overboard.' I look forward to using this fabulous type of poetry in Term 2. Well done 5/6K!!!

Meegan Kavanagh

Classroom Teacher & Assistant Principal - Stage 3



In 60 we have been reading the book Boy Overboard. We have had fun making blackout poetry based on the story.



6F

6F have been enjoying seeing the rainbow lorikeets in the playground and just outside the classroom. One afternoon we had atleast 16 rainbow lorikeets near the peace garden. We have enjoyed watching them.

Anne Osborn
Classroom Teacher

In the Library

Throughout Term 1, all students across the school have engaged with quality learning in the library.

Kindergarten, have been learning about the rules of the library and have had the opportunity to borrow books from our extensive Junior Fiction section. They have also learnt what authors and illustrators are, and how to take care of our wonderful library books.

Years 1 and 2, have been learning about different types of transport and how to look for relevant information using both information texts and using credible websites like World Book Online. Some classes have discovered how planes stay in the sky and others have discussed how boats float. Such brilliant questions and discussions have been made.

Years 3 and 4, have been learning about our library platform ORBIT and how this can assist us to locate resources. We also looked at the Dewey Decimal system and how it puts books in order by subject. This helped us find facts about the moon and planets in our solar system. We also read the book 'Curiosity' by Markus Motum and learnt all about the space rover on Mars.

Years 5 and 6 in conjunction with their class learning have been researching and discussing issues surrounding refugees and immigration. We have read some beautifully illustrated stories about families fleeing their home countries and the troubles they have had to face to find a safe home. The students also had the opportunity to research a famous Australian citizen, that had come to Australia as a refugee. During this process we learnt to use student orientated search engines and graphic organisers to summarise our information.

Until next term, happy holidays- we hope you enjoy a book or two.

Mrs Sharman and Mrs Foster

Teacher Librarian

Easter Lunch Treat at the School Canteen



Thornton Public School

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient



Easter Lunch Special

On Thursday 1st April there will be an Easter Extravaganza at Thornton Public School. Food and beverage options will be available for children's lunches. Please note Easter lunch special orders can only be made via paper copy and will need to be handed to the canteen. Other orders can be placed through Flexischools for the normal menu. Please fill out the slip below and return it to the canteen with the correct money by Monday 29th March.

Easter Lunch Special

These orders will be handed out in class baskets at the beginning of lunch.

Name: _____ Class: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotdog with Tomato Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotdog with Barbecue Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sausage Roll with Tomato Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sausage Roll with Barbecue Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meat Pie with Tomato Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meat Pie with Barbecue Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6

I have enclosed \$ _____ for the Easter lunch special



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Freezy THURSDAY

Year 6 Fundraiser

FREEZY Friday

\$1 per Iceblock
FOR SALE OUTSIDE ROOM 12

Easter Egg Donations

A big THANKYOU to all our Thornton Public School staff for their generous donation of Easter Eggs which were donated today to Carrie's Place Domestic Violence and Homelessness Services. Also a very big shout out to a lovely community member who knitted beautiful dolls to be given to children

within Carries Place. They were very well received and appreciated.



Canteen - Flexischools

If you are wishing to place a canteen order for your child please find information below in regards to logging into Flexi schools. As it is a busy App sometimes there are delays so if possible if orders can be placed by the evening before you are wanting the order to ensure it comes through to the canteen.

Set up your account

- 1 **Download the Flexischools App**
Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.
- 2 **Login/Register**
 - **Already a Flexischools user** – Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
 - **New Flexischools user** – Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.
- 3 **Top Up Your Account**
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

Order

- 1 **Place your Order**
On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.
- 2 **Make your Selection**
Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
- 3 **Make Payment**
Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



School Holidays

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1192/hunter_holidays.pdf

Holiday Soccer Clinic

Defence families you are invited to bring your friends (Defence and non Defence) to a school holiday soccer clinic being organised by Northern NSW Football and Veteran Sport Australia.

NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL AND VETERAN SPORT AUSTRALIA PRESENT

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

**16TH APRIL 2021
9 AM TO 12 PM
A&D LAWRENCE OVAL, 21 AVARD CL,
THORNTON NSW 2322**

Bring your best friend, brothers, sisters and mum or dad to a morning of fun and games!
RSVP Essential to:
support@veteransport.org.au by 12 April 2021

Veteran Sport Australia **NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL**

Thornton Playgroup

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1073/play_strong_thornton_flyer_2020.pdf

School Holidays

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Nutrition Snippet

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A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Here's what you'll find on the website:

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- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

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