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Term 1 Week 8 2021

Principals Report

Dear Parent/ Caregivers,

It seems a long time since we enjoyed a COVID – 19 free world. Hopefully sometime this year we can return to normal and enjoy activities like in 2019 when we were able to enjoy an enormous year of community events. That was the year we celebrated our 100 year anniversary and so many other wonderful events such as Mother's day, Father's day, Grandparent's day, Easter Hat parade and so many others. Even just being able to celebrate together when our students receive awards at assemblies and presentation days will be nice.

We are working on updating our COVID safety plan to enable us to return to normal as soon as possible. COVID -19 is still a risk within the community and likely to continue to disrupt schools for much of this year, but we do hope to have parents back on site and attending all the great events we used to share together sooner rather than later.

Our system mandated priority for our COVID Safety Plan is the same as 2020 and is consistent with every other school in that we must prioritise student and staff wellbeing. Our school is significantly larger than most of the other schools within the geographical area which adds significant complexity to our planning.

We are currently looking at ways we can organise events that meet the current regulations. We will provide COVID safety advice and specific arrangements for each event as it happens.

- From next week parents will be allowed to come through the gates for pick up and drop off once they have signed in using the Service NSW QR Code.
- If you intend staying for any longer than ten minutes you will also be required to complete the school external visitor form and acknowledge that you will

- comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time you visit.
- Gate 3 will be open from 8.30am until 9.00am for parents to kiss and drop their children at school in the morning and will be open from 2.55pm to 3.15pm in the afternoon for pick up
- Parents who come through the gates for school pick up and drop off will have to physically distance from one another and from staff by remaining 1.5 metres from other adults
- Where possible it would be appreciated if parents choose to continue dropping off and picking up outside the school gates
- We do encourage anyone entering the school site to use the hand sanitiser available and model good personal hygiene with their children
- If you are exhibiting flu like symptoms then please do not enter the school grounds for any reason
- Any visitor to the Thornton Public School site during the school day or attending a meeting must comply with the sign-in arrangements.
- This includes the requirement to use the school QR code where they acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit.
- Visitors must also check in using the Service NSW QR code
- Schools can welcome parents and carers to attend school sporting events and activities, whether indoors or outdoors, in line with the COVID-19 requirements related to sport in NSW. We will provide further information for each sporting event as it

2020 and the start of 2021 have been extremely challenging globally and we hope that with the vaccination now rolling out that there are brighter days ahead. We will continue to adjust our plan as further restrictions are lifted and will communicate

with you as necessary. Thank you all for your continued support of the school over the last twelve months.

Regards,

Stuart Wylie - Principal

Until next time, Mr Collins and Mrs Roberts

Early Stage One Report

What a fabulous start to the year Kindergarten have had! When visiting classrooms, I have been amazed at how settled students have been and how quickly they have become respectful, responsible and resilient members of our school community. Kindergarten attended their first Assembly in Week 5, it was great to see students excited to receive their first Merit Certificate or PBL Merit Award. Please remind your children to keep these in a safe place at home so when they have the correct number of awards, they can be traded in. On Friday Thornton Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Not only did a large number of students support this celebration by wearing orange but it was lovely to hear the youngest students of the school wanting to ensure everyone felt welcome and included in our

Kind Regards,

Emma Di Stefano



Deputy Diaries

With the start of Week 8, there are now not many days left of this term until the school holidays...14 days to be exact!!!

This term the students and staff have already achieved so much in terms of learning and growth. Teachers have been very involved in professional learning and students have been busily making new connections with prior learning. This will have an impact on the teaching and learning that happens in the classrooms and we hope improve student outcomes. One exciting initiative that has been introduced 3-6 has been reading conferences.

Feedback from teachers has been that students have been excited about reading. I will say that word again; excited!!!! Well done to the teachers who are doing their best implementing this strategy in their classrooms. If you would like to know more, please ask your children to explain this new process/strategy.

In the 14 days left of the term we have lots of things coming up to look forward to: the bike-a-thon, the cross country and PBL rewards day are some significant ones to mention. We look forward to seeing lots of students celebrating and continuing to show respect, responsibility and resilience.

This fortnight's affirmation is focussed on 'Respect - I think before I speak!' These affirmations last for two weeks and are created by students who are in the Junior PBL team. This gives students ownership over a key initiative around positive wellbeing at Thornton PS.

This past week has seen myself, Mr Collins, go back into classrooms and do teaching from grades 3-6. The lessons have been focussed on the school's focus on wellbeing, teaching students about advocating for themselves and explaining the systems and policies from Thornton PS and the Department Of Education. I want to congratulate all students from 3-6 for their engagement in these lessons and will continue to advocate for all Thornton PS students and their wellbeing and safety.

Primary assembly is this week so please look out in your student's bags on Thursday afternoon to see if they have received a merit, PBL award or even a Deputy Principal award! Weeks 9, 10 of Term 1 and Week 1 of Term 2 will be focussed on building relationships with the students, teacher and parent/carers by allocating time to 3 way conferences. This will give parents/carers the opportunity to co-create goals that your child will work towards in the classroom. This builds a genuine partnership between students, parents and carers and one that will impact on the work of Thornton PS students. Please watch the note going out this week with further information.

Stage One Report

Stage One students are very excited about participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising program. Participating in this program is allowing students to raise money to support the Heart Foundation and improve their individual fitness levels.

It is great to see lots of enthusiastic skippers in the playground at lunch and afternoon tea, and teachers are supporting students improve their skipping skills during PE and Sport time. We will hold a "Jump Off" day on Friday 23rd April to mark the end of the program and allow students to show off their newly learned skills.

We have currently raised over \$4000! What an amazing start to this fundraising event. Stage One parents can still register their child online so they can participate in online fundraising. Contact your child's class teacher if have lost the registration information.

Keep on skipping, Stage One.

Kelly Rutherford

Assistant Principal - Stage One











KC have had a very exciting time this week. As part of the conclusion of our work on The Lifecycle of a Butterfly we have been observing our 3 chrysalis and this week we got to see all of them hatch. We learned that they were Monarch butterflies, how to label the different parts, draw pictures like scientists and that they like to eat nectar from flowers. We released our butterflies in the garden, with Mrs Cartwright, outside Mr Wylie's office. KC have also been working hard on identifying the sounds for S, A, T, I, P and N, we are now practicing sounding out and blending words that are made up of these sounds. This Friday we have also celebrated Harmony Day with Mrs Clarke and have enjoyed listening to stories, singing song and creating artworks that celebrate our own unique individual characteristics and that we all belong in our school community.

Lauren Cartwright & Stephanie Clark Class Teachers





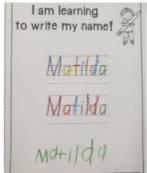
KM

Lots of learning has been happening in KM! We have been busy practising writing our names and numbers, learning new sounds to help us start to read and write, and making beautiful artwork. Everybody has been making new friendships and following our PBL values

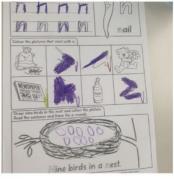
Claire McMahon

Class Teacher









KR

Hi families,

KR and K1/J have been working really hard on learning their sounds. We have learnt seven sounds over the last two weeks. We are all doing really well at identifying what the sound looks like, how to say the sound and how to write the sound. We have also talked about why we are learning these sounds. Some of us have started blending the sounds together to make words, which is very exciting! Watch this space, as the next step will be reading and writing!

Lani Roberts

Class Teacher







KD have been busy bees this term. We have been learning about the sounds that letters make and have started to use this knowledge to begin to read words. It's tricky business but everyone is working hard to get it right! In Science, KD have been exploring the seasons and what changes in our world when the weather does. Our favourite things to do in Summer to cool down is eat ice-cream and go for a swim!







Emma Di Stefano Classroom Teacher

KS

KS have had a very active and engaging start to the first half of Term One. It has been amazing to watch the students settle into Kindergarten and gain a sense of belonging in the classroom. KS have been working hard to learn classroom routines and how to take care of their belongings. The students are excited to learn their new sounds and participate in phonics activities. This week we have been practising blending our sounds together to produce words. We have also enjoyed creating artworks linked to our Earth and Space science unit.

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!!!

 $\rm K/1~J$ 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 $\rm K/1~J$.

Lenice Jaunalksnis Class Teacher

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In maths this week, we have been learning all about length. The students have been learning about tall, short, long and short. The children had to line up in order of tallest to shortest. They had to do this as a challenge and weren't allowed to communicate using words!

In writing, 1A have been learning to write post cards. This writing was based on a text called 'Gary', about a pigeon who can't fly, but who ends up on an adventure of his own in the city.

Rosie Allport

Class Teacher





1B

1B are well into the first school term. Routines have been set and the students have started to show their true learning and fighting spirit. In week 5 students enrolled as a Numeracy Ninjas?. As students demonstrate their skills in maths they earn themselves coloured belts giving them more challenging tasks to complete.

Keep it up 1B!

Bryce Medcalf-Pommer

Class Teacher





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11 have been learning all about length in maths this week. We are great at using informal units (like pencils, pegs, teddy bears and paperclips) to measure the length of things - even our bodies! We know that to measure accurately the units need to touch end to end, without gaps or overlapping. Miss Innes has been teaching us how to use Seesaw to record our learning in maths. We have been practising taking clear photographs, annotating our work and typing into text boxes. Our goal is to produce quality work to show our families on Seesaw.

Miss Innes

Class Teacher







Rebekah Malone Class Teacher

1GWS

1GWS have been working so well on composing short, rhyming poems based on sea creatures and submarines. They are displayed on our front windows and have made splendid progression throughout the term. This week we will begin a new display of underwater animals submerged into bubble printing. If you haven't already supplied a paint shirt it would be appreciated. Keep a lookout for the finished product! Warmest regards,

Cathy Gordon & Jillian Wilson-Stevens Class Teachers

1M

2B

2B have been very busy every day. We're so proud of each one of them as they all strive to do their best. It has been so pleasing to see them all eager, focused and ready to get into any new learning over the past few weeks. Number topics including addition and subtraction strategies, multiplication and number patterns have been the recent focus areas in Maths. We have been reading a number of books written by author Jory John called 'The Bad Seed', 'The Good Egg' and 'The Couch Potato'. These books have been entertaining and hilarious. Students discussed and wondered... Would the Bad Seed change his ways? Would the Good Egg crack under the pressure to be perfect? And would the Couch Potato peel himself off the couch to get the right balance back in his life? The books have certainly inspired some great writing opportunities and produced some quality work.

Mrs Burgin & Miss Papas Class Teacher









2C

2S

What a busy and fun time we have been having in Team 2C. Over the last couple of weeks we have been nurturing our love of learning and this is consistently being reflected in the quality work that students from Team 2C are producing. In our literacy lessons, we enjoyed reading the books 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and 'Giraffe Problems'. We used this to write about how we can have a growth mindset, even managing to publish our work. Check out the pictures of what we created, it is impressive! In maths we have been developing our multiplication skills by forming arrays, making groups and skip counting to work out the totals. We have enjoyed working together, sharing our knowledge and exploring different ways we can show our understanding. We have some great artists in our Team, so last week we ventured outside to explore nature and practice our sketching skills in our Peace Garden. Some amazing sketches were created and we will continue to explore art in nature for the rest of the term. Team 2C should be proud of their efforts and have certainly been working hard.

Thank you!!

Alarna Chapman

Class Teacher







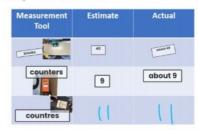
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In week 7, 2S were learning about length in mathematics. We spent lots of time exploring the length of different objects in our classroom. We estimated the length of our feet and hands, then measured using blocks. It was awesome to hear the discussion between students when working out how big and small

some of our hands and feet are. 2S then showed off their skills and completed a Seesaw activity in small groups. Out estimating improved greatly



as the week went on $\ensuremath{@}$ In mathematics next week we are learning about position.



2P

2P have loved learning and writing about Blue Whales. Did you know the blue whales heart is the size of a small car and when they are born, blue whales weigh 3000kg. We have also really enjoyed participating in jump rope for heart. Skipping was a struggle at the start but we are all getting better and having more fun!

Blake Parker

Class Teacher



Brooke Shepherd Class Teacher

2Z

2Z have had a productive term so far with great discussions and interesting learning activities taking place. Students have enjoyed writing about different topics using paragraphs and adjectives to add detail to their writing. This was shown in a writing piece were students imagined what it would like to be a pet at home and the things they might like or dislike. Maths has required students to get hands on where they worked in small groups to measure the lengths of different objects using informal units. Some students even put their body on line to complete their learning. We have continued to be entertained by reading stories with the "Bad Guys" making us laugh until we cry with their adventures. In science, 2Z has been conducting experiments to find the best material to use so they can build a shelter for Lizzy the Lizard. We have also been researching the past t see how life has changed. Students are glad they don't have to write with an ink well and that video games have been invented for them to use in their leisure time. Mr Manning continues to be impressed with the attitude and behaviour shown from 2Z and can't wait to continue the 2021 journey with them.





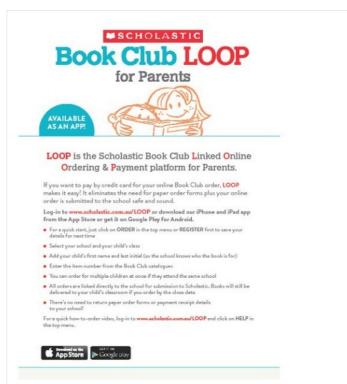


Zac Manning
Class Teacher

Enrolment 2022

https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1197/2021_gateway_enrol_now_school_finder_information_flyer.pdf

Book Club



Book club brochures have been delivered to classrooms. Please note only online orders are taken for book club, no cash orders. Last date for ordering is the 22nd March.

Library News

Congratulations to our 2021 Library Monitors – Mia B, Roshni R, Grace C, Sophie R, Aleena D, Thomas P, Annalise T, Thomas A, Aaliyah R, Cooper W, Amelia F, Samantha D. These students have been learning about the different roles a Library Monitor plays in our library. They help put books back on the shelves, supervise students in the library, read stories to the younger students and help to maintain our resources. Library Monitor badges were given to them today. I look forward to their help over the year.



your child's class teacher will follow. If your child is an attendance concern, a school attendance meeting will be scheduled.

Ms Antonet Ziliotto

Attendance Coordinator



Attendance

The Social and Emotional Benefit of On -Time Regular Attendance

There is significant benefits from consistent, on -time school attendance.

- A predictable schedule builds the confidence at home and school.
- Children know what to expect in the classroom because there were there the previous day.
- Children recognise they are a part of a community; their peers and teachers expect and include them.
- Ongoing, extended conversations and learning are able to be built upon.
- Children learn to increasingly control their emotions simply by being in a consistent environment and on schedule every day.
- Absences can add up before you know it. Just missing out on 10% of the time can equate to 20 or more days of lost instruction. Even if these absences are explained or unexplained they all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn. Missing out on these days at school can create gaps in their learning that are harder to fix later.
- Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Parents have a legal responsibility for the regular attendance of their child.
- Thornton Public School tracks whole school attendance weekly. If you receive a text message about your child's absence please respond with a reason. If no response is received a phone call from

Harmony Day 2021





Defence family Bowling afternoon

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/defence-school-family-bowls-afternoon-tickets-145586927419

Easter Lunch Treat at the Canteen



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.

e: _	Class:		-
	Hotdog with Tomato Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6	
	Hotdog with Barbecue Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6	
	Sausage Roll with Tomato Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6	
	Sausage Roll with Barbecue Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6	
	Meat Pie with Tomato Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg	\$6	
	Meat Pie with Barbecue Sauce, Bottle Water, Easter Egg		\$6
	I have enclosed \$ for the Easter lunch special		

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Notes will be sent home with students today.

NSW Education

Canteen Menu 2021

CANTEEN MENU

Burgers & Wraps Hot Food Chicken Burger Pasta Napolitana \$3.50 Spaghetti Bolognese (Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo) \$4.50 Bacon Carbonara Cheese Burger \$4.50 (Mince patty, Cheese & Sauce) Lasagne \$4.50 Macaroni Cheese \$4.50 Gluten Free Burger Fried Rice Vege Burger \$3.50 Chicken Fried Rice Chicken Wrap \$4.50 Butter Chicken & Rice Chicken Ceasar Wrap \$4.50 Chicken Tender Wrap Salad Wrap \$5.00 6 Chicken Nuggets \$4.50 **Friday Specials**

Sandwiches & Tubs

White, Wholegrain or TOASTE	D
Bread Roll or Wrap	\$0.50
Vegemite or Cheese	\$2.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.80
Ham OR Chicken	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.40
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.80
Salad	\$4.00
Ham/Chicken & Salad	\$4.50
Salad Tub with Ham/Chicken	\$5.50

Meat Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Sausage Roll (GF)	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Extras	
Sauce (Tomato or BBQ)	\$0.40
Lunch Bags	\$0.20

\$4.50

\$4.50

\$4.50

\$5.00

\$3.00

\$5.00

\$4.50

Order and pay online

Register at: flexischools.com

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CANTEEN MENU

Drinks

Juice Poppers

Apple and Blackcurrant \$2.00 Orange and Apple \$2.00

Sparkling Juices

Choc/Strawberry Milk

Juice Boilib	\$2.50
Chill J	\$2.50
Milks	

\$2.50

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Water

Up & Go

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 Snap Stix Ice Pop \$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

Recess Hot Food

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



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

Thornton Playgroup



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

Best Communication procedures at Thornton **Public School**

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

Library Bags are available to purchase from the school office

Please note Kindergarten packs include a library bag

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

Saturday 9am-11am

Thornton Public School Uniforms Girls Summer Uniform

Bottle Green

Bottle Green

Bottle Green

White

Bottle Green SKORT SHORTS Bottle Green POLO TOP: SOCKS: Available from Lowes White Bottle Green - Sunsafe available from office HAT:

Girls Winter Uniform SKORT:

POLO TOP: SLOPPY JOE: JACKET: TRACKPANTS: SOCKS: TIGHTS:

HAT

SHOES:

SHOES:

Boys Summer Uniform POLO TOP: SHORTS:

SOCKS: SHOES:

Boys Winter Uniform POLO TOP: TRACK PANTS:

JACKET SLOPPY JOE: SOCKS:

SHOES

Available from Lowes Bottle Green White Black Bottle Green – Sunsafe

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Available from Lowes

Bottle Green

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Bottle Green - Sunsafe available from office

White

Black

Bottle Green - Sunsafe available from office

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

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

Parking Regulations

Parking Regulations \$344 ot stop here for any \$191 > Vehicles may stop for 2 minutes P (school zone) ONLY and the driver must be more than 3 metres away from the vehicle (Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to 5 minutes in a No Parking area) Vehicle cannot park longer that time period says regardless if they are in the vehicle or not Park vehicle longer than maximum period allowed \$83 1P 9.-12 Stop on/near pedestrian crossing/children's crossing (school zone) Vehicles cannot stop here for any reason. Vehicle must be parked a minimum of 20mtrs before the \$457 > crossing and 10 metres after the crossing in a legal parking space Double park (school zone) Vehicles that park to the right of an Stop at/near bus stop 2pts Vehicles must not park within 20 metres before the bus stop sign, and within 10 metres after the bus stop Stop within 10 metres of intersection without traffic lights (school zone) \$457 > Vehicles cannot stop within 10 metres of any intersection for any



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Festival of Democracy

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