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Term 2 Week 2 2021

## Principals Report

Welcome back to school in Term 2 after a much needed and earned holiday. We hope you all got some rest and got to do some wonderful things with your children in the holiday break.

Thornton PS has had a great and busy start to the term. All students have returned beautifully and I have been lucky enough to see students bring some of their quality work to the office to show their growth. These are the moments that make being a teacher worthwhile – seeing students proud of their hard work!

There have been a number of 'feel good' stories of the past few weeks in our school and community that should be mentioned.

Firstly, I wish Sharmeen and her family all the best for their trip to America for surgery to help Sharmeen be more active and mobile. This was celebrated and supported by the students and community last Thursday for crazy hair day. Some very interesting hair dos were on show, some worth keeping and some not. This was also supported by the Thornton Baker's Delight who donated all profits from Fun Buns sold for three days to support Sharmeen and her family. Thank you Baker's Delight Thornton!

Stage 1 have also been participating in 'Jump Rope For Heart'. It has been lovely seeing these students be active, learning new skipping techniques, having fun and supporting a worthy cause. Well done to Miss Rutherford and her amazing teachers and students who have raised around \$8000.

On Friday of Week 1, Thornton Public school had an ANZAC assembly that was led by our school captains and leaders that commemorated this important historical event. All leaders did an excellent job running the assemblies and student should be commended on their respectful behaviour through the service. The school captains and myself also represented Thornton PS at the Dawn service in Maitland, one of only two schools to

participate in this important event. Our school leaders braved the morning cold and did brilliantly laying the wreath from our school. Lord Mayor Loretta Baker thanked our school personally and acknowledged our efforts braving the early morning and cool weather.

Over the past two weeks the school has been visited by the Director, Jo Gray and Executive Director, Lisa Muir, who stated: "It was wonderful to visit the classrooms and to see first-hand the passionate and positive energy that your staff have for their work in improving student outcomes." This is great feedback for our school, our passionate teachers and highly-engaged students, as we have all just begun our new school improvement plan (2021-2024) which has now gone live on our school's website.

Yesterday our school captains, leaders and Junior AECG team represented our school at the GRIP leadership conference at the Civic Theatre with over 1000 other student leaders in the Hunter Region. Mrs Osborn said the students behaved beautifully, represented our school with great pride and now have lots of great ideas to improve Thornton Public School.

This week I will be lucky enough to be part of 'caught you being good' awards. This is a new initiative recognising students who are doing the right thing on the playground. One of the rewards is playing Nintendo Switch in break times with the Principal. This week I am looking forward to winning Sonic Racing and teaching the students some resilience in bouncing back.

Last night an election was held to re-open the P&C out of recess. I'm happy to announce the new P&C executive for 2021:

Mel Winkler – President

Lisa Harshman – Vice President

Amanda Woods – Secretary

Chad Page - Treasurer

We are looking forward to work with the new team and want to acknowledge the hard work of the previous executive in supporting Thornton PS. If you would like to attend P&C meetings they are held on the first Monday of each month. The

next meeting is scheduled for Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, starting at 5:30pm – hoping to see you there!

On Wednesday our school will be holding a Mother's Day stall for students to purchase a gift for their mothers, grandmothers or carers. There are plenty of thoughtful gifts for everyone.

**NAPLAN (national assessment program - literacy and numeracy)**

It is almost NAPLAN time again. Please reassure your children that this is only one test on one day. In schools, this is not the only way we assess children. Triangulation of data and anecdotal feedback by teachers is just as important. However, NAPLAN is very useful at a national level to enable governments to plan and budget for support for students as it is our only national data set. At Thornton PS, it is also useful for our school to plan ongoing professional learning for our teaching staff as part of our strategic planning.

Looking forward to a wonderful term at Thornton Public School.

Nathan Collins

Deputy Principal

## Deputy Diaries

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## Early Stage One Report

Kindergarten are in for a fun filled term with lots of new learning opportunities! We have already continued learning new sounds and sight words in literacy and had a big focus on numbers in the first weeks of term. Living things is our Science focus this term. The teachers have organised a special learning experience for the students and we can not wait to share it with them!

It was very special on Friday to see lots of students getting involved in the fundraiser to support Sharmeen. There were lots of crazy hair styles, lots of ice blocks and some very yummy fun buns!

Last week teachers will have sent out Kindergarten's first lot of Homework on Seesaw. It has been lovely to see photos of students practising sight words and sounds at home! Keep up the good work Kindergarten!

Emma DiStefano

Assistant Principal - Early Stage One

## Stage One Report

Welcome back to Term 2.

This term has had a busy start with Stage One students working hard in the classroom and participating in some great events.

### Jump Rope for Heart

Week one saw the conclusion of the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising program. The event finished on a high with the 'Jump Off Day' held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Students enjoyed having the opportunity to display the skills they had developed throughout the event. They had the opportunity to jump with a partner, jump with the long rope in groups and as individuals, and show case their trick jumps.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who helped the students raise an amazing \$8036, which will go towards vital heart research and education programs. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising the fundraising event and to all the Stage One teachers who helped provide the students with the time and encouragement to skip.

### Anzac Day

Stage One teachers helped students learn about Anzac Day. Students listened to stories, made artworks and a couple of classes were even lucky enough to cook some delicious Anzac biscuits. Students participated in a K-2 Anzac service lead by the year 6 leaders. It was wonderful to see the students engage in the service in extremely respectful manner.

We are looking forward to more wonderful activities and learning opportunities throughout the term

Kelly Rutherford

Assistant Principal - Stage One

## KC

KC have had a wonderful start to Term 2. We have jumped right back into learning even more sounds and words. All students are working hard in the reading lessons and we are now writing sentences in our new writing books! In literacy groups this week students have been hanging words on our class clothesline and also doing a spot of fishing. We are so proud of how KC are learning to recognise and blend sounds together. Crazy hair day was a great day to talk about how we can help others while also having fun.

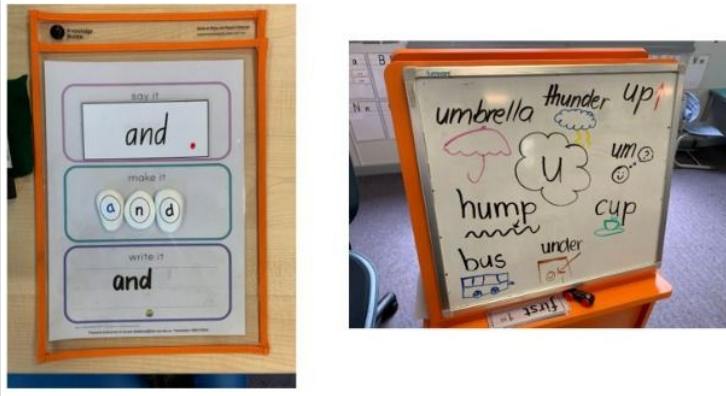


Lauren Cartwright & Stephanie Clark  
Class Teachers

# KD

KD have had a lovely start to term 2. We have been learning new sounds and sight words, reading and writing! Last week in writing we focused on putting finger spaces in our writing and this week we will focus on capital letters and full stops.

It has been great listening to some students present their News about a special female in their life. I am looking forward to hearing the rest of the class present their news this week!



Emma Di Stefano  
Classroom Teacher



Claire McMahon  
Class Teacher

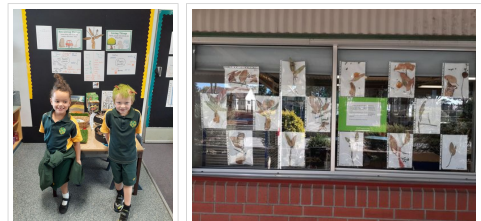
# KM

KM have had a fantastic start to Term 2, with everybody settling back in quickly and demonstrating their eagerness to learn. This term we have already been working very hard on our sounds and writing, with students showing great enthusiasm for learning how to read and write. This week saw Kindergarten hit day 50 of school and it has been amazing listening to them count which number we are up to every day. KM have been demonstrating Thornton Public's Lizzie 5 every day, and did a particularly wonderful job of showing their respect during their ANZAC ceremony, with each student making a poppy badge and showing their best sitting and listening skills. We are all excited for a productive and fun term!

# KR

In KR this term we are continuing to learn three sounds a week, practice counting and writing numbers from 0-20 and we have begun reading decodable text. KR are also focusing on how to write a sentence and what a good sentence needs. We are all very excited about our Science unit this term. We are learning about living and non-living things. KR can tell you what the basic needs of a plant, animal and human are. We have started to plant a seed and we are now giving that seed what it needs to survive. We are all very excited to see what happens with our seeds!

Lani Roberts  
Classroom Teachers



# KS

We have had an extremely productive start to KS in Term 2. Everyone has returned from their holidays very settled and eager to start their new learning. This week we have been



focusing on developing our emerging reading and writing skills and the students are enthusiastic about practising these learnt skills independently. KS students are excited to engage in our science unit that relates to living things. We have enjoyed making artworks that explore how animals and plants grow and change.



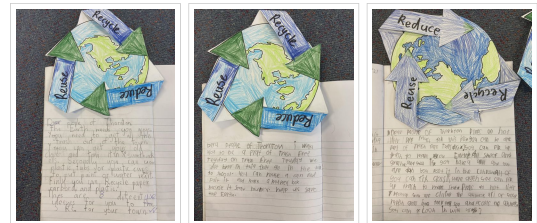
Naomi Schutt  
Class Teacher

## Classroom Teacher



## 1B

It had been a great start to term 2 for 1B. During week one students have been touching up on the schools the R's. respect, responsibility and resilience. Week 2 was recycling week and the start of trash free Tuesday. Students have been learning about ways to follow a new set of 3 R's. Reduce. Reuse and recycle. The class have completed various activities learning about ways to help our local environment. Way to go kids!



Bryce Medcalf-Pommer  
Class Teacher

## K/1J

### K/1 J Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 2. We have hit the ground running this term already. It was lovely to see all the student's smiling faces back and we have had an excellent record of ten days without absences. The students have been rewarded with Fairy bread Friday for their fantastic attendance record so far. Keep it up K/1J!!

K/1 J have been reading lots and all students have been progressing very well in their reading abilities. Mrs J is super proud of everyone's efforts. It must be from all that reading at home and independently in the classroom.

Writing is also developing. We have been writing as though we were ANZAC Ted and went off to war and how it must have been for the ANZACs on the front line. We are learning to plan ideas and then put ideas into sentences.

During maths we have been building and creating farms using blocks by reading and interpreting maps. We started this last term and have enjoyed continuing this when we can in some free time.

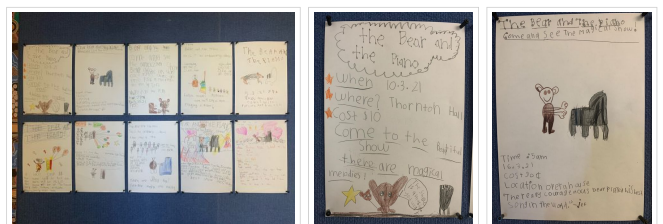
Well done K/1J, a great start to Term 2.

Mrs J 😊

Lenice Jaunalksnis  
Class Teacher

## 11

11 recently created some eye-catching posters based around the book 'Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. The students learned about poster layouts and using strong, persuasive language to convince TPS students to attend one of Bear's concerts. 11 followed the steps in the writing process by carefully planning, composing, editing and publishing their posters. They are very proud of their efforts to produce quality work and enjoy reading each others' posters on display in the classroom!



Miss Innes  
Class Teacher

## 1A

At the end of last term, as part of our science project, 1A made shelters to home our school mascot Lizzy. They had to keep Lizzy dry, warm and out of windy weather! Here are some of their clever designs.

Last week was the Jump Rope for Heart jump off. Here are some pictures of 1A jumping for joy!

Rosie Allport



# 1GWS

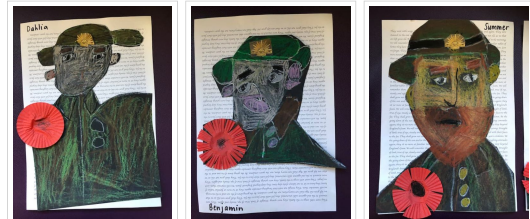
This term we have been learning to write creatively using more adjectives and descriptive language. We wrote about a bird caught in a storm from the book, "Tanglewood." This is some of our writing.



Warmest regards,  
Cathy Gordon & Jillian Wilson-Stevens  
Class Teachers

# 2B

2B students enjoyed learning about Anzac Day this week. The book we have been reading and discussing is 'Anzac Biscuits' by Phil Cummings. It's a great read that actually tells two stories! We wrote letters from the perspective of the characters, ate and learnt how to make Anzac biscuits and watched some BTN episodes to learn even more. I am so proud of the beautiful artworks 2B students have produced to remember and honour Australian and New Zealand soldiers.



Mrs Burgin & Miss Papas  
Class Teacher

# 1M

## 1M

1M were very busy designing and building a shelter for Lizzy the Lizard last term. They have also been learning how to collect data to create a graph. How cool is it that we can learn maths whilst using chocolate smarties (and getting to eat them when we're finished)?

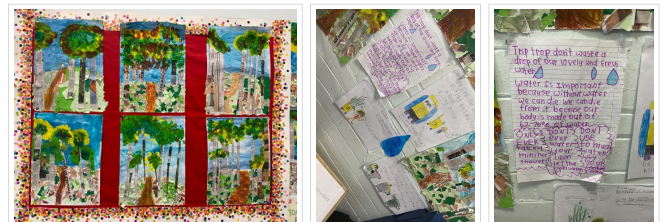


Rebekah Malone  
Class Teacher

# 2C

"Feeling greatly inspired after we read The Tomorrow Book by Jackie French, Team 2C put on their environmental hats and started to think about the future. We imagined what the future would look like and why it was important that we took steps to protect the environment. Our writing focus saw us compose persuasive posters to convince our family members to conserve water. We also discussed the importance of recycling correctly. In our independent writing station students composed some great posters based on their own thoughts and ideas. Our art lessons saw us combine different mediums of collage, oil pastels and different types of paint to represent walking into a 'clean future'. Check out some of their amazing pieces of work."

Alarna Chapman  
Class Teacher



# 2P

Week 3 of Term 2 already! The year is flying.

We have been super busy in 2P, firstly getting to know each other and establishing routines and then completing some truly awesome writing and math activities.

We have written about Blue Whales and how their tongue weighs the same as a car, giving The Bogtrotter some great things to do other than running and a magazine interview with Spalding Quibble.

In math, we really enjoyed collecting data about the traffic that goes past our school.

On ANZAC day, as a class, we made a delicious batch of biscuits.

2P is having a fantastic year and we can't wait to see what else is in store.

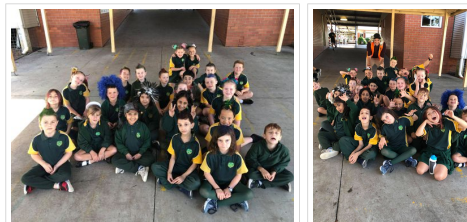


Blake Parker

Class Teacher

unique places such as the beach, forests, Greenhills, the moon and even a pit full of meat pies. The students used adjectives and descriptive language to add detail to their sentences. 2Z enjoyed learning about money and showed their skills to make different value amounts. We will be learning about living and non-living things in science throughout the term. 2Z loved to show their crazy side during Crazy Hair Day and showed great respect during the ANZAC ceremony. We are aiming to win the attendance trophy for a second time this term.

This is shaping up to be another great term in 2Z.



Zac Manning

Class Teacher

## Library News

Our school library is constantly updating and buying texts for the students to read and borrow. We recently bought some great information texts on dinosaurs and books that have been shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards this year.

Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

To help make reading enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they recommend to help get kids reading.

1. Make books part of your family life – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there is a chance.
2. Join your local library – Get your child a library card. books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. Match their interests – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. All reading is good – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. Get comfortable! – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
6. Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. Read whenever you get the chance – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. Read again and again – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. Bedtime stories – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable

## 2S

This term, we celebrated ANZAC Day. We attended an ANZAC service on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We read a book called ANZAC Biscuits and wrote a procedure on how to make them.

2S then did an amazing soldier artwork and worked really hard to blend colours and make an awesome sunset.



Brooke Shepherd

Class Teacher

## 2Z

Term 2 is already here and 2Z is back in action. Students wrote some creative stories about a character getting lost. Great imagination was shown as the characters got lost in



time with your child.

10. Rhyme and repetition – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.

Reference: <https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/top-10-tips-to-help-children-enjoy-reading.html>



## 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>

### Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



## Caught you being Good



### Caught You Being Good!

We are super excited at TPS to introduce our Caught You Being Good rewards. Teachers on duty hand out Caught You Being Good tickets when they see students being respectful, responsible and resilient in the playground.

The tickets go into letter boxes. There is a letter box for each stage- Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3. Each week, 3 tickets are drawn out from each letter box. The first person whose name is pulled out in the draw gets to spend time at lunch playing the Nintendo Switch with Mr Wylie!!

The first 4 students enjoyed time on Wednesday, showing Mr Wylie just how good their gaming skills are. With so many students Caught Being Good, Mr Wylie will be a gaming expert!



## MOTHERS DAY STALL

Mothers Day is on Sunday 9 May and to celebrate we will be holding our Mothers Day stall on Wednesday 5th May in the school hall.

We have some beautiful gifts available to purchase all at \$5 each. If your child is wishing to purchase a gift if you could also please supply a bag for them to take the gift home in.

Due to the quantity of gifts available students will be able to purchase maximum up to 2 gifts. Students will come down in classes throughout the day to purchase the gifts and we will have some gifts available in the office Thursday and Friday for purchase from any students who may be away on the Wednesday.



## SRC - Student Representative Council

An SRC is made up of one representative from each class in Years 3-6 and two representatives from each Year 2 class. These representatives will meet regularly to discuss issues and suggestions relating to the school; utilising student voice to continue to improve the school. Students successful in gaining one of these positions will be notified this week and a letter will be sent home notifying families. In the upcoming weeks there will be a special assembly for the SRC representatives to receive their badges. Parents of these students will be invited to attend this special ceremony.

## NAPLAN

[https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1431/naplan\\_online\\_information\\_brochure\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers\\_1\\_.pdf](https://thorntonps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1431/naplan_online_information_brochure_for_parents_and_carers_1_.pdf)

## Defence Parents Morning Tea

Mrs Fletcher our Defence School Mentor is hosting a coffee morning for our Defence parents this Thursday, May 6, at 10.30 am at the Kitchen at Waterford. Lots of room for the little ones to enjoy themselves as well. For further information please contact Mrs Fletcher on 0401352782.

## Fundraiser for Sharmeen

A huge thankyou to everyone in the community that participated in our numerous fundraisers for Sharmeen to support her family with costs in getting to America for her surgery. The generosity of Bonnie & Jake fromnBakers Delight Thornton in providing 100% of their profits from their delicious Fun Buns resulted in a donation of over \$2840 which is very much appreciated Thankyou so much Bakers Delights Thornton.

hankyou to our amazing Thornton Public School students who participated in Crazy Hair Day which was such a fun day we raised over \$1570 including sales of ice blocks.

Thankyou to all our community.



## Jump Rope for Heart



Thank you to ALL the students who got involved with Jump Rope for Heart!

A huge thank you for the effort skipping and fundraising for the Jump Rope for Heart program this term. Together we raised an incredible \$8036 and this money will all go towards vital heart research and education programs.

We've loved seeing so many smiling faces skipping on the playground and in sports lessons. Our students skipping skills have definitely improved along with their resilience. Our Jump Off Day was a huge success, you can see a few action photos from the day below.

Here's our school leaderboard, congratulations to our top fundraisers and skippers! Keep up the skipping and thanks again for the hard work!

Isla from 2B raised over \$550

Emmett from 2P raised over \$500

Indiana from 1GWS raised over \$450

Alex from 2C skipped for more than 8 hours

Charli from 1A skipped for more than 6 hours

Leo from 1I skipped for more than 4 and a half hours

Thank you to our Thornton community for getting behind and helping our students participate in Jump Rope for Heart and a Huge Thankyou to Mrs Chapman our wonderful Year 2 teacher for organising this fun and successful event.

## ANZAC Service 2021

On Friday the 23rd of April staff, students and families attended a special Anzac ceremony held in our schools Peace Garden. We were joined by guest speaker Corporal Phillip Hanley from RAAF Base Williamtown and Department officials.

Each class placed a wreath in memory of one of the WW2 Airman from Thornton who died in the war. Our teachers discussed the importance on Anzac Day in our classrooms and produced some beautiful artworks. Thank you Mrs Fletcher our Defence School Mentor and our school leaders for your organisation.

On Sunday 25 April Thornton PS school leaders and Mr Collins represented Thornton Public School at the Maitland Park Anzac Day service. It was a touching service commemorating past and current servicemen and women. Well done to our school leaders, you represented our school and veterans with pride and honour. Lest We Forget



## Port Stephens Netball Gala

On Tuesday, 30 Stage 3 students represented our school with pride at the Port Stephens Netball Gala day at Raymond Terrace. The girls, boys and mixed team all displayed a high level of sportsmanship, teamwork and excelled in their netball skills. The girls team made it to the A final and were placed 2nd over all for the carnival. The boys team made it to finals and had a close game where they lost by 1 goal. Miss Watson, Mrs Hanly and Mrs Thomas were all very proud of all students who attended.



## U12's Blues Rugby League 9's

Last Friday, Thornton Public School participated in the U12's Blues Rugby League 9's event at Kurri Kurri Sports Ground. We were undefeated in all 3 of our games we played! Our team played an entertaining style of footy throwing the ball around and scoring amazing tries. Congratulations on a great day and thank you to all the parents/carers that came to support and help out.



## Rugby League 9's Gala Day

Last Friday, Thornton took 12 boys to participate in a Rugby League 9's Gala Day at Cessnock Sportsground. We played 3 games and were undefeated all day! Our boys showed amazing teamwork all day and were determined to play an

exciting style of footy. Well done for representing our school with pride boys!



Jayden Eneliko  
Sports Coordinator  
Thornton Public School

## Upgrades in the Peace Garden

Over the school holidays we had some beautiful additions added to our Peace Garden. This area is a reflective quiet area for the students to enjoy. When you next visit the school be sure to have a walk past this area and you will see that is where the 100 year Pavers were placed under the flag pole area.



## Lowes Sale

**LOWES**

**2 DAY VIP EVENT – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
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**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS**

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## Message from the office

Voluntary Contributions – are set at \$30 per student or \$50 per family – Kinder to Yr 6

Classroom Consumables – are set at \$20 per student for students in Yr 1-6. Kinder students paid this fee with their Kinder pack.

Stewart House envelopes going home this week.





## STEWART HOUSE Donation Drive 2021

Please issue the attached envelopes to your families and ask them to donate \$2.00 for a chance to win a \$4,000 GIFT VOUCHER.

Completed empty envelopes (with legible name & contact phone number) must reach Stewart House by Friday 28th May 2021, in time for the draw at 12pm on this date. We will reconcile these to payments received via EDConnect. Unused envelopes may be appropriately recycled.

### Families & Supporters

- STEP 1...** Take home the envelope and fill in your name, address, telephone number and school.
- STEP 2...** Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope and seal it.
- STEP 3...** Return the envelope to your school / office.

Follow these 3 easy steps

### School & Office Staff

- STEP 1...** Please open envelopes, count and record all money returned to your school. **It is illegal to send cash through the mail** - many thanks for the extra work involved in this process.
- STEP 2...** Post empty envelopes (with completed details on the back) to Stewart House, PO Box 21, FRESHWATER, NSW 2096.

Follow these 4 easy steps

- STEP 3...** Make payment to Stewart House via either options (i) or (ii) below:
- (i) Complete a **Special Payment Request** on the DoE finance system and email this together on school letterhead advising that the payment request is for a donation to Stewart House from money raised by... **School Name - Donation Drive** (for example - *Harbord PS - DD*) to: EDConnect.accounts@schools.det.nsw.edu.au. The Stewart House vendor number is 100010992. (You cannot use the schools one time vendor account.)
- (ii) Payment via our website using your **School Pcard**. Please click the **Donate Now** button on the Stewart House homepage [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au). Type in the amount and follow the prompts. Please select "Donation Drive" in the additional information drop down at checkout.
- Please note, donations to Stewart House are **GST free**.
- STEP 4...** We will issue a receipt for the total school donation.

**NOTE: Supporters of Public Education are welcome to enter the draw.** If you work at a school, please submit your envelope as part of the general school donation drive entry. If you work in an office, please send your emptied envelopes and cheque for the total donation by post to Stewart House (PO Box 21, Freshwater, NSW, 2096) or make payment through the credit card portal on the Stewart House website [stewarthouse.org.au](http://stewarthouse.org.au).

#### Important Information

The winning entry for the \$4,000 gift voucher will be drawn on Friday 28th May 2021 at 12pm. The winner and the winner's school will be contacted by phone and email. Full terms and conditions for this competition are available on our website [stewarthouse.org.au](http://stewarthouse.org.au).



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If you would like to know more, or if you have any questions about the research, please email the University of Newcastle's research project manager (Tim Dean) at [Timothy.Dean@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Timothy.Dean@newcastle.edu.au)

## Thornton Playgroup

# PLAY STRONG THORNTON

THURSDAYS 10AM – 12PM  
TO REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST  
CONTACT US VIA EMAIL  
AT:

[ps.thornton@playgroupnsw.org.au](mailto:ps.thornton@playgroupnsw.org.au)

SHARE, LEARN,  
ENJOY

Enjoy arts and  
crafts, story time  
and fun activities.

CHILDREN  
BIRTH TO  
6 YEARS

Playgroups are a place where children (birth to 6) & parents and carers meet to have fun & learn through play. At playgroup you can discuss ideas & the joys, challenges & frustrations of parenting. Best of all playgroups are fun!



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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES



## 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](mailto:admin@mbcoosh.org.au)

## University of Newcastle Research

I am pleased to confirm that our school is participating in an exciting research project about professional development opportunities for casual relief teachers from our school. The research is being undertaken by the University of Newcastle.

A member of the research team will visit the school in the coming weeks to observe some of our casual teachers as they teach a normal lesson. The research will not focus on any of the students and will not involve collection of any student data.

## 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 \$15

Please note Kindergarten packs include a library bag

## 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	\$0.50
Vegetable 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

## Burgers & Wraps

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

## Friday Specials

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

Order and pay online  
Register at:  
[flexischools.com](http://flexischools.com)










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# Parking Regulations

## Parking Regulations

	Offence	Fine	Demerit Points	Comments
	Disobey no stopping sign (school zone)	\$344 >	2pts	Vehicles cannot stop here for any reason
	Disobey no parking sign (school zone)	\$191 >	2pts	Vehicles may stop for 2 minutes 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)
	Park vehicle longer than maximum period allowed	\$83		Vehicle cannot park longer than time period says regardless if they are in the vehicle or not
	Stop on/near pedestrian crossing/children's crossing (school zone)	\$457 >	2pts	Vehicles cannot stop here for any reason. Vehicle must be parked a minimum of 20mtrs before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing in a legal parking space
	Double park (school zone)	\$344 >	2pts	Vehicles that park to the right of an already parked vehicle
	Stop at/near bus stop	\$344 >	2pts	Vehicles must not park within 20 metres before the bus stop sign, and within 10 metres after the bus stop sign
	Stop within 10 metres of intersection without traffic lights (school zone)	\$457 >	2pts	Vehicles cannot stop within 10 metres of any intersection for any reason

# CANTEEN MENU

## Drinks

Juice Poppers	
Apple and Blackcurrant	\$2.00
Orange and Apple	\$2.00

## Sparkling Juices

Juice Bomb	\$2.50
Chill J	\$2.50

## Milks

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

## Water

Water	\$2.50
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## 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



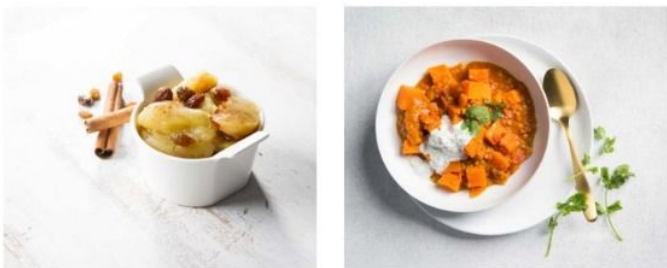
Our School Canteen Menu has been checked and approved by NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

# Healthy Lunchbox



## Nutrition Snippet

### AUTUMN FRUIT AND VEG.



#### It's the International Year of Fruit and Veg!

##### Why not celebrate by trying these seasonal recipes:

- [Stewed apples and sultanas](#)
- [Pumpkin and cheese pikelets](#)
- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Sweet potato and lentil curry](#)
- [Shepherd's pie](#)

For these recipes and more visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

## Good for Kids good for life

### GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR 'DISCOVER NSW' VOUCHERS!

Have you heard about the recent NSW Government "Dine and Discover NSW" initiative? Every adult in NSW is eligible to receive 2 x \$25 vouchers to spend on registered entertainment and recreation venues.

Why not consider using your vouchers to get active with your kids? Here are a few ideas:

- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Putt Putt/Mini Golf
- Ice Skating
- Lawn Bowls
- Trampoline Park
- Sport and Recreation Centre



To see a full list of registered businesses near you and to apply for your vouchers, head to the ServiceNSW website.

Get in quick – vouchers expire 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021!



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

## Good For Kids

## 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.

## Enrol now for Kindergarten 2022

# **ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR**



**Find out more information & collect an enrolment pack  
from the school office**

**Thornton Public School Ph: 4964 1369**

Information about a transition to school program will be shared soon!