Welcome to 2013
Welcome to 2013. With a full complement of students enabling us to form 21 classes, the school is organised and ready to go. The students have settled to their new teachers very well and old and new friendship groups are quickly becoming evident.

With the implementation of our new whole school reward system based on our PBL expectations, Respectful, Safe Responsible Learners, we are all working to make our great school even greater.

2013 promises to be a fantastic year. With parents, teachers and students working together, Thornton school will continue to uphold its strong reputation as a quality school that cares for its students.

Our 2013 Leaders are,

2013 Captains
Jesse Budden
Meg Cromarty

2013 Vice Captains
Clare Barry
Isaac Falcioni

2013 Prefects
Thomas Meldrum
Austin Howard
Cooper Daly
Seth Rees
Peri McBride
Mackenzie Grant
Jordan West
Jenny Slater

COMING EVENTS
Friday 8 February
School Photos

Monday 11 February
School Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 13 February
Canteen meeting 12:00pm

Friday 15 February
Athletics Coaching begins

Monday 18 February
Parent Teacher Information Evening
Kindergarten – 6:30
Years 1 & 2 – 5:30

Wednesday 20 February
Parent Teacher Information Evening
Year 3 & 4 – 5:30
Year 5 & 6 – 6:30

Monday 25 February
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 19 March
Athletics Carnival
All Staff on Deck and Classes
Ready to Go

With over 525 students, 21 classes have been formed.

**Principal**  John Millburn  [John.Millburn@det.nsw.edu.au]

**Deputy Principal**  Justin Lobsey  [Justin.Lobsey@det.nsw.edu.au]

KH  Kayla Hawkins
KM  Wendy Moss - Assistant Principal Kindergarten coordinator  [Wendy.Moss@det.nsw.edu]
KG  Gen Guinane
KS  Chris Soklaridis
1K  Kate Hughes
1G  Cathy Gordon
1H  Vickie Hooson - Assistant Principal Grade 1+2 Coordinator  [Vickie.Hooson@det.nsw.edu.au]
1A  Antonet Ziliotto/Yvonne Fletcher
1/2 C  Laura Clulow
2N  Andrew Newman
2WS  Jillian Wilson-Stevens/Helen McGovern
3P  Tania Pugh - Assistant Principal Grade 3+4 Coordinator  [Tania.Pugh@det.nsw.edu.au]
3J  Jenny Johnson
3B  Amy Burgin / Mark Wilson
4M  Michelle Murphie  Grade 4 Coordinator
4O  Anne Osborn
4/5S  Craig Spiteri - Grade 5 Coordinator  [Craig.Spiteri@det.nsw.edu.au]
5M  Sharon McAtamney
5/6 P  Peter Mulconry
6L  Lynn McGeachie
6A  Petra Armstrong - Assistant Principal Grade 6 Coordinator

**Learning and Support Teacher**  Liz Harrison, Ruth Colefax
**Reading Recovery**  – Sarah Cummings, Catherine Sutton
**Release form face to face**  - Sue Wright, Mark Wilson
**Librarian**  - Caroline Foster
**School Admin Manager**  - Maree Lazarus
**School Admin Officer**  - Lyn Jones, Bev Dunn
**General Assistant**  - Kevin Swalwell, Neil Manning

**Communication Is the Key**

Keeping in contact has never been easier. Parents may simply phone the school at any time during the day.
Alternatively, parents may email the Assistant Principal, Grade Coordinator, Deputy Principal or Principal.
Ensuring communication avenues are open and accessible is an important part of an effective school.
Voluntary Contributions and School Levy
The school will not be using text books this year. Information regarding the school levy and Voluntary Contributions will be sent home shortly.

Parent Teacher Evenings
All teachers will have the chance of meeting with the parents of the children in their class. At these sessions, general stage and class routines will be discussed and parents any ask general organisation questions.

**Monday 18 February**
Kindergarten - 6:30pm
Year 1 & 2 - 5:30pm

**Wednesday 20 February**
Year 3 & 4 – 5.30pm
Year 5 & 6 – 6.30pm

School Banking
School Banking day will be Fridays this year, commencing Week 3 (next week). Thank you to Janene Liddell and Kim Kircher for taking over the voluntary positions!
New information will be given out to each class and if your child is interested in school banking applications can be done online or via written application. If your child does not receive an Information Pack these are also available from the front office.
Rewards are given to children for every 10 tokens received (one token every time they bank). This is a great way for your child to save their money.

StarStruck Dance Auditions Year 5 & 6
Auditions will be held on Wednesday 13 February at lunch in the Hall. Interested students must bring music, choreographed dance (dance shoes, costumes etc welcome).
Only children who return the signed permission not will be able to audition.

No Hat No Play
A huge thank you is extended to the families who are so careful about sending their children to school with a hat. A very strong No Hat No Play policy is in place at Thornton School and is well understood by the students.

Black Shoes Look the Best
Those black shoes look fantastic across the school. Not only are they safe and smart, they are also easy to run in.

New Layout Newsletter
Our single page format will better suit the computer or smart phone. If any family cannot access the newsletter via email or website, there will be copies available at the office. If you need one given to your child due to work commitments, please contact the school.

Congratulations to our Sports Captains

**Bradman**
Captains
Callum Gabriel
Charli Papas

Vice Captains
Tennessey Jones
Adelaide Dufty

**Grey**
Captain
Lachlan Buffett
Maddison Masters

Vice Captain
Jye Geeson
Emily Watters

**Newcombe**
Captains
Mackye Gabriel
Temeka Clarence

Vice Captains
Cameron McBeath
Jasmine Gilewski

**Pannowitz**
Captains
Got Jye Fensham
Emma Preece

Vice Captains
Jye Taylor
Hayley Gardne
Great Sports at Thornton

Our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 11 February at Maitland Swimming Pool. All children in Years 3 – 6 are expected to attend. Any student turning 8 this year who can swim 50 metres in Year 2 is also able to attend. There will be novelty events for non-swimmers. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Day One!

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Our House Captains

Library News

Welcome back to the library for 2013. The students are now starting to borrow books again. Please remember that library bags are essential for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Students in these classes MUST have a library bag to borrow. It is also preferable that students in years 3 and 4 have a library bag. This helps keep our books in good condition and prevents loss in transit.

Thank you to all those students who returned their library books last year. There are still a few outstanding loans if you could do a last check around the house for any missing books. Those students who did not return all their books last year and have not paid for the loss will only be able to borrow one book at a time this year.

This year the whole school is participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students will have the opportunity to read and borrow specially marked ‘PRC’ books to read in class and at home. This is a great way to encourage reading of our students and to be rewarded for their efforts. Please see the letter sent home in regards to this Challenge for more information.

VOLUNTEERS (parent and community) are needed in the library. There are many different jobs to do and it is a great way to support the school and get to know other parents. Times to help are flexible. Please
drop into the library if you can help.
If anyone has any children's board games that they would like to donate to the library this would be greatly appreciated.
Don't forget to check the Library Blog. (www.thorntonps.edublogs.org) password thornton.
Here you will find examples of students work, library information and new and interesting snippets.

Munch n Eat News
Welcome back to all our existing families and also to our new families. Our canteen is open Monday to Friday from 8.35am until 2.10pm. This year we have seen some changes to our school day.
Lunch is now from 11am until 11.40 and Afternoon Tea is between 1.40pm until 2.15. All lunch orders need to be at the canteen by 9.20am to be processed in time for the lunch break. Afternoon tea orders of Pies, Sausage rolls, Cheese and Bacon rolls and hash browns can also be made in the morning.
We will not have unordered pies and sausage rolls for sale over the counter at Afternoon Tea, these have to be ordered. We will, however, have a limited number of hash browns and cheese and bacon rolls for sale over the counter at both lunch and afternoon tea. Ice blocks are now being sold at both breaks.
If anyone has any questions about our canteen please don't hesitate to come and see us.

Menu
A new price list went home earlier this week and the new prices are now in force. Please look at your new menu for the new pricing.
HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN NEXT WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY
Volunteers
We are really in need of some volunteers in the canteen mainly between 9am and 11am. This is when we are our busiest. Please consider coming in to help out for these couple of hours or you could come in for a full day. All help is greatly appreciated.
Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be held on Monday 11 February. As only the Infants children will be at school we will be having a special day for them with Ice cream with sprinkles and fairy bread. See the notice in front of the canteen for more details. If Infants parents or carers would like to come in just for that day to see how the canteen operates, please feel free. We would love to meet you.

Pancake Day (Tuesday 12 February)
Next Tuesday is Pancake Day. We will be selling pancakes at our afternoon tea break. They will be 30c each with a choice of maple syrup, butter or plain. There will be a limit of 3 pancakes per child. They can also be ordered. If anyone can help serve between 1.40 and 2.10pm please let us know.

The roster for next week is as follows:
Monday 11.2 – Leanne, F, SWIMMING CARNIVAL DAY, Infants Parents/Helpers Needed
Tuesday 12.2 – Felicity, PANCAKE DAY (Afternoon tea) HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 13.2 – NO VOLUNTEERS HELP NEEDED – Canteen Meeting
Thursday 14.2 – Janene L (9-11), Lisa K
Friday 15.2 – Ann D, Deanne S, Jodie B
Thank you
Cheryl and Paula

P & C News
WELCOME TO & BACK!!!
A huge welcome to all of the new families of TPS - we hope your first week has been a heap of fun, lived up to your expectations and not been too traumatic (especially for the new kindy parents). It's certainly great to see the old & new faces all smiling together!
You have certainly joined us for a busy busy year! 2013 is SPRING FAIR year!!! But more info will come out about that as we move on through this term. Add to that our other events and raffles etc and you will see that we really are a close knit community here at TPS.
JUMPING STRAIGHT BACK IN
Thanks to Alyssa for re-opening the Uniform Shop on Monday.
Due to the swimming carnival being on this Monday (11/02/13) the uniform shop will be opened on WEDNESDAY (13/02/13) just for next week.
Cheryl & Paula have also been doing a fabulous job in the canteen getting all our munchkins fed and used to the new break times. Full tummies = happy brains, so it really is important that we get behind these changes. Remember that you can always make an order for hot foods for the 'afternoon tea' break.

First P&C Meeting of 2013 is Monday 25/02/13 7pm in the SPR. You are all more than welcome to attend and see what happens in TPS after hours!!!
We are in the process of organising a calendar that will have all the dates of meetings & functions on it so we can keep you all well informed of what's doing around the traps.

Due to major technical issues in my street with computers my blurb is only a quick one - I can hear the collective sigh of relief!!!! But I promise to make up for it next week! lol

Have a fantabulous week
Sharonne  ;-)