Working Together Makes the Difference

Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for the coming weeks. Being able to talk about your child’s progress in literacy, numeracy, social relationships and general work habits is a powerful way of monitoring and supporting your child’s learning. Discussing what your child can do well and where your child may need to improve sets the scene for a successful year. It is also interesting for parents to get a bird’s eye view of their child’s social interaction style. Getting a feel for their social skills and work habits really paints the whole picture of your child.

This year, each child has set an academic goal, such as “To improve my ability in addition and subtraction” and a social goal such as “To develop more friends and make the dance group”. The intention is for students to take responsibility for their learning, to reflect on their learning and for the goals to be reported on through the year.

Research suggests that effective communication between a parent and teacher can make a big difference to a child’s learning. Students taking responsibility for their learning is also a powerful force in developing citizens for the 21st century.

If parents have not booked a meeting yet please make contact with your teacher.

Working together really does make the difference.

Photo of the Week
**Banging On**
The school is banging on about road safety! Reports of unsafe student behaviour on the local roads are still being made. Crossing Taylor Avenue away from the crossing, riding scooters on the side of the road and crossing the road at the intersection Government Road and Taylor Avenue are highly dangerous activities.

Parents are asked to please ensure their child uses the crossings, use their bikes and scooters safely and always listen to adults directions.

Banging on about road safety is always an important topic.

**More Wonderful Leaders**
Our wonderful EQUIP Leaders have already begun their duties in the school.
They will be officially inducted and presented with their badges at the Monday April 8 Assembly.
All parents are invited to attend and assist with the induction process.

**Rear Access**
Parents are not to use the rear access for student pick up or drop off. It is only for students attending OOSH and other after school activities.

**School Photos**
Order forms are at the school office for parents to order Prefect, House Captains and Whole School photos. Orders need to be finalised by Friday 5 April. Photos are $15.00 each.

**ANZAC Day**
All students are warmly invited, on a chilly morning, to attend the 2013 ANZAC service at Beresfield War Memorial corner of Anderson Drive an Allandale Street Beresfield.

Students are to wear full school uniform, but please dress warmly if needed, and meet at the War Memorial a 5:20 am on Thursday April 25.

The dawn service is very special.
It would be great to have a large contingent of Thornton students attend.

**THANK YOU**
Thornton school was indeed lucky to have received thousands of Coles and Woolworths tokens in 2012.
The Woolworths Tokens were used to purchase library books and literacy resources.
The Coles Tokens were used to purchase sports equipment such as balls, T Ball sets, markers and nets.
A huge thank you is extended to all families for your support.

**Good Luck Runners**
A huge thank you to Miss Hawkins for her work in organising and running the cross country last Friday. Great job! Thank you also to the many parents who assisted on the day. We can’t do it without you.

Thornton will be sending a team of runners to the Zone Cross Country next Thursday.
Run well kids and we look forward to hearing how you go.
Munch n Eat News

The roster for next week is as follows:
Monday  1.4 – EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday  2.4 – Tanya H
Wednesday 3.4 – Elaine D, Meredith F
Thursday 4.4 – Kerrie B, Tanya S
Friday  5.4 – Deanne S, Jodie B

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week
Cheryl and Paula

P & C News

P&C AGM News
Thanks everyone for your support in re-instating us as your P&C Executive for 2013. We sincerely appreciate the trust and responsibility that comes with our election and look forward to another awesome year!!!
Thank you to Jodie who has been invaluable as Vice President and Canteen Treasurer during 2012 but has now resigned her position – but don’t panic – that girl knows how to run a weekend Sydney shopping trip and is already planning an awesome weekend away for us all!
Welcome to Alison Titmuss who is our new Canteen Treasurer – we hope you enjoy your time as part of the crew!

Easter Raffle Prizes
We appreciate all of your generous donations for this year’s Easter raffle – with 20 prizes that shows the level of support that we enjoy – so thank you.

Sydney Shopping Trip
Remember to watch this space for details!!!

Have a safe and fun Easter Weekend – I hope the weather holds out for all of you campers!!!

Take care
Sharonne

We Really Appreciate Lex

Lex James has very generously donated a huge amount of his time to paint Positive Behaviour for Learning signs for our school.
He is also giving the library entrance a makeover.
We are so lucky to have the James family in our school community.
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Community News

The simplest way to encourage children to eat vegies

Here's our Top 10 tips:

1. **Children copy you.** Eat healthily and they are more likely to too.
2. **It takes 10 – 20 tastes.** New takes time, so keep trying!
3. **Start sweet.** Pumpkin, carrot, capsicum and snow peas.
4. **New with old.** Introduce veg with a meal they already love.
5. **Let kids choose.** Ask them to pick a new veg to try.
6. **Start raw.** Some children prefer it to cooked.
7. **Help other parents.** If a tip has worked tell your friends.
8. **Encourage self-service.** Put a bowl of veg or salad out with the meal.
9. **Grate veg additions.** Add into favourites like bolognaise.
10. **A handful of spinach.** Throw leaves into favourite dishes.

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