From the Principal

Hi Parents,

As the school year is nearing its end, I have enclosed in this newsletter two calendar pages for your family’s information. Please take the time to have a read and familiarise yourself with the school’s upcoming events.

I am sure your children have been telling you about the progress on Clarke’s Bridge (on Thornton School Road). Work is close to completion with the site manager telling us we should expect the opening by the end of November. We are obviously very excited about this and the students have appeared in the local papers in the past weeks sharing their views. If you did not get to see these articles, we have them on display on the pin board opposite the office. I believe a local community group are looking at celebrating the opening of the bridge, so please keep an ear out for any local details.

Students have been very busy this week with assessment for our teachers to start collating results for report cards.

Thank you for assisting your child by ensuring they have had a healthy breakfast before coming to school.

Next week will be the last P&C meeting for the year where we will be discussing the arrangements for the end of year Christmas concert and presentation night. Please come along next Tuesday at 7pm to contribute to this discussion.

2015 student leader elections will be held in week 9 of this term (week after camp). If your child is in grade 5 this year, they are eligible to prepare a short speech which they will deliver to the students and staff at the school, explaining why they would make a great school leader for Thornton SS in 2015. I will be asking the students if they wish to deliver a speech in the coming days, so please help them prepare at home if they are wishing to do so.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our small school swimming carnival is next Friday 21st November. We usually have great parent support on this day and are looking forward to a fantastic day of competition with Kentville and Grandchester schools. We hope to see you there.
OTHER NEWS:

CAMP (24-26 NOVEMBER)

Monday 24th November we are heading off to camp to Lake Moogerah. Enclosed for those families who are attending camp is a checklist of what the students need to bring and some general information.

If your child is not attending camp, there will be no school on those days.

“GET READY” USB BAND

Also enclosed in this newsletter is a ‘Get Ready’ USB wristband for each family. The purpose of this band is explained in the letter attached from David Crisafulli MP Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience. The purpose is to scan and save your important family documents onto this USB, so in the event of a disaster, your family can grab this USB and know you have all your important documents, photos and information saved in something that can be slapped onto your wrist for you to evacuate.

If any of our families wish to use the school facilities to scan such documents, photos, etc., the staff at Thornton would be happy to help.

OKTOBERFEST

On Thursday 16th October Sydney Jones went to Oktoberfest with the Lockyer Cluster for a German excursion. She said that the German culture was everywhere. There were rides, games and stands with hats, gingerbread and German foods. Sydney said that she enjoyed Oktoberfest and recommends it to everyone. Sydney said she would love to go there again.
LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder to everyone that there will be no more borrowing after 20 November as a stocktake needs to be done, so please ensure that all library books are returned by this date.

Thank you to all the students for respecting the books so other people can enjoy them as well. What a wonderful group of readers we have at Thornton!

CHAPPY CORNER

I am really enjoying being in the classrooms, seeing how the children are so focused and driven in their learning. There is such a beautiful atmosphere here at Thornton.

The Robot/Alien pillows and cross stitch bookmarks are looking very nice! We have some very creative students in our midst.

I am also available to have a chat to parents at any time. Please feel free to come up and make yourself known to me – I would love that!

And here are more points on the thing that we all love so dearly – SLEEP:

When your child won’t stay in bed

Limit the number of times they can come out of the bedroom (one or two times works well).

Reward them for complying with the rules (eg a stamp or sticker in the morning).

If they keep coming out, take them back to their room with minimal fuss or arguments.

Have an enjoyable and rested weekend,
Chappy Christina J
School Awards: Weeks 4 and 5

Junior:

Student of the Week: Penny Taber (4) Connor Tydd (5)

English: Haylee Harris (4)

Reading: Charlotte Moss (5)

Drama: Penny Taber (4)

Maths: Paxton Woodward (4) Connor Tydd (5)

Geography/SESE: Charlotte Moss (4)

Swimming: River Hodgetts, Freddy Moss, Jennifer Beezley, Joanah Millard, Penny Taber, Connor Tydd (5)

Perseverance: Chad Pollock (5)

Senior:

Student of the Week: Noah Emmerson (4) Georgia Skelton (5)

Maths: Archer Moss (4) Ashley Taber (5)

P.E.: Layla Millard (5)

Music: Georgia Skelton (5)

Drama: Noah Emmerson (4)

Geography: Hannah Kerle (4)

Citizenship: Ben Hodges (5)

Literacy: Ashley Taber (4) Hannah Kerle (5)