Dear Parents,

This week has been very busy with lots and lots of testing. Your children would have been very tired, so thank you for ensuring they had early nights and good breakfasts to give them the best possible chance.

Shortly you will receive a letter informing you of your child’s current academic ability. Parent teacher interviews will be offered in Week 4 and 5 for you to discuss your child’s education at Thornton SS. If you wish to see one of the teachers earlier than this, please contact the school to make those arrangements.

Next Tuesday 10 February at 6:30pm is our first P&C meeting for the year. This is the opportunity for you to put your hand up and volunteer for a position on the executive, or at the very least come along to keep in touch with what’s happening at school for your children. As the outgoing executive contained two families that are no longer at Thornton, we do have some gaps, and as always, every position will be made vacant allowing for anyone to nominate, which would then go to a vote. So please consider coming along. We are ALL time poor, but many hands make light work. I will be cooking up a sausage sizzle for the first meeting, so make sure you come along for that (free of charge). Drinks will be available for purchase at $2 a can or bottle of water. Remember that without the great work of our P&C ALL of our children miss out!!! Our P&C supplement camp, pay for excursions and bus travel, purchase books and school equipment if requested by the school, pay for fuel for our groundscare, end of year break up day, end of year present for EVERY student and anything more as required. They also raised the full funds to light our awesome tennis court, which I know some of you make very good use of. Please consider coming along and participating in your child’s schooling.

*****FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE from 5:45pm ******
AGM at 6:30pm followed by a short General Meeting.

On the table below is an estimate of how much your baby or child should be sleeping, but remember that all kids are different, and some may need a little more or less than others.

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LIBRARY
The first edition of book club was sent home last week, please return any orders by Wednesday 11 February. Please note that the Senior Class borrowing day is on a Monday and the Junior Class borrowing day is on a Thursday.
**NO SMOKING WITHIN 5 METRES OF OUR SCHOOL**

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

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“Have you ever considered being a foster carer? Foundations Care are a foster and kinship carer support agency who can answer questions you may have regarding being a foster carer. Foundations offer training, support and can help you, help others. Please give us a call today on 3810 4888 for more information. Because at Foundations Care, we give but never give up”.

As mentioned above, Foundations Care are a support agency for foster and kinship carers and we are trying to get the word out into the community, as unfortunately there is a large need for carers. Please let me know if you are able to run the excerpt in your newsletter, and also if we can place up some posters and/or brochures in your office.

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Kind Regards,