From the Principal

Hi Parents,

Our term is moving along quickly, with some exciting things happening. Our student leaders are up in Toowoomba today at a leadership conference. I am sure they will return filled with great strategies on how to affect change in the school. The leaders have, so far, done a great job within our school by starting and running a chess competition in the school. Almost every student in the school wanted to participate and were put into a draw that was designed and managed by our leaders. Well done to all those who competed and congratulations to Damien Jones for being the overall winner of the first chess competition at Thornton SS.

I am excited to see what other ventures our student leaders put into place in our school. Well done guys!

TUCKSHOP

The next new thing is the reintroduction of TUCKSHOP. Thanks to the support of our P&C and some helpful mums, tuckshop will be offered each fortnight on a Friday, starting next Friday. Earlier this week, your child brought a note home explaining the process and when to return the order forms. Please make sure you get your child’s tuckshop order in on time to ensure no one misses out and is disappointed.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Attached to the newsletter is a Parent Teacher Interview form. The purpose for the Parent Teacher Interview at the beginning of the year is to meet your child’s teacher, speak with them about where your child is starting the year academically and socially and to set goals that you would realistically like to see your child achieve throughout 2015. If you would like an interview with your child’s teacher, please ensure you return this form.
OTHER NEWS:

OUR NEW P&C COMMITTEE
At last week’s P&C AGM and general meeting, our new executive were elected. The new executive committee is as follows:

President: Kerri Tydd
Vice President: Natarsha Pollock (Boyes)
Treasurer: Keri Kelly
Secretary: Kody Millard
Uniform convenor: Cheree Emmerson

Thank you to the new executive committee for putting your hand up to ensure that our successful P&C continues. Our meeting was very well supported last week with 10 out of our 18 families being represented. It would be great to see a representative from EACH family within the school at our next meeting, Tuesday 10th March at 7pm.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE—SCHOOL CAMP
(CAMP CURRIMUNDI, MON 7 DECEMBER-WED 9 DECEMBER)
The first of our fundraisers has started with families asked to order boxes of chocolates to support camp costs. The great part about this fundraiser is that ALL money raised by you from the sale of chocolates goes towards your child’s camp costs. Hopefully you will be able to reduce the cost of your child’s camp. Please ensure that if you are wishing to fundraise for this, that you return the fundraising form indicating the chocolates you wish to purchase.

Camp for this year has been discussed with the P&C and booked for Term 4 Week 10.

We will be taking all of our students from Prep to grade 6 to Camp Currimundi near Caloundra.

Students will be receiving information in the coming weeks regarding costs and payment plans.

It is anticipated that the cost will be approximately $200 per student (plus the bus). The final costing will be available soon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos are fast approaching and we have attached the order forms for you to fill out and return to the office prior to the 12 March. An order form needs to be filled out for each child. Those families who have siblings will also see that they have the option to purchase the sibling pack as well. On photo day you will need to ensure that your child is in full school uniform. If you have any queries regarding school photos, please contact the office.

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 10 March, 7:00pm
ALL WELCOME
OTHER NEWS CONT.:

MOTHERS DAY
Thank you to the families you have returned the mother’s day permission slip. If you have not yet returned this slip, your child will miss out on being able to purchase what they want for our great mums, so we need to get in as early as we can.

PERSONAL DETAILS FORM
Some families have still not returned the student personal details form. This is vitally important to ensure our contact and medical details are up to date in case of an emergency. Please return them as soon as possible and thank you to the families who have already returned them.

P-3 CLASSROOM NEWS
Can you believe it’s almost the end of week 4! Congratulations to the year 3 students for the mature way in which they have handled moving between the two classrooms. Congratulations also to the preps for embracing and displaying Thornton’s values - kindness, consideration, helpfulness and respect.

This week we unveiled our new reading corner and began buddy reading. The idea behind buddy reading is that of repeated reading. Repeated reading is where students read the same book several times to different members of their group. This is important for the development of fluency and self-confidence when reading, as well as good listening behaviours.

BOOKFAIR
Bookfair will be held in on our library from the 9th March to the 19th March. The children will have the opportunity to complete a wishlist on the 9th and 10th. Purchases can commence from Wednesday 11th. I will be available from 8am until 8:20am then 2:30pm-4:00pm on Wednesday to Friday.

We would like to invite all community members to come for a look and support our school library. All purchases go towards a commission for our school to purchase resources for the library. Novelty pens, rubbers, etc will also be available from as low as $1.00 each. With Easter just around the corner this could be a great opportunity to purchase a gift. We encourage our students to read each day!!! We look forward to this event and would welcome you all to our library.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland
School Awards: Weeks 1, 2 & 3

Junior:

Student of the Week: Shaniah Boyes (2) Joanah Millard (3)
English: Rick Pollock (3)
Maths: Jack Moss (3)
Art: Spence Marshall (3)
Science: Paxton Woodward (3)
PE: Ryan Finden (1) Rick Pollock (2) Shaniah Boyes (3)
Music: Chad Pollock (1) Simone Tydd (2) Ryan Finden (3)

Senior:

Student of the Week: Jamal Selimich (2) Boe Millard (3)
Music: Tyler Harris (1) Layla Millard (2)
PE: Shannan Marshall (1) Charlotte Moss (2)
Civics & Citizenship: Damien Jones (2) Lachlan Litfin (2) Shannan Marshall (3)
History: Jamal Selimich (2) Noah Emmerson (3)
Art: Shannan Marshall (2) Layla Millard (3)
Literacy: Noah Emmerson (3) Jett Emmerson (3)