From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of what has been a really busy term, mums and dads!

**BALL GAMES**

Last week saw an incredibly successful Ball Games carnival for our small schools. Thank you to the small band of helpers that rallied from within to ensure our tuckshop ran without a hitch and that all our guests had a variety of food to eat.

Thornton SS was triumphant on the day, taking out the total points (aggregate) shield which was newly renamed in honour of Margaret Emmerson.

Mrs Emmerson was a teacher aide at the school for over 35 and a half years. This shield replaced the Rosemary Dennien shield which was retired as it was filled. Rosemary was also a long serving teacher aide in our school. Both women offered their love and kind service for so many years to generations of Thornton families. Naming the shield in their honour was the least we could do to say thank you. It was lovely to have Mrs Emmerson join us on the day to present the shield to our school leaders, Noah, Archer and Layla.

Thornton also took out the average points shield which was presented on behalf of our P&C by our current president Kerri Tydd.

Well done Thornton students!!!

**FIRE EDUCATION VISIT**

This Friday we have our local fire fighters visiting at around noon. Our students will hear some safety information and hints to prevent fires in our homes and at school.

The students will also get to have a look over the fire truck and maybe even get to spray some water from the hose!

Ask your children what they learned and check to see if your home fire drill is up to date.....do you have a plan?
UNDER 8’s DAY, SPEED SOCCER/NETBALL CARNIVAL

Your children will be finalising their third term of school with our annual ‘Under 8’s Day’ or ‘Speed soccer / netball carnival’ held at Laidley. Notes will go home shortly asking for your permission. Students will have the great opportunity to interact with students from other schools while having fun. Whether it be face painting and other fun activities for our younger students, or a fun day of Sport for our older students. Please keep an eye out for that note.

NEXT TERM CHANGES

Next term I will be on leave for weeks one to four. Mrs Edwards will be stepping into my shoes as Acting Principal. Mrs O’Sullivan will be in some extra days to cover the teaching in the senior class, with Mrs Kelli Ploetz coming in on Thursdays and Fridays on the senior class while Mrs O is teaching the junior class.

I trust that everything will continue on the smooth course it is on, but should there be any queries or concerns during my absence, please direct them to Mrs Edwards.

SCHOOL NUMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Next years student numbers are looking very close to us losing our second teacher. In this newsletter you will find a prep prep day information sheet and the school flyer which outlines what is great about our school and why Thornton is a wonderful place to educate your children.

Please feel free to share this with family and friends and the wider community. It would be a terrible shame if we cannot offer the same support next year as we offer your children now, but that is the harsh reality of such low student numbers.

Please inform friends that after school care pick up from a centre in Laidley can be arranged and I am looking forward to receiving some inquiry’s regrading enrolment for next year.

FACEBOOK PAGE

The school has newly developed a Facebook page. Please look for us and ‘like’ so you can keep informed through this medium. Please be patient as this page is being developed.

TUCKSHOP

Just a reminder that tuck shop is next week and orders will need to be in by Wednesday morning. Please remember to place your order in a brown paper bag, along with the correct money.

Thank you.

Have a great fortnight,
Erika
NEWS FROM MRS O

Dear Parents,

Only two weeks until the end of term! Students are all working very hard to complete their assessment for Geography, Language and Art Media.

The last day of term at school will be Thursday, 17th September as the Under 8’s and Soccer are in Laidley on Friday 18th September.

The Senior class will be holding their Poetry Slam on Thursday 17th September at 1.30 pm and this will be followed with a small end of term party.

There will also be a free dress day for the whole school on Thursday 17th September and a gold coin donation would be appreciated if your child is wearing free dress. The gold coin donation will go to a charity to support people living in poverty in Africa. (The students have been studying poverty in their Geography and also the importance of a healthy diet in Science and Health).

Thank you for your support this term.

Sandy O’Sullivan

P-3 CLASSROOM NEWS

WOW!!! This term is whizzing by. Since last newsletter, we have hosted the small schools ball games carnival. We showed off our practised catching and throwing skills and ended up taking out both the aggregate and average shields. Go Thornton!!

Our vegie and herb gardens are growing nicely and we are hoping to harvest before the holidays. The students have been doing a fantastic job in keeping them well watered.

Mrs Edwards & Mrs Emmerson
NEWS CONT.:

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Woolworths Earn and Learn program finalises on 8th September. Our collection box at Plainland will be removed this week. Please continue to send any stickers to the school to be counted and sent away.
Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library
This week the senior students were able to learn yet more about non-fiction. All students are displaying such confidence in our new library set up.

Our junior students are continuing to learn about parts of books and types of books. This week we discovered a new book from an author, Nick Bland. The students were able to tell me other book titles from the author. Clever.

Book Club
No more book club for this term. Thank you for supporting our school library with your purchases.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 13 October 2.45pm—Straight after school!
Please feel welcome to stay after school to attend this afternoon meeting.
OFFICE NEWS
You can now pay your bills by Bpoint. Access via ANY computer or smart phone. This allows you to make payments from a MasterCard or VISA.

Thank you
Lisa Crack, Admin Officer

PARENTING CORNER

TIMELESS NANA TIPS
According to Michael Grose

Do what’s right, not what is easy.
This tip has almost religious overtones but it is very apt for today. Basically, this tip was about considering others when making choices, which can come at times at the expense of a child or a young person’s needs. In the current age of individual entitlement I see many young people making decisions that suit themselves at the expense of their friends and family. One example of this is when a young person accepts an invitation to go to a friend’s house yet overlooks this when a better offer or invitation comes along. The right thing is to ignore the better offer but of course, that is not always easy to do.

Get a good night sleep and things will be right in the morning.
This tried and true idea is a great success and mental health strategy. It’s ideal as many children and teenagers stew over their problems, working themselves into a lather rather than simply letting go. Accessing devices into the wee hours and never being able to “switch off” only exacerbates the issue. Also we currently live in a sleep deprived nation and overlook the benefits of sleep. With the high number of children currently experiencing anxiety and depression one great place to start is – a good night’s sleep.

If at first you don’t succeed, try and try again.
This message of persistence is as valuable now as five or even ten decades ago. In an era of instant gratification the ability to push through a learning dip is important whether you’re learning a musical instrument, a foreign language or trying to come to grips with a new teacher.

The world is at times unrecognisable from the days when my nana would make these saga suggestions, but these tips are timeless in their simplicity and relevant for kids today.
NOTICES:

BOOK NOW

Trivia Night

SATURDAY 12th September
Mulgowne Hall, Mulgowne  6:00pm for 7:30pm start

10 people per table
$50 / table / pre-paid  or  $75 / table / at the door

‘Quirky Black Tie’ Theme  Prizes for best dressed person and best dressed table

BYO Drinks  Fruit, cheese and cracker and hot finger food platters available

Pre orders only  $40 per platter

Bookings phone Thornton State School  5466 9141

BUS QUEENSLAND is part of this event to raise funds for children with cancer.

SCHOOL COLLECTION DATES
School buses will have collection tins on board on the following dates:
Wed, 16 Sept
Thurs, 17 Sept
Fri, 18 Sept (drivers dress as Pirates)

Talk Like a Pirate Day is part of this event to raise funds for children with cancer.

To make things a little more exciting we have OFFICIALLY CHALLENGED 12 other bus companies to raise more money than we do.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO WIN!

Team J and J fundraising for Leukaemia Foundation

Children’s Fancy Dress and High Tea

Fairways Tavern and Golf Club (play area) Hatton Vale

will be under cover

Monday 21st September, 2015 10 am—12.30 pm

Group of 10 $12.50 or $14.50 per child

please pre-book your ticket by 17th September

Age group from 5—10 years to be accompanied by adult

Please phone Kate 54656544 / Gayle 54656685

Prize for best costume and best dancer

Lots of fun with cake decorating, putt putt egg and spoon race, balloon animals

Bring a Story book to swap

Decorate a cake to take home for $1.00

Count shells and stones for a $1.00
School Awards:  Week 6

No awards week 7 due to Ball Games Carnival

**JUNIOR:**

Student of the Week: Spence Marshall
English: Paxton Woodward
Maths: Jennifer Beezley
Health: Joanah Millard
Geography: Paxton Woodward
Reading: Shaniah Boyes, Phoebe Millard

**SENIOR:**

Student of the Week: Lachlan Litfin
Music: Ashley Taber
Geography: Jamal Selimich, Archer Moss
Literacy/Poetry: Boe Millard
Art/Media: Archer Moss
PE: Noah Emmerson
Library: Boe Millard