Dear Parents

Welcome to term 4!

Just a reminder that teaching the senior class whilst Miss Hassett is on leave will be Mrs Sandy O’Sullivan (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Kelli Ploetz (Thursday & Friday) and I will be Acting Principal with Mrs O’Sullivan teaching the junior class on Thursdays & Fridays.

Calendar

On the back page of this newsletter you will find the term overview for your information. We have lots happening this term, so please keep this calendar handy and keep an eye out for information, permission slips and payment advices close to the dates of the events. A reminder that all monies owed to the school will need to be paid up to date in order for your child to participate in camp this year. If you still have outstanding fees for bookpacks, etc, please be sure to contact Lisa in the office to arrange those payments as soon as possible.

Swimming

Swimming begins next Wednesday 14th October and finishes Wednesday 18th November. We will be leaving the school at 8:30am sharp so please ensure that your child is at school on time. Students are permitted to wear swimmers to school but they must wear school uniform over the top. Please ensure your child brings the following to swimming: sun-safe swimming shirt, towel, cap, goggles (if needed), and clean underwear.

Speed Soccer/Netball & U8’s Day

A note went home on Tuesday regarding the speed soccer/netball carnival taking place tomorrow. This note only needs to be returned if there are any changes to the original permission note. Mrs Ploetz, Mrs Emmerson, and I will be attending this carnival.

Mrs O’Sullivan and Mrs Sutherland will be staying at school and have organised a fun day in lieu of the U8’s day. There will be a canteen available on the day and it will be operating near the grandstand.
**Grandparents Day**

Grandparents are extremely important members of any family and Thornton SS likes to celebrate them and all that have done and continue to do for us and our community. This year Grandparents Day will be held on Friday 23rd October. A note will be sent home next week with all of the details.

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop will be running again this term and the menu is included with this newsletter. Please remember to write your child’s name and order on a paper bag and send it to school with the correct money by the due date. A big thank you to the parents who help provide tuckshop for students and a reminder that if you have some spare time you are welcome to come and assist.

Cheers,
Katrina

**P-3 CLASSROOM NEWS**

It was fantastic to come back to school and see that our vegetables had continued grow thanks to the rain during the holidays. We were able to harvest our six beautiful big Cos Lettuces and are hoping that our tomatoes are not too far away. The students will be learning how to make two different types of salads using our fresh vegetables as they continue to build their knowledge of healthy eating and cooking. As part of our Health unit we are looking at how important exercise is for our bodies and have begun Cosmic Yoga. Every morning the class completes 15 minutes of yoga designed especially for children and so far we love it! This program is available on YouTube for free just google Cosmic Yoga.

We fly off into outer space for Science where will be exploring the solar system and planets whilst in English we continue with our Reading and Spelling groups and exploring Poetry.
Dear Parents

Welcome back to our last term of school. Our free dress day last term was a huge success and we raised $86 to go to CARE gifts! Included is a copy of the thankyou letter and gift cards from CARE. Our Poetry Slam was also a success with students excelling in their presentations.

Ms Hassett is on leave for the first 4 weeks of this term therefore, I will be teaching the senior students on Monday and Tuesday and the Junior students on Thursday and Friday for the duration of this time.

The seniors will have their usual Monday lessons. In Science we will be learning about the structural features of living things and how they adapt to different environments.

On Tuesday we will commence a language unit on how authors use structure, purpose and topic of text. We will study a variety of authors and their work from ancient times to now. The students will write their own book using digital media as an assessment for this unit.

In Geography this term we will be studying the differences in the demographic, economic and social characteristics of South America and North America with emphasis on their location and their main characteristics including natural vegetation and native animals.

In the Arts this term we will be studying Drama including sets, costumes character, mood and dramatic action. In drama we will be practising our play every week…….a twist once again on a favourite fairy tale.

On Thursday, the Junior class will be studying a poetry unit for English. The success of the Poetry Slam in the senior class has prompted the continuation of the same Poetry/Language unit and we will hold another Poetry Slam for the Juniors.

The Junior class will also commence a performance for the end of term concert where students will learn about the intended purpose and meaning of drama.

In Maths we will be studying addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for all classes on both Thursday and Friday.

On Friday, in Geography, students will study the location of Australia, the states and territories and major natural and human features, along with, the location of Australia’s neighbouring countries and their diverse characteristics.

Mrs Ploetz will be teaching the senior students on Thursday and Friday for the four weeks. The students will also be learning about living things and their environments in Science on Thursday along with Grammar and Dance. On Friday the students will be learning about being good consumers for Economics and Business.

Mrs O’Sullivan
We are so grateful that you have chosen to make a donation through the CAREgifts Catalogue. Your generous support enables the poorest communities around the world to overcome poverty, by providing women, girls and their families with the tools and knowledge they need to make improvements to their lives.

Please find below the list of gift/s that you have purchased. We have also enclosed the gift cards that you requested.

If you have any questions about your CAREgifts, or would like to know more about CARE’s work fighting global poverty in 84 countries, please call 1800 020 046, email info@care.org.au or visit www.care.org.au.

Thank you again for your kind support.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Newton-Howes
Chief Executive

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Uniform news
Welcome back for term 4. We still have plenty of uniforms in stock, but I will do a check and possible order before I go on maternity leave in week 3 or 4 in readiness for 2016. The jackets were a success for winter, with the children being excited to wear them and managing not to lose them! Next year, in preparedness for winter, 2016 I will put out an expression of interest for a jacket order, so keep an eye out for that one. Enjoy the remainder of 2015.
Cheree Emmerson

Woolworths earn & learn
Thank you to our families and community for helping us to collect 6120 stickers. We have been able to order science and math equipment for the students to use for hands on activities.

Library News
Thank you to the P&C for donating $300 towards the purchase of some new non-fiction books. The students have given me a wish list as to what they are interested in. These books will help support our library lessons.

Book Club
Issue 7 of Book Club has been sent home with the students. There are some lovely Christmas books available in this issue. Thank you for continuing to support our library.

Overdue Books
There are a few missing and overdue books from our library. I will be doing a stocktake of books on the last week of term so hopefully they will turn up at school somewhere. In the meantime please check your houses, cars and wherever you can think a good hiding place might be.
Thank you
Mel Sutherland

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 13 October 2.45pm—Straight after school!
Please feel welcome to stay after school
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