Dear Parents

Big congratulations to all of the students for the mature and responsible way in which they have started the term.

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

I’d like to welcome Simon and Venessa Phillips to the Thornton School community. Their daughter Jada has joined the senior class this term and she has settled in beautifully. Jada has an allergy to peanuts that may cause anaphylaxis which is life threatening. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive. Whilst the school has a policy and procedures in place to ensure that Jada is safe, it is important that the students understand how they can help as well. One of the most effective ways of doing this is through the school rule of “no sharing or trading food”. Another easy but effective way is to encourage the students to wash their hands after eating. Liquid soap, bar soap, and sanitizing wipes effectively clean hands of potential allergens, but antibacterial sanitizing gels do not. A pamphlet containing frequently asked questions about Allergies is attached to this newsletter.

While we suggest that parents are mindful of the foods they pack in lunch boxes and the dangers they may pose to students with anaphylactic reactions, it is important for all parents and community members to understand that we do NOT claim to be a ‘Nut-Free” or “Egg-Free” school. This is consistent with the Education Queensland Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Queensland State Schools.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Don’t forget that this Friday is Grandparents Day and the school is hosting a shared morning tea for all of the wonderful grandparents in our community. Don’t forget your plate of food to share for morning tea. The starting time is 9:45 and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

PRE-PREP DAYS

Thornton is again hosting four pre-prep days allowing children turning five in the first half of 2016 to come and experience what learning is all about at Thornton SS. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the flyer containing all of the information so please feel free to pass it around to friends, family and community members who may be interested.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to email me at kedwa169@eq.edu.au or phone the school.

Cheers. Katrina
P-3 CLASSROOM NEWS

Exciting times in the Junior class - Mrs Emmerson’s time for maternity leave is here! She will finish up tomorrow and then on Monday, Miss Sam Harch will replace her for the duration of her maternity leave. Hopefully bub will arrive early in November, but I’m sure she will send us pictures when the time comes! Good luck Mrs Emmerson!

In other classroom news, we have begun rehearsing for our end of year concert with Mrs O’Sullivan. The children are all very excited and I’m sure they are singing the songs at home!

Our vegetable garden is growing nicely, with tomatoes starting to appear on the bushes. Our health lesson yesterday involved talking about healthy foods and what we could eat to have a healthy diet and keep our brains active.

Lots of events are happening as we near the end of the year, so keep an eye out for these in the newsletter and ensure your children are well-rested to keep up with our busy schedule.

Mrs Edwards and Mrs Emmerson

OFFICE NEWS

CAMP CURRIMUNDI, SUNSHINE COAST—7-9 DECEMBER

Next week I will be sending home medical forms for those students who are attending school camp.

Just a friendly reminder that all school fees must be paid in full before your child/ren can attend camp. For those families who have not yet paid, could you please arrange payment in order for numbers to be finalised. Thank you for assistance.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL—TUCKSHOP ORDER FORMS

Swimming season is upon us and our annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival is on Friday 20 November. Attached to this newsletter is a tuckshop order form for each student. Please return this form to the school office no later than Monday 2 November if you wish to purchase tuckshop on the day. Kentville SS are running the tuckshop and need these order forms back by this date.

A permission note will be sent home shortly with all the details for this upcoming event.

Thank you
Lisa Crack
SECRET SANTA

As Christmas is approaching quickly we would like to get organised to shop for Secret Santa presents. The students of Thornton State School are invited to participate. Students get to choose a name out of a hat and then buy a gift for that person to the value of $10. These presents will then be handed out on the last day of school. For your child/children to participate we ask that you fill in the Secret Santa permission slip attached to this newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Orders for Book Club are now due. The order will be placed next Monday 26th October. Please return all orders with either a cheque made out to Scholastic Australia or complete credit card payments made by using online or telephone payments through Scholastic. Just a reminder that we can-not accept cash for this scheme. Thank you as always for supporting our library with your purchases.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 17 November 6:30 pm. Help organise end of year celebrations including P&C book purchases for the students!!!
School Awards: Week 1

**JUNIOR:**

Student of the Week: Jack Moss
English: Paxton Woodward
Music: Shaniah Boyes
Health: Phoebe Millard
Art: Spence Marshall
Geography: Jett Emmerson

**SENIOR:**

Student of the Week: Charlotte Moss
Maths: Ashley Taber
Geography: Noah Emmerson
Literacy/English: Damien Jones
Art/Drama: Hayley Craig
Science: Penny Taber
Behaviour: Jada Phillips