Dear Parents,

The term is racing on and preparations are commencing for our end of year celebrations.

**SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2016 – 6PM at the MULGOWIE HALL.**

Over the coming weeks, students will receive information about rehearsal for our concert night and other end of year processes. Please ensure you are checking your child’s bags for notes, especially if they are not in the habit of handing them to you.

*Some other reminders as the year draws to a close:*

- if your child is arriving to school after 8:30am, you will need to bring them in and sign the late arrival register please. It is a legal requirement that ALL absence (even only short periods) are explained.
- All money coming into the school needs to be in SEALED and NAMED envelopes or clip lock bags and placed in the boxes in the school office.
- NO medication will be given at school unless it is in a pharmacy LABELLED box which details the amount and frequency. Please see me if you require further clarification.
- If children have changed travel arrangements, the school needs to know – either call the school number (5466 7141) or text the school mobile (0476 807 423). Children cannot simply go home with another parent without our prior knowledge please.

School Camp

Last week, we visited Thunderbird Park at Tambourine Mountain near Cedar Creek. It was a fantastic ‘bush’ camp with 23 students of the 28 attending. We had four staff members with us (Mrs O – a first time ‘camper’, Mrs Emmerson, Miss Harch and myself) and we had four fantastic parents come along too (Mrs Louise Litfin, Mr Graham Millard, Mr Anthony Taber and Mrs Angela Podham who was our first timer parent!) Without these adults, the students would not have had so many opportunities and the level of support they had for each of their activities. Thank you for coming along and we hope you had as much fun as the staff all did.

The activities we all participated in were wide and varied over the three days: fossicking for Thundereggs, slacklining, raft building (with accompanying goats and Shetland ponies!), splashtastic and mud challenge course and finally the laser skirmish. I have never been ‘shot’ so often!!! All in the name of fun though, hopefully – Darcy!!!

Outside of these assigned activities, students were able to take ample advantage of the beautiful, but chilly, creek running through camp. Some of the students, with the assistance of Mr Millard and Miss Harch, managed to manoeuvre to a great rock pool that was very deep with a natural ‘water slide’.

All in all the three days were full of fun, activities, smiling faces and lots of questions. I again would like to extend a large thank you to the accompanying parents and staff who ensured every child was safe, having fun and cared for – Thank you!!
Week 6 and 7 Assessment

Assessment has commenced with all students requiring to complete a variety of paper and online testing over this week and next. This assessment will allow us to track the growth your child has made in curriculum areas this year, as well as provide us with an opportunity to assess the programs that we are using in the school. We are always looking to sharpen and improve on our practice, and take every opportunity possible to examine what we do and the way we do it, looking for areas to improve on. We are all lifelong learners at Thornton SS and look forward to investigating how we can improve the delivery of curriculum to our students.

Grade 5 students nominating for School Leader 2017

Nominations will be called next week for those students currently in Grade 5 who wish to be considered for one of the two leader positions for 2017.

Students will be required to deliver a short speech to staff and their peers explaining how they will be a great leader for our school. Elections will be held in week 8 so that the incumbent school leaders can receive their badges on our end of year concert night (Dec 6th).

Have a great fortnight,
Erika

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P&C NEWS

BUCKET HATS ARE HERE!

$15 per hat.

Sizing – S / M or L / XL (they have adjustable toggle at the back)

Please see Mrs Emmerson, or one of the staff, to arrange your purchase.

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P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 15th November 2016
(Now changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
ALL WELCOME
News from the Junior Room

Dear Parents,

Tuesday we had a fantastic day dressing up as fairy tale characters with the Pre Prep students. Our activities included writing and hearing fairy tale stories and playing games and singing. The students looked amazing in their outfits and thank you to all the parents for helping with their costumes. Pre Prep students also made crowns for our fairy tale theme. (See attached photo pages)

Last Tuesday we celebrated Melbourne Cup Day at Thornton. Thanks so much to Mrs Sutherland who supplied the wooden horses and a big thank you to Mick Foxlee for making some extra wooden horses. The students used their jockey colours and decorated their timber steeds and the big race was on at the oval. All horses and students were in fine form and we had a really enjoyable day. (See attached photo pages)

Camp was an amazing experience for teachers, students and the wonderful parents who volunteered their times to accompany us all. Thank you so much the Graham Millard, Anthony Taber, Louise Litfin and Angie Podham for all your efforts and assistance. (See attached photo pages)

Thank you all once again for your support

Warm regards

Sandy O’Sullivan

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Parent Riddle

This week’s Q

I am more precious than diamond and gold, I can not be bought or sold.
I can be shown on a clock or a special rock. Eventually I will make you old. What am I?

Last week’s A

A wheelbarrow
Photos

Fairy Tale Dress Up Day

Melbourne Cup Day
Camp Photos
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Club
The last order of Book Club has been sent home with your children. To ensure we get orders back before the end of term, I ask that all orders with payment details be returned to school no later than Monday 21st November. Thank you for the support this year.

Stocktake
Thank you to everyone for returning their books in time for stocktake. I had a big 3 days of scanning books and resources into our library system. Library borrowing will continue as normal until the 9th week of school.

Enjoy the weekend,
Mel Sutherland

School Awards: Term 4 - Week 4

Week 5: no awards giving as it was camp week

Junior:

Student of the Week: Paxton Woodward
Music: Jennifer Beezley
Geography: Joe Foxlee
Drama: Darcy Kelly
Reading: Isaiah Bould
Acts of Kindness: Joe Foxlee & Dylan Podham
Technology: Jack Moss

Senior:

Student of the Week: Lachlan Litfin
Music: Boe Millard
Geography: Joanah Millard
Art/Drama: Ezra Vincent
German: Elijah McCallum & Sam McCallum
Bus: Cheyanne Podham