Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support throughout this year. Our students are very lucky to have such great role models at home and people who value their education.

To our staff here at school, thank you for your hard work over the year and I look forward to working with most of you again next year.

Sadly we farewell Ms Alison Morgan as she is returning to her substantive position at Laidley District State School. Our loss is their gain. Ms Morgan will be missed, but has left us with some great work to continue next year. Thank you Ms Morgan.

Frau Fiona Chapman will be leaving us also. Frau Chapman has instructed the senior students in German for the past three years. She has accepted a transfer to Dalby and will be replaced by Herr Frank Belley. Mr Belley will commence at the start of 2017.
From the principal cont.:

Our Christmas concert / presentation evening went off without a hitch on Tuesday night. Everyone looked wonderful and the performances all came together well.

Thank you for the great feedback you have already provided us about Tuesday’s proceedings. Your comments are always welcomed and suggestions for improvement appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the evening for your huge effort to make the evening so enjoyable.

Congratulations to the recipients of the medallions and prizes for the night. All well-deserved and great to see some new faces.

Well done and congratulations to Damien Jones and Boe Millard who have been elected as School Leaders for 2017. We look forward to seeing you in this leadership role.

Our grade 6 students will be leaving us tomorrow, heading for high school next year. Last week, we had the graduation dinner at the QN in Laidley. It was a great evening to share a grown up meal with three lovely children.

It has been a pleasure to teach you and work with you during your time at Thornton SS. Best of luck for the future and keep in touch.

To all of our families and community members, have a great Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd January for the first school day of 2017.

Take care,

Erika
Dear Parents
The last newsletter of the year and what a wonderful year it has been! The year has been extremely busy and the end of the year concert was a great success due to the great efforts of you and the amazing students of Thornton State School!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support at the concert and throughout the year; you and your children are what makes the school such a wonderful place to teach.

I am looking forward to seeing you and all the students next New Year!

Warm regards
Sandy O’Sullivan

Dear families and friends
As the year draws to a close, I must say goodbye to you all! I won’t be going far, just back to a full time position at Laidley District where I will have a gorgeous bunch of year ones next year. I must say a HUGE thank you to each and every one of you. The students and families here are so special in many ways and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it! The students are spoilt with wonderful staff, a great setting and resources. I am so proud of the way the students care for each other and I will miss them dearly.

Thank you again for being so welcoming. Have a safe holiday season and all the best for whatever joys the new year brings.

Ms Alison Morgan
Uniforms

In readiness for the new school year, I am placing a holiday order for more shirts so that we have ample for those wishing to purchase in the new school year. Staff will be at the school on Friday 20th January if you would like to purchase anything before school resumes on Monday 23rd January. Please have correct change to ensure you can take your purchases home straight away. As done previously, all new enrolments receive one free slouch hat which needs to be worn on excursions and special event days. For all other purposes the bucket hat can be worn if desired (including sports days).

Prices for uniforms are as follows:

- Shirts $30
- Skorts (red and black) $25
- Hats (both slouch and bucket) $15
- Skorts (plain black-limited stock) $20 cotton $25 polyester

Plain black shorts or long pants can be purchased through stores (such as Best ‘n’ Less) to complete our uniform. In term 1, I will put out an expression of interest for jackets, so I have ample time for them to be ordered and arrive before the cold weather is upon us.

Lastly, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all ;)

Mrs Emmerson

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P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 14th February 2017
6:00pm Meet & Greet Sausage Sizzle
6:30pm AGM
7:00pm General P&C Meeting
ALL WELCOME
(General Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
LIBRARY NEWS:

**Book Club**

Next year our Book Club ordering will change slightly. By the end of next year, credit card ordering over the phone will not be available. Instead a program called LOOP is offered by Scholastic to help with your ordering. You will need to head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP to set up your personal login and be able to order and pay by credit card at the same time. Just follow the user friendly tips. The school will get confirmation of your order and all reward points will be added to our school. The books will still be delivered to the school to be sent home or picked up. More information for LOOP is attached to this newsletter.

Have a fantastic holiday break,

Mel Sutherland
School Awards: 2016

**Junior:**

- Encouragement: Isaiah Bould  
- Literacy: Darcy Kelly  
- Math: Darcy Kelly  
- Science: Paxton Woodward  
- Arts: Jack Moss  
- History/SOSE: Joe Foxlee  
- Music: Belle Roebig  
- PE: Darcy Kelley  
- Sportsmanship: Dylan Podham  
- Citizenship: Paxton Woodward

**Senior:**

- Encouragement: Charlotte Moss  
- Literacy: Damien Jones  
- Math: Jett Emmerson  
- Science: Damien Jones  
- Arts: Chad Pollock  
- History/SOSE: Lachlan Litfin  
- Music: Jada Phillips  
- PE: Jett Emmerson  
- LOTE (German): Damien Jones  
- Sportsmanship: Damien Jones  
- Citizenship: Jada Phillips  
- Dux: Joshua Regan

**2017 Senior Leaders: Damien Jones & Boe Millard**