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## Principal's Corner - 16 October 2014

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This year is a transitional year for Thornlands SS as we ready ourselves to adopt a philosophy for managing student behaviour which further enhances the already predominantly positive approach that we have and which also **ensures consistency of expectations and responses to behaviour across the school.**

During 2014 a number of our staff, and a parent representative, have attended several training days in **“Positive Behaviour for Learning” (PBL)** and are leading the implementation of this approach, which will be completed by the beginning of 2015.

Part of this is the **adoption of new school rules as follows:**

As a learner I will:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

These rules apply in every context at school, whether that be in the classroom, in the playground, moving around the school, on excursions, using the toilets, using the tuckshop etc. **Part of the PBL approach is that we explicitly teach the children what these rules mean in the various situations at school so that there is a common understanding of our expectations.**

All classes and their teachers played a role in developing a matrix which can be seen in every classroom and which is the foundation for these explicit lessons related to what our rules mean in the various contexts related to school.

Starting from the beginning of this term, **each week the whole school will have a focus lesson.** Last week this was on behaviour in class, this week it is uniform and being sun safe and next week is on toilets. Research shows that by explicitly teaching our expectations in this way that behaviours are affected positively.

Another important aspect of our approach to behaviour management is a range of positive reinforcements which are used to “catch” children doing the right thing and encourage them to continue their positive behaviour. All of our children who achieve Gold or Silver levels in behaviour will participate in some sort of Reward activities at the end of the term.

In the same way as all other aspects of learning - parents and school working together, consistently, to maintain high expectations will achieve the best outcomes overall. Please question your children about the rules and what they mean at school eg in class, in the playground, before school, during eating time etc.

Early in term 1 we will have a number of parent workshops to share further information about our school approach to behaviour management and to assist your understanding of what we are doing.

The next few weeks are indeed very busy as we move towards the end of this year, whilst preparing for next year.

In the next few weeks the teachers and myself will be formulating **class lists for 2015**. A lot of time and serious consideration goes into this task, as we consider the individual learning needs of every student. We take care to ensure that all children move into the new year with at least some of their friends, we try to balance each class in terms of the learning needs of the students and we also aim for an equitable distribution of boys and girls. This is not always easy and sometimes moving just one or two students to another list can ruin the balance. In general classes are not assigned to specific teachers until the last week of school, when we are quite certain about our staffing for next year. **We are not able to take requests from parents for particular teachers, but if you have any concerns about the educational needs of your children that may impact on their class placement for 2015 please complete a yellow "Class Placement" form (available from the Office) and return to the Office, at the latest, by Friday 31 October.** *(Please be aware that it is not always possible to accommodate all requests, but they will be considered. Also note that we will not be able to consider requests received after the 31 October).* **If you know that your children will not be attending Thornlands in 2015 please contact the school Office as soon as possible to assist us in our planning.**

**Recruitment for our instrumental program** is also well underway at the moment with our younger students being encouraged to consider taking up an instrument. The Cleveland District State High School Band will be here next week to conduct a workshop for our current instrumental students. They will also perform for our Year 3 students. **Learning music is a great way to develop discipline, commitment and teamwork as well as the joy of creating music.**

Planning is also well underway for the **Year 6 and 7 Graduation**, which will take place on Tuesday 9 December. Details about these events will be sent home to parents in the very near future.

Swimming lessons begin next week, with an air of excitement as each class makes its way to the pool. **Thank you to Aaron Tuni our P.E. teacher** who has done a great job of structuring a very effective swimming program for all of our students.

Please note – if you have a Prep aged student who will be attending Prep at Thornlands next year and you have not already done so, now is the time to get the enrolment process completed (even if you already have older children already attending our school). If you have not done so as yet, please contact the school Office ASAP for an interview time, or alternatively come along to the Prep Information morning next Wednesday, 22 October. This assists us greatly with our planning for next year.

**Congratulations this week to Shannon K.** on her **selection in the Queensland Primary School Girls U12 Softball team.** Shannon is very young to be selected for this team and as a pitcher and short stop is clearly a key player in the team. Our whole school community is proud of your efforts Shannon and we wish you good luck in the National Titles next month.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school,

Regards

Robyn

**At Thornlands state school we will shortly be activating 'push notifications' to everyone that has the Qschools app downloaded on their phone. If you want to be kept up to date with all the latest information e.g. pupil free days, school functions, emergencies etc then please download the Qschools app.**

[Please see the attached flyer for details.](#)



# Absence Line - 3821 8181

All absences must be reported [to the office](#)  
either by the absent line or directly to office staff  
to ensure the accuracy of our records.

## School News

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### DATE CLAIMERS

Money collection days are Tuesday & Thursday Before 10am


**Eftpos now available!**

16 Oct	Junior Disco
20 Oct	Pupil Free Day
21 Oct	<a href="#">Swimming commences</a>
22 Oct	Prep Info Session 9:00-11:00 CDSHS Hi-jump Intro Session
23 Oct	Senior Disco <a href="#">Year 4 Mount Tamborine Camp</a>
30 Oct	Senior Disco
2 Dec	CDSHS Creative Arts Day Christmas Concert 5-8pm
5 Dec	

	All Day Senior Swimming Carnival
9 Dec	All Day Junior Swimming Carnival Year 6/7 Graduation
12 Dec	Last Day of the school year
27 Jan	First Day of School 2015

**Click to view [2014 School Calendar](#)**

**Click here to view [2015 School Calendar](#)**

	<p><b>Thornlands State School</b> <i>Tradition and Excellence!</i></p> <p><b>PREP</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 23 July and Wednesday 22 October</b></p>	<p><b>2015 Information Sessions</b></p>
<p><b>Details:</b> Meet in school hall on South Street. 9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m. All welcome. Information Session &amp; Visit Classes Register at school office: phone 3821 8111.</p>	
<p><b>Enrolment Interviews: From 1 August</b> For an Appointment and All Enquiries ... Contact the School Office: Phone: 3821 8111      Email: <a href="mailto:admin@thornlandsss.eq.edu.au">admin@thornlandsss.eq.edu.au</a></p>	
<p><b>Orientation Day:</b> <b>Wednesday 10 December</b> Introduction to teacher and class: 9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.</p>	<p><b>Booklists:</b> Booklists will be available from the office in November</p>
<p><b>Students must be born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 to enrol into PREP 2015</b></p>	

The lost property box is overflowing at present with many items not named. Could you please come down to the Teacher Aide room and look in the lost property box located outside. All lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.

## Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to our new families. All I can say is, 'hang on' it is going to be a fast ride to the finish line!

### Latest ICAS Results

Once again our students performed outstandingly. 42 students participated in the ICAS Mathematics competition. Out of these 42 students, we received 1 High Distinction, 4 Distinctions, 18 Credits and 3 Merits.

Merit	Credit		Distinction	High Distinction
Skyla B (Year 2)	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Jack A (Year 3)	Maddison C	Bonnie A	Taylah C <b>Top 6 % in Australia</b>	Callum F <b>Top 1% in Australia</b>
Alivia H (Year 4)	Lily M	Makayla C	Hayden S <b>Top 6 % in Australia</b>	
	Kiana L	Jayden Y	Alastair B <b>Top 2% in Australia,</b>	
	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	
	Holly B	Alex M	Nadia W <b>Top 11% in Australia</b>	
	Marley H	Daisy D		
	Taleeya P	Te-ana T		
	Kayla C	<u>Year 6</u>		
	Ernest L	Deanne S		
	Brodie W	Liam H		
		Graeme M		

Out of the 27 students who participated in ICAS English, 4 children received Distinctions, 11 children received Credits and 3 students were awarded Merit certificates. Well done to all participants!

Merit	Credit		Distinction
Year 2	Year 2	Year 3	Year 2
Maddison C	Taylah C	Marley H	Callum F <b>Top 2%</b>

Lily M	Skyla B	Ernest L	Hayden S <b>Top 2%</b>
Year 5	Kiana L	Taleeya P	Year 3
Alex M	Oliver M	Kayla C	Holly B <b>Top 6%</b>
	Year 4	Brodie W	Year 5
	Alivia H	Year 6	Daisy D <b>Top 4%</b>
		Ivy S	

Of particular note is our Distinction and High Distinction award recipients who were all in the Top 6% in Australia or better for their year level!

### Bunnings Visit

On the final Tuesday of Term 3, Year 4 students were fortunate to host a visit from the Bunnings Educational Officer, Heather Morrison. This was a perfect opportunity for the students to connect with a ‘real world expert’ to discuss sustainable practices. Bunnings are committed to supporting schools and furthering sustainable practices and to this end they donated the time and expertise of Heather and the equipment and products to rejuvenate our neglected vegetable patches. ‘Helping Hands’, our Before and After School Care groups are going to pick up where Heather and Year 4 have left off by utilising these gardens as part of their programme. **Thank you once again to Bunnings Victoria Point for their donations of quality soil and seedlings to revitalise our vegetable patches and thank you to Heather Morrison for her time and expertise.**







## Goal Setting

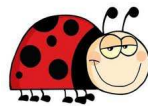
All students will bring home their goals for reading and writing this term. These goals are set in collaboration with the teacher and written in relation to the curriculum focus for English this term. If you have any questions about your child's goals, please either see your child's teacher or myself.

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Kristy Warriner

Head of Curriculum



## Busy Bugs Playgroup

Do your children go to the school and have younger siblings? Or are you looking for a playgroup?

Playgroup for babies to toddlers is held every Tuesday morning in the school hall from 9:00 till 11:00am. It's a great way to get your child familiar with the school, have lots of fun and meet some new people. Come have a cup of coffee and chat while your child has a play. We have some fun activities coming up such as a beach party and baking pizzas.

Just turn up or you can call Jane on 0409 950 642 or Jacqui on 0407 778 221.



## Brekky Club

Come join us every Thursday for a free breakfast in the hall. Running from 7.45am. Students start your day with a full stomach and ready for the day. Thanks to Redlands City Church for supporting this program. Everyone welcome. See you all Thursday morning!





## Chappy Car Wash

Come and get your car washed to raise money for the KAA family!

**When:** Saturday October 25 10am - 2pm

**Where:** Victoria Point Baptist Church

11 Barcrest Dr, Victoria Point. (Off Clay Gully Road)

Coffee and cake stall will also be available!

See you there!!

## P&C News

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The next THORNLANDS WINTER SOLSTICE FAIR Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 October ( 3.10pm ) .Please meet at the BASKET BALL COURTS For a site walk around & update on all things fair related (CHILDREN WELCOME ) Afternoon tea provided..

Any one that had anything to report back with please bring along , or email [deearnplain@yahoo.com](mailto:deearnplain@yahoo.com) with info.

Everyone is invited to join us , hope to see you there. Dee-Arn .

## Fundraising Committee News

### Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Hello to our wonderful Thornlands Families!

Since the last Bunnings BBQ was so successful we are doing another one on Sunday 9 November 2014. We will be starting at 8.30am and going to 3.30pm and would love lots of help serving and manning the B.B.Q. If you could spare some time, it would be really appreciated.

Last time all the volunteers said they had a good time, and the day went very quickly.

If people cannot volunteer time then it would be greatly appreciated for donations in the form of cash or vouchers, so we can purchase products for the B.B.Q. We know that weekends are family time, so

understand if people cannot help out, but hopefully we'll see some of you there! Please contact Dee Arn on [deearnplain@yahoo.com](mailto:deearnplain@yahoo.com) if you can assist. Thank You.



Our Seniors Disco – themed “Black & White Ball” – is to be held on **Thursday 30 October from 4-6pm** in the school hall. Please come dressed in Black & White and be ready for lots of fun music and dancing.

The entry price is **\$8.00 per child** (years 3-7), which includes a session in the photo-booth with a friend. Due to time restraints we must do this in pairs, and each child will receive a copy of the photos as two are printed for each sitting.

We would encourage you to **pre-purchase your tickets via the Flexischools** website & print out the E-Ticket to present at the door. You will of course be able to pay cash at the door on the night if Flexischools is not an option.

We will have Popcorn/Chips, Slushies and Glow products available for purchase on the night.

This event will be fully supervised by staff and P&C volunteers. Parents are asked to please drop off and collect their child/ren from the main entrance to the hall at the designated times.

We look forward to seeing all the children there!

## Aluminium Can Collection

Just a reminder that here at Thornlands we have a collection cage down near the staff car park entrance at the southern end of Panorama Drive that all your aluminium cans can be recycled into. This helps in 2 ways. It helps our environment and funds raised



go back into our school. So please take a little time if you can and bring your cans here instead of throwing them into the bin at home. You'd be surprised just how much this can add up to over the year and the funds raised go towards resources for our children! THANK YOU.

## Community News

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## Summer is on the way!

Click [here](#) for more information regarding swimming lessons at our school pool.

A red oval graphic with a white dashed line at the top, resembling a kicking tee. The NAB AFL Auskick logo is prominently displayed in the center. Below the logo, the text "NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now" is written in white. Further down, the event details are listed in white text: "Where: Thornlands State School", "When: First session is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October", "Time: 3:15pm - 4:15pm", "Length of program: 8 weeks\*", and "Cost: \$65". At the bottom, the registration information is provided: "To register please go to [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au) or for more information call 3394 2198".

**nab AFL Auskick**

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## After School Art Program - Term 4

The Art of Zentangle / Doodling for Relaxation

In this term we launched our new exciting afterschool art program with great success and we intend to continue next term!

Please keep an eye out for the flyers in the school bags next week, if you don't see them, then go to the website [www.busypens.com](http://www.busypens.com) and you will find the information there and a 'contact us' link to help you enrol. Naturally we encourage you to enrol ASAP, and if we have enough interest we can schedule more sessions to meet demand.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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