Congratulations and a big thank you this week to our wonderful P&C, who have been successful in gaining a Gambling Community Benefit Grant of over $30000 to install two huge fans in our Hall. These were installed late last week and so on Monday’s Assembly the whole school experienced the difference they make. It is amazing that two fans can create a breeze that can be felt in every corner of the Hall, making it a much more comfortable place to be at this time of year. I know you will all appreciate the difference at our Christmas concert, which is always such a hot night.

Whilst writing about the P&C and the Christmas concert, I should mention that leading up to and on the night of the Christmas concert, the P&C are raffling an Ipad which has kindly been donated by Adam Caughey, one of our parents. This is a great prize and will be drawn on the night of the concert. I encourage you to purchase raffle tickets when they come your way.

The P&C is just one way in which a large number of parents and other community members volunteer their time in our school - from assisting in the classrooms, to working in the tuckshop, to attending camps and excursions, to upgrading our gardens and in a myriad of other ways. Indeed this is one of the strengths of our school. Their contribution overall is invaluable and so we would like to say thank you. On Tuesday, 25 November at 2:00pm we will be holding an afternoon tea to express our appreciation for the time and commitment of our volunteers. Watch out for your personal invitation coming home soon.
As I have already pointed out the next couple of weeks are extremely busy and of course very exciting as we wind down to the holidays. Other big events still to come, besides the Christmas concert and the Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea, include the senior and junior swimming carnivals, Year 6 and 7 Graduation, Sea World excursion to name just a few. **I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.**

It is historic that in just a few short weeks we farewell our Year 7 cohort – the last group of Year 7 students in Queensland State Schools. Our Year 7 students are a very small and very special group of only 14 students who stayed with us for Year 7, whilst the great majority of their Year 7 peers moved into High School this year, as part of the Flying Start pilot with CDSHS. Because from next year, all Year 7 students will be in High School, we also farewell all of our Year 6 students as they move on to start their secondary education. **Parents of all our Year 6 and 7 students will receive invitations to our Graduation Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, 9 December.** We look forward to sharing a special evening as these students all say goodbye to their primary years.

Enrolments for next year are looking strong, with not only significant numbers of Prep students enrolling, but a range of students coming from far and wide into other year levels. Despite having lost about 100 Year 7 students over the last two years, in real terms we have experienced significant growth in that time. **The main reason being cited as new families enroll is the reputation of the school in the community.** Huge credit for this must go to our great staff working together to achieve the best learning outcomes for every one of our students, whilst ensuring that school is a happy and safe place for all. At this time I would like to **commend Maureen Harvey (DP) for overseeing a very effective enrolment process.**

**Enrolment Matters**

If you know that your children will not be attending Thornlands SS in 2015, please contact the school Office as soon as possible to assist us in our planning.

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. This assists us greatly with our planning for next year.

**Safety Note:** Please ensure that you do not park across driveways of other properties adjacent to our school. We are aware that we have some neighbours who are frustrated that they are repeatedly parked in. Please also be aware that police and Council inspectors regularly patrol around the school and will issue infringement notices to offenders. Let’s be safe and respect our neighbours by doing the right thing.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school,
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

DATE CLAIMERS

Money collection days are Tuesday & Thursday Before 10am

Eftpos now available!

Please ensure all payments are paid on or before the 20 November as our financial system will be closed for the year.

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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.

From the Deputies’ Desks

BOOKLISTS
You child should by now have received a Booklist for next year. It lists what is required of students moving to the grade level for 2015. The booklists are also available on the school website, and there are paper copies available from the school office.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

As a general reminder to all parents and carers regarding personal information, could you please ensure that the school has the latest information regarding details about your child/children, i.e. Telephone Contacts, Home Address, Medical Information, Indigenous Background, other Emergency Contacts and any Legal/Custody Orders. This ensures the school has accurate record for auditing purposes.

**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 9:00a.m. till 11:00a.m. 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.

**Music News**

**Assembly Performances**

This term we will be having some exciting performances from our vocal groups.

Senior Vocal Group – Monday 17 November

Assembly is on each Monday afternoon at 2:20pm in the hall. All family and friends are welcome to attend these performances:

**Musical DVD’s**

Our amazing production of ‘The Rockin’ Tale of Snow White’ has now come to an end however you can keep the memory of this musical forever with a DVD. The musical was professionally recorded on Friday night and DVD’s are available to order for $30. If you would like to purchase a DVD, complete the information required and return it with cash to Mrs Connor or the school office. Be sure to include your name, class, DVD quantity and how much cash is enclosed.
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are certainly at the business end of the term with assessment and report card writing coming thick and fast. As teachers are collecting as much information as possible about your child’s progress to inform their reporting, it is essential that all students are at school for the entire day where possible.

Classroom Visits

Each and every day I am simply amazed by the standard of work of our students and the keenness with which they want to share with me what they have created and accomplished.

I have included some of the great work by our students that has been completed in classrooms over the past couple of weeks. You’ll notice there is an underlying theme to the work samples. They are
based on discussions in classrooms about our school rules and expectations. The students were asked what these rules and expectations would look like in different settings around the school and how to communicate these with new students or parents. The passion and maturity with which all of our students can explain their ideas and discuss the benefits of having high expectations around behaviour is certainly a joy to witness. It is no wonder our school is such a great place to be.

Kind regards

Kristy Warriner

Head of Curriculum

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!

P&C News

Fundraising Committee News
Advertising at the school

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Thornlands P&C are putting the call out to all local businesses interested in advertising on the South Street fence line (outside School Hall). Competitive rates for maximum exposure. Don't miss out! Contact Dee-Arn Plain at deeearnplain@yahoo.com.

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

Summer is on the way!

Click here for more information regarding swimming lessons at our school pool.