Principal's Corner - 28 May 2015

If you are looking to earn some income and still maintain the ability to drop off and pick up your children from school, an opportunity awaits!! **The P&C are looking for a new tuckshop convenor.** If you are interested in providing a most important service to our parents and students, whilst earning an income and becoming a key part of our school community, then this could be you! Watch out for the advertisement from the P&C will all the relevant information.

In other P&C related news, thank you to Alicia who has run the P&C’s uniform shop for the last year. She has had to relinquish this role and huge **thanks to Monique**, one of our wonderful Prep parents, who has volunteered to take on this key task. The **uniform shop convenor** is an unpaid position and so a huge thanks to Monique, who has many years retail experience, for providing this service to all of our Thornlands families. Without this contribution the sale of our uniforms would have to be outsourced and this would make them far more expensive for all.

Our P&C is working very hard in so many ways at present for the benefit of the whole school and of course you are all aware that they **are holding a Winter Solstice Fair (fete) on Saturday, 20June. This is now only 3 weeks away!!!**

Thanks to all of you, who have so generously donated to the Fair in a multitude of ways. Keep the donations coming in and please give some of your time to help out on the day. Many hands make light work and that means not only will the day be an even greater success, it will be more enjoyable for everyone.
With rides, games and performances aplenty and fireworks for the grand finale no doubt it will be a fun filled day of excitement!! A huge thanks Dee-Arn Plain, who is coordinating this significant community event. It is a HUGE job, but well worth the effort.

You can help too!! Please contribute in any way you can by sending along donations on Wednesdays as requested by the P&C. They are happy to take donations other than the specific items they are asking for as well. Watch this newsletter for more details; also class newsletters. As part of the whole school community, teachers will also send out reminders.

Classes and/or year levels are also taking responsibility for organizing and manning stalls on the day. Thank you to those parents who are assisting with the co-ordination of these stalls. Please put up your hand to help – even for just a short time on the day- to assist us to raise as much money as we can, all of which goes directly back to the school. If we all get behind it, the fete will be a huge success!!Thank you in anticipation of your support!!!

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and 5 students and their teachers for completing the NAPLAN tests in a calm and conscientious way. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. Parents will receive a report on the results later in the year and as a school we will use this information as just one means of gathering information on students’ learning needs.

Teachers are currently working towards end of semester reporting. Our aim is that written reports more effectively inform parents of their children’s progress as well as ways they can best support further improvement. Reports will be sent home in week 2 of Term 3 and the parent-teacher night will be in Week 4 (4 August)

Yesterday morning our Hall was abuzz with anticipation, as not only were we about to share in a great picture book as part of the National Simultaneous Storytelling Day – but we were to enjoy the unique experience of a politician reading it to us! Thank you to Dr Mark Robinson, MLA for Cleveland, for being a good sport and agreeing to participate in this way. Thank you also to Shirley Chambers, our Teacher Librarian, for organizing this great morning of literary enjoyment for our students.

We are wanting to have as many male role models as possible around our school demonstrating that men and boys can all enjoy reading too. So Dads, Grandads, big brothers, uncles etc get reading and show our boys how it’s done.

A few key staffing changes have taken place this week. For your information, John Tucker (Deputy Principal) is presently accessing the Regional Development Programme for School Leaders and will be based at Victoria Point SS for the next ten weeks. He will be replaced in the DP role by Kristy Warriner, our Head of Curriculum (HOC). As you all know we are very lucky at Thornlands to have such a dedicated and talented teaching team, so we are very fortunate to have a number of candidates able and willing to gain leadership experience acting in the role of Head of Curriculum. In this instance Kristy will be replaced by Ben Truscott (class teacher of 2T). Parents of 2T students will receive a separate letter regarding details of this change.

With the end of term fast approaching I will also take this opportunity to inform you that Maureen Harvey (Deputy Principal) will be taking 12 months LSL, from the end of this term. Maureen has been here at Thornlands since
the beginning of 2013 and her vast experience as a school administrator, combined with her thorough, organized approach has made her a valuable contributor to our leadership team. Best wishes to Maureen and Ross as they venture off in that caravan. We do understand that you may enjoy it so much that it’s possible you may never return. If that should be the case all the very best for the next exciting phase of your lives!!

Please note the following important date claimers for (just some of the events) in the coming weeks:

Bayside Beginners Music Camp- Monday, 1 June- Friday, 5 June

Winter Solstice Fair - Saturday, 20 June

Senior Sports Days - the last week of term- Tuesday and Wednesday (23-24 June).

Prep 2016 Open Day and Information sessions - Wednesday 29 July at 9:00am- 10:30am.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school,

Regards

Robyn

Curriculum Corner

Well NAPLAN has come and gone for another year. I congratulate all students in Years 3 and 5 for their hard work and participation in these tests. All students gave of their very best and we are proud of each and every one of you.

Although only one aspect of a suite of data that we collect here at Thornlands State School, NAPLAN does provide crucial information that gives a very clear insight into the relative success of whole school programmes, teaching and helps to shape our focus in terms of school improvement. It enables our staff to celebrate our successes in areas that we do well and gives direction to targeted resourcing to improve teaching and learning outcomes. It is certainly vital to providing a ‘holistic’ picture on which we then proceed to make ‘evidence-based’ decisions to ensure continued improvement.

Although NAPLAN takes place in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, preparation for these tests does not rest solely with the teachers of these year levels. It is the culmination of quality literacy and numeracy practices across the school that will be reflected and ultimately celebrated in our results. For this reason, I would like to not only acknowledge the time and effort that has gone into preparing our current Year 3 and Year 5 students for this week, but to also recognise the dedication of all of our teaching staff who ensure quality literacy and numeracy experiences for our students each and every day.

Assessment and Moderation

We are now fully immersed in the ‘business end’ of the term with assessment well underway. It is important that students attend each and every day wherever possible. Every minute of every day counts! As I’m sure you understand, the timeframe to complete assessment and reporting is very tight. Although teachers endeavour to administer ‘catch up’ tests to students who have been absent or arrive late, it is not always possible for these tests to be administered under the same conditions as the ‘whole class’ assessment session. Often the student is required to sit at the back of the room to undertake the task while the teacher continues to teach the rest of the class. We want all students to have the best possible opportunity to demonstrate their learning and therefore receive a report card that reflects this. Please ensure your child attends school each and every day and arrives on time.

As part of the teaching and learning cycle, all teachers over the next couple of weeks our teachers will engage in year level moderation of assessment in preparation for writing the end of Semester One report cards. This is a vital stage in the Assessment, Teaching and Learning process as it ensures consistency of expectations across a year level against an agreed set of criteria. In other words, you can be confident that a Very High Achievement (VHA) in one class is equal to a VHA in another class. At Thornlands State School we are committed to a transparent assessment process. For this reason all students are made aware, in an age appropriate way, of what they need to do in order to be successful.

Simultaneous Storytime
Yesterday our school was entertained by Dr Mark Robinson MP as he read 'The Brothers Quibble' as part of Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book.

Thank you to Mrs Shirley Chambers for organising this event at our school and we thank Dr Mark Robinson for his willingness to attend and read to our students and share his love of reading with our school.

Kind regards,

Kristy Warriner

Head of Curriculum

Crimestoppers

You may have noticed a new Crimestoppers sign next to our gate on South Street. This has been provided by the local Crime Prevention branch of the Queensland Police. To assist them to promote Crime Stoppers, included is the link to Crime Stoppers Queensland below.


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

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Click here to view 2015 School Calendar - Please contact officer

Prep 2016

Enrol Now for Prep 2016

[Click here for more Information]

School Photos

Class photos and Family Group Photos have been distributed to classes this week. Further orders can be made online at ADVANCEDLIFE.COM.AU. site which can be accessed using a unique nine digit code which has already been supplied to parents to facilitate ordering pre-photo day. If you have forgotten or misplaced your code, you can call Advanced Life on 1300 728 972 to ask what it is.
**Group Photos** (Music Groups, School Captains etc) are available to view in the school office foyer. Order forms are also available there. These orders must be returned to school by Wednesday 10 June. For your convenience, these photos can also be viewed and ordered online as above.

**Learning Support**

**Fast ForWord**

Congratulations to the twenty students involved in the Fast ForWord Program. Our Fast ForWord team has had strong brains at work in the computer lab before school each morning. I congratulate these students for enhancing their learning using this innovative technology.

Jeremy L, Max S and Tyson P have received a Fast ForWord reward on parade this week for completing one of their Fast ForWord modules. Well done to Cailan M, Eden S, Jessica O, Max S, Oscar A, Owen C, Hayley P, Daniel T and Brockie W who have completed all or most of their daily game protocols.

If you would like to know more about Fast ForWord visit [www.soniclearning.com.au](http://www.soniclearning.com.au) or view this short video Fast ForWord Research

Regards

Cathy Hemmings

STLaN and Fast ForWord Manager

**Lost Property**

Could all parents and carers please ensure that all items are clearly named. Winter is fast approaching and if jumpers and jackets have a name on them, then they can be returned to their owner.

The lost property box is located outside the First Aid Room in F Block.

All items with no names are disposed of at the end of each term.

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**Library**

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**The Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in conjunction with the Winter Solstice Fair on the 20 June at the Library. Brochures will be distributed to students several weeks beforehand. Books and a variety of novelty items will be available for sale.

**Premier's Reading Challenge** The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to improve literacy and to encourage children's engagement in reading for pleasure and learning. Students in Prep, Years 1 and 2 are challenged to read or experience 20 books; Years 3 and 4 read 20 books; and Years 5 and 6 read 15 books between 19 May and 28 August. Students in our school's reward program (I Read @ Home) will also be given recognition through that program for the books read in PRC. Each student who participates in the PRC is required to complete a reading record form which have been distributed to all students. Students should submit their completed reading record form to their teacher or Library staff at the end of the reading period and they will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

CHAMBERS, Shirley

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**Chappy Corner**

**Chappy Breakfast**

Students, start your day the healthy way.

Every Thursday morning in the hall, from 7.45am, enjoy a free breakfast.

Brought to you by the Chaplaincy program at Thornlands State School.

See you there!

**Music**

![Bayside Beginner's Music Week](image)
Students in Junior Band and Beginner Strings will be attending Beginners Music Week next week. Band students will be travelling to Chandler each day where they will be rehearsing with approximately 400 students from schools across the Bayside. The week ends with a spectacular concert on Friday for family members where students perform as part of the band, massed choir and dance team. A reminder to band students travelling on the bus to meet at the Cleveland State School bus stop on Queen Street at 7:20am on Monday 1 June.

Beginner Strings students will have a huge day of music making in the school hall on Thursday 4 June. They will be joined by students from Bayview State School and the day will end with a culminating concert from 2:00pm for family members to attend.

Next week from 1-5 June, Mr Higgins, Mrs Slater and Mrs Connor will all be attending the Beginners Music Week and therefore there will be no Band, Strings or Choir at school.

Looking forward to a wonderful week of music making!

Kate Connor

P&C News

TUCKSHOP HELP

TUCK SHOP NEEDS YOU! Can you spare some time? Come and say hello!!

We always need helpers, especially on Fridays!! If you can spare two hours or a little bit more on a Friday morning from 8:30-9:00am, then it would be really appreciated. With the new tuckshop menu, we are getting a great response from families, but Fridays are still our biggest lunch day and we are very short handed! Just drop in on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and catch up with other parents and our tuckshop team. See you there.

WINTER SOLSTICE FAIR

This is our donation schedule - PLEASE DONATE. If you find things on special at the shops, bring them into the uniform shop on Wednesdays - (8:30/9:30)

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WINTER SOLSTICE FAIR IS COMING!!

WHO WANTS RIDES? [OVER 10 RIDES]

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ALL MONEY RAISED HELPS OUR CHILDREN!!

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The P&C is seeking a new Managing Convenor for the school tuckshop. The Managing Convenor will be responsible for co-ordinating and managing tuckshop operations in the school from Wednesday to Friday. The employment is based on a casual rate (approximately 15 hours per week).

To apply, the following are required:

- Current Blue Card
  - Food Safety Supervisor Certificate – Hospitality and Retail
  - Applied knowledge of food safety requirements
  - Experience in complying with DETE Smart Choices legislation
  - Intermediate computer skills
  - Driver’s Licence.

If interested in applying for the role, then please email the P&C at pandc@thornlandsss.eq.edu.au, and further details can be provided.

Get Involved!

Our amazing Tuckshop is run mostly by volunteers & it is a great place to catch up, make friends & contribute to your school! Students LOVE to see someone they love in the Tuckshop!

Flexible shifts are available!
- Window — Breakfast & bag orders 6am—9am
- Lunch Prep — 8.30—11.30am
- Slushy & Ice block window — 11—12.30
Or just pop in when you have time!

So come in, grab an apron & join our Merry Team!
Uniform Shop

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Dental Information

Free Children's Dental Program through Metro South Health. Phone 1300 300 850. Flyers available at office

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Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.

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