Principal's Corner - 25 June 2015

“AWESOME”!!! …..That’s the word that I kept hearing, from adults and children alike, at our Winter Solstice Fair last Saturday.

On behalf of the whole Thornlands school community I would like to thank and congratulate Dee-Arn Plain, one of our parents, for her tireless work in making the fete happen. She very quietly and calmly organized a fantastic whole school community event for us all to enjoy. A job very well done Dee Arn!!

On behalf of the whole school community I would also like to thank the whole P&C Executive- Tanya MacNamara (President), Nicolle Sweeney (Vice-President), Sarah Lovell (Secretary) and Noela Ewald (Treasurer) for their dedicated hard work in supporting the work we do here at school. They are a very small, very committed group and the fete would not have happened if not for their hard work. Our school is a far better place for their contribution.

A huge thanks also to the large number of other parents who were here on Saturday helping out in a myriad of ways and also for your contributions leading up to the Fete. The outcome was a lot of wonderful parents, working together with the huge number of staff who were here, to achieve what was an outstanding community event. I heard nothing but praise from everyone. It was a truly happy community and family day… and what a great finale the Fireworks were!!

For your awareness we have a number of additional staffing changes in Term 3.
Congratulations to Ian Dart who has been successful in gaining a position as an internal reliever based on Macleay Island. Thank you for your significant contributions here at Thornlands Ian and best wishes in your new role. We expect to see Ian back in 2017. We welcome Oriana Poole as the new teacher of 4D.

Makaela Tragoudistakis, teacher of 6M, has accepted a teaching position in a Catholic school much closer to home. Thank you for your efforts at Thornlands Makaela. We welcome Leon Riley as the new teacher of 6M.

Finally, as communicated in a previous newsletter, we farewell Maureen Harvey (DP) who is taking 12 months Long Service Leave, prior to retirement. Best wishes for a great holiday Maureen. We welcome the return of Robyn Kwocksun to the position of Deputy Principal, replacing Maureen.

I know that the newcomers to our staff will very quickly become part of our high functioning staff team.

Please note the following important date claimers for (just some of the events) early in Term 3:

Term 3 begins: Monday, 13 July

Senior Sports Days – POSTPONED to Tuesday and Wednesday (14-15 July).

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

Report Cards home to parents – Week 2 of Term 3

Parent Teacher interviews – Tuesday 4 August

Best wishes to our staff and students for a well earned break.

Thank you, our parents, for your ongoing support of our great school.

Regards

Robyn

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.
The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


**Curriculum Corner**

Term 2 has been an exciting and productive one with teachers assessing and preparing report cards, ICAS testing, CDHS language emersion, Thornlands Thinkers of course the challenging and targeted lessons delivered by our classroom teachers every day.

**Holiday Ideas- Staying in touch with our learning**

Although we are all very excited about the holidays it is important that students maintain their reading, writing and mathematics skills wherever possible. Some great ways to do this are:

- Keeping a holiday journal
- Reading/being read to every day
- Helping to write the shopping list
- Planning a trip or day out using timetables and maps
- Keeping a photo journal using a camera or ipad. Photos are excellent for prompting writing ideas
- Sending emails or letters to relatives and friends
- Reviewing books, movies, shows or attractions
- Mathletics and Reading Eggs (both can now be accessed on iPad and iPhone)
- Revising basic number facts or mental arithmetic

E.g. Set up a time challenge or a game such as Maths Snap or Bingo, ‘taking turns’ in the car, setting the table or even before dessert.
Maths, Spelling and Reading Apps

There are many great apps including: Maths Champions, Splash maths, Times Tables Quiz, Quick Maths Jnr, Monkey Maths. There are also plenty of apps which target specific skills such as; sight words, telling the time, measurement, place value and money. If you do not have access to a smart phone or tablet, websites such as; BBC Schools, and Khan Academy are also fantastic and free!

Important dates in Term 3 for Thornlands State school students:

- Cleveland District High School enrolments closing in August
- Remaining ICAS testing week 3 and 5 Term 3 (English and Maths)
- Prep 2016 Information Session 29 July
- Year 2 History Excursion to Stradbroke Island 29 or 30 July.

Finally, some additional photos of the CDSHS Languages Day and the Year 6 Land Yachts.
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

Eftpos is available!
25 June  
St Helena Year 5  No late payments will be accepted as numbers need to be advised for excursion  
Click here for more Information

26 June  
Pyjama Day  
Last Day Term 2

13 July  
School Resumes Term 3

14 - 15 June  
Senior Sports Day

29 July  
Prep 2016 Open Day 9:00am to 10:30am School Hall

4 August  
Parent Teacher Interviews

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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

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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.
Library

Book Fair and Raffle:

Many thanks for fantastic parent support in this fund-raiser. We were able to buy almost $1000 worth of books for the Library with the commission earned from Book Fair. The raffle raised $79.50 which will also be spent on new books for the Library. Congratulations to our four winners.

Returning overdue books:

This week we are asking for any overdue books to be returned to the Library, so that students can borrow more books for the holiday period. Please help your children to locate any lost books and return them promptly.

Premier's Reading Challenge. The reading period continues until 28 August. Don't forget, books read for the challenge don't need to be Thornlands Library books. Well done to the students who have already handed in their completed forms.

CHAMBERS, Shirley
Thornlands State School

Chappy Corner

Chappy Breakfast
Chappy Breakfast Club News

Please note there will be NO BREAKFAST CLUB on Thursday 16th July
(first week term 3).

Breakfast club will return the following Thursday (23rd),
from 7.45am in the hall.

See you all then!

Bus Shopping Tour Fundraiser for Kaa Family

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!

Student Council

PYJAMA DAY
26 June 2015

Come dressed in your PJs on the last day of term

Please bring a cash donation to help support your school’s Student Council.

This money will be used to provide better facilities for our students

P&C News

TUCKSHOP HELP

TUCKSHOP 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

Well Thornlands we did it - BEST FAIR EVER!!! Firstly, I would like to thank all of the staff at our wonderful school. Their continuous support has been amazing. Also, to the parents/carers for every donation - every cent has gone towards giving your children the best school memories.

I could not have done this without the full focus and determination of my fair planning team. Full credit goes to you all.
And, I also need to mention our major sponsor - I.G.A CLEVELAND, BAY F.M., AUSSIE JUMPING CASTLES, AUSTRALIAN REAL ESTATE, and over 50 local businesses that contributed to our silent auction. There were also our community groups that performed on the day. BRILLIANT!!

This was an amazing event and showcased just what our school can do. Thank you so much. You couldn't have taken the smile off my face if you tried.....

All the best Dee-Arn Plain
Fundraising / Fair coordinator
Uniform Shop

Opens: Monday mornings - 8.30am - 9.30am

Dental Information

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

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH METRO SOUTH HEALTH SCHOOL
DENTAL SERVICE
PHONE
1300 300 850
(Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00).
Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.
For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/

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