Principal's Corner - 23 July 2015

Our wonderful P&C are still riding high on the success of the Winter Solstice Fair with a total of nearly $20000 raised!! Now further congratulations are in order. They have worked steadily over the last two years to improve the quality of the service provided by the Tuckshop, and their efforts have just been recognized by the Queensland Association of School Canteens (QAST) who independently assess the quality of school canteens.

The Thornlands SS Tuckshop has just been awarded a 5 star rating (the highest possible) for its menu. The feedback QAST provided states that it is “Smart Choices compliant. An outstanding menu, eligible for Tuckshop of the Year nomination”. Click here for more Information

I am sure you agree this is a wonderful result of which our P&C can be justifiably proud. As parents you can rest assured that if your children are eating food from our Tuckshop they are eating nutritionally sound and healthy options. If you haven’t utilized the Tuckshop for a while I encourage you to do so- even if just once a week. Remember that all proceeds from the Tuckshop are returned, via the P&C to the school and this benefits all of our students.

Congratulations and thank you to Aaron Tuni for his flawless organisation of a two day sports extravaganza last week. It only looks easy and runs so smoothly because the thought and thorough preparation have gone in beforehand and Aaron can take full credit for that; also for structuring a program that maximizes participation for all. Of course Aaron could not do it alone and once again the team effort from the whole staff was outstanding. I know you join me in thanking them all!

It was wonderful over those two very cold sports days to witness just how strong the culture is amongst our students to “have a go”. Here at Thornlands everyone’s efforts are valued and encouraged. This is largely
thanks to an amazing staff and the attitudes that they model all the time. Thank you to the parents who braved the cold conditions to come and cheer on our athletes. **Congratulations also to all of our age champions and good luck to any students who progress to the next level of competition.**

For your awareness, Thornlands has a completely new look leadership team moving into Term 3: Robyn Kwocksun DP (Welcome back Robyn), Kristy Warriner DP, Ben Truscott (Head of Curriculum) and Tracey Birkett (Head of Special Education Services) This is a diverse, and highly competent team who have already demonstrated their willingness and ability to work collaboratively for the benefit of the entire school.

A reminder that should you have any questions or concerns regarding your children at school, the classroom teachers are the first point of contact between you and the school. They are in a position to know your children best and I encourage you to ask questions of them if you have any concerns at all. Please be aware though, that teachers are busy before school preparing for the day, so it is best to make an appointment at a suitable time so they can give your conversation the attention it deserves. Don’t forget, also, that teachers like to receive positive feedback, so I encourage you to pass that on as well.

Should you feel that more follow up is required, please be aware, that the Deputy Principals and I have an “open door” policy. We are happy to talk to you if you would like to do so. Feel free to contact us through the school Office. For your awareness, **Robyn Kwocksun is the DP overseeing the lower school (P-2) and Kristy Warriner, the upper school (Year 3-6).** We prefer to be proactive and frequently find that a simple conversation can help solve issues or concerns while they are still relatively easy to deal with. Working together- school and parents - we can achieve the very best for your children.

Many of you have probably guessed that Kate Connor (our music teacher) will be taking maternity leave starting in just a few weeks time. Between now and then she will be filling a number of relieving and support roles across the school with Lauren McKercher, the previous teacher of 1M moving across, this week, into the role of our Music specialist teacher. We welcome Sandra Morante as the new teacher of 1M.

**A reminder that report cards will be sent home with all students this Thursday.** Our aim is that written reports will more effectively inform parents of their children’s progress as well as ways they can best support further improvement. Please note that in the folder in which you receive your child’s report card, you will also receive a copy of your confidential contact details (Student Card). **Please check this carefully, make any necessary alterations and return to the school office.** It is most important that we have up to date contact details and emergency contacts for all of our students.

Please note that if you do not have an email address recorded with us, please send an email to admin@thornlandsss.eq.edu.au so it can be updated immediately. Please see a note in this newsletter from our Business Services Manager regarding a new payment method coming into Queensland schools, which will rely on a current email address for parents.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Parent-teacher night** - Tuesday 4 August
2016 Prep enrolment morning – Wednesday 29 July.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our great school

Regards

Robyn

Finance and Student Details Update

Payment Methods for paying school invoices for excursions, etc are being updated. BPay will no longer be available and will be phased out over the next couple of weeks and a new system called BPoint will be introduced.

BPoint is an Online Card Payment facility enabling you to pay by Visa (Credit or Debit Cards) and Mastercards. To access this method of payment you will need the actual Invoice with the BPoint CRN and Invoice Numbers.

Invoices will now be automatically emailed to parents from the One School system.

If you do not receive an invoice you may still pay using cash or EFTPOS at the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before 10am or by direct credit to the school account using the Internet banking code for the excursion and your child’s unique code given out at the beginning of the year.

Please remember if you are having difficulty in paying for camps etc you can make an appointment to see the Business Services Manager as soon as you receive notification of the camp etc to make arrangements for a payment plan at any time.

Student Details - To ensure that emails are up to date on the system we will be generating the Student Cards and sending out with the Report Cards. Can you please check and make any alterations that are necessary and send back to the office as soon as possible.

If you do not have an email address under the Parent Details section then please email to admin@thornlandsss.eq.edu.au with the details of your child/children and classes so that it can be updated immediately.

Deputy’s Desk

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a wonderful break with family and loved ones. Now that the cold weather has well and truly hit, it is a timely reminder that all students should be wearing a school tracksuit top or plain black jumper. The uniform shop is now offering an additional option for winter, a plain black jumper with our school logo. All families should have received an order form for this prior to the holidays. If you have misplaced your order form and are interested in purchasing this latest addition, please either collect an order form from the...
office or the Uniform Shop. It is an expectation that all students wear the school uniform which has been endorsed by our P&C. The uniform shop is open on a Monday morning and does have a layby system. Alternatively, there are second hand uniforms also available.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!**

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, place it in the collection box in our school foyer or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolworths. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. With every point earned we can obtain valuable resources for our school. Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

**ICAS Results**

We have received our first instalment of ICAS results. Over half of the students who participated achieved an award! Congratulations to the following students who have received outstanding results on the Digital Technologies paper.

**High Distinction** – Callum F (Year 3) and Nadia W (Year 6)

**Distinction** – Alastair B, Hunter S, Milly S (Year 3), Kayla C, Ernie L, Ella M, Brodie W, Taleeya P (Year 4), Alex M (Year 6)

**Credit** – Skyla B (Year 3), Neve M and Daniel N (Year 4), Izaak L (Year 5), Sharna H (Year 6)
Starting Blocks is a new website for parents by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). ACECQA is the national body set up to oversee the implementation of the National Quality Framework (NQF), which has been developed to improve the standard of education and care and support parents when selecting child care, before and after school care and preschool options for their children.

The link is:

http://www.startingblocks.gov.au/about/

“Our aim is to provide you and your family with trusted information on early childhood education and care, all in one place – welcome to Starting Blocks.”

Learning begins from the minute your child is born. Whether he or she is being cared for at home, in child care or at another type of preschool service, it’s important that they have opportunities to learn and develop every day.

You’ll find lots of helpful tips on this website for things you can do at home to encourage your child’s development. If you’re looking for an early learning service such as child care or preschool, we will help you know what to look for so your child gets a quality care and learning experience.

Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards,

Kristy Warriner and Robyn Kwocksun

Deputy Principals

Curriculum Corner

Term 3 is shaping up to be a wonderful and busy term filled with lots of enriching learning activities. The Art show will be held on Thursday the 10 of September this term and the theme is ‘recycled and natural materials.’ Students will be immersed in a range of lessons which will assist them in creating their pieces for the show.

Key dates for this term

- AEDC (Australian Early development census) Prep 20 and 21 July 2015
- Parent Teacher Night Tuesday 4 August
- ICAS English 28 July and Maths 11 August
Year 5 Mandarin lessons

Our Year 5 students have been participating in Mandarin lessons this year and our Mandarin teacher Mrs Li has provided the students with some authentic and valuable learning experiences. Students dressed up in traditional Chinese costumes and did beautiful presentations about Chinese culture. They performed a popular song in Mandarin about looking for a good friend. Students all enjoyed the experiences very much and are looking forward to learning more about the Chinese language and unique culture.

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.
## DATE CLAIMERS

**Money collection days are Tuesday & Thursday Before 10am**

**Eftpos is available!**

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Year 2 Excursion Straddie 2C 2SM 1/2P  
[Click here for more Information](#)  
[No late payments accepted](#) |
| 30 July | Year 2 Excursion Straddie 2B 2T          |
| 3 August| Science Cluster Day Cleveland High School  
[Click here for more Information](#) |
<p>| 4 August| Parent Teacher Interviews               |
|         | Website will be open for bookings from Tuesday 28 July |
| 10 August| Exhibition Holiday (Redlands)          |
| 12 August| Sports Day Prep - 2                    |
| 19 August| Prep 2016 Open Day 9:00am to 10:30am School Hall |
| 21 August| Day 1 Cluster Sports Years 5 &amp; 6       |
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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]

**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

New Library Management System

Our Library has now changed over to a new Library Management System, called Infiniti. We are working hard on setting it up for student borrowing, and anticipate that we will be able to recommence student borrowing by Monday 27th July. Infiniti is a web-based system, which means that students will be able to access the Library catalogue at home. It will also be integrated with our ebook platform so that student will have easier access to ebooks. We apologize for the inconvenience of not borrowing books, and are very grateful for your patience during the changeover.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Thanks to those students who have submitted their reading record forms early. You still have until 28th August to complete your challenge, so keep on reading! A reminder that 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. Students should submit their completed reading record form to their teacher or Library staff any time before 3rd September, and they will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

Scholastic Book Club: Closing date for "Issue 5" will be 24 August 2015

All students should have brought home the book club brochures, if not then please ask your child's teacher. Parents, the "Loop Ordering" is again open for your convenience, orders can be made and paid for directly online with no need to bring any paperwork or receipts to the library. However if you prefer the traditional ordering method, please pay for your order by credit card and return the order form with payment receipt to the library, by the due date as stated above.

A reminder that Thornlands State School does not accept cash for payment

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!

PE News

Last week we had our annual Senior Sports Day for 2015. Congratulations to Cook House for winning the overall house championship. The last time Cook won the shield was way back in 2001. Congratulations to the following students for winning the Age Champion for their respective age group. 8yrs – Joseph M & Nicole T, 9yrs – Aiden B/Tyler B & Tayla C, 10yrs – Nicholas N & Anika C, 11yrs – Brayley H & Shana C, 12yrs – Curby B & Shannon K.

The Junior Sports Day will be on Wednesday 12 of August, 9am to 1:40pm. 9am to 11:00am are rotations and 11:50am to 1:30pm are the sprints and relays.

Our school Track & Field Team will be competing at the Bayside District Trials on the 6 & 7 of August at Cleveland High School. Notes will be going home soon.

Our next round of Cluster Sports will be kicking off again for this term on August 21 and September 11. Students have chosen their new sports. Notes will be coming home in the next couple of days. Some children missed out on going to the last round of cluster sports as they did not bring their notes and money for the bus back by the due date. Please make sure your child has their notes and money back by the 13 August or they will miss out.

Kind Regards
P&C News

THIS YEAR’S 5 CENT FRENZY!!

ARE YOU READY?

WHICH CLASS WILL WIN?

WILL IT BE 1SA AGAIN?

Last year we managed to raise over $2,500 for the school [FANS, IPADS]

GET ALL YOUR LOOSE CHANGE AND BRING IT TO YOUR CLASS EVERY WEEK FOR COUNTING.

THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY WILL GET A

PIZZA, POPPER PARTY!

GET COLLECTING YOUR COINS AND WIN!

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.
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

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1300 300 850

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For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/

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