



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Fire Season Is Upon Us

As you were informed last week, bushfires have affected many areas of NSW, some relatively close to us. I do not propose to send notes home each day, but I remind families that any changes to school routine will be made in the interests of student health and safety.

Our Vegie Garden

Congratulations to Mrs Budd, along with the parents and students who tend our vegie patch. They have been awarded 2nd place in the Wollondilly Garden Competition.

Uniform

Now that the Gym program is complete, uniform expectations are easier to follow. Students in Years 3-6 are expected to wear full school uniform, including black shoes and correct colour socks covering the ankles, Monday-Thursday, with sports uniform on Fridays. K-2 students have their sport on Thursdays, and are expected to wear full uniform Mon-Wed and Fridays.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to these students. Their picture will soon be on our website. Jasmine, Jayden, Ryan, Colby and Toni.

Assembly Awards

Well done to the following students from 1N:

Artist Of The Week: Caitlin

Mathematician Of The Week: Tyler

Writer of The Week: Keira

State Athletics

I travelled to Homebush last Thursday to see Angus, Jasmine and Luke compete in the long jump, discus and 100m sprint respectively. Both Angus and Jasmine achieved Personal Bests, and Luke placed 5th in the 9 Years 100m Final. I am so proud of them all.

Coming Events

24 Oct	Kindergarten 2014 Interviews	
25 Oct	Last day for Year 6 Camp payments World Teacher's Day	
28 – 30 Oct	Year 4 Berry Sport & Recreation Camp	
30 Oct	3-6 assembly 2pm	
30 Oct	LAST DAY TO PAY FOR ANY EXCURSIONS, CAMPS AND BAND FEES	
31 Oct	DISCO Years K-2	5:00-6:30
	Years 3-6	7:00-9:00
1 Nov	K-2 assembly 2pm	

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm

Staff Update

Some teachers have, or are about to, return from long service leave. Mrs Stevenson resumed duty on 14 October; Mrs Hunt on 18 October; Mrs Budd is due back on 28 October; and Mrs Barry on 30 October. I thank the relief teachers who have taken classes or programs in their absence. I will be out of the school for most of this week as I attend the NSW Primary Principals' Conference in Sydney. Mrs Gandy will be Relieving Principal while I am away. Finally, I am pleased to advise that Dr Margaret Turner has been appointed to the role of Director, Public Schools NSW for the Wollondilly Network. Dr Turner visited our school for the 125 celebration, and is mightily impressed by our community spirit. I could have told her that it's been evident since 1888!

World Teachers' Day

This will be celebrated this Friday, 25 October, and our office staff have a morning tea organised. I admit to being a little biased, but I believe I am blessed with some of the best educators I have ever worked with. If you get an opportunity, give your child's teacher a pat on the back on Friday.

Kindergarten 2014

You will see in "Coming Events" that interviews for our incoming Kinders are underway. If you know of any families near you who have children ready to start school next year, please ask them to contact our school office immediately, so that they can participate in our Orientation program.

Classes 2014

Later this term, we will be planning our class structures for next year. Any special requests for your child/ren's placements must be in writing, addressed to the Principal. All requests are considered, but I cannot guarantee that they will be granted.

Have a good week – and please look after Mrs Gandy as she looks after the school.

Stephen Lord

Band News

Term 4 Band Fee Invoices have now been sent home.

Could you please arrange to pay these fees as soon as possible as our new finance system begins rolling out on 29 October 2013 and all monies owing to the school needs to be finalised by no later than **29 October 2013**.

Any students owing Band Fees from previous Terms will not be able to attend lessons until such time as fees are paid.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Signing into the Office

With the bush fires closing several schools in the local area, we would like to take this opportunity to remind **all visitors**, including parent helpers, volunteers and canteen helpers, that it is a requirement to sign into the office and obtain a visitors badge whilst on the school grounds **NO MATTER HOW SHORT A TIME YOU MAY BE ON THE PREMISES**.

At this volatile time, we are unsure if we will need to go into a lockdown or evacuation procedure and your co-operation in signing into the office when on the premises allows us to account for you should you be on the school grounds at that time.

Once the bush fires have passed, parents and volunteers are still required to continue signing into the office before entering classrooms and canteen.

We also take this opportunity to remind you that if your child is late to school, it is imperative that they sign into the office so they are not marked as absent on the roll and they are accounted for should we have a lockdown or evacuation procedure.

Thank you.

SCHOOL FINANCE

As you may or may not be aware, Thirlmere Public School has been involved with the Learning Management Business Reform (LMBR) Implementation Program (new Finance and Student Wellbeing System).

Over the last few terms we have been updating our records and providing the Department with required information in order for them to harvest information from our current system to use in the new system.

We are now getting to the final steps in the Finance Section for us to Go-Live on 18 November 2013. Therefore, we require your assistance as follows:

✓ ALL MONEY OUTSTANDING IS REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY

NO LATER THAN 30 OCTOBER 2013

✓ NO EFT PAYMENTS OR DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT

AFTER 3PM ON THE 30 OCTOBER 2013

Money that would be due to the office prior to 30 October would be for the following items:

- Wollondilly Mud Fun
- School Magazine **This money is overdue and needs to be paid immediately**
- Year 6 Chocolates **This money is overdue and needs to be paid immediately**
- Symbio Excursion – Kindergarten ONLY
- Science Centre - Stage 1 ONLY
- Year 6 Camp
- Year 4 Camp **This money is overdue and needs to be paid immediately**
- Band Fees

Bandana Day

Bandana Day was on Friday 18th of October. The SRC did a wonderful job selling the Pens and Bandanas.

All Bandanas are sold but we do have a few different coloured pens still available to purchase from the office for \$3 each.

Thank you for your support!

Changes to Youth Banking in 2014.

In 2014 Commonwealth Bank will be automating the token process through the School Banking Web-Based System.

The Commonwealth Bank will tally the number of tokens to be allocated to each student and will prompt us when the student is ready to receive a reward at which time the student can advise us of the reward they are seeking.

To make the transition into the automated system in 2014 run smoothly, we are requesting that all tokens be returned to the school on Tuesday 17 December 2013 in exchange for a reward.

PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of the amount of tokens students may have accumulated, they will still receive a reward.

More information about the changes will be sent to you closer to the end of the term.

Thank you
Michelle Benson

Canteen News

TERM 4 2013

Friday 25 Oct	Danielle Dunleavy, Michelle Mills, Tania Willett
Monday 28 Oct	Lisa Williams, Nicole Lewry
Wednesday 30 Oct	Ed Schlosser, Tracy Daly
Friday 1 Nov	Zoe Stephens, Chris Ahumuda, Lea Blatch
Monday 4 Nov	Lisa Fava, Donna-Lee Henry
Wednesday 6 Nov	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 8 Nov	Mel Moroz, Christie Henry (til 1pm), Michelle Jobson
Monday 11 Nov	Jo Tapp, Shannon Apps
Wednesday 13 Nov	Sharon Browning, Kaylene Gallagher
Friday 15 Nov	Monique Liddle, Lea Blatch, Tammy Ellis
Monday 18 Nov	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 20 Nov	Deb Collings, Gail Burtenshaw
Friday 22 Nov	Nicole Lewry, Tania Willett, Millie Achis
Monday 25 Nov	Lisa Williams, Lea Blatch
Wednesday 27 Nov	Deb Parker, Lee-Anne Armstrong
Friday 29 Nov	Jackie Benson, Kerry New, Danielle Dunleavy
Monday 2 Dec	Helle Juske, Tammy Parker
Wednesday 4 Dec	Meryl Cooper, Diane Hunt
Friday 6 Dec	Felicity Saarinen, Jule Bird, Monique Liddle
Monday 9 Dec	Tammy Ellis, Kaylene Gallagher
Wednesday 11 Dec	Mel Chamberlain, Lisa Boyce
Friday 13 Dec	Mel Moroz, Nicole Lewry, Tania Willett
Monday 16 Dec	Lisa Fava, Mel Ruddiman
Wednesday 18 Dec	Lea Blatch, Shannon Apps
Friday 20 Dec	

**CANTEEN CLOSED
FOR STOCKTAKE**

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Symbio Excursion – Last Day to Pay 4 December

Notes sent home this week

Gold Day eligibility and procedures

Fire Update Note

Sport & Activity Cancelled Note

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Science Centre – Last Day to Pay 29 October

Notes sent home this week

Gold Day eligibility and procedures

Fire Update Note

Sport & Activity Cancelled Note

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Wollondilly Mud Fun –

Last Day to Pay 29 October

Year 4 Berry Camp – OVERDUE

Notes sent home this week

Gold Day eligibility and procedures

Fire Update Note

Sport & Activity Cancelled Note

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Year 6 Chocolates – OVERDUE

Year 6 Camp – Last Day to Pay 25 October

Notes sent home this week

Stage 3 Research Project

Gold Day eligibility and procedures

Fire Update Note

Sport & Activity Cancelled Note

**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER
“LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT” date.**

Stage 3 Camps

Listed below are important dates to remember for the Stage 2 & 3 Camps:

Year 4 Berry Camp

Last Day to Pay – OVERDUE

Camp dates: 28 October 2013 – 30 October 2013

Year 6 Point Wolstoncroft Camp

Last Day to Pay – 25 October 2013

Camp Dates: 4 November 2013 – 8 November 2013

Gold Reward Day 2013

In accordance with our school's behaviour system students that reach Gold level will be invited to participate in a Gold Reward Day. There is no maximum number of students that are allowed to attend and the opportunity is open to ALL eligible students at Thirlmere Public School.

For 2013 this will involve the students attending the cinema to watch a movie.

What: Free Birds Movie (Rating G or PG)

When: Friday 6th December 2013

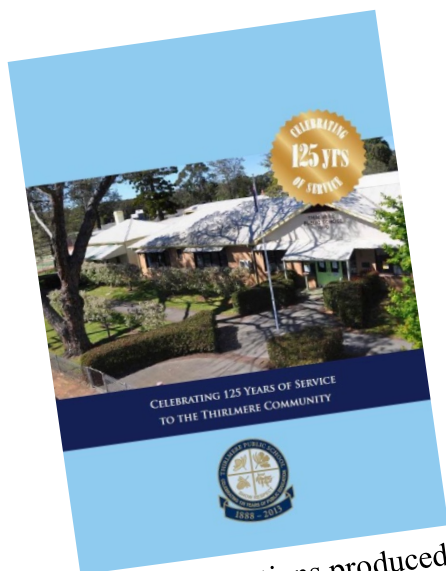
Where: Dumaresq Street Cinemas, Campbelltown

Cost: The school will cover the cost of the bus.

Parents will be required to cover the cost of the movie (\$5.00) and any snacks purchased. (\$1.50 each). A limited range of snacks will be available to be pre ordered.

A Fair to Remember'

We would like to thank the following businesses that supported Thirlmere Public School with donations, assistance, advertising and anything else that we needed to make our 125th Anniversary a fantastic celebration for Thirlmere Public School.



Mudlark Productions produced our 125th Book which has all this years class photos and aerial shots of the whole school



Old fashion cart kindly lent to the school by the Greene Family



Exceptionally made and donated by Phoenix Engineering



Beno's Meats donations to the BBQ raffle, advertising and dishing up awesome roast rolls.



**PAVER ORDERS
CLOSE
31ST OCTOBER,
FORMS AVAILABLE
FROM SCHOOL
OFFICE**
This will be your last
opportunity to purchase
a paver



The fantastic Estonian dance group

Irelands Machinery
Mowbray Park Produce
Thirlmere Pharmacy
Picton Sand & Soil
SDM Bobcat & Tipping Services
Johnny Willett Bricklaying
Autoplus
Pinnacle Tax and Accounting
Budget Battery Services
Thirlmere Beauty Essentials
John Digger Furniture & Carpet
STADS
Rick Hayes Electrical
Ricky's Smash Repairs
Mittagong Mechanical Repairs
Phantom Cycles
Vards Graphics
Thirlmere Auto Port
Picton Hire
Phoenix Engineering
Mudlark Productions
Derks Pet and Produce
Wollondilly Shire Council
Beno's Family Meats
Stilton Lane Nursery
Picton Mitre 10
Wollondilly Property Maintenance
Walrus Concreting
Thirlmere Meats
JT Willett & Sons
Patty's Home Made
Lions Club
Picton-Thirlmere-Bargo RSL Sub Branch
Gossip Hair Design
Stamping Up
Bunnings Hardware Mittagong
Kid Stuff, Mittagong,
Tahmoor Garden Centre
Gymstastic Kids
RSL Lifecare, Taara Gardens
Fun Tatts Temporary Tattoos
Sapphires Baby Wear
Tracey Franke
Mini Melts
Mogopicon
G & G Waste Services
Wollondilly Community Nursery
Country Valley Milk

Jai Rowell MP
Sweet & Sour
Wick "n" Wax
Soap Buddies
Picton View Club
Cooper Hendricks Family
Carol Rae
Rosemary McKenzie
House Warehouse
Woolworths Tahmoor
Kathryn Davidson
Peter Wells
Chalker Music
R n B Music
Picton District A.H. & I Society Inc
Camden Discount Cycles
Narellan Pools
Thirlmere Vet Clinic
Calmsley Hill City Farm
Jamberoo Action Park
Pancakes on the Rocks
Taronga Zoo or Taranga Western Plain Zoo
Barenz Camden
Captain Cook Cruises
Luna Park
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust Family Pass
Trainworks
Dolphin Watch Cruises, Jervis Bay
The National Dinosaur Museum
Questacon
Anthill Park Golf Club
Attitude Hair and Beauty
Colour Perfection Hair and Beauty Camden
Scott Vormeister
Missy Moo Creations
Cupcake and Me
Maid in the Shade
Kim Overall
Cedar Creek Orchard
Heavenly Cupcakes
Toga Goat Farm
Amazing Ponies
Prickle Farm Bakery
Ness Crochet Emporium
Susy Brandstater
Tina Allsop
John Tacey Chemist


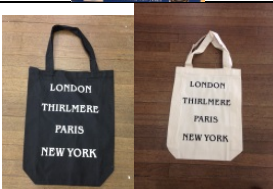




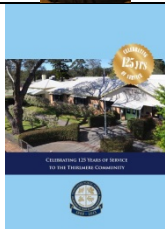
125th MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

LIMITED QUANTITIES

ORDER WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT WITHIN FEW DAYS

AVAILABLE UNTIL 31ST OCTOBER 2013

Student: _____ *Class:* _____

	Cook Book \$15	Qty
	Black Cotton or Calico Bag \$6	Qty Black Qty Calico
	Pen \$2	Qty
	Tea Towel \$10	Qty
	Waterbottle \$6	Qty
	Excursion bag \$8	Qty
	125 th Book Includes pictures of all current students and our schools history – focussing on last 25 years \$20	Qty
	Total \$	Total

You can view all above items in the school office

**Pavers are still available to order until
31st October (forms available from office)**

All Cheques made payable to Thirlmere Public School, EFTPOS also available at
Office.

Thirlmere Public School

School Newsletter

To embrace the technological nature of society, our newsletter is now being delivered by email. In the space provided below, please indicate the email address/es you wish to use to receive the newsletter.

1st Parent/Guardian Email :

2nd Parent/Guardian Email :

3rd Parent/Guardian Email :

Extra School Reports

In some households there is a need for a second report to be sent to another parent not permanently residing with the student.

Reports go home at the end of Semester One and Semester Two.

If you require a second report, please provide us with the following details.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Email address: _____

If you have any updated Court Orders/AVO's that you have not provided to the school yet, could you please arrange a copy as soon as possible.

We also require you to advise the ladies in the office if the structure at home has changed so that we can update our records accordingly.



Thornton Bros

The school would like to thank Thornton Bros Flowers who are kindly donating a bunch of flowers to the school each fortnight to help beautify our office area.

Ph: 4683 1062



Taara Gardens

For the Not-so- retiring!

Enquiries: Charlene Crocker: 0417 483931 or

Jenny Cheetham: 0418 265 416

We welcome you to come & have a look around the Village. Located at: 25 Estonian Road, Thirlmere

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