

# Thirlmere Public School

12 November 2013

Term 4 – Week 6



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Year 6 Camp

Students and teachers returned safely from Point Wolstoncroft on Friday afternoon, looking exhausted but happy. The favourite activity appeared to be sailing. This camp has been a fixture in our school for a long time, and it remains something that children coming up through the grades look forward to.

### RFS Thank You

By all accounts the celebration on Sunday was a great success, despite the weather. Congratulations to Tim Bennett-Smith and company from Wollondilly RSL who organised the event, which raised several thousand dollars for our local brigades.

### Principal's Awards

Congratulations to these students. Their picture will soon be on our website. Adrian, Kristina, Sophie T, Sophie P, Charli, Danielle, James, Tyler, Chloe, Logan, Summer, Tayla, Erin, Mitchell, Piper, Katie, Katelyn, Lachlan, Hannah and Hayleigh.

### Remembrance Day

The wet weather looked to upset the plans of the Wollondilly RSL Sub-Branch for their service in Thirlmere Park, until our school came to the rescue. Our new COLA allowed us to hold the service and include all invited guests, including the Mayor. I must complement our students, who had to stand for an extended time, but behaved beautifully, impressing all the RSL and community representatives.

### Student Leaders 2014

Twenty applications have been received (10 boys and 10 girls) for the eight available positions. The standard of application is very high, and the executive staff will have a hard time deciding. Results will be in next week's newsletter.

### Kindergarten 2014

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 on our Orientation program.

## Coming Events

### Finance Freeze until approx. 25 Nov 2013

15 Nov	K-2 Assembly
18 Nov	Established Band
19 Nov	Kindergarten 2014 Orientation - classroom visit P&C meeting 6:30pm
20 Nov	Wollondilly Mud Fun 3/4H & 4S 10.30am -2.00pm Beginner Band Book Club Orders Due
22 Nov	Year 6 Mini Fair
26 Nov	Last Day for Merit Certificates to the office

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm



## 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, address to the Principal. All requests are considered, but I cannot guarantee that they will be granted.

Also, please let us know urgently if your family is leaving the local area and your children will not be attending Thirlmere Public School in 2014.

## Learning Labs

The University of Wollongong is conducting an enrichment program for high achieving students in Years 3-10 during January 2014. A limited number of brochures and application forms are available from our school office.

For more information, go to

[www.socialsciences.uow.edu.au/education/learninglabs](http://www.socialsciences.uow.edu.au/education/learninglabs)

## Reading challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download.

To download the app:

<http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

## Understanding Climate Change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more:

<http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

## Selective High School Placement

Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November. Parents with internet access are asked to apply online.

For information and application forms:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

## Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014.

Enter the competition: [www.aussievault.com.au](http://www.aussievault.com.au)

## Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start\\_ss/rfhsc.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php)

Have a good week, and let's be grateful for the much needed rain.

Stephen Lord

## Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held on 13 December 2013 under the COLA at Thirlmere Public School.

Please refer to the dates listed below to hand in Awards and Banners for this ceremony;

26 Nov	Last Day for Merit Certificates to the office
2 Dec	Last Day for Principals Awards to be distributed at the Monday morning assembly
3 Dec	All Principals Awards and Banners due to the office. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED</b>
13 Dec	Gold Medal Assembly

## Library News

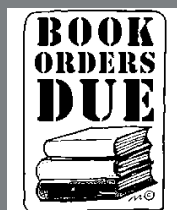
Thank you to all the students who have returned their overdue Library books in the last week.

Borrowing will cease next week in readiness for the Library annual stocktake so all books need to be returned.

Can you please check under the bed and in those book shelves for all those missing books and return them to the Library.



Book club order forms have been distributed to all classes this week. If you wish to purchase any items, please place your order in the green box in the Library. Orders need to be returned by



*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.*



## Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge certificates should be received in early December.

Throughout NSW 6.807.848 books were read by students. The most popular books were

*K-2 - Possum Magic*

*3-4 - Fantastic Mr Fox*

*5-6 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid- Cabin fever*

## Band News

Thank you to the many families who have paid their Band Fees for Term 4 already.

If you have not paid your fees, could you please forward the payment to the office by cash and we will issue a receipt to you when the new finance system is available from approximately 25 November 2013. Please Note: EFTPOS will not be available to use during the Finance Freeze period of 30 October to approximately 25 November 2013.

**All Year 6 Students participating in Band need to have all fees paid and up to date by 6 December 2013.**

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

## Canteen News

### TERM 4 2013

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**

# SCHOOL FINANCE

**School Finance receipting still remains CLOSED as we begin our conversion to the new Finance System.**

As excursions and extra-curricular activities are still proceeding in the school, we request that you continue to pay your accounts by cash form and we will issue a receipt to you when the new finance system is available approximately 25 November.

## **Please Note:**

**EFTPOS will not be available to use during the Finance Freeze period of 30 October to approximately 25 November 2013.**

## **Money that is currently due to the office is:**

- Wollondilly Mud Fun
- School Magazine **This money is overdue and needs to be paid immediately**
- Symbio – Kindergarten ONLY
- Band Fees
- Jamberoo
- Gold Reward Day – Selected Students ONLY
- Mini Fair Tokens

**All Year 6 students owing money to the school must be paid by no later than**

**6 December 2013.**

We also ask that parents please bear with us over the coming weeks as we move into our new finance system

## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

*Symbio – Last Day to Pay 4 December*

*Mini Fair Tokens – Tokens available up to and  
on the day of Mini Fair*

*Gold Reward Day – Last Day to Pay 29 Nov*

**Notes sent home this week**

Year 6 Mini Fair

Gold Reward Day Notes – **Gold Level Students ONLY**

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

*Mini Fair Tokens – Tokens available up to and  
on the day of Mini Fair*

*Gold Reward Day – Last Day to Pay 29 Nov*

**Notes sent home this week**

Year 6 Mini Fair

Gold Reward Day Notes – **Gold Level Students ONLY**

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

*Mini Fair Tokens – Tokens available up to and  
on the day of Mini Fair*

*Gold Reward Day – Last Day to Pay 29 Nov*

**Notes sent home this week**

Year 6 Mini Fair

Gold Reward Day Notes – **Gold Level Students ONLY**

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

*Jamberoo – Last Day to Pay 25 November*

*Mini Fair Tokens – Tokens available up to and  
on the day of Mini Fair*

*Gold Reward Day – Last Day to Pay 29 Nov*

**Notes sent home this week**

Year 6 Mini Fair

Gold Reward Day Notes – **Gold Level Students ONLY**

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

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

All blue notes explaining the procedure must be returned to school ASAP.

Students that have reached gold will start to receive their permission notes this week.

## Year 6 Farewell

**The Year 6 Farewell will be on:**

**When:** Thursday 12th December 2013

**Where:** Bargo Sports Club

**Time:** 6pm arrival and photos

6:30 Dinner

Certificate presentation 9:30pm

Conclude 10pm

## Uniform News

As the end of year is fast approaching, it's time to get your orders in for any uniform stock needed for next year.

By placing an order, it will ensure that you get the stock you need without delay.

Just a reminder that an order can be placed through the uniform shop directly, or it can be left at the front office. Please be sure to leave a contact number should I need to contact you.

The uniform shop will cease trading for 2013 on Tuesday 17 December. The first day of trade in 2014 will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. On this day the shop will be open from 10.00am – 2.00pm. There will be limited stock available for purchase on this day, please be sure to pre-order to avoid disappointment.

Furthermore, the new sports uniform will be a compulsory part of our school uniform for Term 1, 2014. The uniform consists of a microfiber sports shirt and microfiber sports shorts. The uniform is unisex and is expected to be worn by both the girls and boys alike.

A current pricelist/order form is attached for your consideration.

For further information, please feel free to see me in the uniform shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.30am-9.00am and 2.30pm-3.00pm.

Thank you

Amanda Lee

## Student Banking

Thank you to Mrs Dunleavy who completed the last Reward Redemption Day this morning.

All went well and our regular bankers walked away with rewards.

We take this opportunity to remind parents that on the last Wednesday of Term 4 all tokens need to be returned to the office and a reward will be given to those students.

Thank you  
Michelle Benson

## University of Wollongong

The University of Wollongong's School of Education would like to invite the students of Thirlmere Public School to EARLY LEARNING LABS, a gifted and talented holiday program with workshops in the fields of Maths, Debating, Creative Writing, Music, History, Digital Media and Robotics.

The University are targeting students from Year 3 to Year 6 during 2013, who are academically high achievers.

For more information, please contact the office.

## Thank you to our local Fire Service

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November,  
It was cold, it was wet... What more could a firey want.....??? Fantastic live music, hot sausages, great raffle prizes.

THANK YOU to those who came to say THANK YOU !!!  
We would like to extend this thank you to Mr Stephen Lord whose support has allowed Thirlmere to strengthen and shine at both a school and community level.

We would also like to thank our fabulous cleaners, Vicki and Trudy, for taking care of the BIG CLEANUP job at the 125<sup>th</sup> Fair and supplying the bins for the weekend party!



## THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

### PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2013

ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	QUANTITY
Wide brim hat	XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL	\$10	
Girls Summer dress	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$46	
Girls Winter tunic	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$44	
Polo shirt s/sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$16	
Polo shirt s/sleeve	18,20,22	\$20	
Polo shirt l/sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18	
Microfibre jacket	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$33	
Zip cardigan	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$21	
Emblem jumper	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17	
Grey cargo shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$16	
Girls skorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Sport shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Sports shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Microfibre track pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22	
Fleecy track pants (with cuff)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Fleecy trackpants (straight leg)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Grey trousers	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17	
Girls bootleg pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18	
Girls dress pant	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22	
Skivvy	4,6,8,10,12	\$9	
Netball skirts	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Tights	4-6yrs, 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs	\$9	
Polar fleece scarf	One size	\$5	
Ankle socks (pack 5)	9-12, 13-3, 2-8 grey or white	\$15	
Ankle sock (per pair)	9-12, 13-3, 2-8 grey or white	\$3	
Art smock	One size	\$13	
Girls sport brief	4-6, 6-8, 8-10, 10-12	\$7	
Football socks	9-2, 2-7, 7-10	\$10	
School badge		\$10	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Class \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick option for collection: *Payment options are cash/cheque*

I will collect from school ☐

Please deliver to my childs class ☐

I will collect from the uniform shop ☐

# Students on Gold Level

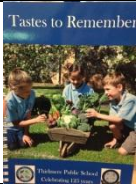




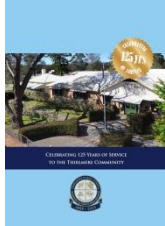
<b>KH</b> -	<b>KP</b> Ryan E Mikayla H Veallie M  Savannah M	<b>KT</b> Zoe B Keira H Logan M Finlay R David S Blake T	<b>1K</b> Nait B Kaidyn B Braden D Cameron D Kelinda E Anna F Cooper H Kaitlyn J Coen M Bailey R Bridget R Levi S William T Colby T	<b>1N</b> Emily C Caitlin Q Shiloh S Tyler S Olivia S Tristan Z	<b>2B</b> -	<b>2G</b> -
<b>2/3R</b> Kianna A Tsehay H Mitchell C Ella H Tyler H	<b>3B</b> -	<b>3/4H</b> Laine B Henry C Luke J	<b>4S</b> Jamie A Christian H Jaylie P Joshua Q Mikaela R Chloe W	<b>5C</b> Sam B Oscar C Montana G Jack H Jagger P Nathan S Samuel Y	<b>5/6G</b> Byron C Josh C Reece P Jacob R Jayden R Jessica T	<b>6J</b> Jake C Lawson R
<b>Students on Silver Level</b>						
				<b>KP</b> Jesse V Ashden L Tyler M	<b>2/3R</b> Mackye R Colby S	<b>4S</b> Angus A Kurtis B Tara S Cody W Thomas Z Jordon T

# 125<sup>th</sup> MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

## LIMITED QUANTITIES

ORDER WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT WITHIN FEW DAYS

**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 <sup>th</sup> 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  
Payment by cash only until further notice to the school office.

**PAVER ORDERS ARE NOW CLOSED**

Friday 22/11/13

Everyone welcome!!

12-3pm

School Playground

Bring your money!



Games



Cakes

# Mini Fair



BBQ

Games



Thirlmere PS Hairspray

Prizes



Win a GIANT  
Toblerone

# 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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