

Principal's Message



A good start to the Year Ahead

I thank everyone – students, parents and staff alike – for settling in so well. Being able to form our classes on the first day is a bonus, and sets the scene for a great year to follow.

You may have noticed some departures from normal routine over the first few days. These have been due to planning days for Stages 1-3, and Best Start testing for Kindergarten.

Both are vital to get 2013 off on the right foot, and I thank parents for your cooperation and understanding.

Meet the Teacher

Notes were sent home earlier this week. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Sessions start at 5:15pm and 6:00pm. Please remember that this is **not** an individual interview time. Parent-teacher interviews will be held later in the term during the week beginning 25 March.

Student Supplies

It is essential that every student comes ready and equipped for the classroom each day. Years 2-6 are expected to provide their own resources in a sturdy pencil case.

Stage Leaders will confirm the exact requirements for each grade at Meet the Teacher. Most items are fairly cheap to buy, but they do need to be renewed during the year.

Scripture

Lessons will commence on Wednesday 20 February, with Years 3-6 at 8:55 – 9:35 and K-2 at 9:35-10:05. Both Catholic and General Protestant (e.g Anglican, Uniting) classes are offered, and taught by trained volunteers organised through local churches. The programs promote Christian values and are not judgemental or divisive in any way.

All students with an appropriate religious denomination indicated on their original enrolment will be allocated a Scripture class. Those with “No Religion” on their enrolment will be supervised during Scripture time, but not taught.

Please direct any Scripture enquiries to Mr Lord.

Coming Events

5-8 Feb	Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten students
11 Feb	Meet the Teacher evening
13 Feb	Leaders Induction Ceremony 9:30am
19 Feb	Swimming Carnival



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Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open on the following days:
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am – 9.00am
2.30pm – 3.00pm

Band News

All overdue Band Fees for 2012 **must** be paid by no later than Monday 4 February 2013, as students will be unable to attend lessons for 2013 until paid.

Invoices for Term 1 2013, will be issued by Monday 18th February 2013.

Beginner Band commences 8 week program from Wednesday 20 February 2013 - 10 April 2013

Canteen

Canteen is open on the following days this year:

Monday Wednesday Friday

Emergency Contact Forms

A note will be sent home next week in relation to your Emergency Contact Details. We require you to check all details thoroughly and update any details that may have changed and return it to the office as soon as possible.

If no changes are to be made, please send the form back to the office with no changes.

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.

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

Thank you

Parents in our Playground

This is your school and you are always welcome on the premises. I do ask, however, that parents move away from their children's classrooms as soon as the teachers take them in each morning.

Likewise, I ask that parents do not approach their children's classroom windows in the afternoon while lessons are in progress.

Distractions such as these make teachers' jobs so much harder and have an unsettling effect on all students, not just your own. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

2013 Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2012 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Find out more:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Excursion Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (*Kindergarten*)

Currently there are NO Excursions

Notes sent home this week

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Stage 1 (*Years 1 & 2*)

Year 2 Students ONLY – Swimming Carnival

Last day for Payment 15 February 2013

Notes sent home this week

Swimming Carnival – Year 2 ONLY

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Stage 2 (*Years 3 & 4*)

Swimming Carnival

Last day for Payment 15 February 2013

Notes sent home this week

Stage 2 & 3 Camps/Overnight Excursions 2013

Swimming Carnival

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Stage 3 (*Years 5 & 6*)

Swimming Carnival

Last day for Payment 15 February 2013

Notes sent home this week

Canberra Overnight Expression of Interest

Swimming Carnival

Meet the Teacher Sessions

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

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>

School Uniform

2013 marks five years since our uniform was last reviewed. This has been discussed at P&C meetings and it is anticipated that changes, if any, will be ratified by financial members of the P&C at the Annual General Meeting on 19 March. Please direct any comments or suggestions to the P&C via the school office.

Don't forget to check out our website, at www.thirlmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

A tip for Dads – don't forget next Thursday. I'm thinking roses or a dinner date, or both!

Have a good week.

Stephen Lord

Term 1 2013 Canteen Roster

Wednesday 30 th Jan	Deb Parker, Lee-Anne Armstrong
Friday 1 st Feb	Lisa Williams, Deb Day
Monday 4 th Feb	Tammy Parker, Julie Heaslip
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 8 th Feb	Tania Willett, Monique Liddle, Moniques mum, Tracy Digger (orient)
Monday 11 th Feb	Mel Ruddiman, Christie Henry (until 1.30pm)
Wednesday 13 th Feb	Deb Parker, Lee-Anne Armstrong, Danielle Dunleavy (orient)
Friday 15 th Feb	Zoe Stephens, Shannon Apps, Michelle Jobson
Monday 18 th Feb	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 20 th Feb	Tammy Parker, Lisa Boyce
Friday 22 nd Feb	Mel Moroz, Mel Ruddiman, Christie Henry (until 1.30pm), Belinda Kelly (orient)
Monday 25 th Feb	Jo Tapp, Donna-Lee Henry
Wednesday 27 th Feb	Tania Willett, Deb Day
Friday 1 st March	Meg Moore, Lisa Williams, Kerry New
Monday 4 th March	Helle Juske, Lyn Eberhart
Wednesday 6 th March	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 8 th March	Mel Moroz, Jackie Benson, Monique Liddle
Monday 11 th March	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 13 th March	Gail Burtenshaw, Deb Pocock
Friday 15 th March	Mel Moroz, Mel Harris, Kerry New
Monday 18 th March	Mel Chamberlain, Julie Heaslip
Wednesday 20 th March	Millie Achis, Tania Willett
Friday 22 nd March	Tracy Digger, Simone White, Belinda Kelly
Monday 25 th March	Lisa Fava, Mel Ruddiman
Wednesday 27 th March	Ed Schlosser, Tammy Parker
Friday 29th March	EASTER FRIDAY – Public Holiday
Monday 1st April	EASTER MONDAY – Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd April	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 5 th April	Chris Ahumada, Michelle Jobson, Sharon Browning
Monday 8 th April	Helle Juske, Lisa Fava
Wednesday 10 th April	Deb Day, Danielle Dunleavy
Friday 12th April	CANTEEN CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

Advertising

Picton Rangers Football Club

All ages Boys and Girls, Under 6's to Men and Ladies.

Saturday 2nd February 2013 10am-2pm

Saturday 9th February 2013 10am-2pm

Hume Oval

Downing St Picton

New players to bring Birth Certificate

Enquiries: prscpresident@hotmail.com



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.

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WOLLONDILLY
Junior Australian Football Club



Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2013 Player Registrations

We are currently seeking players for the 2013 season to play on Sundays!

Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9's, under 10's, under 12's and under 14's.

We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up.

Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5:00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.

For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email redbacksaf1@gmail.com



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