

Principal's Message

Our 2013 Student Leaders

These boys and girls were inducted on Wednesday, and I thank Mrs Gandy for organising the assembly.

School Captains

Grace

Lawson

Student Leaders

Angus

David

Jayden

Savannah

Mitchell

Lachlan

House Captains

Banksia:

Ally

David

Bronte

Zachary

Boronia:

Alex

Abbey

Heath

Olivia

Waratah:

Maddison

Kurtis

Philip

Danielle

Wattle:

Hannah

Jake

Heather

Luke

Library Monitors

Sophie

Jake

Jayden

Hayleigh

Seth

Brooke

Mackenzie

Jaidyn

Technology Monitors

Jai

Ryan

BJ

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Jack 2G

Grace 2B

Ella 2/3R

Molly 3B

Lachlan 3/4H

Jazmin 4S

Harry 5C

Matthew 5/6G Codi 6J

Coming Events

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| 19 Feb | Swimming Carnival (Years 2-6)
P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom |
| 20 Feb | Scripture classes commence
NRMA Bus Safety Program (Kindergarten)
Beginner Band Starts
3-6 Assembly 2pm |
| 21 Feb | NRL clinic |
| 22 Feb | K-2 Assembly 2pm |



Principal's Awards

Our first for 2013! Congratulations James – you can check his picture soon on our website.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those who attended. I trust that the information provided was helpful at this stage of the year. Thanks also to the staff for their generosity with time.

Swimming Carnival

This is one of those important days on the school's sporting calendar. All students in Years 2-6 are expected to attend, and there will be events to cater for everyone, regardless of swimming ability. By the time you receive this newsletter, there will be one day left (Friday) to return permission forms and payment. No late notes or payments will be accepted unless arrangements are made with the school office prior to the closing date.

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Uniform Shop

Size 8 Polo Shirts are currently out of stock. We are expecting the order to be in by 27 February 2013.

Also a reminder that School Photos are soon approaching and all students are required to be in **Full Summer** school uniform.

Band News

Invoices for Term 1 2013, will be issued by Friday 15th February 2013. Could you please arrange payment as soon as possible.

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

Canteen

Tuck Shop Newsletter and Meal Deal Newsletter coming home today.

Emergency Contact Forms

A note will be sent home on Friday 15 February 2013 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

Online Newsletters

From the beginning of Term 2, I plan to offer the newsletter in paperless form. Parents will be able to choose to:

- Log on to the school's website, where the newsletter will be uploaded each week;
- Have the newsletter e-mailed to the address of their choice; or
- Maintain the status quo, and receive a hard copy each week.

Please indicate your preference on the form attached to the back of the newsletter and return it to the "frog's mouth" in the school office.

Alf Channell

You may not recognise this name, but Alf, who passed away two weeks ago, was a long term identity in Thirlmere. He was always active in the RSL Sub-branch, and had helped many young males who might otherwise have headed in the wrong direction.

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 (eg 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.

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (*Kindergarten*)

NRMA Bus Safety Program

Notes sent home this week

Voluntary Contributions 2013 note

Tuck Shop Newsletter and Meal Deal Letter

Stage 1 (*Years 1 & 2*)

Year 2 Students ONLY – Swimming Carnival

Last day for Payment 15 February 2013

Notes sent home this week

Year 2 ONLY – School Magazine

Swimming Carnival – Year 2 ONLY

Tuck Shop Newsletter and Meal Deal Letter

Stage 2 (*Years 3 & 4*)

Swimming Carnival

Last day for Payment 15 February 2013

Notes sent home this week

School Magazine

Tuck Shop Newsletter and Meal Deal Letter

Stage 3 (*Years 5 & 6*)

Swimming Carnival

Last day for Payment 15 February 2013

Notes sent home this week

School Magazine

Tuck Shop Newsletter and Meal Deal Letter

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

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.

Sharing Food

I reminded all students on Monday morning about food allergies, and that some of our boys and girls have them. Thankfully these students' families have done a good job in teaching their children how to manage their condition, but I also seek the cooperation of everyone else to resist the temptation to share food. In some cases, even the smell of a food group such as nuts can bring on an allergic reaction. Having said that, I can re-assure families that in the event of a severe reaction, we are well-equipped to administer the correct treatment, and all staff are anaphylaxis-trained.

Surplus Furniture

We still have a small amount of tables and chairs left from our Heritage Classrooms that are free to a good home. If you know of anyone interested in these items, feel free to speak with one of the ladies in the office.

Jargon Buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Library News

Welcome back to a fun year of reading and books. Library visits have begun this week for all classes. I would encourage you to remind your child to bring their library bags on their class visits each week.

Library Days 2013

<i>Monday</i>	2/3R, 5C, 1N, 3B
<i>Tuesday</i>	KH, 1K, 3/4H, 2G, 2B
<i>Wednesday</i>	4S, KP
<i>Thursday</i>	KT
<i>Friday</i>	6J, 5/6G

The premiers Reading Challenge begins in March. There will be more details in the future newsletters regarding the challenge. I hope all students K-6 will be participating in 2013.

Anne Wood
Teacher Librarian

Kid's FireWise

The NSW Rural Fire Service has initiated a number of educational programs aimed at reducing the number of fires and fire related injuries that occur. One of these programs is Kid's FireWise - a firefighter delivered course that targets Year 3 students.

A firefighter from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) will be visiting Thirlmere Public School on Tuesday 26 February and working with Year 3 students on strategies that support fire prevention and personal safety in the event of a fire. Students will be bringing home completed work and fire safety information which family members can use in making their home and its surrounds as fire safe as possible.

Avoiding Injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

Maths Questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your Child with Homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

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

Exemption Forms

If you are planning to take your child/children on holidays or they will be absent from school for a period of time. We request you complete an Exemption Form for the child/children. These forms can be obtained from the ladies in the office.

The first P&C meeting is on Tuesday night at 6:30pm. All parents, especially new ones, are welcome. I hope to see you there.

Have a good week.

Stephen Lord

CHANGES TO THIRLMERE P.S. STUDENT AWARD SYSTEM

4 Awards	=	1 Principal's Award
4 Principal's Awards	=	1 Banner
2 banners	=	1 Gold Medal

Once a student has received 4 awards, they may be handed in to the Office in order to receive a Principal's Award. Parents are notified, via a note, when these awards are to be given to students. This is usually Monday morning assembly.

When a student has 4 Principal's Awards, they must take these and the attached merit awards to the office. Their name will then be entered in the register to receive a banner, or if their second banner, a Gold Medal. We hold the Medal assemblies twice a year and parents will be notified of the date and time for these assemblies.

The following is a list of eligible awards :

- Merit Awards - given fortnightly at K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies
- Writer of the Week Award
- Mathematics Award
- Oracy Competition awards
- Artist of the Week Award – recognising students in dance, drama, music or art
- Visual Arts Award
- Aussie of the Month winner
- Merit Award for 100 nights reading K-6 (Home Reading and Ribit)
- Sportsmanship awards – 4 for a Merit Award
- Star Awards – 4 for a Merit Award (playground/assembly awards)

Window Safety

Children can fall out of a window which is open more than 12.5cm, even if a flyscreen is fitted

To prevent children falling from your windows, it is recommended that:

- ✓ Where possible, all windows, especially bedroom windows:
 - Are not opened more than 12.5cm when located above the ground floor
 - Have window latches/locks fitted to stop windows opening more than 12.5cm or guards to protect the opening
 - Open from the top
- ✓ Beds and other furniture are kept away from the windows, so that children use them to climb up to the windows.
- ✓ You **do not rely on flyscreens** to prevent a child falling out of a window.
- ✓ Children are taught to play away from the windows.
- ✓ Children are always supervised.

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Thirlmere Public School

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Term 1 – Week 3

Advertising

WZ Physical Culture & Dance The Oaks/Camden

The club is in its 7th year and welcome all girls and ladies (3 to 70+) to join us for Fun classes of dance and exercise.

When: Mondays
Where: The Oaks community Hall
Russell Street, The Oaks

For more information:
Contact: Susan on 0417 249 109

S.T.A.D.S

New Dance Classes Now Available
Jazz/Musical Theatre – Hip Hop/Urban –
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Introducing – Tap, Gymnastics, Beginner Jazz,
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Fri	8th Feb	7.00pm
Sat	9th Feb	3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sun	10th Feb	11.00am & 3.00pm
Thur	14th Feb	7.00pm
Fri	15th Feb	7.00pm
Sat	16th Feb	3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sun	17th Feb	11.00am only

Ticket Prices

B Reserve Chairs	
Child	\$14.00
Adult	\$22.00

A Reserve Chairs	
Child	\$18.00
Adult	\$26.00

Ring Side Chairs	
Child	\$22.00
Adult	\$30.00

- Tickets on sale 1 hour before each show.
- Cash sales only, no cheques or credit cards.
- On site box office open 10am - 5pm Wed to Sun.
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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.

Thornton Bros can be contacted on 4683 1062 for all your floral requirements.

PATRICIA YVONNE Academy of Dance Drama & Theatre Arts

Thirlmere Public School Hall (Mon & Thurs)

Classical Ballet – Drama- Tap – Jazz – Modern –
Musical Theatre – Lyrical – Hip Hop

Beginners from 3 years to Advanced
Special classes for Tiny Tots

**Enquires and Registration: Contact Miss Patricia
4647 7728 or 0418 273 115**



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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Saturday, 16 February 2013
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3pm to 5pm

Narellan Hockey Complex
(Mill Rd Narellan)

Saturday, 23 February 2013

9.30am to 2.00pm

Narellan Town Centre

Website:

www.harringtonparkhockeyclub.com.au

For more information:

Call Sandy Parker: 0408 483 743
Frank Lauc: 0419 257 616

Email:

harringtonparkhockey@gmail.com

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Family name: _____

Children and classes: _____

I would like to receive the school newsletter by (please tick one)

- Logging onto the school website _____

- e-mail _____

Please add e-mail address: _____

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