

Principal's Message



Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to Jessica, Brooklyn and Jack – you can check the picture soon on our website.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all concerned for another great carnival. Thanks to Mrs Hollingsworth, the teachers and the parent helpers for making the day run so smoothly. Results will be published in next week's newsletter.

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Coming Events

21 Feb	NRL clinic
22 Feb	K-2 Assembly 2pm
28 Feb – 1 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival
Sunday 3 Mar	Steam Festival



Alf Channell

My apologies – this article was incomplete last week.

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. Mrs Budd attended Alf's funeral on behalf of our school.

Parking Zones

Parents are reminded that the kerb in front of the school on Oaks Road is signed "2 minutes" during peak morning and afternoon times. No-one picking up their children in the afternoon should be leaving their vehicle. Police and Council officers do random patrols and offenders will be booked.

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www.thirlmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

E: thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu
P: 4681 8476
F: 4681 8727

The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm

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 as follows:

Boys - Gray Shorts, Pale Blue Polo Shirts with Emblem, Grey Socks and Black Shoes .

Girls - Summer Dress or Navy Skorts, Pale Blue Polo Shirt with Emblem, White Socks and Black Shoes

Band News

Invoices for Term 1 2013, were issued yesterday 20 February 2013. Could you please arrange payment as soon as possible. We have now received Mrs Thompsons (Tutor) account.

Canteen

St Patricks Day Meal Deal was sent home last Thursday 14 February 2013. If you would like to place an order for this meal deal, money can be placed in the frogs mouth and will be passed on to the ladies in the canteen. If you did not receive a copy of the order form, it can be obtained from the office. **All orders must be returned by Monday 18 March 2013.**

Emergency Contact Forms

Emergency Contact Details were sent home last week for you to check and return to our office with or without amendments. If you have not already done so, could you please attend to this as a matter of urgency.

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.

P & C

The first meeting for the year was held on Tuesday night, and was well attended. Some discussion was around the uniform review which will be decided by financial members at the next meeting on 19 March. Some of the issues include:

- Enforcement of correct footwear as per the current uniform code;
- Having a dedicated sports uniform; and
- A lightweight version of our school hat.

Final decisions are to be made at the general meeting following the AGM on 19 March. Also, two of the current P&C executive (President and Secretary) have indicated that they will be standing down. Please give some thought to taking on a role within your P&C. It is in very good shape and the outgoing office bearers are more than willing to offer support and advice to their successors.

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. Most items are fairly cheap to buy, but they do need to be renewed during the year.

Scripture

Classes commenced yesterday and for the majority went smoothly. Most problems occur when the enrolment record differ from the preferred Scripture class. If this is the case for your child, please advise us in writing. We usually settle into normal routine in a couple of weeks.

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.

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (*Kindergarten*)

Notes sent home this week

Emergency Contact Detail Report

Prohibited Employment Declaration Update

Stage 1 (*Years 1 & 2*)

Notes sent home this week

Year 1 ONLY – Home Reader Information

Emergency Contact Detail Report

Prohibited Employment Declaration Update

Stage 2 (*Years 3 & 4*)

Notes sent home this week

Emergency Contact Detail Report

Prohibited Employment Declaration Update

Stage 3 (*Years 5 & 6*)

Canberra Excursion payments can be made on a regular basis.

Notes sent home this week

Picton High School Parent Information Evening

Canberra Deposit Reminder

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

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assignment starters for the Arts

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Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts>

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech Problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

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

Have a good week.

Stephen Lord

Talking out Books At Home

Dear Parent,

One of the best things we can do to assist our children with reading is to engage them in talking about the books they read. Talking stimulates language development and helps children improve their comprehension.

As you get ready to share a book with your child, you might ask your child to talk about the cover, the title, and a few of the pictures in the book. This “before-reading” conversation will help your child to build the expectation that stories make sense. This is also a good time to help your child connect personal experiences to the reading. If there is a picture showing a picnic you, for example, this would be a perfect time to talk with your child about a picnic you enjoyed together .

You can also invite your child into conversation during the reading by stopping now and then to ask, “What might happen next?”

As you know, children love to share their opinions. After reading, you might get your child started with questions such as:

- What did you notice?
- What did you like?
- How did it make you feel?
- Did this remind you of any experiences you have had?
- What parts of the story were your favorites?

Just choose one or two questions so that it feels like a conversation instead of a test.

Happy Reading!

Balcony safety

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

- ✓ Where possible, balustrades (railings):
 - Are at least 1 metre high
 - Have vertical bars which are no more than 12.5cm apart (use a ruler to measure the gaps between your vertical balustrade posts).
 - Have no horizontal or near horizontal parts that would allow children to climb.
- ✓ All furniture, potted plants and other climbable objects are kept away from the edge of balconies.
- ✓ You are aware of furniture that is light enough for children to drag to the balcony edge.
- ✓ Doors leading to balconies are locked to prevent child access to them.
- ✓ Children are always supervised.

Thank you to Mr Bill Williams

The P & C would like to acknowledge Mr Bill Williams and thank him for all his contributions over many years with his professional services.

Thirlmere Public School

20 February 2013

Term 1 – Week 4

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 –
Lyrical/Contemporary

Introducing – Tap, Gymnastics, Beginner Jazz,
Beginner Ballet and Exams

Drama – STADS Singers – Dance/Choreography – The
Agency

For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or
4683 0193

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Self Defence for the whole family!

2 Stratford RD Tahmoor NSW
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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.

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



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 redbacksaff@gmail.com

Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony

14 April 2013
Remembering • Healing • Reconciliation



All are welcome to this annual memorial for the Dharawal people who perished in the massacre of 1816

The event will be held at Cataract Dam picnic area, Appin from 12pm to 3.30pm

A free sausage sizzle lunch will be provided

For further information, contact:

Auntie Muriel Brandy	9605 4540
Uncle Ivan Wellington	0447 581 306
Sr Kerry	9605 1838
Ann Madsen	4647 7324

Hosted by the Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group and supported by Campbelltown City Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Camden Council, Sydney Catchment Authority, W.I.L.M.A, the NSW Reconciliation Council and the Aboriginal Communities of the Macarthur Region.

Please note:

The memorial ceremony involves a short walk to the site. Appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen and bottled water are recommended. As the site has limited seating available, please feel free to bring your own fold up chairs.

The event will take place regardless of weather conditions.



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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: _____

- In paper form _____



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