



## Coming Events

28 Feb & 1 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival
3 Mar	Steam Festival Street Parade 1pm assemble at IGA 12:15
4 Mar	Picton High School Parent Info Night Yr 7 2014 – 6.30pm
5 Mar	Trainworks Excursion 3B, 3/4H and 2/3R
6 Mar	Rugby League Trials 3-6 assembly 2pm - Swimming Carnival Ribbons to be handed out
8 Mar	Zone AFL Trials K-2 assembly 2pm - Swimming Carnival Ribbons to be handed out

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm



## Principal's Message

### Bill Williams

Certificates of appreciation were presented on Monday morning to Bill's grandchildren, who are students of our school. Bill has been the honorary auditor of the P&C financial records for as long as anyone can remember, but is unable to continue due to ill health. It is people like Bill who work behind the scenes with little recognition that help to make our school and community the great places they are.

## Dogs on or Near the School Site

Whilst I thank the parents who tether their dogs near the tennis court gate rather than bring them onto school grounds when picking up their children in the afternoon, I ask that you tie them up near the double front gate, where there is more room for other parents, especially those with strollers and prams, to pass through.

## Online Newsletters

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- Log on to the school's website, where the newsletter will be uploaded each week;
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- 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.

## Sporting Visits

Recently our students have enjoyed sessions with representatives from both NRL and AFL, demonstrating both fitness activities and skill drills. Some pictures will soon be on our website.

## Parking Zone

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.

## 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. *No sports uniform is to be worn if sport day.*

## Band News

Invoices for Term 1 2013, were issued on 20 February 2013. We have now received Mrs Thomsons (Tutor) account. *All Band Accounts for Term 1 2013 are to be finalised by 8 March 2013.*

## 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.

## Steam Festival & Street Parade

This Sunday promises to be a big day as usual. I encourage as many of our students as possible to march under our school banner in the street parade, dressed in their multicultural costumes as outlined in the note from Mr Berwick and Mrs Tann. We are the current holders of the Schools Award and I would like us to defend our title.

## 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.

## Calendar Change

The school's ANZAC ceremony will now be held on Thursday 2 May (first week back after the school holidays).

## Rural Fire Service Visit

Member of the Thirlmere Brigade demonstrated their equipment to Year 3 students on Tuesday. We hope to have some pictures on our website soon.

## School Photos

School Photo envelopes are being sent home today to all students. Could you please enclose payment and clearly mark students Name, Class and Package required on the envelope provided and return to the office promptly.

If you would like to arrange Sibling Photographs, a separate envelope is required and can be obtained from the ladies in the office.

# Swimming Carnival

Event	Girls	Boys
All age 100m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Georgina 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jade	1 <sup>st</sup> Mitchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam
8 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Imogen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annise 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabby	1 <sup>st</sup> Lincoln 2 <sup>nd</sup> Angus 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jackson
9 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Molly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Madeline	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bohan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Luke
10 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kirra 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amy	1 <sup>st</sup> Elliott 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam
11 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Charli 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nathan
12 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Danielle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hannah 3 <sup>rd</sup> Olivia	1 <sup>st</sup> Mitchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> David 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyle
Junior 50m breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Molly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tara	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elliott 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob
11 yrs 50m breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Charli 3 <sup>rd</sup> Codi	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nathan
Senior 50m breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Danielle	1 <sup>st</sup> Mitchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reg 3 <sup>rd</sup> David
Junior 50m backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kirra 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monique	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elliott 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob
11 yrs 50m backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nathan
Senior 50m backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Danielle	1 <sup>st</sup> Mitchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Philip 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reg
Junior 50m butterfly	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Madeline	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam 3 <sup>rd</sup> Christian
11 yrs 50m butterfly	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jade	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry 3 <sup>rd</sup> Byron
Senior butterfly		1 <sup>st</sup> Mitchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reg 3 <sup>rd</sup> Philip
Junior 200m individual medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Jade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Demi 3 <sup>rd</sup> Madeline	1 <sup>st</sup> Elliott 2 <sup>nd</sup> Angus
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Junior 4 x 100m relay	1 <sup>st</sup> Banksia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Waratah 3 <sup>rd</sup> Boronia	1 <sup>st</sup> Boronia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wattle 3 <sup>rd</sup> Banksia
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FINAL POINT SCORE	1 <sup>st</sup> Waratah 314 pts 2 <sup>nd</sup> Banksia 247 pts 3 <sup>rd</sup> Boronia 228 pts 4 <sup>th</sup> Wattle 204 pts	

## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Emergency Contacts Report to be returned as soon as possible

**Notes sent home this week**

*Festival of Steam*

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Emergency Contacts Report to be returned as soon as possible

**Notes sent home this week**

*Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival*

*Year 2 ONLY – School Swimming Scheme*

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Emergency Contacts Report to be returned as soon as possible

Trainworks Permission note needs to be

returned no later than Monday 4 March 2013

**Notes sent home this week**

*Year 3 ONLY – Trainworks Excursion*

*Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival*

*School Swimming Scheme*

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Emergency Contacts Report to be returned as soon as possible

Canberra Excursion payments can be made on a regular basis. Last day for final payment 25 March 2013.

**Notes sent home this week**

*Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival*

*Canberra Excursion – Federal Funding*

*Contribution reduced amount.*

*School Swimming Scheme*

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

## All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+owner+ship](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+owner+ship)

## When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

## Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams.

Here's School A to Z's help sheet:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

## Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

Don't forget to check out our website, at [www.thirlmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.thirlmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

Have a good week.

Stephen Lord



## Grandparents & Grandfriends

You are cordially  
invited to join us for  
**Grandfriends' Day**  
**Thursday 28th March**

11.00-11.30

Morning Tea - Quadrangle

11:30—12:00 K-2

Concert and Easter Hat

You are welcome to join your children  
for a  
Sausage Sizzle lunch.



## Library News

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March we invite all 2013 Kindergarten parents to join us in the school Library for the Best Start Assessment Feedback to parents meeting at 2.15-2.55pm.

A short powerpoint will be shown explaining the Best Start interviews and the Feedback to parents letters will be distributed detailing the results of your child's assessment and giving you handy hints on how to help your child with Literacy and Numeracy at home. We hope you can join us.

## Festival of Steam

Thirlmere's annual **Festival of Steam** will be held on **Sunday 3rd March**. The festival is a big ticket item on the Thirlmere community calendar as it includes many local community organisations. Traditionally, Thirlmere Public School has joined in the celebration of our community and what it has to offer, by participating in the parade. The parade is an exciting event which allows our school and its students to show their community spirit.

This year, Thirlmere Public School will be adopting the theme **Multiculturalism**. Within the Wollondilly community there are representatives from many countries and cultures. To celebrate this diversity, participating students are asked to wear a traditional costume from a country of their choice. All students are invited to take part – all they need is a costume.

A permission note was handed out to the students last Friday, 22nd February. Please complete and return it if your child/children wish to participate.

Amanda Tann  
Mark Berwick

# Tuck Shop Talk

The new canteen price list will be coming out within the next week - so check your child's bag! While some prices have had to be increased due to the increased costs of products, others have been reduced due to a change in supplier. Children will also be given 10 free lunch order bags. If you would like more lunch bags, they can be bought through the canteen - \$3.00 for 50 lunch bags.

We are always in need of more volunteers for the canteen. It is a great day with other parents (and there may be more talking than working). Your child will love you for it! You can do as little as one day a term - it really does make a difference. The canteen needs 7 volunteers every week to be able to stay open. Please note that no children are allowed in the canteen. If you can volunteer your time please email Debby on [pclan5@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pclan5@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0408 72 73 99.

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Meg Moore, Lisa Williams, Sherrie
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Helle Juske, Lyn Eberhart
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mel Moroz, Jackie Benson, Monique Liddle
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Amy White, Amanda Lee
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Gail Burtenshaw, Deb Pocock
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Mel Moroz, Mel Harris, Simone White (Michelle Mills - orient)





*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.

## Arthur Moulas Martial Arts Centre

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### 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 [redbacksaf@gmail.com](mailto:redbacksaf@gmail.com)

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## S.T.A.D.S

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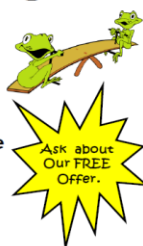
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Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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