



## Coming Events

8 Mar	K-2 assembly 2pm Zone AFL Trials K-2 assembly 2pm - Swimming Carnival Ribbons to be handed out
7 Mar	AFL Trials
18-28 Mar	Special Swimming Scheme
25 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews – information to come

## Principal's Message

## Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to: Maddison, Ella, Portia, Jazmin, Lachlan and Laine. Look for their picture soon on our website.

## Zone Swimming

All up, 26 of our students represented us on Thursday and Friday of last week. I admire the way they competed, especially on Friday when the weather was a challenge in itself. Special congratulations go to Jack and Mitchell, who have qualified for the Sydney South West Area Carnival on 19 March.

## Steam Festival

Thanks to all who helped and/or participated. The weather was kind to us, and we were successful in retaining the trophy for our entry in the Street Parade. The Devonshire Tea stall netted us around \$900.00, which when added to the hiring fee from the amusement ride operators will make the day profitable as well as enjoyable.

## Sporting Success

At the recent Australian Wakeboarding Championships in Victoria, Sam from 5C achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 10-14 Years division, which is commendable considering he is still eligible for the division below.

## Staff Professional Development

You may be aware that over the next few years, school syllabuses will go national rather than the current State-based model. Although the English curriculum is not due to be implemented until next year, our staff are already preparing for its introduction. We are currently working through a training module called "The Learner and the New Curriculum", with further modules "Teaching with the New Curriculum" and "Your School and the New English Syllabus" to come during the School Development Days at the beginning of Term 2.

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm



## Uniform Shop

Size 8 Polo Shirts have now arrived. If you need have been waiting on size 8 Polo Shirts, you can purchase it from the uniform shop on the following days: Tuesdays and Thursday 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.30pm – 3.00pm

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

All Band Fees for Term 1 2013 are now due and payable.

## Canteen

Updated canteen pricelists and lunch bags were sent home last week to all students.

Any Orders for the St Patricks Day Meal Deal ***must be returned by Monday 18 March 2013.*** Order Forms can be obtained from the office and lunch orders can be put in the frogs mouth in the office.

## Emergency Contact Forms

If you have not yet returned your Emergency Contact Form to the office yet, could you please drop it into to the office as soon as possible.

Also, 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.

## Trainworks Visit

Year 3 students were invited to Trainworks on Tuesday to trial some learning materials being developed by the Powerhouse Museum.

## Best Start

Parents of Kindergarten students received their children's Best Start assessment reports on Monday. They provide a picture of what each child brings to the school setting. I thank the teachers and Mrs Wood for completing this process.

## Staff Leave

Ms Nixon will commence long service leave on 11 March, returning on 26 March. 1N will be taught by Mrs Rachel Sturges during this time. In addition, Mrs Boon will commence maternity leave on 14 March, and again Mrs Sturges will cover Mrs Boon's days on 1N.

## Online Newsletter

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## 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.

## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Emergency Contacts Report is due now

**Notes sent home this week**

*Cookbook Note*

*Canteen Price List*

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Emergency Contacts Report is due now

Year 2 ONLY – Swim Scheme payment due 13 March 2013

**Notes sent home this week**

*Cookbook Note*

*Canteen Price List*

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Emergency Contacts Report is due now

Swim Scheme Payment due 13 March 2013

**Notes sent home this week**

*Cookbook Note*

*Canteen Price List*

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Emergency Contacts Report is due now

Paul Kelly Cup payment due 15 March 2013

Swim Scheme Payment due 13 March 2013

**Notes sent home this week**

*Paul Kelly Cup*

*Cookbook Note*

*Canteen Price List*

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

## P & C

The first meeting for the year 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.

## Essay planning

Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.

Find out more:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/2661/essay+planning](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/2661/essay+planning)

## Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Find out more:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths\\_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy)



## 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.



## Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

## Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

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

## Swim Scheme

Swim Scheme notes went home last week to students in years 2 -6 with only 60 places available.

We currently have 24 spots left and will not be able to accept any more students once these spots have been filled. The last day of payment is 13 March 2013.

## School Magazine

*Stage 2 and 3 classes have again decided to include the school magazine into our school and class reading program.*

***Payment for School Magazine has been extended to 12 April 2013. Could you please forward payment to the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.***

## Premier's Reading Challenge Year K - 6 2013

This year we are asking that all children in K- 6 at Thirlmere Public School attempt and complete the Premier's Reading Challenge as part of their reading curriculum.

The Challenge runs from March until August, during that time each student is required to read 30 books (K- 2) and 20 books(3-6) from the set reading list which includes 600 books and 5 books they choose themselves. The list includes fiction, non-fiction and picture books, catering for all levels of reading ability.

**It is very important that your child reads regularly and we are asking you to join with us by encouraging reading at home.** Students will be reading in their class each day and also during their weekly Library times. Reading logs for each student will be kept and completed in the School Library.

It is a condition of entering the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge that each successful student receives a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate and appears on the Premier's Reading Challenge Honour Roll, which will be published in the newspaper. The Certificate will show the student's name and school while the Honour Roll will show name only. Parental permission must be obtained for the students name to appear on both the Certificate and on the Honour Roll. If you do not want your child to participate, please send a note stating this to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks  
Anne Wood

Teacher/Librarian



### *Book Club*

Order forms for Term 1 Book Club were distributed this week.

Please place order forms with payment in the green box in the library.

Orders need to be in by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March .

Payments can be made by cash, cheque ( made out to Scholastic) or credit card ( see the instructions on the Book Club form).








**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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**Picton Tennis Club**  
**OPEN DAY**  
 Sun 17 March 10am-2pm  
 at Downing St. Picton

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[www.pictontennis.com.au](http://www.pictontennis.com.au)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



### 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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