



Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

I trust that all our families enjoyed their break and made the most of the good weather we had. As I type this, it seems that the rain has returned with the school term.

As mentioned in the final Term 2 newsletter, teachers spent Monday of this week looking in depth at the new English Syllabus developed from the National Curriculum. Some interesting features include:

- Engagement with Asia and sustainability added as cross-curriculum priorities;
- Compulsory study of spoken, written, visual and multimedia/digital texts in every year from K-6; and
- Inclusion of personal reflection on each student's own learning.

In addition, teachers updated their CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) qualifications.

During this week, each Stage team will have the opportunity to cooperatively plan for the semester ahead, as follows:

Tues 16 July	Wed 17 July	Thurs 18 July	Fri 19 July
Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2)	Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4, incl. 2/3R)	Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6)

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We have waited a long time for this, and we are grateful to the P&C for its generous support in seeing the project through. It will get its first whole-school workout at next Monday's K-6 assembly.

Unwelcome Visitors

On a sadder note, trespassers caused damage to roof-mounted extractor fans during the last weekend of the holidays. They will be replaced as soon as possible. The police have been informed of the incident.

Coming Events

19 July	GRIP Videoconference for Yr 6 Last Day to Pay for Gymnastics
23 July	100 Days at School (Kindergarten)
24 July	3-6 Assembly 2pm
26 July	Gymnastics program begins
29 July - 2 Aug	Education Week
30 July	Open Day – Full School Uniform
31 July	K-2 Assembly

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm

Principal's Message Cont.

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 4681 8476.

Gymnastics Program

A reminder that this program begins on Friday 26 July (second week back after the holidays). Payment is due by Friday 19 July, and no late payments can be accepted.

Parking on Oaks Road

I remind parents that a 2 minute parking limit applies in front of the school between 8am - 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm. The intention of this limit is that drivers stay with their vehicles when dropping off or picking up students. Those who leave their vehicles unattended during these times not only break the law, but cause inconvenience and frustration to others. I have been advised by both Police and Council that offenders will be prosecuted.

School Uniform

The time has come. From the beginning of this term, students not in full school uniform (including correct socks and black shoes) will not be able to access any playground other than Area A during break times. This will also apply when representing our school on excursions or official events where uniform is required.

For Years 1-6, full school uniform is to be worn Monday-Wednesday; for Kindergarten, this applies Monday-Thursday.

For this term only, sport for Years 1-6 will be on Thursdays, with Gymnastics on Fridays. Sports uniform and joggers may be worn on those days. For class PE lessons, students who wish to wear alternative footwear will need to bring it in a bag and change for the lesson. Of course, many of our students are already complying with these rules, and will not need to make any adjustment.

Stop Press: A small number of students arrived at school on Tuesday with new black shoes that had a thick white sole visible from the side. My initial advice to them was that they did not meet the uniform code. Some parents have rightly pointed out that this was not explicit in the Term 2 newsletters. I have since advised those students that, in the light of those shoes being purchased in good faith by their families, the period of grace is extended until the end of the 2013 school year, and they will be able to access Playgrounds B and C. Any subsequent shoes should be completely black. This decision has the support of the P&C and I apologise for any confusion caused.

Enjoy the first week of the new term.

Stephen Lord

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

Notes sent home this week

NONE

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

Notes sent home this week

NONE

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

Notes sent home this week

NONE

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Year 6 Chocolates – **OVERDUE**

Yr 6 High School Enrolment Forms - **OVERDUE**

Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

Notes sent home this week

NONE

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

Permission Booklet

All permission booklets received to date have now been updated on our system. We will be sending home new booklets to the families that have not returned them to date. We request you complete the booklet and return it to the office as a matter of urgency so we can have current details relating to you and your child/guardian.

Band News

Band Accounts for Term 3 will be sent home on Tuesday 23 July 2013.

All outstanding Fees for Term 1 and 2 must be paid immediately or your child/guardian will be withdrawn from lessons as of this Term until fees are paid.

Extravaganza

On Thursday 12 September 2013 we will be holding our annual Extravaganza performance for both Matinee and Evening sessions (maximum of 2 tickets per family). This year we will be trialing a new ticket booking system. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Thirlmere Public School

17 July 2013

Term 3 – Week 1

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2013

Wednesday 17 th July	Julie Heaslip, Lisa Fava
Friday 19 th July	Danielle Dunleavy, Monique Liddle, Chris Ahumuda
Monday 22 nd July	Lisa Williams, Sheree Cosgrove
Wednesday 24 th July	Lea Blatch, Shannon Apps
Friday 26 th July	Kerry New, Zoe Stephens, Mel Ruddiman
Monday 29 th July	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Tuesday 30th July	Education Open Day – volunteers needed to help with morning tea please
Wednesday 31 st July	Diane Hunt, Deb Parker
Friday 2 nd August	Jackie Benson, Lisa Williams, Felicity Saarinen
Monday 5 th August	Helle Juske, Lyn Eberhart
Wednesday 7 th August	Meryl Cooper, Tracy Daly
Friday 9 th August	Mel Ruddiman, Michelle Mills, Shannon Apps
Monday 12 th August	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 14 th August	Mel Chamberlain, Lea Blatch
Friday 16 th August	Meg Moore, Mel Harris, Mel Moroz
Monday 19 th August	Lisa Williams, Sheree Cosgrove
Wednesday 21 st August	Lee-Anne Armstrong, Deb Parker
Thursday 22nd August	BOOK WEEK SPECIAL MEAL DAY – volunteers needed pls
Friday 23 rd August	Tania Willett, Michelle Jobson, Geraldine Lemming
Monday 26 th August	Danielle Dunleavy, Jo Tapp
Wednesday 28 th August	Ed Schlosser, Julie Heaslip
Friday 30 th August	Belinda Kelly, Tracy Digger, Simone White
Monday 2 nd September	Helle Juske, Shannon Apps
Wednesday 4 th September	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 6 th September	Julie Bird, Tania Willett, Monique Liddle
Monday 9 th September	Donna-Lee Henry, Lisa Fava
Wednesday 11 th September	Julie Heaslip, Lisa Boyce
Friday 13 th September	Christie Henry, Mel Moroz, Mel Ruddiman
Monday 16 th September	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 18 th September	Deb Collings, Gail Burtenshaw
Friday 20th September	CANTEEN CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

Earn & Learn Stickers

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers will be collected on 26 July 2013. If you still have stickers at home please bring them in prior to this date.

Thank you

Library News

Cybersafety



Several parents have asked me about online/ cybersafety programs for their children's use of the internet and social networking sights.

The screen dump on the left is the menu for the parents section of the ACMA website (an Australian government agency) who provide information and resources to schools and parents.

We are hoping to arrange a workshop at school for parents regarding cybersafety run by ACMA in the near future.

In the meantime if you would like to access resources and information, just log onto the Cybersmart website at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

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School Newsletter

To embrace the technological nature of society, our newsletter is now being delivered by email. In the space provided below, please indicate the email address/es you wish to use to receive the newsletter.

1st Parent/Guardian Email :

2nd Parent/Guardian Email :

3rd Parent/Guardian Email :

Extra School Reports

In some households there is a need for a second report to be sent to another parent not permanently residing with the student.

Reports go home at the end of Semester One and Semester Two.

If you require a second report, please provide us with the following details.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Email address: _____

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.



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.



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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