

# Thirlmere Public School

7 August 2013

Term 3 – Week 4



## Principal's Message

## Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to Denver, Maya, Jazmin, Madeline, Jacob, Jade (2), Madison, Mackenzie and Reg. The photo will be on our website soon.

## Regional Public Education Ambassador

He did it! Our School Captain Lawson was recognised at the South Western Sydney presentation last Thursday night for his leadership qualities. I was there with his parents to see it, and as you can imagine we are very proud.

## A Future Wallaby?

We wish David all the best on 20-22 August as he represents Sydney South West at the State Rugby Carnival. This is a particularly significant achievement given that he has overcome a major leg injury earlier this year. Again, we are very proud!

## Staff Professional Development

Teachers have been trained in the implementation of PLASST – the Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool, as well as further work towards implementation of the national curriculum in English. This Thursday, Mrs Tann will be providing L3 Literacy training for some staff.

## Thanks to our P&C

The school has received cheques from our P&C that have fully funded:

- The purchase and installation of our COLA;
- Every student attending the Power of One anti-bullying presentation; and
- Our Poet & Writers' Workshop

We are blessed to have such a committed parent body in our school. I encourage all parents and carers to contribute where they can.

## Coming Events

9 Aug	Milo Cup Cricket (No Gymnastics on this day)
13 Aug	ICAS Maths (Selected Students)
14 Aug	Sean Choolburra Storyteller K-2 Assembly
19 Aug	Extravaganza Online Booking Opens 9am

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm

## Principal's Message Cont.

### Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival

*The following is a message from me, sent to all participating schools.*

Dear parents, family members and friends,

Later in August, students from your school will be performing in the Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School Assembly Hall. The Festival has a long and proud history of showcasing talent and creativity among the students and teachers of our Public Schools. Each and every item on show will reflect many hours of preparation and fine tuning to deliver a high quality performance.

In recent years, a disappointing trend has emerged where audience members choose to leave the auditorium immediately after their own children's performance, regardless of when it occurs in the program. The result has been that later items perform to a hall less than half full, which is unfair to the children who have worked just as hard as those on stage before them.

The Festival Committee recognises that families attending the evening performances have school and work commitments, and took the decision in recent years to bring the starting time forward to 6:30pm, meaning that the final item is generally over by 8:15pm at the latest. As always, your children are supervised by staff from their own school while not on stage.

In 2013 I seek your cooperation by remaining for the entire show. Other people's kids put on great performances too, and I guarantee that you won't be disappointed.

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to seeing you at this year's Festival – from beginning to end.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Lord  
Principal, Thirlmere Public School  
President, Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival

## Principal's Message Cont.

### Parent Surveys

Each year, the school conducts surveys to evaluate the success or otherwise of our programs and policies. In 2013, the areas for evaluation are:

Management -

- <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7N8RFTG>
- ICT - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3Y92B5X>
- Community - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/92YJ3CG>

Each survey is only 10 questions and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please access the online links and help us to make our great school even better.

### Ethics Classes

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter seeking the degree of community interest in having these classes at our school. Please complete and return if you see fit.

### Food for the school day

Any parent of school-aged children knows how famished their kids are the minute they walk in the door from school. And the simple reason for that is learning makes you hungry. Or, to put it another way, children need to eat well if they are to learn well. Here is some advice to help feed developing brains.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/pow-er-foods-for-kids>

### Ten cybersafety tips every parent should know

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/cybersafety-tips-every-parent-should-know>

### Getting kids into nature

Does it really matter if children are spending more of their time indoors rather than climbing trees and catching cicadas? According to the experts, the answer is a resounding "yes". Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/fitness/getting-into-nature>

## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

NIL

**Notes sent home this week**

*StudyLadder Password Note*

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

NIL

**Notes sent home this week**

NONE

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Berry Camp \$56 deposit now due.

**Notes sent home this week**

*Berry Camp Permission Notes have been sent home this week – YEAR 4 ONLY*

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Year 6 Chocolates – **OVERDUE**

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

**All forms are to be delivered to Picton High**

Point Wolstoncroft \$50 deposit due no later than 12 August 2013

**Notes sent home this week**

*Point Wolstoncroft Permission Notes to be sent home this week – YEAR 6 ONLY*

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

## Principal's Message Cont.

### Leaving your children at home alone

All parents make the decision to leave their child at home alone sooner or later. And although parents may worry at first, most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone>

### I have fun with faces

Try our fun, free app that helps preschoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces>

Enjoy the rest of this week.

Stephen Lord

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in 2014 it is now time to enroll. Please come to the office and collect and complete an enrolment form.

Further information regarding Kindergarten information evening and the Kindergarten Orientation process will be available soon.

### Band News

***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.***

### Permission Slips

Could parents/guardians please write the students full name and class on all permission slips when returning them to the office. It is very hard for office staff and teachers to match student names with parents signatures.

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## Canteen News

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2013

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Mel Ruddiman, Michelle Mills, Shannon Apps
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Mel Chamberlain, Lea Blatch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Meg Moore, Mel Harris, Mel Moroz
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Lisa Williams, Sheree Cosgrove
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Lee-Anne Armstrong, Deb Parker

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

### BOOK WEEK SPECIAL MEAL DAY – volunteers needed pls

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Tania Willett, Michelle Jobson, Geraldine Lemming
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Danielle Dunleavy, Jo Tapp
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Ed Schlosser, Julie Heaslip
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Belinda Kelly, Tracy Digger, Simone White
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Helle Juske, Shannon Apps
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Julie Bird, Tania Willett, Monique Liddle
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Donna-Lee Henry, Lisa Fava
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Julie Heaslip, Lisa Boyce
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Christie Henry, Mel Moroz, Mel Ruddiman
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Deb Collings, Gail Burtenshaw

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### CANTEEN CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

## School Banking Redemption Day

The School Banking Reward Redemption Day will be held on Wednesday 21 August 2013 between 8.30am and 8.55am in the Library.

If you have any tokens to trade, please bring them to school on the 21 August 2013 to receive your reward.

## Equestrian Carnival

Camden High School Equestrian Carnival Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Camden Bicentennial Park.

The Carnival is open to all students who have their own pony. The Carnival caters for all abilities (from 'beginners on lead' to 'open' riders), and a range of events including hack and riding classes, show jumping and novelty classes, are held.

Entry Forms are available from the Office or [www.camden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.camden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Please ensure completed forms (3 pages) together with appropriate payment are left at the school office by Wed 21 August, to allow Principal signatures and compilation of team prior to Close of Entries.

### Cheques to be made out to Camden High School.

Please contact Jo Tapp (0409 315506) or Amanda Lee (Uniform Shop) for further information. TPS saddle blankets will be loaned to competitors once entry is confirmed.

Spectators and supporters are also very welcome on the day!

## Orienteering NSW

NSW Schools Orienteering Championships money is to be paid directly to Southern Highlands Occasional Orienteers as per the permission note by no later than 9 August.

Notes can be obtained from the school office.

## Library News



### The Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following classes, whose students have completed their Premiers Reading Challenge this week.

**KH   KP   KT   1K   1N**

Also congratulations to Jade C, Beth S, Kristina D, Danielle H, Piper G, Erin A, Ella O, Steven B, Ryan W and Dylan

Remember the challenge finishes on 30<sup>th</sup> August, so only 3 weeks to finish your reading!!!!

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Updates

### Cook Book Order Form

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cook Book Order Form is now available to collect from the office.

The last day of payment will be 7 September 2013 and will cost \$15 per book . Payments to be made to Thirlmere Public School.

Limited Stock will be available at the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration, please place your orders early to ensure you secure your copy.

### Business Sponsorship

We are looking for businesses who would like to advertise / sponsor in the 125<sup>th</sup> Booklet which will be published for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. There is a limit of 16 Sponsors so we are giving our parents the first chance to take up this opportunity.

The advertisement will be business card size for a cost of \$50. If you have a business or work for a business who would like to advertise, drop into school office your business card and Cash/Cheque ( Made payable to Thirlmere Public School), this is limited so get your ad's in quick.

### Oldest Ex-Student

We are on the search for Thirlmere Public School oldest ex-student who would like to be part of the Official Ceremony at "A Fair to Remember" on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. So if you have a relative /friend/neighbour etc that you think may be the oldest please let us know via email ([budbat@bigpond.net.au](mailto:budbat@bigpond.net.au)) or the school office.

### Booklet

We are putting together a booklet of the last 25 years we need photos, funny stories, newspaper clippings, achievements or anything that you think MUST be included. You can either drop into the school office (ATT: 125<sup>th</sup> Committee) or email: [budbat@bigpond.net.au](mailto:budbat@bigpond.net.au) Can't wait to see what you all can dig up!!!!!!

Another way to stay informed of 125<sup>th</sup> Celebrations like our Facebook Page 'Thirlmere Public School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' .



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## SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

At this stage, the curriculum is only available for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students. Classes for years 1 and 2 will be available term 3, 2013. Classes for Kindergarten will start in 2014.

We can start ethics classes at Thirlmere if there is enough demand. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by **16 August 2013**.

If we have sufficient demand for classes, Primary Ethics will need volunteers to help organise and to teach classes. If you are interested in volunteering, there is more information and you can apply online at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

For general information about Ethics classes and Primary Ethics, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or email any questions to [info@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:info@primaryethics.com.au).

Stephen Lord  
Principal



School to keep this portion

**Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2013/14.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



School to return this section to Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351 Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ My child is in year: \_\_\_\_\_

My email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ethics will only contact you about Primary Ethics and ethics classes. Your details will not be shared with any other organisation.

**THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL**





## Children's Book Week 2013

### Reading across the universe

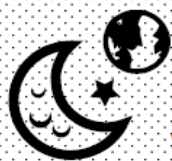
To celebrate Book Week this year we are having a fun dress up day on :

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**



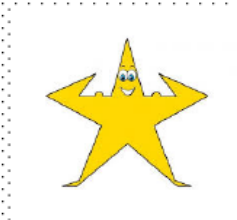
Come as your favourite astronaut, robot, planet, alien, star wars character, star or anything to do with space.

This year we are having a **BOOK SWAP** on the day, bring along a book from home that you have read and you can swap it for another book from the swap table. Some of the books have been in the Library but are no longer needed or are duplicate copies... All



for free just bring a book and Swap on the day.

Watch out for the space canteen meal deal.



## Students on Silver Level School

<b>KH</b> Dominic A Lincoln B Calab D Koby T Erin T Eliza W	<b>KP</b>	<b>KT</b>	<b>1K</b> Braden D Colby T	<b>1N</b> Emily C Sarah G Cooper H Sophie M Caitlin Q Tyler S Olivia S Montana S John W	<b>2G</b> Makayla G Johanna H Lara J Jack K Cohen P	<b>2B</b> Ruquaya A Demi A William B Alyson H Brody H Beau K Mitchell L Angus L Jack P Lincoln W
<b>2/3R</b>	<b>3B</b> Kayla A Heidi A Kaylee B Jemah F Molly G Piper G Danielle H Tess M Rachelle P Indy-Anna P Monique R Sophie T Madison Z	<b>3/4H</b> Bohan S	<b>4S</b> Brooke D Tara S	<b>5C</b> Jack H Jagger P Nathan S Aleksia S Ryan W	<b>5/6G</b> Kirra B Josh C Jade C Kristina D Natasha F Alyssa P Harry R Abby J Hannah J	<b>6J</b> Jake C Brock D Kyle D Codi H K'Den K
				<b>Students on Bronze Level</b>		
				<b>5C</b> Olyvia H E		<b>5/6G</b> Jayden R Reece P Byron C



## 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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