

Thirlmere Public School

21 August 2013

Term 3 – Week 6



Principal's Message

Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to Matthew, Nathan, Maddison and Beau. The photo will be on our website soon.

Assembly Awards

Class	2G
Artist	Ella
Mathematician	Lilybelle
Writer	

Coming Events

22 Aug Book Week – Space Dress Up
23 Aug Author Visit from Ghana
Mufti Day – Wollondilly Food Drive
Gymtastics

Sunday 25 Aug Orienteering

26 Aug Book Club Money Due
26-28 Aug Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival Rehearsals
28 Aug K-2 assembly 2pm
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival evening performance
29 Aug Fathers' Day stall
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival evening performance
30 Aug Wooglemai Deposit Due

EXTRAVAGANSA TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE www.trybooking.com

LMBR Student Wellbeing

This is a computer-based system that will be going "live" for our school on 30 August. It will enable teachers and admin staff to more efficiently access and amend student records in a variety of areas.

Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival Tickets

As you have been advised, Festival tickets are now on sale from the school office. Numbers are limited for both Wednesday and Thursday evening shows, go get in early! Tickets are \$12 each.

Staff News

Mrs Hollingsworth is on long service leave until 3 September. 3/4H will be taught by Mr Shaw during this time, with Mrs Hawkins still taking the class on Fridays. We welcome Mrs Stewart back from her leave and sporting commitments this week.

Benefits of under-scheduling your child

With the very best of intentions, when you're rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muck-about moments in children's lives.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

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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.

Our Canteen

At the P&C meeting on Tuesday, members of the Canteen Committee expressed concern regarding the decreasing number of volunteers available to staff the canteen, and the increasing number of existing volunteers who drop out, sometimes at the last minute, leaving the canteen undermanned. It is timely that I outline the implications of the current situation, and explain the alternatives.

Scenario	Current (P&C run, all volunteers)	P&C or School run with paid manager	Leased canteen
Pluses	All profits go to P&C; prices at a level to make modest profit; parents have a sense of ownership	Guaranteed service each day; efficient stock ordering; accountability	Guaranteed service each day; income stream for school
Minuses	Availability of volunteers; workload of unpaid coordinators; days of operation limited to volunteer availability	Any profit made swallowed up by wages and on-costs; volunteer helpers may not be willing to work alongside paid manager	Prices geared to make a profit for licensed operator; no community ownership

From my perspective, the current situation carries on the tradition of community participation that has always featured at Thirlmere.

It is not sustainable, however, unless we receive consistent support. If you are a current canteen volunteer, please assist by honouring your commitments on the roster.

Otherwise, if you are able to devote any time at all, please consider helping us out and further improving the great service offered by our Canteen Committee.

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.

Reading to your child in your home language

Parents who have a language background other than English and who read to their children in their native tongue are giving them a valuable gift. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/how-shopping-can-help-your-child-to-read/reading-to-your-child-in-your-home-language>

Enjoy the rest of this week.

Stephen Lord

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2013

Thursday 22nd August

Morning Tea-Cupcakes
etc. **NO MEAL DEAL**

Friday 23rd August

Tania Willett, Michelle
Jobson, Geraldine
Lemming

Monday 26th August

Danielle Dunleavy, Jo Tapp

Wednesday 28th August

Ed Schlosser, Julie Heaslip

Friday 30th August

Belinda Kelly, Tracy Digger,
Simone White

Monday 2nd September

Helle Juske, Shannon Apps

Wednesday 4th September

Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper

Friday 6th September

Julie Bird, Tania Willett,
Monique Liddle

Monday 9th September

Donna-Lee Henry, Lisa
Fava

Wednesday 11th September

Julie Heaslip, Lisa Bovee

Band News

Two free tickets per family are now available for band members who have paid all Band Fees to date by the 1 September 2013.

Tickets can be collected from the office between 9.30 and 2.30 Monday to Friday.

If band fees are not paid by 1 September tickets will then be withdrawn from reserve seating and made available for purchase.

Please note that all free Band Tickets are for evening performance ONLY. If you would like to attend the Matinee performance, you can purchase tickets online through TryBooking.com from 19 August 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.

School Banking Redemption Day

The School Banking Reward Redemption Day was again a success this morning. Mrs Willett and Mrs Dunleavy did a great job making the regular bankers happy with their rewards. The next Reward Redemption Day will be held on **Wednesday 13 November 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.

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions –

ALL NOTES DUE BACK WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICAL/HEALTH CONDITIONS

Cookbook Order – Last day to Pay 7 September

Notes sent home this week

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions –

ALL NOTES DUE BACK WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICAL/HEALTH CONDITIONS

Cookbook Order – Last day to Pay 7 September

Notes sent home this week

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions –

ALL NOTES DUE BACK WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICAL/HEALTH CONDITIONS

Oracy Competition 2013

Cookbook Order – Last day to Pay 7 September

Notes sent home this week

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions –

ALL NOTES DUE BACK WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICAL/HEALTH CONDITIONS

Wooglemai Camp – YEAR 5 ONLY

Oracy Competition 2013

*Year 6 Chocolates – **OVERDUE***

Cookbook Order – Last day to Pay 7 September

Notes sent home this week

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions

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

Student Medical Details and Health Conditions

Last Friday the blue note went home to ALL students regarding the Student Medical Details and Health Conditions.

The double sided form NEEDS to be completed as soon as possible and becomes binding to your child's School Enrolment Form.

If your child should have a medical condition that requires medication, could you please provide the office with the following:

1. The child's prescribed medication, clearly labeled with a pharmacy label with their full name and dosage;
2. Complete a “Deed of Indemnity” form with the ladies in the office to authorise staff to administer the prescribed medication accordingly;
3. If the condition is severe, a Health Care Plan or Emergency Care Plan will need to be arranged with Mrs Stevenson.

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 29 August 2013

Gifts range from \$1 - \$12

Helpers needed between 9am & 11am

Regional Ambassador Report

by Lawson Reddie

After being nominated to be a Public Education Ambassador for Thirlmere Public School, I and all the other Ambassadors in the South Western Sydney Region got to attend two special days of activities.

Day 2

It was the 1st of August when I had to get up early and be at Narellan Public School by 7:30 am. We were picked up by the bus and transported to the University Of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus.

When we arrived we went into a lecture theatre. But today was a bit different as there were 267 ambassadors in the room. They represented each and every school in South Western Sydney. There were Ambassadors from High Schools, Public Schools, Infants Schools and Special Schools. We were spoken to by Professors and other Regional Ambassadors from last year.

After the lecture, we were divided into group of 20. Our first activity was great! We were sent to Law School where we all played a part in a Mock Court Trial. There were 2 lawyers who were studying law, two witnesses also studying law and a judge, who was a teacher. There was an accused, which was in our group and a jury.

After law school we went to the School of Medicine where medical students used us as guinea pigs and put plaster casts on our arms.

Later, we got to experience a Reptile Show. There was a children's Python snake, a diamond python snake, two different blue tongue lizards, bearded dragons and a lizard that is a cousin to a blue tongue lizard. We got to hold all of these reptiles. A strange and slimy feeling! Next, there was an amazing race that involved orienteering around the campus.

At the end of the day we were bussed from the University to Revesby Workers Club. We got to have dinner and then go into the huge auditorium that seated about 1200 people.

Regional Ambassador Report

by Lawson Reddie Cont.

There were some great performances on the night for school groups within the Region. Each Ambassador was called to the stage and received a certificate and a badge to certify that person as a School Ambassador of Education.

At the end of the night there was a final announcement of the Regional Ambassadors. Each Ambassador was really nervous and hopeful. It came down to one person not only representing themselves and their school but representing the network they came from. There were 10 networks, Bankstown, , Fairfield, Campbelltown, Glenfield, Liverpool, Macarthur, Strathfield, Wollondilly and Holroyd.

Wollondilly is the network I came to represent. I got a shock when they called my name, however I was really excited to have won the Regional Ambassador Award for Public Education. My parents, my older brother and Mr Lord were all there to see me win and receive this privileged position.

To be in the running to win Regional Ambassador of Education you had to send in an application outlining who you are, why you would make a good Regional Ambassador, what initiatives you have undertaken in your school and any new initiatives you will take on in your role to promote public education. The principal had to endorse this application.

My job now is to represent not only the Wollondilly Network but the whole of the Region in helping to promote public education in NSW. I get to meet up with the other 9 Regional Ambassadors and work together to promote this great cause. I will attend many important functions and meet important people along the way. I really think this is the experience of a life time and I will do my best to carry out my role.

Lawson Reddie
12 August 2013

Library News



The Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their Premiers Reading Challenge this week
Tsehay H, Clementyne K, Indy-Anna P, Anastasia M, Max Y, Cohen P, Emmett S, Jack, Lara B.

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

Stage 3 Camps

Listed below are important dates to remember for the Stage 3 Camps:

Year 4 Berry Camp

Last Day to Pay – 15 October 2013

Camp dates: 28 October 2013 – 30 October 2013

Year 5 Wooglemai Camp

Last Day to Pay – 18 September 2013

Camp Dates: 9 October 2013 - 11 October 2013

Year 6 Point Wolstencroft Camp

Last Day to Pay – 25 October 2013

Camp Dates: 4 November 2013 – 8 November 2013

Book Week – Reading across the Universe SPACE Theme

There will be a small parade under the new COLA in area A at approximately 9am.

Parents are invited to watch the parade and then students will go to class as normal.

Cupcakes will be on sale from the Canteen at recess as organised by the P & C . We thank you for your donations.

**NO LUNCH ORDERS OR MEAL DEALS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE
CANTEEN.**

Please pack your child's lunch as normal.

Extravaganza

Thank you to everyone for your positive feedback about our new online booking system.

Tickets are selling fast!

If you have not purchased your ticket as yet, please go online and follow these steps:

1. Go to www.trybooking.com
2. Click on "Buy Tickets"
3. The yellow box type in "Thirlmere Extravaganza" and press search
4. Scroll down the page until you see Thirlmere P.S 2013 Extravaganza and click on link
5. Follow prompts to purchase your tickets

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT YOUR TICKET AND BRING IT
WITH YOU ON THE NIGHT.**



Kindergarten 2014



Thirlmere Public School is now taking Enrolments

- Innovative Teaching & Learning Programs
- Strong emphasis on Literacy & Numeracy
- Student Focused Student Welfare Programs
- Extra Curricular Activities such as Band, Choir, Performing Arts and Sports Gala Days
- High quality education giving your child the opportunity of a complete learning program
- Committed School Community

Join us for a Kindergarten Expo afternoon

Parents who will be enrolling their Pre-Schoolers in Kindergarten at Thirlmere Public School in 2014 are invited to our Kindergarten Expo to visit our school, tour our facilities and meet our talented team.

We encourage people who are just interested in visiting our school and exploring our educational opportunities to feel most welcome to participate

When: *Wednesday, 18th September at 2pm*
in the school library for a short information session then, visit our classrooms and see Kindergarten 2013 in action.

Please contact the School Office 46818476 to register for Kindergarten Enrolment in 2014

Wollondilly Food Drive

Help our community !

Let's pitch in and step forward.

Provide relief for people and families in our community.

- Early Stage 1 (K): Tinned vegetables eg. corn, peas
- Stage 1 (Yr 1-2): Tinned meals eg. spaghetti, baked beans
- Stage 2 (Yr 3-4): Tinned fruit and soup eg. pear, peaches,
pumpkin soup
- Stage 3 (Yr 5-6): Toiletry items eg. toilet paper, soap,
deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brush

Why limit yourself to one item? The class in each stage that brings in the most items on the day will receive a prize for their effort!



Thirlmere Public School

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.

Ph: 4683 1062



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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4647 7728 or 0418 273 115**