

Thirlmere Public School

28 August 2013

Term 3 – Week 7



Principal's Message

Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to Brody, Isaac, Henry, Keira, Makayla, Isabella, Hannah, Finley, James and Jack. The photo will be on our website soon.

Assembly Awards

Class	6J
Artist	Jake
Mathematician	Ryan
Writer	Savannah

Coming Events

- 29 Aug Fathers' Day stall 9am-11am
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival evening performance
- 30 Aug Wooglemai Deposit Due
- 2 Sept Zone Athletics (Field Events)
- 3 Sept Zone Athletics (Track Events)
- 4 Sept 3-6 assembly 2pm
- 6 Sept **Gymtastics program –**
NB: Parent Viewing Day
Touch Gala Day moved to 20 Sept

**EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ONLINE www.trybooking.com**

Doing Our Bit for the Community

Friday's mufti food drive was an outstanding success, drawing praise from Wollondilly Community Links and the staff of Bendigo Bank. Of course, without our School Captain Lawson's initiative it would not have happened at all. Thanks to all families who supported it.

Book Character Parade and Storyteller

On Thursday our new COLA was full of every space character or object you could imagine, helping to celebrate Book Week 2013. I understand that the book swap outside the Library was also well supported, and that our Canteen did a roaring trade in cupcakes. This was backed up on Friday by an interesting and amusing guest from Ghana called Charlie, who shared some tales from his home culture. Mrs Wood deserves special thanks for putting all this together – no wonder I call her the best Teacher-Librarian in the Universe!

Hall Heaters

At long last, our new heaters have been installed, just in time for the warmer weather. I thank everyone for their patience.

Gymtastics Parent Viewing Day

Our gym program providers have allocated Friday 6 September for any interested parents to see how the program operates. Timetable is as follows:

8:55	5C & 4S	9:35	3/4H & 3B	10:15	2G & 1K
11:15	KP & KH	11:55	KT & 1N	12:35	2B & 2/3R
1:55	6J & 5/6G				

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm

Principal's Message Cont.

Top Of The World – Again!

Our world wakeboarding champion Sam has returned from the USA, having retained his crown. He enjoys being the quiet bloke in the background here – I understand that in America he is somewhat of a cult figure. Nevertheless we are very proud of him.

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.

Instagram

Find out about Instagram and why it's useful and fun to use. Importantly, this fact sheet will help you decide if the mobile application is appropriate for your child.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/18NSYS3>

Starting High School

Year 7 is a huge learning curve for many kids. If you have a child starting high school next year, here are some videos and articles to have you both ready to go.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/Sfp15lfb>

Spring Fitness

Be ready to inspire your whole family at the start of spring. Listen to Australia's popular personal trainer Michelle Bridges chat with James O'Loughlin about keeping your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family>

Principal's Message Cont.

Spelling Success

The Premier's Spelling Bee 2013 app has arrived. It's a must-have app for students who want to practise their spelling. It's free and available for Android devices.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/19XrnS1>

Enjoy the rest of this week, and a special wish to all Dads for Sunday. Allow yourselves to be spoilt rotten by your families!

I'll leave you with this quote from Pope John XXIII:

It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.

Stephen Lord

Band News

All outstanding Fees for Term 1, 2 and 3 must be paid immediately or your child/guardian will be withdrawn from lessons as of Term 4 until fees are paid.

2 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.

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Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2013

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**

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 29 August 2013

Gifts range from \$1 - \$12

Helpers needed between 9am & 11am

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.

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.

Student Invoices

Invoices have been sent home today for money owing on Band, Camp and School Magazine.

These need to be paid as soon as possible and before the end of term.

If your child is not going on camp, please advise the school as soon as possible so these invoices can be cancelled.

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

Fathers' Day Stall

K-2 Oracy Competition

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

Fathers' Day Stall

K-2 Oracy Competition

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

Fathers' Day Stall

Zone Athletics – Selected Students ONLY

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

Year 6 Chocolates – **OVERDUE**

Cookbook Order – Last day to Pay 7 September

Notes sent home this week

Fathers' Day Stall

Wollondilly Performing Arts Established Band reminder

Zone Athletics – Selected Students ONLY

NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS

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.

Stage 3 Camps

Listed below are important dates to remember for the Stage 2 & 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 Wolstoncroft Camp

Last Day to Pay – 25 October 2013

Camp Dates: 4 November 2013 – 8 November 2013

Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge

The challenge finishes this Wednesday. A full list of students who have completed the challenge will be in next week's newsletter.

At present we have over 200 students who have finished the challenge, let's hope that number will be greater before the challenge ends this week.

Read across the Universe

A big Thank you to all the parents and carers who baked "space" cupcakes and created such wonderful "out of this world" costumes for the students on Thursday for our celebration of Children's Book Week. The school resembled a space station and our office staff excelled themselves transforming the front office into "command central"

Many students enjoyed swapping their books at the Book Swap stall at morning tea and lunch.

Special thanks to the ladies who manned the canteen at morning tea to help feed our hungry Space students.

Sam, the storyteller from Ghana entertained all students on Friday in the Library with traditional African "Anansi" stories, music and dance. We were able to provide this free to all students using a multicultural grant .

Take a look in the Library window to see photos of the Book Week celebrations.

Wollondilly Food Drive

Please find a note from Linda Difrancesca regarding the Wollondilly Food Drive Donation:

Dear Staff and students,

Please find attached photos of all of the food and toiletries that you collected.

The generosity and community spirit demonstrated by your school will be felt across the whole shire, and on behalf of Community Links and Bendigo Bank I wish to thank you all.

I was moved to tears when I collected the food and am so happy that I was the one who was able to accept them on behalf of those in our community who are in need.

Kindest regards,

Linda Difrancesco

Estonian Cultural Visit

On Wednesday, 4 September (Term 3 Week 8), a member of the original Estonian community of Thirlmere, Valdur Liira, will be visiting our school.

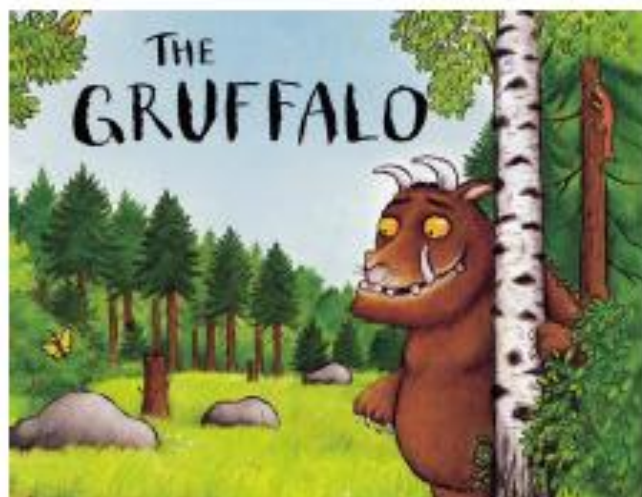
Valdur grew up in Thirlmere during World War 2, and attended Thirlmere Public School in the years 1942 – 1947. He published a book titled *Thirlmere Estonian Community Pioneers*, and donated a copy of it to the school.

Stage 2 classes will be attending his presentation as it supports our current COGS unit – *Effects of Growth and Change*.

Mr Berwick

School Holiday Activities

@ your library



'The Gruffalo' Storytime

Join us for a fun morning of stories, games, activities and craft based upon 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. Play 'Pin the Wart on the Gruffalo' for a chance to win a prize.

Date: Monday 30th September 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: \$5.00

Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

Gaming and Pizza Night

Play Halo ODST (M) on the Xbox 360, Super Smash Bros Brawl (PG) on the Wii, with Pizza, Chips, Lollies and Drinks.

Date: Tuesday 1st October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Library closed to public)
Ages: 8+
Cost: \$5.00

Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300



Craft Activity - Springtime Crafts

Join us and have some fun making a range of Springtime crafts. Decorate a terracotta pot and plant your very own seedling. Take it home to watch it grow.

Date: Thursday 3rd October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: \$5.00

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Thirlmere Public School Extravaganza

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Thursday 12th September 2013



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Trybooking.com

Search Thirlmere P.S and follow the links.

PARENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE DOOR!



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

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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

FiT Mums Group Training

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Are you interested in Athletics?

Wollondilly Little Athletics Centre caters for ALL interested boys and girls from Tiny Tots (3-5 year olds) through to Seniors (13-17 year olds).

Register with Wollondilly Little Athletics at
Tahmoor Sportsground Hall

3.30pm – 6.30pm on Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th September 2013.

Our Season begins on Friday, 4th October 2013 at 4.45pm (warm up) for 5pm start.

Enquiries: 0408 225230 or 4683 2043
Follow our Facebook page
Wollondilly Little Athletics Centre.



PICTON SWIM TEAM

PICTON SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming is for all ages and abilities, so join us for summer club, events from

Friday 11th of October 2013 at 6.15 pm

If it is your first time with Picton Swimming Club enjoy your first 2 nights for **FREE!**
(Wollondilly Leisure Centre, Picton)

www.pictonswimmingclub.com