

# Thirlmere Public School

8 October 2014

Term 4 – Week 1



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### A New Term Begins

Welcome back to all our families, and I trust that everyone had a good break, enjoying the beautiful spring weather. Remarkably, our crabapple trees in the front of our school are still in bloom, so take the opportunity to check them out before they disappear for another year. Similarly, if the football results did not go your way, no matter what code you follow, there's always next season.

### Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students from 1R:

Artist Of The Week: Jenna

Writer Of The Week: Jessie

Mathematician Of The Week: Finley

Their picture will soon be on our website.

### Sam Does It Again

Not many schools can boast a world champion among their ranks, but Thirlmere can, thanks to Sam in Year 6, who once again defended his World Title in Wakeboarding, held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA late last term. His family is very proud of him, as we are, and a picture of Sam doing one of his impossible manoeuvres will soon be posted on our website.

### Staff Professional Development

Some of our teachers will be involved in in-house training during this week, in Literacy on Wednesday and exploring the National Curriculum in Science on Friday. Casual teachers have been booked to cover staff for these activities, and normal class programs will not be interrupted.

### Reading for Adults

Our Teacher-Librarian Ms Gutjahr has kindly organised a bookshelf for adults, which has been placed in the school foyer. Titles include some popular fiction and also a special section on managing depression and anxiety, which is currently part of a Federal Government initiative. Please feel free to make use of this facility.

### Parent/Carer Survey on Leadership

The school is required to conduct cyclical surveys on various aspects of its operation. Results are published each year in the Annual School Report. For the purpose of this survey, "School Leaders" are those at executive level, namely Principal, Assistant Principals, and the School Administration Manager. You are strongly encouraged to complete the online survey, which should only take 2-3 minutes, by following the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9YZZJR>

## Coming Events

8-10 Oct	Year 5 Camp at Wooglemai
9 Oct	High School "Taster" day for Year 6
14 Oct	Jump Rope "Jump Off" day
15 Oct	P&C Meeting 9am 3-6 assembly 2pm
16-17 Oct	2015 Kindergarten Orientation Interviews
17 Oct	K-2 assembly 2pm

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The office is open from 8.30am to  
3.00pm

## School Plan

All NSW Public Schools are required to develop a 3 year strategic plan for 2015-2017. The foundation of this plan is the development, in collaboration with staff, community, and where appropriate students, of three strategic directions that state in broad terms what we are setting out to do. In that spirit, I am inviting suggestions from our school community (not just the P&C). The following is an example of three directions to get the discussion started:

1. **Raising expectations and enhancing the quality of student learning.**
2. **Fostering quality teaching and leadership.**
3. **Achieving new and better ways of doing business.**

Of course, the plan is more than the three broad directions. Each of them will be “unpacked” to identify:

- Purpose – why are we heading in this direction?
- People – building the capabilities of everyone in the whole school community.
- Processes – ensuring our systems work properly to deliver improvement.
- Products – achievement of the outcomes we are seeking.
- Practices – the embedded processes that will enable us to sustain our improvements.

Over to you. Any suggestions can be made in person, in writing or by email to

[thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Kindergarten 2015

Where has the year gone? It is already that time again where I encourage families with children starting Kindergarten in 2015 to collect an application for enrolment from the school office. Staff will commence planning for Kindergarten transition shortly and we would like to ensure we are in contact with as many families as possible.

## Private tutoring

Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child's education? School A to Z explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor. <http://bit.ly/K5aczo>

## Leaving your child at home alone

At some point it may be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: <http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9>

## Team sports – more than health benefits

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don't go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here:

<http://bit.ly/HlgxVO>

## Vale Geoff Shaw

Sadly, Geoff lost his battle with cancer on Sunday 21 September. Thirlmere Public School was well represented by students, parents and staff at his funeral during the holidays, and I thank them for their part in farewelling a great teacher and thorough gentleman. All students have been informed on Tuesday, and counselling will be made available if required.

In memory of Geoff's life, I leave you with the following quote from Dr Seuss:

“Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.”

Enjoy your week.

Stephen Lord



## Jump Rope for Heart

The 'Jump Off' day has been scheduled for next Tuesday 14th October. All students will be involved in a number of activities on the day. Any money raised through sponsorship can be sent into the office this week and next until Thursday 16th. Alternatively you can register online at <https://jumprope2014-thirlmerepublicschool-108697.everydayhero.com/au/sign-up>

A separate note will be sent home this week detailing the organisation of the event. Families are more than welcome to join us on the day.

Mrs McLachlan, Coordinator

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## CANTEEN ROSTER

**TERM 3: FRIDAY 19/9 CANTEEN CLOSED**

**TERM 4: 6TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2014**

FRIDAY 10/10:	Joanna-lee Mauro, Mel Moroz, Zoe Stephens
Monday 13/10:	Amanda Lee, Amy white
Wednesday 15/10:	Diane Hunt , Meryl Cooper
Friday 17/10:	Simone Hinton, Tania Willet, Lisa Fava
Monday 20/10:	Mel Ruddiman , Jo Tapp, Alison Tarrant (ORIENTATION)
Wednesday 22/10:	Diane Hunt, Vanessa Zahra
Friday 24/10:	Chris Ahumuda, Monique Liddle, Nicole Lewry
Monday 27/10:	Shannon Apps, Chrsity Greene
Wednesday 29/10:	Louise Shannahan, Lea Blatch
Friday 31/10:	Belinda Kelly, Cindy Hile, Simone Hinton
Monday 3/11:	Lisa Williams, Libby Spencer
Wednesday 5/11:	Diane Hunt , Meryl Cooper
Friday 7/11:	Kerry New, Felicity Saarinen, Nicole Lewry
Monday 10/11:	Joanna-lee Mauro , Shannon Apps
Wednesday 12/11:	Lee-Anne Armstrong, Deb Parker
Friday 14/11:	Simone Hinton, Cindy Hile, Tania Willet
Monday 17/11:	Lea Blatch , Mel Ruddiman
Wednesday 19/11:	Diane Hunt, Vanessa Zahra
Friday 21/11:	Tammy Parker, Lisa Boyce, Millie Achis
Monday 24/11:	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wednesday 26/11:	Linda Cernik, Belinda Dodd
Friday 28/11:	Simone Hinton, Lisa Fava, Alison Tarrant
Monday 1/12:	Lisa Williams, Elisha Hawkins
Wednesday 3/12:	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
Friday 5/12:	Joanna-lee Mauro, Mel Moroz, Christie Henry
Monday 8/12:	Shannon Apps, Millie Achis
Wednesday 10/12:	Linda Cernik, Sharon Browning
Friday 12/12:	Julie Bird, Simone Hinton, Louise Shannahan
Monday 15/12:	Lisa Boyce, Tammy Parker
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	

## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### All Students

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Jump Rope for Heart – 16 Oct*

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Sydney Aquarium – 31 Oct*

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Jamberoo – 31 Oct (Year 6 only)*

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

## Rugby League Football Raffle

The NRL have given our school 15 brand new footballs to raffle in order to raise fund for the Year 6 Farewell.

Tickets will be on sale in Area A, and student leaders will be selling the tickets at tables outside 5G classroom. Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 9 October till Friday 17 October.

**Tickets will cost 50cents each or 3 for \$1(6 for \$2 etc).**

There will be 15 names drawn from a hat at morning assembly on Monday 20 October 2014.

Thank you for supporting our year 6 Farewell.

Mark Berwick



## Uniform News

The shops opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm. If you are unable to access the Uniform Shop during these times, orders can be placed through the office.

Please note that the uniform shop can only accept payments by cash or cheque. NO EFTPOS payments can be accepted as we do not have the facility.

Amanda Lee

## SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

### Payments and Excursions

All excursions and sporting events have a **last day to pay date**. Parents are asked to have payments to the office before this date, as our new system will not allow payments to be processed after the date. This will avoid any disappointment for your child.

**The last day to pay for the Jump Rope for Heart is Thursday 16 October 2014**

### Band News

Band Fees for term 3 are now overdue. **Students who have not paid will be withdrawn.**

#### Term 4 Band

Band will start next week, Week 2 on Monday 13 October and Tue 14 October and run till Week 10 Monday 8 December and Tuesday 9 December. This is a 9 week program and the cost is \$135. Invoices will go home this week.

#### Upcoming Band Events

- Band Tour will take place in Week 5 on Monday 3 November 2014.
- Students going to Berry Camp in Week 4 will have a make up lesson in Week 6
- Senior students will play at the Presentation Day and Gold Medal Presentation

### FOEI Forms - URGENT

Recently a letter went home to selected families regarding the Family Occupation and Education Index.

The majority of these forms have been returned to the office but we are still waiting on the remainder. **If you have n't returned the form, could you please forward it to the office as soon as possible as this information determines the amount of funding the school will receive.**

If the letter has been misplaced, the ladies in the office can provide you a new one upon request. We thank you for your co-operation in completing the form

Thank you  
Administration Staff

**Thirlmere Public School Community Calendar**  
**Term 4 2014**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 (Oct)</b>	6 Labour Day	7	8 Year 5 Wooglemai	9 HS Taster Day	10 →
<b>Week 2 (Oct)</b>	13	14 Jump Rope Jump Off day	15  3-6 assembly 2pm	16 Kinder Orientation interviews	17 →  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 3 (Oct)</b>	20 Student Leader applications - DRAFT	21	22 P&C Meeting 9am	23	24
<b>Week 4 (Oct)</b>	27  Year 4 Berry	28	29  3-6 assembly 2pm	30  Year 6 Disco	31  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 5 (Nov)</b>	3 BAND Tour	4	5	6	7
<b>Week 6 (Nov)</b>	10 Student Leader applications to Steve  Last week for library borrowing.	11	12 Student Leader peer vote  3-6 assembly 2pm	13	14 WHS Committee 8:25am  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 7 (Nov)</b>	17  All library books to be returned this week.	18 Kinder Orientation – visit with parents  P&C Meeting 6:30pm	19	20	21 Reports to Stage Leaders  Year 6 Mini Fair
<b>Week 8 (Nov)</b>	24	25 Kinder Orientation – information session Last Merits to Office Life Ed program begins	26  3-6 assembly 2pm	27	28 S1 Sydney Aquarium  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 9 (Dec)</b>	1 Reports to Steve for signing Last principals awards given	2 All banners and Princ awards to office	3 Life Ed program ends HS Orientation Day	4 Parent Helpers Morning Tea	5 Gold Reward Day
<b>Week 10 (Dec)</b>	8  Library stocktake begins and continues until end of term.	9 Year 6 to Jamberoo Kindergarten to Symbio	10 Final Scripture lessons & morning tea for teachers  Reports printed	11  Year 6 Farewell	12 Presentation Day
<b>Week 11 (Dec)</b>	15 Reports sent home	16 Gold Medal Assembly	17 Talent Quest  Last day for students	18 School Development Days	19 →



## **THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP** **PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2014**

ITEM	SIZES AVAILABLE	PRICE	QTY	SIZE REQ.
Wide brim hat	XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL	\$10		
Girls Summer dress	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$46		
Girls Winter tunic	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$44		
Polo shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22	\$16		
Polo shirt long sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18		
Microfibre jacket	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$34		
Zip cardigan	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22		
Emblem jumper	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18		
Grey cargo shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17		
Girls skorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20		
Sport shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$16		
Sports shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20		
Microfibre track pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$24		
Fleecy track pants (with cuff)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17		
Fleecy trackpants (straight leg)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17		
Grey trousers	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18		
Girls bootleg pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$19		
Girls dress pant	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22		
Skivvy	4,6,8,10,12	\$10		
Tights	4-6yrs, 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs	\$10		
Polar fleece scarf	One size	\$5		
Ankle socks (pack 5)	9-12, 13-3, 2-8 grey or white	\$15		
Art smock	One size	\$13		
Football socks	9-2, 2-7, 7-10	\$10		
School badge		\$10		
Excursion Bag & Drink Bottle	Sold as a set ONLY	\$12		
		TOTAL	\$	

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Class \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick option for collection: *Payment options are cash/cheque*

I will collect from school ☐

Please deliver to my child's class ☐

I will collect from the uniform shop ☐

# 125<sup>th</sup> MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

## LIMITED QUANTITIES

ORDER WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT WITHIN FEW DAYS

***Student:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Class:*** \_\_\_\_\_

	Cook Book \$15	Qty
	Black Cotton or Calico Bag \$6	Qty Black – <b>Now In Stock</b>  Qty Calico
	Pen \$2	Qty
	Tea Towel \$10	Qty
	Waterbottle \$6	Qty
	Excursion bag & Waterbottle Set \$12 To be purchased through Uniform Shop	Qty
	125 <sup>th</sup> Book Includes pictures of all current students and our schools history – focussing on last 25 years \$20	Qty
	Total \$	Total

You can view all above items in the school office.

Payment by cash only until further notice to the school office.



# Thirlmere Public School

## School Newsletter

Thirlmere Public School now deliver our newsletter by Email each week.

In the space provided below, please indicate the email address/es you wish to use to receive the newsletter.

The newsletter is also available to view on our school website:  
[www.thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Student Name: ..... Class: .....

1st Parent/Guardian Email : .....

2nd Parent/Guardian Email : .....

3rd Parent/Guardian Email : .....

**No paper copies will be issued.**

## 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.*



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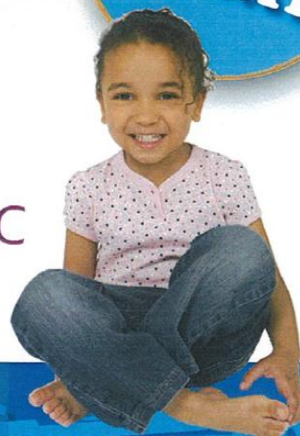
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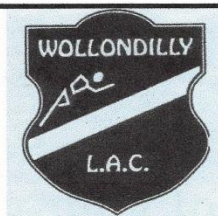
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**Enquiries: 0408 225230 or 4683 2043  
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