

Thirlmere Public School

22 October 2014

Term 4 – Week 3



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our Talented Athletes

Well done to Mackenzie, Luke and Harry, who represented Sydney South West at State Athletics last Thursday. Mackenzie is among the top 40 shot putters in NSW, Luke is the 7th fastest for his age over 100m, and Harry is in the top 8 for long jump. It was a privilege to watch them compete.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to the following students:

Andrew (2), Lincoln (2), James, Finley, Jimmy, Peter, Angus, Peter (2), Thomas and Julie (3).

Their picture is on our website.

Super Savers

The following students received Dollarmite certificates:

Sarah and Danielle. Look for their picture too!

Security Gates

Please note that the gate on Goodlet St near the bus bay will be locked between 9:15am and 2:30pm each day. Entry will still be available via the front gate on Oaks Road. This arrangement provides added security for our students.

Staff Professional Development

At our staff meeting this week, Mrs Karolis, Mr Gardiner and Mrs Tann presented teachers with an introduction to the National Science & Technology Curriculum, which becomes mandatory from next year. From the look of the syllabus and its focus on 21st century learning, our students can look forward to some interesting learning experiences!

Skoolbag

Before you ring the school about the spelling, this is the name of an app for smartphones that is being trialled for the rest of this year and during 2015. When activated, it will be available free to all families, and will be a means of keeping in touch with the school at your fingertips. Emergency messages, this newsletter and permission notes, to name a few. We will let you know when it comes online.

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.

Coming Events

24 Oct	Milo Cup Cricket
27-29 Oct	Year 4 Camp at Berry
29 Oct	3-6 Assembly 2pm
30 Oct	DISCO (K-2 5pm-6pm; 3-6 6:30pm-8pm)
31 Oct	K-2 Assembly 2pm Last Day to Pay -Aquarium -Jamberoo
3 Nov	Band Tour
4 Nov	Responsible Pet Education Amazing Me Seminar

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

Parent/Carer Surveys

The school is required to conduct cyclical surveys on various aspects of its operation. Results are published each year in the Annual School Report. The two surveys currently online are about Leadership and Environment. You are strongly encouraged to complete the online surveys, which should only take 2-3 minutes, by following the links below:

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

Environment:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com.au/VYNPVMN>

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.

Kindergarten 2015

Our orientation process for next year's Kindergarten has begun, with Ms Mace conducting interviews with new parents and their children. If there is someone living near you, or someone you know who may have children eligible to start school in 2015, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

2015 Classes

We are entering that time when we are planning next year's classes. Any parents or carers who have requests about class placement should lodge them in writing, addressed to the Principal, as soon as possible. No guarantees can be made, but every effort will be made to accommodate your wishes. In addition, families who know that they will be leaving our school should inform us promptly, so that our plans can be accurate.

Selective high schools

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-gassessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Managing your child's weight

It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/managing-your-childs-weight>

Choosing the right school shoes

Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Creative reading

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! <http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3>

Ethics Classes

Following a long period of time during which managed to recruit an Ethics Coordinator, classes will commence for Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) on Wednesday 22 October, at the same time as Scripture classes. Our P&C President Lea Blatch has completed her training as an Ethics Teacher and will take both groups. Parents of students in Stages 1 & 2 who have expressed interest in Ethics classes and are willing to undertake Ethics Teacher training (or can recommend someone) need to contact our Ethics Coordinator Louise Shanahan on:

louisejshanahan@yahoo.com.au

Enjoy your week.

Stephen Lord

Term 4 Disco - Favourite Rockstar

Our school will be holding a disco on the evening of Thursday 30 October (Week 4). The music, once again, will be provided by Footsteps. Our disco back in Term 1 this year was a great success, and we are looking forward to repeating that enthusiasm and attendance. The theme for this disco is **Favourite Rockstar**.

The cost per ticket will be **\$5 per child, or \$10 per family**. All payments are to be placed in the frog's mouth at the office (not to the teacher) inside a sealed envelope. **Please write the students' names, classes and amount enclosed on the front of the envelope.**

All proceeds will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.



Mr Berwick, Mrs Stewart



Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016

Information regarding the procedure for applying for selective high school placement in 2016 has been sent home to all Year 5 parents. All parents wishing to apply must be aware of the following:

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between **14 October and 17 November 2014**.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday **12 March 2015**.

Mark Berwick
Assistant Principal

I would like to thank the school community for raising funds for the Heart foundation through the Jump Rope for Heart day. If you have been unable to return your sponsorship money to the office or pay on line could you please do so by the end of the week so that I can finalise the money for the foundation. Once this is done I will be able to send a list to the Heart Foundation so that they can organise prizes for those students that are eligible based on the sponsorship money they have raised.

Mrs McLachlan



Mini Fair Friday 21 November



Mini Fair is upon us once again, and this Year's event will be just as engaging and enjoyable as those of the past. There will be lots of enjoyable stalls and activities which are currently being designed by our Year Six students. Some of these include dunking machine, push carts, commando football, hair mania and various lolly and food stalls and lots more. So kids, save up your money as you'll need it to buy tokens. **Please be aware that the money raised will go to the Year 6 Farewell** which is something that all students in our school will at some stage get to celebrate.

Mr Berwick, Mrs Stewart

15 Rugby League Footballs Raffle

The original date to draw the 15 Footballs Raffle was last Monday (20 October). I extended that date because I felt that we could raise more money than we have at this stage. The new date is 21 November, which is the date of the Mini Fair. I know that footy is over for 2014, but with a brand new football, you'll be well and truly ready for the 2015 season. With 15 of them to win, everybody is a big chance.

Once again I ask that students support this raffle as **all funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell**.



Mr Berwick



Student Banking News



We're rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.

- 40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 Slip N' Slide Double Wave Riders

Entry into the promotion is a little bit different to those we have run previously. For every School Banking deposit made during the competition period, the student will receive one entry into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize. Competition period: 20 October — 30 November 2014.

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

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Amazing Me

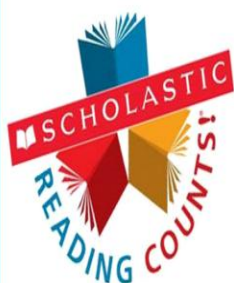
Education seminar for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students on Tuesday 4th November.

Parents and students of Stage 2 and Stage 3 are invited to attend a personal development seminar on:

1. The difference between girls and boys bodies, reproduction and birth for students in Years 3 and 4 from 5.15 to 6.15pm.
2. The difference between girls and boys bodies and puberty for students in Years 5 and 6 from 6.15 to 7.15pm

Both presentations are given in an age appropriate manner. Payment is \$15 per family for one session and \$20 per family for two sessions and is to be paid at the door on the night.

Mrs Karolis



Our last **Scholastic Book Club** brochures for the year will be due back this Thursday.

By purchasing books through Book Club we are encouraging reading *and* earning points for Thirlmere Public School which benefits our library!

If you are interested in purchasing something from the final Book Club for 2014, please return forms and money to the Office by Thursday 23 October.

If you have any questions or missed out on your Book Club brochures simply drop by the library to ask!

Please return Book Club orders by
Thursday 23 October

Gold Reward Movie Day

It's that time of year again where we are able to reward the consistent effort of our students with their behaviour.

Friday 5th December 2014 is Gold Movie Day. Students that reach Gold level this term will be eligible to attend. A green note explaining the eligibility requirements was sent home last week explaining this process. All parents are requested to sign and return this to their child's class teacher. This is not a permission note and should not be sent with money to the office.

As students reach Gold level, in weeks 2, 4 and 6 of this term only, they will be given a Gold note from their stage supervisor. This should be returned with money to the office as soon as possible. Levels are published in the school newsletter each even week.

The final date for payment for Gold reward day is Friday 14th November. **ABSOLUTELY no late payments** will be accepted for this excursion. I contact the cinema that day and no amendments to numbers will be made.

Those students that maintain their level this term or reach Bronze and Silver will be required to attend school as usual on the day of Gold Movie Day. A reward experience will be offered for these students as part of the normal school day at school.

Please see me if you have any questions.

Mrs Gandy



2015 Student Leader Draft Application Forms Year 5 Students



All students in Year 5 have been given an application form to be completed if they wish to apply for the position of Student Leader in 2015. Students will take the draft forms home today (Wednesday 22 October), and **are to return them completed on Monday 27 October.**

At school we have discussed with the students how to complete the forms, and have given students some direction in doing an application such as this. Parents, and others, are also welcome to assist their child in its completion.

I would like to encourage all Year 5 students to engage in this process. One can never be certain what one can achieve if one doesn't try.

Mr Berwick, Mr Jackson

SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

Payments and Excursions

Invoices went home last week for all outstanding accounts including those students that have achieved gold level.

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.

Book Club Last Day to Pay is tomorrow, Thursday 23rd October

**Band Tour Last Day to Pay
is
Wednesday 29th October 2014**

**Aquarium Last day to Pay
is
Friday 31st October 2014**

**Jamberoo Last Day to Pay
is
Friday 31st October 2014**

**Symbio last Day to Pay
is
Friday 21 November 2014**

Band News

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

Term 4 Band

Band will run till Week 10 Monday 8 December and Tuesday 9 December. This is a 9 week program and the cost is \$135. Invoices went home last 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

We are still waiting on some forms to be returned 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 haven'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

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CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4: 6TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2014

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
Wednesday 17th December: CANTEEN CLOSED	

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

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1(Kindy)

Notes Home:

Responsible Pet Education

Last Day to Pay:

Symbio Wildlife Park – 21 Nov

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Notes Home:

Stage 1 News Week 4

Last Day to Pay:

Sydney Aquarium – 31 Oct

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Notes Home:

**Berry Camp Information for Parents
Amazing Me**

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Notes Home:

Amazing Me

Last Day to Pay:

Jamberoo – 31 Oct(Year 6 only)

Selected Students

Notes Home:

**Student Leader Application
Established Band tour**

Last Day to Pay:

Established Band Tour – 29 Oct

Gold Reward Day- 14 Nov

NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

AFTER

“LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT” DATE.

Year 6 Jamberoo Action Park - 2014

Year 6 students and parents are aware that the excursion to Jamberoo Action Park will be held on Tuesday 9 December. The cost of the excursion is **\$60**. I am pleased to see that almost half of the Year 6 students have paid. **It is important for those who have not paid yet that the cut-off date for payment to be completed is Friday 31 October (Week 4 of this term).** Please be mindful of this to avoid disappointment.

Mark Berwick, Sandra Stewart





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 ☐

125th 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 – Now In Stock 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 th 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

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.

Free Screening Mammograms

Recommended every two years
for women aged 50–69 years

Women aged 70 to 74 now also invited!



TAHMOOR

10 November to 19 December 2014

Tahmoor Community Centre car park, off Remembrance Drive

Call 13 20 50

Free Telephone Interpreter: ☎ 13 14 50

Opening Hours: 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday
(Closed for lunch 12-1)

www.bsnsnw.org.au

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