

Thirlmere Public School

5 November 2014

Term 4 – Week 5



Coming Events

7 Nov	Loud Shirt Day
10-14 Nov	Last week to borrow from the Library
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
12 Nov	Student Leader Peer Vote 3-6 Assembly
14 Nov	K-2 Assembly
18 Nov	Kindy Orientation

Assistant Principal's Message

It's hard to believe 2014 is moving as quickly as it is. As usual this time of year we have many things happening in and around the school. Year 6 are entering the second half of their last term at Thirlmere and Kindy are getting ready to be replaced by a new group of Kindy students. I would encourage all parents to keep in touch with the school through the newsletter, Facebook and checking your child's bag for notes.

Loud Shirt Day

This Friday students are able to wear a LOUD shirt to support the SRC in their fundraising for students with hearing impairments. A gold coin donation will be collected on the day. Students are still required to wear school shorts and shoes.

Summer School Spruce Up

I would like to encourage families to support the P & C in the working bee scheduled for this Sunday 9 November. My Nan always used to say to me "Many hands make light work" and this day will be all the more successful if we can have as much support as possible.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to the following students:
Olivia, Tayla, Jake, Jorja, Anthony, Damian, Mara, Markos, Byron, James, Summer, Madeline, Molly, Brody, Nathan, Caleb, Jack and Tyla.
Their picture will soon be on our website.

Super Savers

The following students received Dollarmite certificates:
Rhianna J, Alison H and Jacob W

Writer, Artist and Mathematician

Congratulations to the following students :

	3K	Year 1
Artist	Anastasia	Brianna
Writer	Ryan D	Annabelle 1G
Mathematician	Jimmy	Zoe 1M

Band Tour

Our band, together with students from The Oaks and Tahmoor Public Schools set off Monday with Mr Lord, Mr Jackson and Mrs Thomson. They visited Fairy Meadow and Thirroul where they performed for the students. This was a great experience that was enjoyed by all involved.

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

Disco

Another successful fundraising evening was held last Thursday when the school hall was transformed into a glowing, rock star festival. Congratulations Mrs Stewart, Mrs Todd, Mr Berwick and the students of Year 6 for your organisation. A big thanks also to the P & C and Year 6 parents who supported the evening with the BBQ and canteen.

Responsible Pet Ownership

The students in K-2 had a visit this week from Melanie a representative from the Responsible pet ownership program. She visited the school with her specially trained dog Slipstream. They talked to the students about responsible pet ownership and how to be safe around dogs. The students were spoken to about the need to be sensible around the dog and I would like to commend them on their behaviour. They were an outstanding audience!

Merit Selection Panel Training

I am giving parents early notice that I will be offering a training session for parents and community members in Merit Selection procedures on Wednesday 12 November at 11:30am in our Library. Completion of this course enables parents to be part of panels to select future school staff (both teaching and administration). Please advise the school office if you would like to attend.

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.

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

School Plan(Continued)

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. Our first Orientation visit with parents is scheduled for Tuesday 18 November.

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.

Just a quick quote this week from a man who made the world a happier place :

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”

Robin Williams

Have a great week everyone!

Selena Gandy



Dunking Machine



Commando Football



2014 MINI FAIR

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER



Push carts



Hair Mania



The Band will be running a Sausage sizzle and notes will be sent home for preorders.



Important dates for Awards

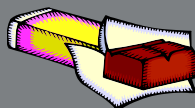
Please take note of the following dates and ensure that all awards are handed into the office by the cut off dates. This will avoid any disappointment for your child.

- **25 Nov** – Last Merit Certificates to the Office
- **1 Dec** – Last Principals Awards given out at morning assembly
- **2 Dec** – All Banners and Principals awards to the office
- **16 Dec** – Gold Medal Assembly

Year 6 Farewell Fundraising Cadbury Products

Thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered to sell the Cadbury products to support the Year 6 Farewell. We will make a substantial profit from the program. Could I also take the opportunity to encourage all of our school community to get on board by purchasing the chocolates/lollies from those who are currently selling them. Let's not forget that all of our students will have their turn to be in Year 6 one day, and a supportive culture within our school community will go a long way towards ensuring that they all get the farewell that they deserve when it's their turn.

It is important to remember that all unsold products and money is to be returned to the school by Wednesday 19 November. Please bring the money in an envelope with the student's name and amount of money clearly written on the front office. Please try to return the money in paper form. Retrieving and counting money is much easier when it is paper, and it doesn't fall out of the envelopes etc.



Mark Berwick, Mrs Stewart



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

Sausage Sizzle

The band will run a sausage sizzle in the day of the Mini Fair and a separate note will be coming home soon.

Mr Jackson

SRC News



Loud Shirt Day



Friday, November 7th in Week 5 is LOUD SHIRT DAY

The SRC are fundraising for those who have a hearing disability.

Wear a LOUD(brightly coloured) shirt or top on Friday, 7th November and bring a **GOLD COIN DONATION**

The SRC and Mrs Stevenson

15 Rugby League Footballs Raffle

The original date to draw the 15 Footballs Raffle was 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



Uniform News

As the end of the year is fast approaching, it's time to consider what uniforms you may require for the start of the new school year. Limited stock will be available to purchase through the uniform shop, but to avoid disappointment I recommend that you place an order. Orders can be left at the school office or placed at the uniform shop. Please provide a contact number on your order form so that I can let you know when your order is ready to collect.

I currently have a large selection of second hand uniforms available for purchase, thanks to kind donations from our school families. All items are \$4 each, so if you need anything, come and see me.

- **Remember that all payments must be cash or cheque only.**

The shops opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm.

Amanda Lee

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

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

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

SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

Payments and Excursions

Invoices went home in week 2 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.

Gold Reward last day to Pay is Friday 14th November 2014
No late payments accepted

Symbio last Day to Pay is Friday 21 November 2014
No late payments accepted

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

Upcoming Band Events

- Students going to Berry Camp in Week 4 will have a makeup 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

Thank you
Administration Staff

Students on Gold Level

4B

Clementyne K, Jemma L, Cameron B, James B, James C, Andrew D, Andrew H, Luke J, Jacob N, Mackye R, Jordan R, Dustyn S, Isaac S, and Jeremy W

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CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4: 6TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2014

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

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

All Students

Notes Home:

P&C Working Bee

Early Stage 1 (Kindy)

Last Day to Pay:

Symbio Wildlife Park – 21 Nov

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Last Day to Pay:

Cadbury Fundraiser – 19 Nov (year 6 Only)

Selected Students

Notes Home:

Girls 7aside Rugby League

Last Day to Pay:

Gold Reward Day- 14 Nov

NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

AFTER

“LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT” DATE

Ethics News

Primary Ethics classes commenced at our school on the 22/10/14. Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. From the feedback I have received, the kids are really enjoying the classes.

Primary Ethics curriculum is divided into stages, corresponding with school stages as follows:

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with Questions and Puzzlement, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

We would LOVE to offer classes to all the kids that expressed interest in Ethics but we can only do this if we get more teachers! Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. I would welcome your enquiry to volunteer and I'm more than happy to answer any questions you might have, so feel free to contact me at louisejshanahan@yahoo.com.au.

Louise Shanahan (Ethics Coordinator)



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.

Picton
Thirlmere Bargo



RSL SUB BRANCH

REMEMBRANCE DAY Service

10:45am Thirlmere Public School

At The 11th Hour; Of The 11th Day
Of The 11th Month
We Will Remember Them

Picton-Thirlmere-Bargo RSL Sub Branch
Invites You To Join Us to Honour Remembrance Day

Picton
Thirlmere Bargo



RSL SUB BRANCH



Actors, Singers & Dancers

!!Now Booking for 2015!! For Ages 3 to adult.

Drama/Acting *Singing* *Dance/Choreography*
AND *The Agency*

Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available.
Come in and join the fun today!! For more information call Sarah on

0415 995 225 or 4683 0193

www.s-t-a-d-s.com

Come to Playgroup and meet others in a relaxed and friendly environment.

A Playgroup is a place for you and your children aged 0-6 to have fun, make new friends and develop skills through play.

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Thirlmere Public School Hall
Cnr Goodlet & Mason Streets
Thirlmere
Mondays 10am

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Picton
Next to IGA

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