

Thirlmere Public School

12 November 2014

Term 4 – Week 6



Coming Events

10-14 Nov	Last week to borrow from the Library
14 Nov	K-2 Assembly
14 Nov	Last Day to Pay for Gold Reward Day
17 Nov	All Library books to be returned this week
18 Nov	Kindy Orientation – new students visiting classrooms with parents P&C Meeting 6.30pm
19 Nov	All Chocolate Money and unsold chocolates Returned to Office
21 Nov	Year 6 Mini Fair
25 Nov	Last Merit Awards to Office Kindy Orientation

Principal's Message

Today our school held a Remembrance Day Service in collaboration with Picton/Thirlmere/Bargo RSL Sub-Branch. Apart from former service personnel and their families, special guests included Angus Taylor MP, Federal Member for Hume, Jai Rowell MP, State Member for Wollondilly, and Cr Lou Amato and Peter Wright, representing Wollondilly Shire Council. This has become yet another community event in which our school plays a major part. Our Band, Choir and Student Leaders who presented were, as expected, superb. It makes me a very proud old principal!

Loud Shirt Day

Thanks to all who supported. Having taught deaf students in the past, I can vouch for the worthiness of this appeal. Deafness is a disability that can cause major psychological effects, and any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Summer School Spruce Up

The grounds looked a treat on Monday morning, thanks to the group of parents and staff who helped out on Sunday. We have a tidier mini forest, a slab laid for our garden shed, painted squares for chess or draughts, and a new gate in the back fence. Thanks must go to our intrepid P&C President Lea Blatch for driving this project with her usual enthusiasm, than having the energy to entertain us with a poem at Monday morning assembly!

Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to the following students: Lara, Katie, Brooklyn, Jamie, Baxter, Brianna, Cohen, Jack, John, Maddison, Annabelle, Amity, Colby, Finlay, Ryan, Logan, Summer, Mackye, Tyler and Erika. Their picture will soon be on our website.

Super Savers

The following students received Dollarmite certificates: Alyson, Olivia, Dominic, Blake and Bridget. Look for their picture too!

Joggers' Club

The following students have achieved "milestones": Ari, Keira, Kai and Skye. Another picture to go on our website!

Safety on the Way To and From School

Some of our students are walking along the rail lines near Thirlmere Station. Although this line is not part of the major rail network, it still presents a risk, as the volunteers who operate trains on this line do not conform to a regular timetable. Please encourage your children to use footpaths and walkways rather than put themselves in an unsafe situation.

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

Year 6 Chocolate Sales

Some of our senior students may have fundraiser chocolates on sale in the playground. The fundraising target is the Year 6 Farewell and gift to our school. Items are \$1 each.

A New Way of Coming and Going

A new gate has been installed along the Barbour Rd fence, giving access to our school via the rear security fence gate near the vegetable garden. This will be available each morning and afternoon, hopefully taking some of the pressure off Oaks Road. There are no parking restrictions on Barbour Rd, but please exercise care, as there is no marked crossing either.

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>

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.

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.

Future Leaders Program

An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit <http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/> for primary school programs and <http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/> for secondary schools.

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more:

<http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

Little Aussie Songsters competition

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit <http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster>.

The competition is now open and will close on **Saturday 14 February 2015**.

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them
Lest we forget.

Enjoy your week and the privilege it is to live in this country.

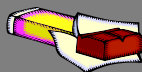
Stephen Lord

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



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



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

Mini Fair Tokens



Don't forget to pre-pay for your children's Mini Fair tokens. Each token is worth 50c, and the stalls will cost from one to six tokens. Pre-paying will reduce time wasted from having to line up to buy tokens when the activities begin.

If your child runs out of tokens they can still buy more during the Mini Fair.



Dunking Machine

Lolly and Cake Stall



Splatattack 2



Pony Rides/Jumping Castle

Ultimate Push Carts

2014 MINI FAIR

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Sweets and Treats



Putt Putt



Hair Mania



Commando Football



Nail Polish



Tattooing



Face Painting/Lucky Dip



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



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

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.

Thank you
Administration Staff

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CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4: 6TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2014

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:
Mini Fair

Early Stage 1 (Kindy)

Notes Home:
Symbio Wildlife Park Reminder

Last Day to Pay:
Symbio Wildlife Park – 21 Nov

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Notes Home:
Selective High School Info Slip (Yr 5 Only)
Year 6 Farewell Dinner Parents Invitation

Last Day to Pay:
Cadbury Fundraiser – 19 Nov (year 6 Only)

Selected Students

Last Day to Pay:
Gold Reward Day- 14 Nov

**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER
"LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT" DATE**

Silent Auction – White Waratah Dot Painting



6S together with Erica Reilly have created this absolutely beautiful dot painting of a white waratah. The painting will be sold through a silent auction to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell.

The painting is square measuring 60cm by 60cm and is on display in the office foyer. Anyone wishing to place a bid can do so at the office or by writing down their bid and in an envelope and putting it in the Frogs mouth. Remember to put your Name and contact number on the envelope. Bidding closes at 2.30pm on the 21st November 2014 at the Mini Fair.

Current bidding is as follows:

1st Bid – Mrs Stewart \$50

2nd Bid – Mr Berwick \$60

15 Rugby League Footballs Raffle

The *15 Footballs Raffle* will be drawn towards the end of the *Mini Fair* on Friday 21 November. I am currently writing the tickets out for all students who have bought tickets, and they will receive them by the end of this week. I am pleased with the number of tickets that have been sold, and I'm looking forward to drawing out the winning tickets and handing the brand new footies to the winners.

Tickets are still on sale and will be sold during the *Mini Fair*, so there is still plenty of time to get your tickets. Don't forget, **you've got to be in it to win it!**



Mr Berwick



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Students on Bronze Level

KP Jaida M SonnyW	KT Tyler H	5G Lachlan G		
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Students on Silver Level

1R Makayla –Rose B	2H Tayla G Kaidyn B Bailey S	5G Max F Jack W		
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Students on Gold Level

KP Jaxon A Bon T KT Arliah B Brianna B Elora D Bryannah H Tyler H DylanT KW Amelia V Harrison C Ryan T	1G Summer W Tyrese B Cooper E Kieran M 1M Mia C Tayla E Evelyn L Samantha R Erin T Deacon C Kelly B Koby L	1R Mara L Dominic A Michael C Callum D Ryan E David H Logan M 2B Jazlyn A Angela W Zayden D Cameron D Seth M Bailey R Tyler S John W	2H Bridget R Jake F Carter H Coen M Levi S Colby T Levi T Tristan Z 3K William B Linkin S 4G Kristopher P	5G Bohan S 5/6B Travis F Jack J Jeremy V OlyviaH E Kathryn L Mackenzie W Jagger P 6S Oscar C Jack P Reece P
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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.

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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.



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

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