

# Thirlmere Public School

5 March 2014

Term 1 – Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### A Steam Festival "Threepeat"

Thankfully, the weather was kind to the Festival on Sunday, and our school made the most of it, winning the Street Parade Award for the third year in a row. Well done to all the boys and girls who joined in, and thanks to my "Kindy Crew" of Ms Mace, Mrs Tann and Ms Wilder for organising. I also acknowledge our Band, which was presented with the Agnes Chalker Memorial Award for its contribution to music over the past 15 years. Deserving credit for this are Mr Jackson, who founded our Band, Mr Mike Butcher (our original Bandmaster) and current Bandmaster Mrs Marika Thomson, along with all the students who have made our Band what it is over the years. Last but not least, Mrs Pearce and Mrs McLachlan, assisted by Lea Blatch and her P&C volunteers, managed to earn approximately \$800 for our school via the Devonshire Tea stall and the 125 Memorabilia table. A great day all round.

### Tree Safety

No doubt you will have heard of the tragic accident at Pitt Town Public School, where a large tree branch fell, causing the death of a student and injuring others. The Department has responded by directing all schools to engage qualified arborists to review the safety condition of trees on school grounds. Our review took place on Monday morning, and I am expecting a detailed report soon, indicating any trees to be pruned or removed. As always, the safety of your children is paramount.

### Working with Children Check

As of 15 June 2013, all people involved in child-related work (which includes those volunteering in our school) must either apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance, or complete a Working with Children Check Declaration. The implications for both are as follows:

- A WWCC Clearance, if granted, allows child-related work or volunteering across all organisations, including schools, sporting clubs, scouts/guides, etc. Applications are made online at [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au). There is no cost for volunteer clearance.
- A WWCC Declaration can be made by any person wishing to volunteer in the school, and includes a 100 Proof of Identity check. It is only valid for the place where it is lodged.

Either one of these is necessary for all volunteers in our school. This includes canteen, classroom assistance, sports coaching and any activity where there is contact with students.



## Coming Events

5 Mar	3-6 Assembly at 2pm
6 Mar	Last Day to Pay - Footsteps
7 Mar	Zone AFL Trials K-2 Assembly Last Day to Pay - Swim School -7 a Side League
11 Mar	7 a Side League 7.30am to 3pm
13 Mar	Selective High School Test Footsteps Dance Program Begins
14 Mar	Zone Trials – Rugby League Zone Trials – Girls Touch Football
17 – 28 Mar	Swim Scheme
18 Mar	Sydney South West Area Swimming
19 Mar	3-6 Assembly
20 Mar	AFL Paul Kelly Cup Disco Footsteps Dance Program
21 Mar	Year 7 2015 Forms to be returned Zone Hockey Trials K-2 Assembly Last Day to Pay – Camden Show

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

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## Principal's Awards

This week's winners are William, Toby and Jamie. Congratulations, their picture will soon appear on our website.

## School Swimming Carnival

As promised, our results from 18 February:

Event	Girls	Boys
All age 100m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Kristina 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronte 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nathan 3 <sup>rd</sup> James
8 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlotte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brianna 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarah	1 <sup>st</sup> Levi 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jackson 3 <sup>rd</sup> William
9 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Imogen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annise 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabby	1 <sup>st</sup> Lincoln 2 <sup>nd</sup> Isaac 3 <sup>rd</sup> Josh
10 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Molly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monique 3 <sup>rd</sup> Madeline	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bohan 3 <sup>rd</sup> James
11 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Kirra eq 1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke eq 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amy	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elliott 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brooklyn
12 yrs 50m freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nathan
Junior 50m breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Molly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sophie 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annise	1 <sup>st</sup> Nathan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jeremy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob
11 yrs 50m breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brooklyn 3 <sup>rd</sup> Elliott
Senior 50m breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jasmine	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry
Junior 50m backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Imogen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lara 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monique	1 <sup>st</sup> Adrian 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob 3 <sup>rd</sup> James
11 yrs 50m backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kirra 3 <sup>rd</sup> Beth	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elliott
Senior 50m backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reece
Junior 50m butterfly	1 <sup>st</sup> Danielle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bridget	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jeremy 3 <sup>rd</sup> James

11 yrs 50m butterfly	1 <sup>st</sup> Brooke 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beth 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lacey	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam
Senior butterfly	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reece 3 <sup>rd</sup> Byron
Junior 200m individual medley		1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob
Senior 200m individual medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Bronte 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brooke	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reece
Junior 4 x 100m relay	1 <sup>st</sup> Boronia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wattle 3 <sup>rd</sup> Waratah	1 <sup>st</sup> Wattle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Boronia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Waratah
Senior 4 x 100m relay	1 <sup>st</sup> Wattle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Banksia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Waratah	1 <sup>st</sup> Boronia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Waratah 3 <sup>rd</sup> Banksia
FINAL POINT SCORE	1 <sup>st</sup> Banksia 191 pts 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wattle 187 pts 3 <sup>rd</sup> Boronia 185 pts 4 <sup>th</sup> Waratah 131 pts	

## Zone Swimming Carnival

Well done to our students who participated on Thursday and Friday of last week, displaying excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Congratulations especially to Jack, Kristina and our Junior Boys Relay(Jacob, James, Luke & Bohan), who will represent Razorback Zone at the Sydney South West Area Carnival on 18 March.

## Oaks Road Parking

Please observe the parking signs in front of the school, especially during peak morning and afternoon times. Cars should not be left unattended during these times, as it compromises the safety of other students being picked up or dropped off by their families.

Have a great week – farewell to summer and welcome to autumn.

Stephen Lord

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## Premier's Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

This year students at Thirlmere Public School will be given the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. This will be optional for all students in Years 3 – 6. The school competition will be held in Term 2 (Week 2).

Students will present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. For their prepared speech, contestants must choose a topic from the list of multicultural topics provided. The prepared speech must have multicultural content. The impromptu speech is chosen by the adjudicator on the day, and will be on a general, non-multicultural theme. Students are to prepare their speech at home. Mrs Byrne will meet with interested students to provide them with assistance on how to plan their speech. Further information is on the information sheet that will be sent home with students.

Co-ordinator – Mrs Byrne

## Student Health

**A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health.**

Please remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. Also, information about any new medical conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, anaphylaxis and other health related issues should be provided to the school by parents. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

## Band News

The invoices for Term 1 Band fees have been sent home for all children who have joined the band. The fees are \$135 for the term and must be paid **as soon as possible**.

Miss Gurnett has sent home a contract which students and parents must sign and return to the office.

Students will need to ensure they bring their instruments on the day of their lesson as well as their music book and manuscript.

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2014

Frid 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Julie Bird, Mel Ruddiman, Chris Ahumuda
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	March Lisa Boyce, Lee Blatch
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lee-anne Armstrong, Deb Parker
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mel Moroz, Christie Henry (til 1pm), Millie Achis
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Lisa Williams, Jo Chivers
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Shannon Apps, Diane Hunt
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mel Ruddiman, Tania Willett, Lisa Boyce
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Helle Juske, Tammy Parker
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Leonie Schlosser, Vicki Barrow
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Lisa Fava, Monique Liddle, Nicole Lewry
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Amanda Lee, Amy White
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Diane Hunt, Vanessa Zahra
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Mel Moroz, Christie Henry (til 1pm), Michelle Jobson
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Lisa Williams, Vicki Barrow
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Lee-anne Armstrong, Deb Parker
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April LAST DAY OF TERM – CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	

## Expression of Interest Placement in Year 7, 2015 in a NSW Government School

Year 6 students have been given a booklet titled Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2015. Inside the booklet is an Expression of Interest for placement in a NSW government school in 2015. One instruction asks parents to write an SRN number. Parents may ignore that request as it will be done for you at school when the form is returned.

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you encounter any difficulties in completing the required information. Please be aware that the Expression of interest must be returned to Thirlmere Public School on or before 21 March 2014.

## Uniform News

Our winter uniform is now available from the Uniform Shop. The shop is open 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. Thank you. Amanda Lee

# SCHOOL FINANCE

Band statements were issued last week, however our system had a number of problems. The department has corrected some of these and we have issued a new statement of account today, if you have paid on or after the invoice date (4-3-14) please disregard this invoice.

We thank you for your patience.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that all permission notes must be returned to the office with payment.

Change of office hours – 8.30am to 3pm

No payment will be taken after 3pm due to our new finance system, as reports and final balancing need to be run.

Payment can still be left in the frogs mouth for receipting the following day.

Thank you for your cooperation, Pam and Michelle.

## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Last Day to Pay:

Footsteps – Thur 6 Mar

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Last Day to Pay:

Footsteps – Thur 6 Mar

Swim School (Year 2 Only) – Fri 7 Mar

Camden Show – Fri 21 Mar

**Notes sent home this week**

**Camden Show**

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Last Day to Pay:

Footsteps – Thur 6 Mar

Swimming School – Fri 7 Mar

Legends of League – 7 Mar

### Stage 3 Years 5 & 6)

Last Day to Pay:

Footsteps – Thur 6 Mar

Swimming School – Fri 7 Mar

Legends of League – Fri 7 Mar

Full Payment Bathurst camp-Fri 14 Mar

**Notes sent home this week**

**Legends of League – 7 a Side**

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

## Our Library Timetable

Here is a reminder of our library days so we can remember to return our books to school and find a great new book to read!

Monday – 6S, 2B, 1G and KT

Tuesday – 4G, 4B, 2H and 5G

Thursday – 3K, 1M and 1R

Friday – KP, KW, 5/6B and 3/4P

Please bring your books back in a separate bag to keep them safe (a plastic bag will do!)



## Footsteps – Last Day to Pay

This year we are participating in the Footsteps Dance Program. This program will form an important part of our Fitness and Performing Arts program. Dance is an essential movement skill that contributes positively to the growth of all students. The program is taught by qualified dance instructors on a weekly basis. We strongly encourage all students to attend.

[HOME](#) [ABOUT OUR LIBRARY](#) [CREATIVE COMMONS](#) [FAVOURITE AUTHORS](#) [FAVOURITE BOOKS](#) [GOING BEYOND](#) [HOW TO BLOG](#)

STAGE 2 LEARNING STAGE 3 LEARNING

*Our school library has a blog!*

A blog is a personal website where we can share ideas, opinions and events on a regular basis. It is a online location where we store links to websites that support our current learning.

We would love our families to visit our page! You can find information about what we have been doing in library on the home page. Over the past few weeks our grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have begun learning about how blogging works and how to write *quality comments*. During lunchtime Lab sessions we use the GOING BEYOND links to practise our skills in Maths and English.

To access our blog please enter this web address into your browser (for privacy reasons it can not be found using a search engine like Google).

**thirlmerepslibrary.edublogs.org**

If you would like to learn more about using a blog, visit our HOW TO BLOG page.





## THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

### PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2014

ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	QTY
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	\$33	
Zip cardigan	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$21	
Emblem jumper	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17	
Grey cargo shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$16	
Girls skorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Sport shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Sports shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Microfibre track pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22	
Fleecy track pants (with cuff)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Fleecy trackpants (straight leg)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Grey trousers	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17	
Girls bootleg pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18	
Girls dress pant	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22	
Skivvy	4,6,8,10,12	\$9	
Netball skirts	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$15	
Tights	4-6yrs, 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs	\$9	
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	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 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>Sold Out</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.

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## 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.*



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# **Every Action Counts**

**March 29th 6-9pm**

**Wollondilly Community Nursery**

**King and Queen of Green**

**Face Painting, music & poetry**

**Garden & nursery tours**

**Eco talks and Demonstrations**

**Family Picnic BYO eats, drink, seats & rugs**

RSVP March 23, 4677 2723

[nursery@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nursery@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)



## **Every Action Counts – Wollondilly Earth Hour Celebrations 2014**

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**WHERE:** WOLLONDILLY COMMUNITY NURSERY, WONGA ROAD, PICTON

**WHAT TIME:** 6.00PM TO 9.30PM

The Wollondilly Community Nursery and volunteers invite you to an Earth Hour gathering for friends and family of all ages.

We will be hosting an evening of fun filled events featuring the ever popular King and Queen of Green, face painting, music and poetry, nursery and garden tours, Eco talks and demonstrations and the official opening of our outdoor kitchen made from mud bricks as part of Wollondilly Mud Fun youth leadership program.

We are looking for local acoustic musicians and poets who may be interested in performing on the night. Interested people can contact Damion on 4677 1122.

Earth Hour was founded by WWF in Sydney in 2007 and has now been embraced by 7001 cities and 152 nations across the globe. And in 2014, Earth Hour will focus attention on one of the world's most iconic and threatened places: Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

This will be a family picnic event so we encourage you to BYO food, refreshments, seats and picnic rugs.

Light refreshments and some baked goods from the wood fired Cob oven will also be available.

Please RSVP by March 23rd, 4677 2723, [nursery@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nursery@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

WOLLONDILLY  
Junior Australian Football Club



### Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2014 Player Registrations

We are currently seeking players for the 2014 season to play on Sundays!

Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's and 14's.

We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up.

Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5:00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.

For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email [redbacksaf1@gmail.com](mailto:redbacksaf1@gmail.com)



## Are you interested in joining our Book Club?

We are looking for family and friends of Thirlmere Public School who enjoy reading and may be interested in joining an over-18's book club.

The plan is to meet informally one evening a month to discuss a book that has been voted on by the group. Book Club works best if we have around 10-13 members. Days/dates/times/books will be put to a vote once we know who is keen to join us!

Joining a book club is a great way to show our children that reading is an enjoyable, social event. We read for fun. It is not something that just happens at school!

If you would like to be part of Thirlmere's Book Club or have any questions please email Gaby on [gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au).



## Can you help?

We would really appreciate any volunteers who are able to help out in our library on Thursday mornings!

We would love some assistance with jobs like contacting books, organising/tidying shelves and book repair!

If you can join us, or have any questions, just drop by the library or email Gaby Gutjahr  
[gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au)

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.

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

### PATRICIA YVONNE ACADEMY OF DANCE, DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS



#### THIRLMERE

THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL  
MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

BALLET- DRAMA – TAP – JAZZ  
MODERN - LYRICAL  
HIP HOP - MUSICAL THEATRE

Students trained for E.D.T.A.  
Examinations & Stagecraft  
Beginners from 3yrs to Advanced

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