

# Thirlmere Public School

26 March 2014

Term 1 – Week 9



## Coming Events

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 27 Mar  | Footsteps   |
| 28 Mar  | Zone Trials Netball<br>Zone Trials Boys Touch Football  |
| 1-3 Apr | Stage 3 Bathurst Trip   |
| 2 Apr   | K-2 Assembly 2pm (please note –<br>changed from Friday due to Camden<br>Show visit)                             |
| 3 Apr   | Footsteps   |
| 4 Apr   | Stage 1 Camden Show Visit<br>3-6 Assembly 2pm (please note –<br>changed from Wednesday due to<br>Bathurst trip) |
| 7 Apr   | Cyber Visit   |
| 8 Apr   | Parent/Teacher interviews<br>Cross Country  |
| 9 Apr   | Grandfriends Day  |
| 10 Apr  | Footsteps   |
| 11 Apr  | Last Day of Term  |

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Discos and Orange Days

I wasn't here to see either, but I congratulate the students, staff and parents who put Thursday evening and Friday together. Great work!

### Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to:

Sam, Thomas, Sarah, Lachlan (2) and Charlotte. Their picture will soon be on our website.

### Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

|                           |          |        |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|
|                           | 5/6B     | 1G     |
| Artist Of The Week        | Kate     | Tyla   |
| Mathematician Of The Week | Maddison | Chloe  |
| Writer Of The Week        | Jack     | Finlay |

Their pictures can be found soon on our website.

### Joggers' Club

Congratulations to Rose, who is the first student to complete 10km!

### Student Attendance

Your children have told you that rolls are now marked electronically by teachers each morning. What they may not know is that future student half-yearly reports will include partial as well as whole-day absences. For most, this is not an issue, but for some families, arriving late at school happens more often than it should, and we are obliged to record the time of arrival. If this applies to you, please make the necessary adjustments each morning to ensure that your children get to school on time.

### 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.

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

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- 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.

## Dad and son time

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship. Find out more:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars>

## Motivating lazy children

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/motivating-lazy-children>

## Homework for little kids

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/homework-for-little-kids>

## Helping your child to become a good speller

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing>

Have a great week,

Stephen Lord

## Apology for Finlay

Congratulations to Finlay in Stage 1 who was nominated as Aussie of the Month in the Newsletter last week. Unfortunately, we spelled his name incorrectly. Well Done Finlay.

## University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (UNSW ICAS)

Applications for the 2014 UNSW ICAS program are now available at the school office. Students from Years 2 – 6 are invited to apply. The entry fee per student and sitting dates are as follows:

Computer Skills – 20 May 2014 \$8.00

Science – 4 June 2014 - \$8.00

Writing – 18 June 2014 - \$17.00

Spelling – 17 June 2014 - \$11.00

English – 29 July 2014 - \$8.00

Mathematics – 12 August 2014 - \$8.00

All of the above - \$60.00

These tests have been running for over 30 years in schools throughout Australia, and in over 20 countries Asia, Africa, the Pacific region and the USA. **They are not compulsory.**

**Please be aware that the last day for payment for all competitions is Monday 7/4/2014.**

## Band News

### **All Band Fees for Term 1 2014 are now overdue**

If overdue payments are not received by the end of Term 1, then students will not be able to attend lessons till account is up to date as the Tutor requires payment.

All Band Contracts are now due. Please return your contract to the office as soon as possible if you have not done so as yet.

Thank you.

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## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2014

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March  | Lisa Fava, Monique Liddle,<br>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<br>1pm), Michelle Jobson |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April   | Lisa Williams, Vicki Barrow                             |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> April   | Lee-anne Armstrong, Deb<br>Parker                       |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April LAST DAY OF TERM – CANTEEN<br/>CLOSED</b> |   |

### Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

#### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

**Notes sent home this week**

**Bug Club**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

#### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

**Last Day to Pay:**

UNSW Competitions(Yr2) – Mon 7 Apr

**Notes sent home this week**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

#### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

**Last Day to Pay:**

UNSW Competitions – Mon 7 Apr

Botany Bay – Wed 7 May

**Notes sent home this week**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Naplan Information (Year 3)**

#### Stage 3 Years 5 & 6)

**Last Day to Pay:**

UNSW Competitions – Mon 7 Apr

**Notes sent home this week**

**Requirements for Bathurst**

**Naplan Information(Year 5)**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

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

## Uniform News

Our winter uniform is now available from the Uniform Shop. Please place your orders early to avoid having to wait for stock to come in. 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

## Thirlmere Student Joggers Club

Our Joggers Club started Tuesday 11 March from 8.30am to 8.50am and will continue each Tuesday and Wednesday (**NOT** Thursday as stated in the note).

Please come along and join Mrs McLachlan, get fit and have fun.

## Footsteps Dance Program

The Footsteps Dance Program will continue on Thursdays for the remainder of this term and until Week 5 of Term 2, last day being 29 May. This activity is 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.

Please note that students should come dressed as they normally would for a Thursday. That is K-2 in their sports uniform and Years 3-6 in their normal school uniform.

## Get involved in the School Banking program.



You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your

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## SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

### Change of office hours – 8.30am to 3pm

The new programs implemented recently have required the administration staff to make substantial changes to our day-to-day duties and procedures. Consequently, for the office run efficiently, we will not be receipting money from 2.30pm. If you are paying by cash, money can be placed in a clip lock bag or an envelope and placed in the Frogs Mouth, a receipt will be issued to the child the following school day for your records.

**We also take this opportunity to inform you that the office will be closed from 3pm each day in order for us to complete the end of day requirements by the required timeframes. The office will be open from 8.30am each weekday. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.**

### Whole Absences

We are happy to advise that we are now in full use of using the new Finance, Student Administration and Student Wellbeing Program.

With these new programs came a change in the way rolls and whole absences are marked. The rolls and absentee notes are now entered directly into the system by the classroom teacher and not by administration staff.

Absentee notes can still be placed in the Frogs Mouth and will be forward on to the class teacher.

We also take this opportunity to advise that the new program only allows 7 days for absentee notes to be presented to the school. After 7 days from the first day of absence the Department harvests this information and will consider the absence as unjustified. All absences are counted at the end of each semester and noted on the students report card.

To assist parents with explaining absences, a standard Absentee Notice is available to complete from the office or can be downloaded from the School Website under the Permission Notes tab.

**Please note that the new program does not allow us to generate absentee letters for an unexplained absence as yet. Access to send these letters to parents may be available in the near future.**

### Partial Absences

All partial absences (late arrivals and early departures) are entered directly into the new program through the office. We thank parents for their patience as the program is quiet slow at present.

Should your child be late to school, they will need to come to the office to get signed in and obtain a late pass to give to the class teacher. The student needs to inform administration staff of the reason for being late and this information gets noted in the system.

If you need to collect your child from school early, you are required to sign the student out through the office before collecting the student from the classroom. A reason will need to be explained and again will get recorded in the system.

The Department's Home School Liaison Officer requests partial absence and whole absence reports on a regular basis and is authorized to contact parents to discuss the child in questions attendance patterns.

All partial absences are counted at the end of the semester and noted in the student's report card.

### Afternoon pick-ups

As the office will be closed from 3pm each weekday, we request that parents make alternative arrangements with the student before coming to school if you expect you may be delayed in the afternoon. Please confirm with your child/ren that they understand your pick-up instructions or alternatively advise the class teacher in the morning.

Thank you

Administration Staff



## 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<br>(with cuff)   | 4,6,8,10,12,14,16                | \$15         |           |
| Fleecy trackpants<br>(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<br>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<br>\$15   | Qty   |
|    | Black Cotton or Calico Bag<br>\$6   | Qty Black – <b>Now In Stock</b><br><br>Qty Calico |
|    | Pen<br>\$2  | Qty   |
|   | Tea Towel<br>\$10   | Qty   |
|   | Waterbottle<br>\$6  | Qty   |
|  | Excursion bag &<br>Waterbottle Set<br>\$12<br>To be purchased through<br>Uniform Shop   | Qty   |
|  | 125 <sup>th</sup> Book<br>Includes pictures of all<br>current students and our<br>schools history – focussing on<br>last 25 years<br>\$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.*



## Youth Week 2014

4th - 13th April

Come along to our...

# Easter Craft Party

**When:**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
April

Are you 8 years or over?  
Do you like making craft,  
eating pizza, and playing  
the Wii?

Then come along to our  
Easter get together  
during Youth Week

**FREE!**

**Time:**  
5.00 -  
7.00pm

Make some new  
friends, chat about  
books, music and  
movies and be  
the first to  
borrow the  
library's new  
kids' and  
young adults'  
items

**Where:**  
Picton Library

and best of all.....  
participate in an  
Easter egg hunt  
around the library!

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

### Tahmoor Cub Scouts

First Tahmoor Cub Scouts meets  
Mondays from 6pm to 7.30pm  
(during school term).

Boys and Girls aged between 8  
and 10 are welcome.

More Information contact  
Phillip Norton on 4681 8811

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

## Outdoors



# ADVENTURE

Camp for Kids

TEAMWORK  
XXXXXXXXXX

RESILIENCE

CONFIDENCE  
XXXXXXXXXX



9 - 13 year olds

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

horse riding archery

obstacle course

ART

canoeing

CAMPFIRE bushwalking

photography

tennis ANIMAL NURSERY  
outdoor games

### @ Mowbray Park Farm

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**accommodation**

& activities)



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# APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES @ YOUR LIBRARY



## 'HORROR'GAMI PARTY

If you dare, come along to our 'Horror'gami Party for all things scary. Listen to stories, play some games, eat some eerie treats and make some creepy origami creatures and craft. While you're here check out the scary books the library has for loan.

**When:** Thursday 17th April 2014

**Time:** 10.30am - 12pm

@PICKTON LIBRARY

Do you want to be the next Masterchef? Well they all had to start somewhere – and so could you at our 'No Cook' cooking workshop. Come along and make some yummy treats. **NO BAKING REQUIRED!**

Bring along a sealed container to take your goodies home in and borrow some kids' cookbooks for some more ideas.

**When:** Thursday 24th April 2014

**Time:** 10.30am - 12pm

## 'NO COOK' COOKING



**COST \$5.00**

**AGES 5+**

Under 8 yrs must be  
accompanied by an adult

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## 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

ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION: contact Miss Patricia  
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