

# Thirlmere Public School

2 April 2014

Term 1 – Week 10



## Coming Events

3 Apr	Footsteps
4 Apr	Stage 1 Camden Show Visit 3-6 Assembly 2pm (please note – changed from Wednesday due to Bathurst trip)
7 Apr	Cybersmart presentation for parents – 5:30pm in Library
8 Apr	Parent/Teacher interviews School Cross Country (Years 2-6)
9 Apr	Grandfriends Day From 11.00am
10 Apr	Footsteps
11 Apr	Last Day of Term
28 Apr	School Development Day (pupil free)
29 Apr	Students return for Term 2

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Swimming Scheme

Approximately 60 of our students in Years 2-5 spent the last two weeks receiving intensive daily instruction in swimming and water safety. I watched them on Thursday and the Special Swimming Teachers told me how much they had progressed. Their certificates will be presented at this week's assemblies. Thanks to Mr Gardiner and Mrs Budd for their assistance with the program.

### Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to:

Courtney, Katie, Colby, Jessica, Jack, Monique, Finlay (2) and Lachlan. Their picture is on our website.

### Joggers' Club

Look on our website in the Special Events gallery for our latest students to pass the 10km mark. They are Aleksia, Lachlan, Jamie and Laine.

### Scarecrows

Each Stage 1 class has built a model for entry in the Camden Show, and if you check the Special Events gallery on our website, you can see how good they are. All students voted yesterday for the top three to go to the Show this week. Well done to all the students and their teachers.

### Cybersmart

Free presentations on how to safely browse, search and communicate online are being offered next Monday. Students in Years 3-6 are at 2pm; staff at 3pm and parents at 5:30pm, in our school Library. You are strongly encouraged to attend.

### Stage 3 Bathurst Trip

Our travellers got away safely on Tuesday morning, bound for Katoomba, then on to Bathurst. This excursion is a fantastic learning experience as well as being a lot of fun. We are expecting them back on Thursday at 6:30pm. Any variance to this will be posted on the front door of the school office and on Facebook.

### Student Attendance

Your children may 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.

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**The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm**

## 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.

## Kids and phone bills

How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It's called "bill shock", and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/avoiding-bill-shock>

## Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O'Loughlin on helping kids beat the blues.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

## What makes a good book for young kids?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

## Helping kids learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Have a great week,

Stephen Lord

## 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.

Thank you.

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## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2014

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

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April CANTEEN CLOSED**

## TERM 2 2014

Wednesday 30 April: Lisa Williams, Lea Blatch

Friday 2 May: Tania Willett, Chris Ahumuda , Lisa Fava, Simone Hinton (orient)

Monday 5 May: Amanda Lee, Amy White

Wednesday 7 May: Diane Hunt, Vicki Barrow, Linda Cernik (orient)

Friday 9 May: Mel Ruddiman, Simone White, Belinda Kelly, Cindy Hile (orient)

Monday 12 May: Jo Tapp, Lea Blatch

Wednesday 14 May: Apps, Belinda Dodd (orient)

Friday 16 May: Lisa Fava, Monique Liddle, Nicole Lewry

Monday 19 May: Tammy Parker, Lisa Boyce

Wednesday 21 May: Millie Achis, Linda Cernik

Friday 23 May: Cindy Hile, Julie Bird, Simone Hinton, Belinda Sims (orient)

Monday 26 May: Shannon Apps, Vicki Barrow

Wednesday 28 May : Gail Burtenshaw, Deb Collings

Friday 30 May: Mellissa Moroz, Christie Henry (till 1pm) , Joanna-lee Mauro

Monday 2 June: Tammy Parker, Vicki Barrow

Wednesday 4 June: Diane Hunt, Sharon Browning

Friday 6 June: Tania Willett, Simone Hinton, Zoe Stephens

Monday 9 June: Joanna-lee Mauro, Lisa Williams

Wednesday 11 June: Lisa Boyce, Vicki Barrow

Friday 13 June: Monique Liddle, Kerry New, Nicole Lewry

Monday 16 June: Amanda Lee, Amy White

Wednesday 18 June : Leonie Schlosser, Shannon Apps

Friday 20 June: Mellissa Moroz, Joanna-lee Mauro, Mel Ruddiman

Monday 23 June: Millie Achis, Lisa Williams

Wednesday 25 June : Lee-anne Armstrong , Deb Parker

**Friday 27/6 CANTEEN CLOSED**

## Uniform News

In Term 2 there will be a price increase for our school uniform. The new price list /order form will available next week in the Newsletter.

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.

Amanda Lee

## 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 in 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 make's 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 child the benefits of saving regularly.

## 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).

Interested students should contact Mrs Byrne who will 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

## SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

### 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

### Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

#### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

**Notes sent home this week**

**Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle**

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

**Last Day to Pay:**

UNSW Competitions(Yr2) – Mon 7 Apr

**Notes sent home this week**

**Cross Country (8 Year Olds Only)**

**Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle**

**Camden Show Final Details**

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

**Last Day to Pay:**

UNSW Competitions – Mon 7 Apr

Botany Bay – Wed 7 May

**Notes sent home this week**

**Cross Country (8 Year Olds Only)**

**Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle**

#### Stage 3 Years 5 & 6)

**Last Day to Pay:**

UNSW Competitions – Mon 7 Apr

**Notes sent home this week**

**Cross Country (8 Year Olds Only)**

**Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle**

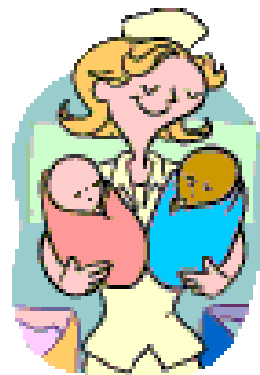
**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER  
“LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT” DATE.**

### SRC News

#### Kids of Macarthur need your help!!

**Why – Support for the Pediatric Unit at Campbelltown Hospital**

**How –Add something pink or blue to your school uniform on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April and donate a GOLD coin.**



**Thirlmere Public School Community Calendar**  
**Term 2 2014**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 (Apr/May)</b>	28 School Development Day	29	30	1 Footsteps Dance  Zone Rugby trials	2 School ANZAC Ceremony
<b>Week 2 (May)</b>	5	6	7  3-6 assembly 2pm	8 Mothers' Day Stall	9 Gala Day  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 3 (May)</b>	12	13  NAPLAN	14 Yr 4 to Botany Bay	15	16 NAPLAN catch-up
<b>Week 4 (May)</b>	19	20  ICAS Computer Skills  P&C 6:30	21 Yr 3 to Botany Bay  3-6 assembly 2pm	22	23 Zone Cross Country  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 5 (May)</b>	26	27 K-2 Tabloid Sports	28	29	30  Gala Day
<b>Week 6 (Jun)</b>	2	3	4 ICAS Science  3-6 assembly 2pm	5	6  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 7 (Jun)</b>	9 Queen's Birthday Holiday	10	11	12 SSW Cross Country	13
<b>Week 8 (Jun)</b>	16	17  P&C 6:30	18 ICAS Writing  3-6 assembly 2pm	19	20 Gala Day  K-2 assembly 2pm
<b>Week 9 (Jun)</b>	23 Reports sent home	24 Gold Medal Assembly	25 SSW Orienteering	26	27



### Cybersmart TIP#17

#### ***Excessive Use***

Too much time online can impact on your health and wellbeing, family, relationships, work or education.

To  
find out more  
about how you can keep  
your child safe online  
attend the upcoming  
cybersafety presentation  
schedule in your  
school.

Session details:

Monday 7 April

5:30pm in the School Library

# 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>Now In Stock</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.

# Thirlmere Public School

## 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.*





**Sarah Schols – Managing Director**  
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## **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  
(02) 4647 7728 or 0418 273115 (Mornings best)  
Email: [pyaddta@bigpond.com](mailto:pyaddta@bigpond.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.

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



## **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!**

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**

**Time:**  
**5.00 -**  
**7.00pm**

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

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

# 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

Picton NSW

**\$230** (incl **MEALS,**  
**accommodation**  
& activities)



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Library Services

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES @ YOUR LIBRARY



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

@PICTON 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



**COST \$5.00**



Under 8 yrs must be

accompanied by an adult

**AGES 5+**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**