

# Thirlmere Public School

7 May 2014

Term 2 – Week 2



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### School ANZAC Service

Thanks to all who attended. Once again, our special guests commented on how well our school commemorates this occasion, and I was very proud of our Student Leaders, our Band and our Choir. There will be some pictures on our website soon.

### Principal's Awards

The first for this term have gone to:

James, Olivia, Jack, Dominic, Kayla, Isaac, Tyler, Crystal-Rose, Kianna, Jazmin, Jasper and Isabella.

The picture will soon be on our website.

### Our Little Champion

To remind us once again that good things come in small parcels, our very own Sam of Year 6 competed in the international Wake Games in Orlando Florida, and had a win in the Boys 10-14 years division. His proud parents have sent some pictures, which we will upload to our website. Well done again, Sam!

### Mothers' Day Stall

Our P&C will be operating the stall as usual this Thursday. Gifts will be available from \$1 to \$10. This is a great opportunity to spoil our Mums and support the school at the same time.

### NAPLAN

All Year 3 and 5 students will be involved in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy next week. I ask parents to keep in mind, among all the press hype that goes along with this every year, this is a diagnostic process that gives us a snapshot of each student's progress. It is not a premiership race among schools for bragging rights. When we do well, I am proud, but I do not turn cartwheels. When we don't do so well, I am concerned, but I do not become depressed. Each year, the NAPLAN data gives us detailed information on how our students are going, with appropriate strategies to address both remedial and extension programs. I always advise the children that I will be proud of them if they give their best effort, regardless of result. The format is as follows:

- Tuesday 13 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 14 May – Reading
- Thursday 15 May – Numeracy
- Friday 16 May – Last day for individual students to complete catch-up tests

## Coming Events

8 May	Footsteps Mothers' Day Stall
9 May	K-2 Assembly 2pm PSSA Netball <b>Last Day to Pay – Yr 6 Shirts</b>
13-15 May	NAPLAN(Years 3 and 5 only)
14 May	Yr 4 Botany Bay
15 May	Footsteps
16 May	NAPLAN Catch Up Day Stage 3 Multicultural Public Speaking Comp 11:20 am
20 May	ICAS Computer Skills Competition P&C Meeting 6.30pm
21 May	Yr 3 Botany Bay 3-6 Assembly

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

## 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.

## Uniform Reminder

As we enter late autumn and winter, please ensure that your children have jumpers, jackets and hats clearly labelled with names. Also, some older students are not conforming with footwear requirements. All socks (grey for boys, white for girls) should cover the ankles, and shoes should be black (with black laces) for all days except Fridays, when joggers may be worn with our sports uniform. If sports shoes are needed for any other activity, they should be brought to school in a bag and changed into when needed.

## 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.

## Annual School Report 2013

This has been completed and uploaded to the school's website. A small number of hard copies are available in the school foyer. Comments and/or enquiries are welcome. The document will be tabled at the next P&C Meeting on 20 May.

## Kids, social media and privacy

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

**2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family's privacy settings and discuss online security. You'll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at [www.ipc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au)**

## Printable planners for homework and study

School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It's a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they'll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at <http://bit.ly/UbmQz8>

## Is your child's backpack damaging their spine?

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It's believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at <http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo>

## English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms

Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings.

They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.

Ask your child for an example, like this one:

I prefer a fine *tip* on my pen.

He gave me a *tip* for the Melbourne Cup.

Don't *tip* the water on the floor.

You gave the waiter a generous *tip*.

More grammar tips at

[www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au/homework-and-study/english](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au/homework-and-study/english)

Have a great week, especially on Sunday, when all Mums have the right to be spoilt to within an inch of their life. I'll leave you with a quote from Stevie Wonder:

*Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness.*

Stephen Lord

## NAPLAN - 2014 (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

All students in Years 3 and 5 will be doing the NAPLAN testing on 13 - 15 May. A letter was sent home last term explaining features of the NAPLAN, and circumstances that relate to exemptions from the testing for specific students.

It is important for parents to know that whilst students are given some practice in the style of questioning and the techniques to be used in presenting answers in NAPLAN, there is no specific knowledge that is taught in the lead up to the testing. There are four tests – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The questions asked in the tests cover a wide range of knowledge and skills embedded within the overall curriculum for schools, and the results and feedback assist in determining future directions for school planning and in addressing specific needs for individual students.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN and how it relates to your child, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Karolis (Year 3) or Mr Berwick (Year 5).

Mr Berwick  
Assistant Principal

## Uniform News

Just a reminder that there has been a price increase for our school uniform. The new price list /order form is included 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

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2014

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
<b>Friday 27/6 CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	

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## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Tabloid Sports Carnival – Tue 20 May*

**Notes sent home this week**

*Kindergarten Bug Club*

*Tabloid Sports Carnival*

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Tabloid Sports Carnival – Tue 20 May*

**Notes sent home this week**

*Tabloid Sports Carnival*

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Rugby League Gala day – Fri 9 May*

**Notes sent home this week**

*Botany Bay Reminder*

*Rugby League Gala Day*

### Stage 3 Years 5 & 6)

*Last Day to Pay:*

*Rugby League Gala day – Fri 9 May*

*Year 6 Shirts – Fri 9 May*

**Notes sent home this week**

*Year 6 Shirts*

*Rugby League Gala Day*

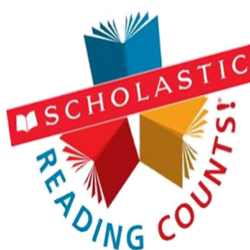
*Year 5 Opportunity Class Expression of  
Interest – Return by Fri 16 May*

*5G Parent Teacher Interviews*

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

## Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Stewart House are currently running their clothing appeal for 2014 and donation bags will be sent home with students today. Please place any unwanted clothing in the bags and return them to the office by Friday 23 May. If you require additional bags please ask at the office.



**Scholastic Book Club** brochures for this term were handed out this week.

By purchasing books through Book Club we are encouraging reading *and* earning points for Thirlmere Public School! Those points are used to choose more books for our lovely library.

If you are interested in buying through Book Club, please return forms and money to the Office or the Library by May 14th.

*If you have any questions or missed out on your Book Club brochures simply drop by the library to ask!*

Please return Book Club orders by  
**Wednesday 14 May**

## SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

### Band News

Invoices for Term 2 Band fees will be going home this week. Any student whose Term 1 band fees have not been paid has been withdrawn from lessons and will not be able to attend lessons till their fee have been paid in full as the Tutor requires payment.

### 4B Recorders

The payment for the recorders for 4B is now due. Please make this payment as soon as possible.

### Absentee Notes

As you are aware our new administration program has changed 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.

**Please note 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 student's 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.**

Thank you  
Administration Staff

## Mothers Day Stall Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May



## Gifts from \$1 to \$10



## Students on Bronze Level

<p><b>KP</b></p> <p>Tom A Jaxon A Jayden B Samuel T Summer C Ciara L Molly M Angela M Phoebe N Hannah N Rose W Emily W</p> <p><b>KW</b></p> <p>Sarah B Amity B Rhianna J Caitlyn R Jack P Kalarni S Brodi T Oliver T</p> <p><b>KT</b></p> <p>Briana B Jewel C Shakayla W Zachariah F Daniel J Jack J Dane L</p>	<p><b>1G</b></p> <p>Jackson B Lachlan C Levi C Thomas D Hugo S Jesse V Annabelle C Chloe F Haylee P Eliza W</p> <p><b>1M</b></p> <p>Mia C Imogen R Caleb D Koby T</p> <p><b>1R</b></p> <p>Dominic A Lincoln B Harry H Ashden L Bowen M Marshall P Finlay W Brianna D Jenna L Mara L</p>	<p><b>2B</b></p> <p>Olive C Bryannon C Emily C Jessica D Piper H Hannah J Abbey P Shiloh S Jorja S Montana S Angela W Katelyn W Nait B Braden D Charlie H Cooper H Cooper Hi Kai L Tyler S John W</p> <p><b>2H</b></p> <p>Charlotte A Katie L Liam D William T Colby T</p>	<p><b>3/4P</b></p> <p>Karl Erik A Laine B Angus L Andrew M Adrian S Emmett S Jasper T Isaac W Max Y Kianna A Kelly D Alyson H Johanna H Lara J Ella O Caitlyn P Gabby T Sarah T Maddison W</p> <p><b>3K</b></p> <p>Demi S Annise B Kasey B Sarah D Grace D Imogen G Charlotte L Isabelle L Anastasia M Kaylum B Ryan D Henry H Ryan H Jack K Rylan L Damian L Cohen P Matthew S Jimmy T</p>	<p><b>4B</b></p> <p>Kaylee B Piper G Ella H Tyler H Lucia M Monique M Rachelle P Indy-Anna P Monique R Ruby S Sophie T Luke J Jordan R</p> <p><b>4G</b></p> <p>Kayla A Erin A Heidi A Rachael D Jemah F Molly G Danielle H Elise M Nathan J Jye R</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 ☐

# 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.



# 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.*

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## DRAWING COMPETITION



### *Celebrating Your AchieveMENTS!*

This year, the theme for *Men's Health Week* is about celebrating the great things our **boys** and our **blokes** bring to our lives! This year the local Men's Health Week Working Party are having a drawing competition: On A4 paper, draw something that best represents this theme.

**Categories:** 8 & Under – Prize = 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy and cinema gift voucher

12 & Under- Prize = 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy and cinema gift voucher

16 & Under- Prize = 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy and cinema gift voucher

Winners will be announced at the **Men's Health Week Wingecarribee & Wollondilly Car and Bike Show on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June** between 10am -3pm, at Bunnings at *Cnr Old Hume Hwy & Tyree Pl, Mittagong NSW 2575*. Drop in or post your entries **by May 25<sup>th</sup>** to Bunnings Mittagong.

- Entries must be your own work and winners must provide proof of age.
- Put your name, age, date of birth, phone number and address on the **back** of entry.
- **Do not** write these details on the front of the drawing or it will be disqualified.
- To be eligible to enter, you must live in the Wingecarribee or Wollondilly Local Government Areas

Drawings will be on display at Bunnings in the weeks prior to the event.  
For further details phone Tania P: 46832776 at Community Links Wollondilly