

# Thirlmere Public School

23 July 2014

Term 3 – Week 2



## Coming Events

25 July	K-2 Assembly
28 July to 1 August	Education Week
28 July	Hindmarsh Cup Penrith
29 July	ICAS English Competition
30 July	Open Day Book Club Due
1 Aug	Welcome back Mr Lord

## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Security Fencing

We have settled well into our new routine with the gates and I'd like to thank everybody for their cooperation with this. I would like to continue to encourage all families to enter and exit the school through the pedestrian gates or the double gate on playground C.

### Trees

We have confirmation that the tree company will be commencing work on our trees this Thursday 24/7. As we have a number of trees requiring work I anticipate there will be interruptions to playground areas and possibly gate access during this time. Please be patient and work with us during this time. Ensuring the safety of all community members will be our first priority.

### Drop Off Zone

This area is clearly marked at the front of our school as an area before and after school to stop, drop off your children and drive away. Please **do not** park your car and leave it. This makes it extremely difficult for those parents following the correct procedure.

### Calendar Update

Friday week 3 there will be no gala day as advertised.

### Year 7 2015 Academic Class Testing

The scheduled date of this test clashes with the final day of Year 6 camp. I have been in contact with Mrs Sapsed at Picton High School and we have organised for Thirlmere students to sit this test Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August at Thirlmere PS. **ALL** Thirlmere students who pay for this test will sit it at school and not on the scheduled date at Picton High School. This also includes students not attending camp.

### Kindergarten 2015

Where has the year gone? It is already that time again where I encourage families with children starting Kindergarten in 2015 to collect an application for enrolment form the school office. Staff will commence planning for Kindergarten transition shortly and we would like to ensure we are in contact with as many families as possible.

### Stranger Danger

In recent days a silver volvo has been seen to be acting suspiciously around a school in the Camden LGA. Please remind your children of the importance in keeping safe and not approaching unknown members of the community.

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P: 4681 8476  
F: 4681 8727

The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

## Drumbeat

We have the opportunity again to participate in a program conducted by Community Links called Drumbeat. This is a free program and supports students in building confidence, patience and persistence. It is run with a group of 10 students during a one hour session over 8-10 weeks, with a public performance at the end. Stage 3 staff have worked to identify appropriate students and Mr Berwick has provided those students with the relevant information.

## Sydney Water

I have received a letter from Sydney water indictaing they will be conducting surveys and investigations in the local area for three months from July. The work will only occur from Monday to Friday between 8am and 5p. please be mindful of any changes to traffic during this time.

“The only time we should ever look back is to see how far we’ve come”.

Stay safe and enjoy your week.

Selena Gandy

## NAIDOC Week 2014 (6-13July) Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond



NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July which was the second week of the recent school holidays (6 – 13 July).

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's, which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and an opportunity to recognize the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Thirlmere Primary School will devote a part of its K-2 (Friday) and Yr 3-6 (Wednesday) assembly time this week to the recognition of NAIDOC week.

Mrs Budd, Miss Wilder and Mr Berwick

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 3:

FRIDAY 25/7:	Lisa Fava, Felicity Saarinen, Monique Liddle
MONDAY 28/7:	Lisa Williams, Elisha Hawkins(ORIENT)
WEDNESDAY 30/7:	Sharon Browning, Tammy Parker
FRIDAY 1/8:	Belinda Kelly, Simone White, Mel Ruddiman
MONDAY 4/8:	Tania Willet, Vicki Barrow
WEDNESDAY 6/8:	Diane Hunt, Vanessa Zahra
FRIDAY 8/8:	Chris Ahumuda, Lisa Boyce, Millie Achis
MONDAY 11/8:	Amanda Lee, Amy White
WEDNESDAY 13/8:	Lee-Anne Armstrong, Deb Parker
FRIDAY 15/8:	Lea Blatch, Monique Liddle, Mel Ruddiman
MONDAY 18/8:	Simone Hinton, Tania Willet
WEDNESDAY 20/8:	Belinda Dodd, Linda Cernik
FRIDAY 22/8:	Mel Moroz, Joanna Mauro, Zoe Stephens
MONDAY 25/8:	Shannon Apps, Vicki Barrow
WEDNESDAY 27/8:	Lisa Fava, Nicole Lewry
FRIDAY 29/8:	Tania Willet, Lisa Williams, Simone Hinton
MONDAY 1/9:	Amanda Lee, Amy White
WEDNESDAY 3/9:	Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
FRIDAY 5/9:	Kerry New, Cindy Hile, Lisa Fava
MONDAY 8/9:	Vicki Barrow, Christy Greene
WEDNESDAY 10/9:	Lea Blatch, Louise Shannahan
FRIDAY 12/9:	Jo Tapp, Julie Bird, Lisa Boyce
MONDAY 15/9:	Millie Achis, Helle Juske
WEDNESDAY 17/9:	Deb Collings, Gail Burtenshaw
FRIDAY 19/9	CANTEEN CLOSED

## Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

In Term 2, students competed in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Stage winners and runners up went on to compete at the Local Finals.

Stage 2 – Tsehay Hawkins and Mackye Reddie

Stage 3 - Alexandra Shanahan and Jack Hay/Mackenzie

Blatch-May

All students performed really well.

Mackye Reddie's speech was highly commended.



## Thirlmere Public School

### Premier's Spelling Bee 2014

#### Class Competitions (Term 3 Weeks 1-4)

Representatives from each class will progress to the Stage Spelling Bee.

#### Stage Competitions (Term 3 Week 5)

There is only one winner per stage and these students will receive a certificate. All representatives at Stage Spelling Bees will also receive a certificate for their effort. Winners and runners up of Stage 2 and Stage 3 Spelling Bee competitions will progress to the Premier's Regional Final. The date and venue are still to be finalised.

School representatives will be given a copy of the official wordlist.

#### Regional Finals (Term 3 Weeks 9-10)

##### Competition Procedures

There is a demonstration round using simple words to familiarise contestants with the format. No one is eliminated in this round.

This is followed by elimination rounds of increasing difficulty.

The announcer reads the word, then a sentence including the word, and then repeats the word.

Each contestant must repeat the word, spell it and then repeat the word again to indicate they have finished. Before they repeat the word they may self-correct if they clearly state they are starting again. They may also ask the announcer to repeat the word.

They have 45 seconds to spell the word. A warning bell is rung at 30 seconds followed by two rings at 45 seconds to indicate that their time is up.

When a speller has completed spelling a word the announcer will state either

'That is correct.' or 'That is incorrect, the correct spelling is ....'

A contestant will only be eliminated if at least one other contestant in the same round correctly spells their word. If all contestants in a round misspell their word then no one is eliminated.



Good luck everyone  
Spelling Bee Co-ordinator  
Mrs Byrne



## 100 Days of School

Last Friday marked Kindergarten's first "century" of schooling, and they celebrated in style, with many dressing up as elderly folk and enjoying some old fashioned activities such as Knuckles, Marbles and writing on chalkboards. Lots of fun was had by all!

## UNSW ICAS Exams

Some of our students have opted to sit the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The results for both Computer Skills and Science are listed below. We would like to congratulate the following students for their achievements.

### Computer Skills

Year 4: Tyler – Distinction; James – Participation

Year 5: Max – Participation; Elliott – Participation; Jack – Participation

Year 6: Ryan – Distinction

### Science

Year 3: Tsehay – Merit

Year 4: Tyler – Credit

Year 5: Kurtis – Participation; Max – Participation; Elliott – Participation; Jack – Participation

We are still waiting for the results for Spelling and Writing. The English assessment will be held next Tuesday 29 July and Mathematics on 12 August. Best of luck to those students!

## Education Week 2014

### Lighting the Way to a Better World

Education Week celebrations will be held on **Wednesday 30 July** and the program is as follows:

**10.25** K-6 Assembly –Parents welcome to attend. The band, choir, Recorder and Public Speaking Groups will participate.

**11.00** Morning Tea for parents (kindly supplied by the P&C)

**11.30-12.45** Open Classrooms K-2

**12.00-12.45** Open Classrooms 3-6

**1.00** Picnic lunch

Please come and enjoy the day.

## SRC NEWS WOLLONDILLY WINTER APPEAL

The SRC are again supporting the Wollondilly Winter Appeal, organised by the Derks and Wollondilly Links. It is an opportunity for our School Community to assist families in need in Wollondilly by providing grocery packages to those who are experiencing difficulties. The students in our SRC are asking for donations of tinned, bottled and packaged food, toiletries and laundry items-any non-perishable items that you might put in your weekly shopping trolley. These donations will be passed onto the organisers for distribution to needy families.

We will start collecting on Monday Week 4. So, if you are able, start looking in your pantry or pop an extra item in your supermarket shop this week!

More details next week.

Please see Mrs Stevenson if you have any questions.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

## Chess Club

In Term 2, Thirlmere Public School's Chess Club entered the NSW Junior Chess League Competition. Students played 10 rounds of chess in one day. It was a challenging but exciting day for all involved. Thirlmere Team A came second overall. Students involved were;

Team A – Sarah Watkiss, Mackenzie Blatch-May, Andrew Henry and Julian Corney

Team B – Jeremy Wells, Jemma Lane, Max Fishpool and Catalina Ahumada

Chess is a great sport that promotes problem-solving and critical thinking skills as students have to think ahead and predict their opponent's strategies whilst trying to create manoeuvres that will win them the game. Chess Club runs every Friday and all students are welcome.

Mrs Byrne

## Library News

### Our Term 3 Library Timetable

We are looking forward to beginning our library lessons again next week!



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
REMEMBER YOUR  
LIBRARY BAG!**

For some of us, our library days have changed. Please make a note of your special day so you can remember to bring along your library bag!

Monday – 6S, 2B and 2H

Tuesday – 4B, 4G, 1G and 5G

Thursday – 3K, KP, KT and KW

Friday – 1R, 1M, 5/6B and 3/4P

So that you can borrow each week please remember to **return your books** and to **bring a library bag!**

## Can you help?

We would love the support of parents who would be interested in joining

### Literature Circles



During Literature Circles we read, respond and chat about a chosen children's book. You would be asked to read the same book as one of the groups (a couple of chapters per week) and come along each week to participate in discussion about the text.

Are you free on **Mondays 12:15 to 1pm?**

Are you happy to read a fantastic book with a group of delightful year 5 and 6 children?

Or if you would like to ask more questions?

If 'yes' please email Gaby

[gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au)

or drop past the library before or after school.

We would love for our family and community members to join in these fun sessions!

## SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

### Payments

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.

### Year 6 Point Wolstoncroft Camp

**Closed**

### Band News

Invoices for Term 3 band fees were to be sent home last week, however there was a problem with the system. They will go home Thursday this week with the Semester 2 Contract.

### Afternoon pick-ups

We would like to remind parents/carers that school finishes at **2.55pm** and ask that parents make alternative arrangements with the student prior to 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

### Uniform News

Please note that the uniform shop can only accept payments by cash or cheque. NO EFTPOS payments can be accepted as we do not have the facility.

Some people have not been collecting their uniform order in a reasonable amount of time. We can only hold orders for a maximum of **one week only**. Any order not collected within that time will go back on the shelves for re-sale.

A few people have been asking for second hand summer dresses and winter tunics. If anyone has summer dresses or winter tunics that are no longer needed, their donation would be much appreciated.

With all this cold weather the students have been rugging up and we have had a lot of jumpers go “walkabout” and not make it back home again. Just a reminder to **please** check your child’s back each day and if they have brought home a jumper that does not belong to them, **please return it to the class teacher the next day**.

If you have lost any items of clothing please be sure to check the lost property bins located under the Kindy COLA.

### Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

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

##### Notes Home:

**Year 4 Berry Camp 2014**

**Rugby League All Schools Carnival**

##### Last Day to Pay:

*Stage 2 & 3 Performance – Thu 14 Aug*

*Year 4 Berry Camp – Deposit 25 Jul*

*- Full Payment 15 Oct*

#### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

##### Notes Home:

**Year 5 Wooglemai Camp**

**Rugby League All Schools Carnival**

##### Last Day to Pay:

*Stage 2 & 3 Performance – Thu 14 Aug*

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



## Students on Bronze Level

<b>KP</b> Matilda M Taj R	<b>KT</b> Felicity C Elora D Bryannah H Dylan T	<b>2H</b> Tayla G	<b>3K</b> Lilybelle L	<b>5G</b> Mena M Kurtis B Elliot L Bohan S
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## Students on Silver Level

<b>KP</b> Summer C Molly M Phoebe N Hannah N Rose W Emily W Thomas A Jayden B Samuel T  <b>KW</b> Tahlia H Rhianna J Caitlyn R Kalarni S Bodi T  <b>KT</b> Felicity C Elora D Bryannah H Dylan T	<b>1G</b> Chloe F Haylee P  <b>2B</b> Olive C Emily C Jessica D Piper H Hannah J Abbey P Shiloh S Jorja S Montana S Katelyn W Braden D Charlie H Cooper H Kai L Tyler Shaw	<b>1M</b> Zoe B Keira H Caleb D Dominic S  <b>1R</b> Harry H  <b>2H</b> Charlotte A Courtney B Kelinda E Anna F Crystal-Rose F Katie L Jesse P Olivia S Liam D Patrick P William T	<b>3K</b> Annise B Kasey B Sarah D Grace D Imogen g Anastasia M Ryan H Jim T  <b>4B</b> Piper G Tyler H Monique M Monique R Ruby S	<b>5G</b> Gemma C Jazmin C Brooke D Maya H Maddison M Lacey P Jaylie P Mikaela R Tara s Toni S Chloe W Amy W Brooklyn H Lachlan L  <b>5/6B</b> Imogen B Jessyca T Alexandra S Sarah W Angus A Brae H
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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

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](mailto: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.*

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