

# Thirlmere Public School

30 July 2014

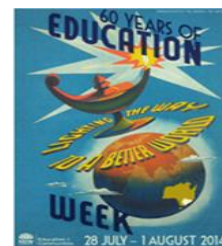
Term 3 – Week 3



## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This will be the final newsletter I write whilst relieving for Mr Lord. We welcome him back to school on Friday and are sure we will hear many tales of his worldly adventures.

## Education Week



This week the school community, along with over 2000 schools across NSW, celebrated 60 years of Education Week. The theme for this year's celebration "**Lighting the way to a better world**" was the original slogan used to promote Education Week in 1954. Education week is an opportunity for us as a school community to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement. At Thirlmere we have many areas in which teaching excellence is evident and each and every student at the school has achievements of which they should be proud. These achievements occur in the classroom, on the sporting field, on the stage as members of a performing arts group or as an individual public speaker. We also have many students whose achievements are evident every day in their social interactions in the playground.

We were privileged to welcome Mrs Margaret Turner, Director Public Schools NSW to our Education Week Assembly and Open Day. It was also great to see so many members of our school community join us to celebrate Public Education at Thirlmere.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the hard work of staff in organising the celebrations this week. Every member of our staff is crucial in ensuring the success of such an event.

## Rugby League

Congratulations to Mr Berwick and all of the members of the rugby league squad that contributed to the success of our team this year. There have been a number of carnivals across the year that culminated in a squad of 18 boys representing our school at Shalvey on Monday. All of the boys should be proud of their successes on the field. A special thank you to the many parents that have assisted with transport to the different venues.

## Ethics Classes

A note was sent home this week to all students attending non scripture asking parents to express an interest in their child attending ethics classes. Please note the return date and return this to the school office if you are interested.

## Coming Events

28 July to 1 August - Education Week

1 Aug Welcome back Mr Lord

4 – 8 Aug SRC Food Drive  
Year 6 Point Wolstoncroft

4 Aug NO Band  
Drumbeat

6 Aug 3-6 Assembly

8 Aug K-2 Assembly

11 Aug Year 7 2015 Academic class testing at  
Thirlmere PS (selected students only)

12 Aug ICAS Maths

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The office is open from 8.30am to  
3.00pm

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## 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

Please contact the school office if your child will be starting Kindergarten in 2015 to collect an enrolment application. Staff will commence planning for Kindergarten transition shortly and we would like to ensure we are in contact with as many families as possible.

I would like to conclude this week by thanking the members of the school community for your support over the past two months while I have been relieving for Mr Lord. I have enjoyed the opportunity and have appreciated the hard work and support from parents, staff and students. I am sure to dream of trees and fences for many weeks to come but can enjoy the memories of visiting classrooms and working with every teacher, attending the Cinderella Ball with Kindergarten (dressed as a Banana in Pyjamas) and working closely with our dedicated office staff on a daily basis to support the efficient running of school programs. I would like to particularly thank Miss Patricia Jackson who took on the role of 1G classroom teacher during this time. Her commitment and professionalism is to be commended and whilst I am looking forward to seeing my 21 smiling faces I know she has left big shoes to fill.

In a week that celebrates our student's "So often you find that the students you're trying to inspire are the ones that end up inspiring you."

Sean Junkins

Stay safe and enjoy your week.

Selena Gandy

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 3:

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

## 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

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### 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

## Library News

### 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.

### Band News

Term 3 band fees are now due. Please make this payment as soon as possible.

**Please note there will be no band lessons on Monday 4 August** due to Year 6 being away at camp .

### 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 there 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:

**Band Contract (Band Only)**

**Wollondilly Mass Choir Rehearsal (Choir only)**

##### Last Day to Pay:

**Stage 2 & 3 Performance – Thu 14 Aug**

**Year 4 Berry Camp –Full Payment 15 Oct**

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

##### Notes Home:

**Band Contract (Band Only)**

**Wollondilly Mass Choir Rehearsal (Choir Only)**

**Milo Cup Cricket**

##### Last Day to Pay:

**Stage 2 & 3 Performance – Thu 14 Aug**

#### Non Scripture

##### Notes Home:

**Ethics Classes**

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



## **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 ☐




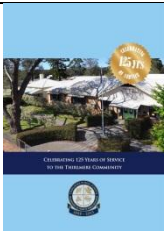
# 125<sup>th</sup> MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

## 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.



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## 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.*

# Combined

Real Estate

Shop 1/100 Argyle St  
Picton

Next to IGA

**4651 2555**

# NOW OPEN IN PICTON



## Macarthur CDC's Spot Check!

Macarthur CDC's Speech Pathologists are offering FREE screening services for children whose parents or teachers think they may have some difficulties with their speech, language or literacy skills but are not 100% sure!

This service is offered in term 3 on Thursday afternoons between 2.00pm-3.00pm. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

All parents and teachers will be asked to fill out questionnaires and consent forms prior to the child's appointment.

Macarthur CDC's speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessment is required or refer to appropriate services.



Please contact us at

P: 02 4648 0837

E: [admin@macarthurecdc.com.au](mailto:admin@macarthurecdc.com.au)

Shop 6/ 38 Exchange Parade, Narellan NSW 2567



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





### Can your Students Climb Sydney's Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the 'School's Challenge' at this year's Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to [www.active8change.com.au](http://www.active8change.com.au). Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.