



Principal's Message Reward Movie Day

It is that time of the year again when we get to celebrate the wonderful behaviour and achievements of the children at TPS. This year all children who have consistently displayed positive behaviour are being rewarded with a movie at Campbelltown's Dumaresq Street Cinema on Friday 9th December. Children do not need to have achieved Gold level; however they need to have consistently demonstrated positive behaviour. Any child who is not eligible to attend, has been informed. Alternate arrangements for supervision will be provided at school for these children.

If you wish your child to attend the movie reward day, please return the permission slip before Monday 28th November.

Safety First

It has come to our attention that some children are making slingshots. These are classified as a 'weapon' and result in suspension whether they are used or not. Please talk to your child and ensure they are aware that making such a weapon or bringing one to school will NOT be tolerated.

School Zone

A reminder to please adhere to the 40km/h speed limit on all four streets surrounding the school for the safety of all our children.

Kinder Orientation

On Tuesday morning we welcomed our new Kindergarten students for 2017 during our first Orientation session. There were lots of smiling faces from both children and parents alike. The children all settled in well and seemed to be enjoying the experiences 'big school' has to offer. I am not sure they realise yet that 'big school' lasts for another 13 years, or 17 years if they wish to attend university. There are good times ahead however, with many new friendships to be made, memories created and loads of quality education accruing. So we welcome each and every one of our 62 new students and hope the years ahead are filled with great moments and experiences. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing them again for session two next Tuesday 22 November.

Kind regards
Lisa Whitfield

Coming Events

16 Nov	3-6 Assembly 2pm
18 Nov	Russ the Story Bus Visit Postponed K-2 Assembly 2pm
22 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation- Session 2 Last day to hand in Merit Certificates for Principal's Award
23 Nov	AMAZING ME Seminars Yrs 3&4: 6.30-7.30pm Yrs 5&6: 7.30-8.30pm
25 Nov	Mini Fair and BBQ 11am -1.30pm Canteen Closed
28 Nov	Last Principal's Awards Presented
29 Nov	Band Information Night 6-7pm Last day to hand in Principal's Awards and Banners for Gold Medal Presentation
2 Dec	All books to be returned to Library for Stocktake

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The office is open from
8.30am to 3.00pm

SURVEY - Outside Of School Hours Care

The school executive is exploring the idea of starting an onsite Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) for Thirlmere PS. We have engaged the services of Camp Australia to look into this possibility as they work with many government schools in NSW. The first step in this process is to gauge the level of potential interest that families at TPS have in such a service. By filling out this survey, we will be able to ascertain whether a service of this type is viable and sustainable. Camp Australia is a registered provider so families would receive the minimum 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR).

I would ask that all parents take a couple of minutes to fill out this survey – even if you would only consider using the service occasionally.

Please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ThirlmerePublicSchool>

The survey will run till November 20th.

Beginners Band 2017 Information Night (Yrs 3 - 6)

There will be an information night for students interested in joining our school's beginners band next year.

The established band will be there to play some tunes and demonstrate how to play various instruments.

Students will have the opportunity to try a number of instruments and discuss their suitability. Information will also be provided on the hire and purchase of instruments. Please note this is a **concert brass and wind band**. We do not have positions for acoustic guitars or string instruments.

When: Tuesday, 29th November

Where: School Hall

Who: Students and parents

Time: 6pm to approx 7pm

If you are interested in attending please ask for a note from the office and return the slip to the office ASAP.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Byrne

School Student Transport Scheme(Bus Pass) Applications

Transport for NSW(TfNSW) are now accepting applications for 2017. We encourage all students who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2017 to apply now. The link to apply for a bus pass is:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

TfNSW have also advised that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should apply to update their details prior to 31 December 2016. This applies to all students who are;

- currently in Year 2 and Year 6,
- have changed address, or
- have approval on special circumstances.

The link to update student details is

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

After 31 December 2016 students must apply for a new pass at

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

Completed forms must be printed, signed, dated and sent to the school for verification.

Year 6 Mini Fair

The Year 6 Mini Fair is fast approaching. It will be held next week on Friday the 25th of November. All students received a note about pre-ordering tokens for the day. Pre-ordering tokens will save lining up on the day and potentially missing out on some great activities. If you still wish to pre order tokens please see the front office for a note. Mr Gardiner and Yr 5 students will be holding a BBQ on the day, notes for sausage orders should have been in on Friday 11th November.

As part of the Year 6 Mini Fair we will be holding a cake stall. If you would like to donate a cake, slices, cupcakes, biscuits etc please see Miss Wilder. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Please note that the canteen will be closed on this day as the P&C support the minifair cake stall and sausage sizzle.

We look forward to seeing you for another successful Year 6 Mini Fair. Miss Wilder & Mrs Stewart

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16 November 2016

Term 4 – Week 6

Gold Medal Presentation Day

The Gold Medal Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday **14 December 2016**. Please note the following important dates for awards to be handed in. Awards handed in after these dates will **not be included** when allocating Gold Medals for this presentation.

22 November – Last day for Merit Certificates to be given to the Office.

29 November – Last day for Banners and Principal's Awards to be given to the Office.

AMAZING ME Seminars

This year, once again Thirlmere will be holding the AMAZING ME education seminars to support our school community. The program will be held on the evening of Wednesday the 23rd of November and aims to provide information to children in the important area of personal development. Whilst not compulsory, it is highly recommended that all parents take up this opportunity even if your child is nervous or embarrassed, or would prefer not to attend.

Our AMAZING ME educator will be Rowena Thomas. Rowena is a teacher who has had over 20 years experience in this area. Rowena's talks are always lively and informative.

The first talk will focus on the difference between girls and boys bodies, reproduction and birth (6:30pm-7:30pm) and is for **Years 3 and 4**.

The second talk for **Years 5 and 6** (7:30pm-8:30pm) and will focus on the difference between girls and boys bodies and puberty.

All presentations are given in an age appropriate manner.

Children must be accompanied by one of their parents as the evening seeks to encourage parent and child discussion. The talks will be held in the school library and will cost \$20 per family for one session and \$25 for two sessions per family.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4 2016

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We still have a couple of spots to fill. Please contact Vanessa on 0408 650 319 if you can help out!

Date	Names	
Fri 11 Nov	Mel Moroz	Sam Billingham
Mon 14 Nov	Vanessa Zahra	Julie Bird
Wed 16 Nov	Neen Donnelly Nicole Hepburn	Cindy Hile
Fri 18 Nov	Deb Collings	Christie Henry
Mon 21 Nov	Alison Tarrant	Julie Bannister
Wed 23 Nov	Theresa Young	Tammy Parker
Fri 25 Nov	Canteen Closed – Mini Fair	
Mon 28 Nov	Robyn Green	Kerri Devine
Wed 30 Nov	Sarah Fishpool	Lani Nairn
Fri 2 Dec	Belinda Kelly	Cindy Hile
Mon 5 Dec	Angela Lyth	Julie Bird
Wed 7 Dec	Di Hunt Nicole Hepburn	Meryl Cooper
Fri 9 Dec	Canteen Closed – Movie Reward Day	
Mon 12 Dec	Sarah Fishpool	Lani Nairn
Wed 14 Dec	Lee-Anne Armstrong	Cindy Hile
Fri 16 Dec	CLOSED- Last Day of School	

Principal's Awards

Jeremy W, Finley W*2, Ryan E*2, Grace D, Jessica D, Hugo S, Neve B, Montana S, Blake T, Tyler M, Mammadu B, Charlotte A, Krai E, Jackson C, Summer C*2, Grace S, Eden F

Uniform Shop

We currently have an overabundance of second hand uniforms. Therefore, second hand clothing will be available free outside the Uniform Shop during opening hours. Opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 9am.

Also, if you are missing any items of uniform, please check the lost property, it is overflowing.

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Students on Gold Level

KA	KB	2L	2/30	4U
Lilly Neve Gemma Layla Shylah Emily Anna Ousmane Jakeb Cooper Logan Hunter Miles Harry Leon Noah Nate Jett	Charlotte Mariah Alexis Renee Harlow Lanie Hayley Eve Evelyn Olivia Jackson Cody Liam Anders Brody Cooper Jai Oscar	Arliah Sarah Briana Amity Bryannah Tahlia Jaida Angela Shaylee Emily Shakayla Brock Ari Zachariah Scott Daniel Jack Dane Tristan Taj Kalarni Peter	Summer Tyler Jack Blake 3P Evelyn Toby Zackary Baxter 4/5Z Zander Darcy Jye Tomas Ryan Tye Angus	Charlotte Kaylah Courtney Bryannon Emily Kelinda Isabella Sarah Piper Hannah Keira Kaitlyn Katie Sophie Abbey Shiloh Olivia Jorja Braden Charlie Cooper Kai William

Students on Silver Level

KA	KB	1G	3P
Zoe Aiden	Ella Harrison Liam	Capree Carla Hayden Jack William	Abbey

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SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

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 system will not allow payments to be processed after the date. This will avoid any disappointment for your child.

EVENT	COST OF EVENT	YEAR	LAST DAY TO PAY
Mini Fair BBQ - pre order	\$5	All Students	18 November 2016
AMAZING ME Seminars	1 Session - \$20/Family 2Sessions - \$25/Family	Stages 2 and 3	23 November 2016
Mini Fair Tokens - pre order	5 tokens for \$2.50 10 tokens for \$5 20 tokens for \$10	All Students	23 November 2016
Stage 1 Science Centre Visit	\$22	Years 1 and 2	25 November 2016
Gold Reward Day	\$6 \$1.50 each for popcorn and drink	Selected Students	28 November 2016
Symbio Wildlife Park Excursion	\$27	Kindergarten	28 November 2016

Band

Band Fees for Term 4 have now been invoiced. The fees are as follows:

Established Band - \$145

Beginners Band - \$145

Band Fees for Term 3 are now overdue. Please pay immediately as the tutor requires payment.

Notes Sent Home

Kindergarten

- Symbio Wildlife Park

Stage 2

- Amazing Me Seminars
- Russ the Story Bus visit - **Postponed**

Stage 3

- Amazing Me Seminars

All Students

- Outside School Hours Care Survey
- Gold Reward Day

Selected Students

- Beginners Band Information Night
- Established Band Information Night
- Russ the Story Bus(Kinder, Yrs 1 and 2)-**Postponed**

Thank you
Administration Staff



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

How to encourage kids to be problem-solvers



When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That's fertile ground for anxiety and depressive illness.

So, how can we raise kids to be courageous problem-solvers rather than self-critical scaredy cats?

Here are six practical ideas to get you started.

1 Turn requests into problems for kids to solve

Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve. If you keep solving them, they'll keep bringing them. 'Mum, my sister is annoying me!' 'Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?' 'Hey, I can't find my socks!' It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out. Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. *What can you do to make her stop annoying you?* *What's the best approach to take with your teacher?* *Socks, smocks! Where might they be?*

2 Ask good questions to prompt problem-solving

A problem-solving approach relies on asking good questions, which can be challenging if you are used to solving your child's problems. The first question when a child brings you a problem should be: *Can you handle this on your own?* Next should be, *What do you want me to do to help you solve the problem?* These questions are not meant to deter children from coming to you; rather, to encourage and teach them to start working through their own concerns themselves.

3 Coach them through problems and concerns

So, your child feels she was unfairly left out of a school sports team by a teacher and asks you get involved. The easiest solution may be to meet with the teacher and find out what's going on. You may or not resolve the problem but in doing so you are teaching a child to become dependent on you. Alternatively, you could coach your child to speak to the teacher herself and find out why she was left out. Obviously, there are times when children need their

parents to be advocates for them such as when they are being bullied, but we need to make the most of the opportunities for children to speak for themselves. Better to help your child find the right words to use and discuss the best way to approach another person when they have problems. These are great skills to take into adulthood.

4 Prepare kids for problems and contingencies

You may coach your child to be independent – walk to school, spend some time alone at home (when old enough), catch a train with friends – but does he know what to do in an emergency? What happens if he comes home after school and the house is locked? Who should he go to? Discuss different scenarios with children whenever they enter new or potentially risky situations so that they won't fall apart when things don't go their way. Remember the Boy Scouts motto – be prepared!

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5 Show a little faith

Sometimes you've got to show faith in children. We can easily trip them up with our negative expectations, such as by saying 'Don't spill it!' to a child who is carrying a glass filled with water. Of course, your child doesn't want to spill it but you've just conveyed your expectations with that statement. We need to be careful that we don't sabotage children's efforts to be independent problem-solvers with comments such as, 'Now don't stuff it up!' 'You'll be okay ... won't you?' 'You're not very good at looking after yourself!'

6 Applaud mistakes and stuff-ups

Would a child who accidentally breaks a plate in your family while emptying the dishwasher be met with a 'That's really annoying, you can be clumsy sometimes' response or an 'It doesn't matter, thanks for your help' type of response? Hopefully it won't be the first response, because nothing shuts a child's natural tendencies to extend themselves down quicker than an adult who can't abide mistakes. If you have a low-risk-taking, perfectionist, consider throwing a little party rather than making a fuss when they make errors so they can learn that mistakes don't reflect on them personally, and that the sun will still shine even if they break a plate, tell a joke that falls flat or don't get a perfect examination score.



Michael Grose




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THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP **PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2016**

August 2016

ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	QTY
Wide brim hat	XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL	\$11	
Girls Summer dress	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$50	
Girls Winter tunic	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$46	
Polo shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22	\$18	
Polo shirt long sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Microfibre jacket	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$37	
Zip cardigan	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$24	
Emblem jumper	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$19	
Grey cargo shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$19	
Girls skorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22	
Sport shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18	
Sports shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$23	
Microfibre track pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$26	
Fleecy track pants (with cuff)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18	
Fleecy trackpants (straight leg)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18	
Grey trousers	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Girls bootleg pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20	
Girls dress pant	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22	
Skivvy	4,6,8,10,12	\$11	
Gloves	One Size	\$3	
Tights	4-6yrs, 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs	\$11	
Polar fleece scarf	One size	\$6	
Ankle socks (pack 5)	9-12, 13-3, 2-8 grey or white	\$17	
Art smock	One size	\$15	
Football socks	9-2, 2-7, 7-10	\$12	
School badge		\$10	
Excursion Bag & Drink Bottle	Sold as a set ONLY	\$12	
		TOTAL	\$

Child's 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 ☐



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* Mums & Bubs @ Hume oval, Picton – Wed 9.45-10.30am

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Thirlmere Parents!

The Baby Clinic is at risk of closure and needs your help, please!

If you would like to keep this free resource in your community and school, please either phone, email or write to:

Jai Rowel, State Member for Wollondilly.

Ph: 46 83 2622; email:

Wollondilly@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Angus Taylor, Federal Member for Hume.

Ph: 1300 301 826

Email: Angus.Taylor.MP@aph.gov.au

Come and speak to the Baby Nurse!

Thank you



THIRLMERE TAHMOOR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

2017 REGISTRATION

Come and play footy for the
MIGHTY ROOSTERS!

The Thirlmere Tahmoor Junior Rugby League Club is currently taking registrations for the 2017 season. Come be part of a successful club and play Rugby League!

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Early bird prices apply now until the end of January

To register visit:

www.ttjrl.com

and follow the link!



**REGISTER
TODAY!**



[CLICK here to register now!](#)

**Under 6s -
FREE REGISTRATION!**



LATE NIGHT SHOPPING IN PICTON

- **Wednesday 30th November 2016**
 - **open till 9pm**
- **Wednesday 14th December 2016**
 - **open till 9pm**

Many of Picton's shops will be opening for special pre-Christmas shopping nights on the 30th November and 14th December 2016.

Traders hope to encourage residents, their families and friends to shop in Picton, by buying local and help bring support back to the local businesses.

Winners of the school decorating competition will be announced on the night by a special guest.



PICTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS



6pm Saturday 3rd December

Victoria Park, Menangle Street. Gates open 5pm for 6pm start.

BBQ and drinks will be on sale.

Hosted by Picton Uniting Church in conjunction with

St. Anthony's Primary School & St Marks Anglican Church



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It's time!
**FOR A CHRISTMAS
PICNIC**
at the Country Club
Sunday 4th December
10am – 4pm

FREE entry for all!

Don't miss the special visit from Santa himself 11am – 1pm

Christmas Picnic Lunch from 11am

Sydney Funk Duo will be singing Christmas carols & easy listening vibes 12pm – 4pm

Let the kids have a jolly time on the 38ft Obstacle Course 10am – 3pm

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