



# Thirlmere Public School

## Newsletter

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TERM 4 WEEK 6

14 NOVEMBER 2017

### Coming Up

#### Term 4 Week 6

##### Tue 14 Nov

- Band Info Night 6-7pm

##### Wed 15 Nov

- Breakfast Club at 7.45-8.30am

##### Thur 16 Nov

- 3/4T and 4U to Heritage Centre
- Picton High Visit

#### Week 7

##### Mon 20 Nov

- Last Day to hand in Achievement Awards for Principals Awards

##### Tue 21 Nov

- Kindy to Symbio

##### Wed 22 Nov

- Breakfast Club at 7.45-8.30am
- K-2 Awards Assembly

##### Thu 23 Nov

- 3-6 Awards Assembly

##### Fri 24 Nov

- All Library Books Due

#### Week 8

##### Mon 27 Nov

- Conversation Café at 9.15am

##### Tue 28 Nov

- Kindy Transition 4 at 9.15
- Last Day to hand in Principals Awards for for Banner/Gold Medal

##### Wed 29 Nov

- Breakfast Club at 7.45- 8.30am
- Scripture Last Day

##### Thu 30 Nov

- Student Leader Speeches at 9.30am

## Relieving Principal's Message

What an amazing opportunity it is for me to step into Mrs Whitfield's position while she is on leave. This week I have had the privilege to attend the 2017 Campbelltown, Macarthur and Wollondilly Principals Network Awards Public Schools NSW in Mrs Whitfield's place. During this prestigious event I had the honour of witnessing four members of our school community being recognised for their outstanding contributions to public education and to Thirlmere Public School.

Our public schools would not operate as efficiently as they do and offer the range of student opportunities so successfully without the support of the administrative staff, both Kayla Peachey and Sladjana Cugalj received Administrative and Support Staff Awards. We really do appreciate the commitment and contributions these wonderful ladies display on a daily basis.

The Teacher in an Executive Role Award recognises the valuable role executive teachers play in schools. Our assistant principals are tireless workers and committed individuals and it was a very proud moment to watch Desi Karolis receive this award for the Wollondilly Network.

This feeling continued when watching our own very talented Tsehay H perform her solo dance routine during the ceremony. Congratulations on a wonderful performance, Tsehay.

The final award was presented to Mrs Lisa Whitfield. This award acknowledges the highly valuable and significant contribution that principal's make to their school and the wider community. The recipients of this award have been nominated by the Education Director. The following speech was made by Dr Margaret Turner the Director of Public Schools NSW.

*"Lisa has led and managed Thirlmere Public School for the past 2 years. Thirlmere is a thriving community situated near Picton. Lisa has made dramatic changes to the way the school operates based on students' needs and staff strengths. Together with the staff and community, programs were assessed and changes were implemented resulting in the school now providing more focus and student centred curriculum. Lisa has developed staff capacity particularly across the executive team with a focus on instructional leadership. She is to be commended for her enthusiasm, dedication and her continuous focus on providing the best possible opportunities for all students. It gives me great pleasure to recognise Lisa with the Principals award for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Wollondilly Network".*



Congratulations to all the recipients of these awards and as Dr Sylvia Cornish, the Executive Director School Performance said, "It is not only the recipients of these awards that are to be congratulated, it is all the teachers, support staff and the parent/carer community that make our public schools the remarkable places they are."

What an inspiration Mrs Whitfield is and we are extremely lucky to have her as our principal.

Regards,

Cheny Collins

Relieving Principal



## Payments Due

**Term 4 Band Fees** are now due.

**Term 3 Band Fees** are now overdue-please pay immediately.

**Fri 17 November**

- Jamberoo

**Fri 24 November**

- Yr 6 Farewell

**Wed 29 November**

- P&C Lamington Order

## 2018 Student Leaders

This week (Week 6) is Year 5's final Leadership Session before they begin presenting their finished speeches!

Week 7 → we deliver our speeches to our peers and hold a peer vote (narrowing our candidates down to 8).

Week 8 → the final 8 candidates present their speeches to years 2-5 and we hold a 'whole-school' vote.

We commend the following 18 students who have expressed their intention to run for a Student Leadership position in 2018.

*Katie L., Bryannon C., Jesse P., Charlie H., William T., Patrick P., Piper H., Charlotte A., Isabella G., Sarah G., Abbey P., Sive F., Zander F., Liam D., Kaitlyn J., Kai L., Kelinda E., Keira J.*



Families and community members are invited to join us to hear our final 8 candidates present their speeches to the school on

**Thursday 30  
November 2017**  
at 9.30am in the hall

For information on what Year 5 have been covering in their Leadership sessions, visit our Google Site at [sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/tps-leaders-2018](https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/tps-leaders-2018)

## Gold Medal Assembly

The Gold Medal Assembly for Semester 2 will be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017. If your child has enough awards to receive a Banner or Gold Medal, here are some important dates to note:

**Mon 20 Nov** - Last chance to hand in Achievement Awards to receive a Principal's Award

**Mon 27 Nov** – Last Principal's Awards given out for 2017

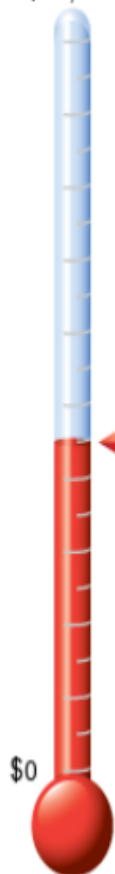
**Tue 28 Nov** – Last chance to hand in Principal's Awards/Banners to receive a Banner/Gold Medal

**Wed 6 Dec** – Gold Medal Assembly at 9.30am



## Fundraising Goal

Goal  
\$10,000



## Picton VIEW Club Donation

This week Thirlmere PS was extremely honoured to receive a donation of books to our school library from the Picton VIEW Club. On Tuesday 14 November, two of our library monitors, Karl-Erik and Caitlyn accepted this generous gift on behalf of the school. In total we received 28 books catering for all ages – from picture books to hard covered novels suitable for our senior students to read. We thank the Picton VIEW Club for selecting our school to receive this gift.



## Principal's Awards

Alexis F, Olivia M, Charli E, Isaac L, Keira H, Ryan H\*2, Brianna B, Jack P, Zoe P, Cody L, Angus L, Gabby T\*2, Samuel T, William T



## Ultimo Public Speaking

Congratulations to Cainan A in KB who did a fantastic job of representing Thirlmere Public School at the Ultimo Public Speaking Competition. Well done Cainan!!!



## Notes Home

### Early Stage 1

- KB Teacher Information

### Selected Students

- Band Contract
- Beginner's Band
- Band Information Night

### All Students

- Survey and Conversation Café Feedback

## Band 2018

There will be an information night tonight, Tuesday 14 November at 6pm, finishing by 7pm. Information will be provided for any student in Years 3-6 interested in joining the Beginners Band in 2018

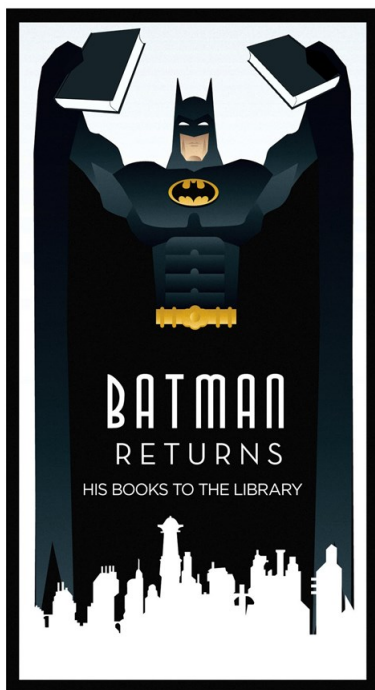


## Library News—Last Week to Borrow

This week (Week 6) is the last week for Library borrowing.

We are asking for all library books to be returned by the end of next week, Week 7, and all take home readers to be returned by the end of Week 8.

During the final few weeks of school we will be sorting, fixing, organising and stocktaking our lovely books ready for 2018.



The final

**Book Club** for 2017 is due back to school on  
**Wednesday  
29 November 2017**

By participating in Scholastic Book Club, Thirlmere Public School earns FREE teaching materials and resources for the Library.

*When a child gets to choose their very own books, reading becomes a joy and an adventure. That excitement can carry over into a lifelong love of reading.*

Join us for breakfast at  
**THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S**



7:45am - 8:30am  
Wednesdays in  
the school hall.

Kindly  
supported by  
Our Community  
Pantry.

Are you available to volunteer time on Wednesday mornings to help out?

Contact Cheny Collins: [cheny.collins@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cheny.collins@det.nsw.edu.au)

You are invited to join  
us for 2017's final

THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
**CONVERSATION  
CAFÉ**

9.15am  
**Monday 27 November 2017**

The 'Conversation Café' is a place to meet other parents and have a chat over tea, coffee and snacks!



Bring your ideas and suggestions.  
Help us continue to make  
Thirlmere Public School a great  
place to learn and grow together!

### Award Recipients for Week 7

The following students will be presented with an award at the Week 7 of Term 4 Award Assemblies. The Kindergarten to Year 2 Assembly will be held on Wednesday 22 November at 2.40pm and the Years 3 to 6 Assembly will be held on Thursday 23 November, also at 2.40pm. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten to Year 2		Years 3 to 6		
Class	Recipients	Class	Recipients	
KA	Daisy W Daniel H Blair N Hayden S	2/3O	Abigail H Tahlia H Kade N	Anara B Zoey D
KB	Chloe A Joshua P Blake W Elissa Y	3P	Jayden B Tristan L Jack J	Zac F Amelia V Markos D
KC	Elliana B Mitchell M Noah P Zavier L	3/4T	Summer C Mia C Kai D	Hannah N Dylan T
1G	Krai E Carmen W Logan F Brody R Jackson C	4U	Evie S Dominic S Brooke C	Callum D Brianna D
1F	Noah W Lilly B Samara V Hunter M Max M	4/5Z	Aisata B Emily C Shiloh S Coen M	Finlay R Ashden L Charlie H Jenna L
1/2H	Jack F Eden F Katie R Marcus C Tyler R Cooper I	5A	Tristan Z Sophie M Anna F Kaylah B	Jorja S Josh H Katelyn W Jake F
2K	Bryce P Abbey B Cooper R Sophie L Charlotte L	All Year 6	Kaylum B Caitlyn P Matthew S Coen P Ryan F	Henry C Karl Erik A Jye B Damian L Henry H

## Afternoon pick-ups/ Change of Plans

We would like to remind parents/carers that school finishes at 2.55pm. Please confirm with your child/ren that they understand your pick-up instructions or alternatively advise the class teacher in the morning.

## Enrolments 2018

It is that time again when we are looking at classes and teachers for next year. However, before we do that, we need to establish our enrolment numbers. We ask that you please inform the office if;

- you are moving out of the area
- you have a child who is starting Kindergarten in 2018 and you have not already enrolled, or
- you know of any families who are moving into the area and intend to enrol their children at Thirlmere Public School. Please ask them to contact the school also.



### ***Congratulations to our Thirlmere Public School Equestrian Team:***

*Olivia, Zoe, Nate, Eva, Annise, Charlotte, Emily, Tiarne & Gemma*

*Our team did a fantastic job representing our school at the Camden HS Equestrian Inter-Schools Competition at Bi-Centennial Park, Camden. They had lots of fun and they all came home with lots of ribbons-*

*The ponies were well behaved & looked amazing all plaited up- Thank you to all the mums & helpers-*

*We are proud to announce that Thirlmere Public School won the large schools category for the second year running-*

*Well done!*

*Mrs Cheny Collins*



## Hope for Children Sponsorship

We are very pleased to let everyone know that we have been able to donate \$1229 to our Hope for Children sponsorship child Idilawit Eshetu. A great effort from everyone to be able to raise this money for a very worthwhile cause.



## Road Safety Around Our School

There have been a number of concerning behaviours with regard to road safety near our school in recent times. Please consider the following:

- Use the school crossing to cross the road in front of the school even if you do not have your children with you.
- The area in front of the school is a 2 minute drop off zone during peak periods in the morning and afternoon and the driver must stay within 3 metres of their vehicle.
- Do not perform U-turns in front of the school. This is illegal and dangerous to children near the school.
- There is a 40km/h speed limit on all four streets surrounding the school

Please remember to teach your children about road safety and to set an example for them, even if they are not with you. These rules are for the safety of the whole community, but particularly your children. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.





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## Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre

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Lisa Whitfield  
Principal,  
Thirlmere Public School  
3/11/2017

Dear Ms Whitfield,

I am writing to you following the recent visits to Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre by the staff and students from Thirlmere Public School.

I would like to commend the Thirlmere staff for their superb organisation and their hard work in relation to managing the visit to the Wooglemai site. Amanda, Erin and Tracy prepared well for the visit, managed the students extremely well and happily assisted my staff with the running of all activities. The staff supervised at night and even cleaned up after each group. I was amazed at how well each experience ran with only a few adults on hand. I would like to thank Amanda, Erin and Tracy for their professional approach to working with the staff of Wooglemai EEC. All of the Thirlmere staff offered collegial support and cooperation that made our job much more pleasant and far less difficult than it might have otherwise been. It was obvious that both the quality of the programs we ran together and the welfare of the students under their care were of paramount importance to the teachers. I was extremely impressed with the teacher/ student interaction and how well the students responded to all staff.

During their stay the students from your school made a lasting impression on all members of the EEC staff that they met. Not only was their cooperation and behaviour excellent, but the students communicated well, were respectful, enthusiastic and extremely pleasant to deal with. It was great to observe how all students engaged with the teaching programs they were presented with. They were the best possible ambassadors Thirlmere Public School might possibly hope to present to the community.

I consider it to have been a privilege to spend time with such professional staff and excellent students and thought it appropriate to relate to you my feelings in this regard. I look forward to continued contact with the members of your staff and of course the students of Thirlmere Public School.

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Nicoll*

Peter Nicoll  
Principal  
Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre

# INVITING YOU TO KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION @ THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Do you have a child starting Kindy in 2018?

Now is the time to come and enrol at Thirlmere Public School and join in our fun Kindergarten Transition program!

12 September 2017

9.30-10.30am

## KINDY SHOWCASE

*Come along for a school tour and see what we get up to in Kindy.*

19 September 2017

9.30-10.30am

## SHOWCASE & KINDY BAG

*See our new Kindy Bag and find out about Kindy by spending time in a Kindy class.*

17 October 2017

9.15-10.45am

## KINDY TRANSITION 1

*What do we do in English and Math?*



31 October 2017

9.15-10.45am

## KINDY TRANSITION 2

*What other learning do we do?*

14 November 2017

9.15-10.45am

## KINDY TRANSITION 3

*Practise saying goodbye to Mum and Dad.*

28 November 2017

9.15-10.45am

## KINDY TRANSITION 4

*Teddy Bear's Picnic!*

For more information visit our website or call us on 4681 8476



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THIS  
EXCITING EXPERIENCE WITH YOU!

### Canteen Roster- 2017

We encourage and welcome new volunteers to our Canteen roster. We are one of the last schools in the district to have a fully volunteer- run canteen. Because of this, the price of our food is cheaper and all the profits go back to the school. It is a good way to meet other parents and grandparents whilst serving interesting and healthy food to the students of Thirlmere PS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Roster Co-ordinator, Vanessa Zahra on 0408 650 319 or [mum-mavz@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mum-mavz@yahoo.com.au).

#### Term 4

Week 6			
Wed 15 Nov	Cindy Hile	Deb Parker	
Fri 17 Nov	Mel Anderson	Annie Down	Tracy Digger
Week 7			
Mon 20 Nov	Robyn Green	Michelle Ferguson	
Wed 22 Nov	Lani Nairn	Millie Achis	
Fri 24 Nov	Deb C	Mel Moroz	Annelie Davis
Week 8			
Mon 27 Nov	Sarah Fishpool	Tammy Parker	
Wed 29 Nov	Lee-Anne A	Gail Burtenshaw	
Fri 1 Dec	Mel A	Joe A	<b>Vacancy—Volunteer Needed</b>
Week 9			
Mon 4 Dec	Cindy Hile	Kerri Devine	
Wed 6 Dec	Di Hunt	Meryl Cooper	
Fri 8 Dec	Lea Blatch	Tammy Parker	Annie Down
Week 10			
Mon 11 Dec	Amber Shortus	Cindy Hile	
Wed 13 December	Theresa Young	Lani Nairn	
Fri 15 Dec	<b>CLOSED- Last day of term</b>		

## Advertising

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