



# Thirlmere Public School

## Newsletter

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### Coming Up

TERM 1 WEEK 4

6 FEBRUARY 2018

### Principal's Message

#### Term 1

#### Week 3

##### Mon 12 Feb

- Band lessons begin

##### Wed 14 Feb

- Scripture begins

##### Thur 15 Feb

- Leaders Introduction Ceremony

#### Week 4

##### Mon 19 Feb

- Bookclub Due

##### Tue 20 Feb

- Swimming Carnival

##### Wed 21 Feb

- "Meet the Teacher" night

Welcome to the 2018 learning year! This year promises to be a year filled with many opportunities for all our students to strive academically and socially.

All teachers have been busy planning and organising over the past few weeks to ensure that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in the classroom, combined with special events and activities to assist all children to reach their potential.

We are already looking forward to Dance2bfit, Extravaganza, swimming carnival, Thirlmere Steam Festival, Grandfriends Day, excursions and assemblies. Please join us whenever possible. Your active participation is key to the success of your children and the smooth running of our school.

The classes for 2018 have been finalised and we offer a warm welcome to our new staff members: Mrs Sarah Read who takes on the role of Assistant Principal for stage 3, Miss Ellena Hoban and Mrs Jenny Baker as class teachers and Mrs Michelle Miles as office administration support.

Each year we continue to strive to improve the academic and social outcomes for our children and 2018 will be no different. This year Mrs Cheny Collins and Mrs Desi Karolis will both be working as Instructional Leaders within our school. These roles are pivotal in helping to provide targeted support for children to ensure they reach expected outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy.

Over the upcoming weeks there will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teachers and share your hopes for a successful learning year with them. We will provide an evening for you to come and hear about how the children learn and how you may be able to support them in their learning.

There are also many plans for the school grounds with additional security fencing, playground equipment, playground markings and the external painting of our heritage buildings and the old church. This process will take time and patience but we all look forward to the many benefits these projects will bring.

You may have noticed our new electronic sign in the front of the school. This will be used to keep everyone informed about upcoming events. Be sure to keep an eye out for what's happening as you go passed the school.

Thirlmere Public School value your involvement and support in your child's education and we look forward to a very positive and productive year together.

Regards,  
Lisa Whitfield  
Principal

# School Staff 2018

Principal: Lisa Whitfield

Instructional Leaders: Desi Karolis  
Cheny Collins

Assistant Principals: Natasha Huntrods (ES1)  
Cheny Collins (S1)  
Desi Karolis (S2)  
Sarah Read (S3)

School Admin. Manager: Kayla Peachey

School Admin. Officers: Sladjana Cugalj  
Carol Canning  
Michelle Miles  
Therese Kenter

School Counsellor: Sue Buxton

CLASS	DAYS	TEACHER
KA	MON,TUE,THU,FRI WED	Natasha HUNTRODS Michelle WILES
KB		Ingrid HUNT
KC	MON – WED THURS – FRI	Amanda D'ARCANGELO Michelle WILES
1F		Ashleigh DOWNIE
1G		Joanne PULLEY
1 / 2 H	MON – THUR FRI	Rebecca CARLYON Sue BARRY
2K		Ellena HOBAN
2L	MON – THUR FRI	Jenny BAKER Cheny COLLINS
3P		Michelle BYRNE
3 / 4 T		Jenny LANSDOWN
4U		Pauline REASON
4 / 5 Z	MON-WED, FRI THURS	Sarah READ Sue BARRY
5A		Delphine McLACHLAN
5 / 6 T		Melissa MOUTOS
6G	MON-WED, FRI THUR THUR	Gaby GUTJAHR Amanda TANN Gaby GUTJAHR
<b>LIBRARY/COMP</b>		
L.A.S.T	MON - WED	Vicki STEVENSON
	MON – THUR (even weeks) MON – WED (Odd weeks)	Debra MACE
GENERAL ASSIS- TANT	WED , FRI	Robert KAROLIS
SLSO		Debbie ECKLER
RFF / SPECIALIST - SPORT		Mary PULBROOK
RFF / SPECIALIST - SCIENCE		David GARDINER
RFF	WED, FRI	Amanda TANN



## Kindy News

There is no doubt that it has been an absolutely wonderful start to the year for our new Kindergarten students. We are thrilled at just beautifully they have settled into school life. There have been non stop smiles and busy little hands and minds engaged in play, learning and making connections with teachers and new friends.

Please see our photo board each Monday for updated photos of your little ones hard at play. Our designated Kindy Only play area has been a resounding success this year allowing for lots of new kindy friendships to be formed and fostered. A big thank you to those parents who have already brought in white board pens, glue sticks etc for use in the classroom. We look forward to chatting with you all at the 'Meet the Teacher' night in week 4.

Kindergarten Teachers

### P&C

P&C Meeting Tuesday 20th February, 6.30 pm in the school library. First meeting for year, all welcome!

## Assemblies

**Awards Assemblies will be held starting week 5 at the following times:**

- K-2 Thursdays at 2.40pm
- 3-6 Wednesdays at 2.40pm

**Performance Assemblies will be during week 8 as follows**

- K-2 Thursday hosted by Kindergarten
- 3-6 Wednesday hosted by 6G with 5/6T

## Band Lessons 2018

Band lessons will commence in Week 3.

Established band lessons will be on Mondays.

Beginners band lessons will be on Tuesdays.

Students who are hiring instruments through the DET will need to pay the annual fee before they will receive their instrument.

The DET hiring fee has gone up from \$130 per year to \$140.

Please make sure your child has their instrument and a copy of **Essential Elements 2000 Music Book** for their particular instrument, ready for lessons.

Keyboards use the bass guitar book. These can be purchased through R&B Music Tahmoor or any other good music store.

The timetable will be on the school hall door and teachers will also be given a copy to remind students.

Mrs Byrne

Band Coordinator



## New Bell Times

This year we will be adjusting our bell times for recess and lunch for two reasons:

1. To ensure children have enough time to eat and be physically active over both breaks in the school day
2. To help us better timetable our learning experiences throughout the day.

Break 1 will now be from 10:50 am to 11:30 am (including 10 mins eating time)

Break 2 will be from 1:25 pm to 2:05 pm (including 10 mins eating time).



Overall, the total length of breaks and time in class will remain the same as will the start and end of the day.

## Have Your Details Changed?

If your details have changed, it is important that you advise the office of any changes of family circumstance. Information such as:

- change of address
- phone numbers
- emergency contacts
- medical conditions and medications

are vital in allowing us to care for your children.

**Please advise the office ASAP if any of your details change.**

## Notes Home

### Kindergarten

- Home Reading Program

### Stage 1

- Home Reading Program

### Stage 2

- Equipment List

### All Students

- Tuckshop Talk
- Canteen Menu
- Dance2bfit

## Joggers Club

Joggers Club will commence this week for 2018. It will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from around 8.20am to 8.45am. You can start at any-time, just come down to the back oval when you get to school. For new families, this is a school run extra-curricular activity aimed at improving fitness and helping some of our students get rid of excess energy before going into class. Students do not need to come every session, only when it suits. There is no cost apart from a smile and a good morning greeting to Mrs Mac. Students laps will be recorded and accrue towards incremental Joggers Club certificates.

Looking forward to seeing you on Playground C.  
Mrs Mac



## Sports Talk

### Swimming Carnival

Following an assessment of participation rates over the last 2 years, a decision has been taken to conduct a more inclusive swimming carnival and increase participation and attendance.

There will be 50m events for those students who wish to compete for ribbons and zone participation. We will use results from these events to form the Zone Swimming Team. There will also be 25m races held for those students who do not wish to compete in the 50m races.

**No free time in the pool will be allowed.**

The swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 20 February (Week 4) at the Wollondilly Leisure Centre. Students should wear house colours or their sports uniform and covered shoes-**no thongs**. Students should compete in the age group that they turn this year.



### Cricket Success

Jack Jobson plays cricket for Tahmoor U10s and 2 weeks ago they played against Liverpool. Each batter gets 20 balls bowled at them and Jack scored 51 off the 20 balls. He is the first to do this in his team and the district. We are yet to hear if he is the first in the state.

Mrs Pulbrook  
Sport Coordinator

## Ethics

Ethics Classes begin next Wednesday 14 February.

Classes are available for Stage One (yrs 1&2 )and Stage Three (yrs 5&6).

Visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) for more info or contact Lea Blatch, Ethics Coordinator/Teacher 0420445710.

SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- \* School newsletters
- \* Notices
- \* Events
- \* Cancellations
- \* Reminders
- \* ...and more!

**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

## HELLO THIRLMERE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CARERS!

Looking for the latest in School Carnival sportswear chic?

Want to know what the hippest Wattle, Waratah, Boronia and Banksia kids will be swimming, running and supporting their teams in this year?

Check out our fantastic range of Sports Carnival / mufti day T-shirts.



ONLY  
\$15!



Sizes 4 to adult will be available for order at Monday's School Uniform Shop Open Day, 29 January 10am - 2pm Thirlmere Primary School.



Or email me [leaandfive@gmail.com](mailto:leaandfive@gmail.com) to place an order.

**SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE, SCHOOL, LOCAL T-SHIRT BUSINESS AND THE YOUNG STUDENT WHO BRAINWAVED THIS LATEST THIRLMERE THRILL!**

### Steam Festival

The 2018 Thirlmere Steam Festival will be held on the 3 and 4 March. Please mark these dates in your calendar and watch for more information.



### CONVERSATION CAFÉ

We will be continuing the Conversation Café this year in weeks 5 and 9.

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

Bring your ideas and suggestions and help to make Thirlmere Public School a great place to learn and grow. Keep an eye out in future Newsletters for more information.



# DON'T FORGET!



 **SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

**Monday**  
**19 February 2018**



## Canteen Roster

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 lower 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 [mummavz@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mummavz@yahoo.com.au).

### Term 1 - 2018

Week 2			
Fri 9 Feb	Annie Down	Sam Letic	Michelle Ferguson
Week 3			
Mon 12 Feb	Julie Bird	Amber Shortus	Kristie Hazeltine (Induction)
Wed 14 Feb	Cindy Hile	Alison Tarrant	
Fri 16 Feb	Mel Anderson	Joe Anderson	Mel Lang (Induction)
Week 4			
Mon 19 Feb	Kathryn Davidson	Amanda Lee	Jenny Barclay (Induction)
Wed 21 Feb	Lani Nairn	Sarah Fishpool	
Fri 23 Feb	Bianca Long	Jess Hayes	Tracy Digger
Week 5			
Mon 26 Feb	Bianca Lace (Induction)	Neen Donnelly	
Wed 28 Feb	Fiona Groves	Cindy Hile	
Fri 2 March	Lea Blatch	Annie Down	Lani Nairn
Week 6			
Mon 5 March	Alison Tarrant	Amber Shortus	
Wed 7 March	Di Hunt	Mel Moroz	
Fri 9 March	Kristy Sharp	Mel Anderson	Joe Anderson
Week 7			
Mon 12 March	Amanda Lee	Kathryn Davidson	
Wed 14 March	Lee-Anne Armstrong	Lisa Boyce	
Fri 16 March	Tracy Digger	Annelie Davis	Lani Nairn
Week 8			
Mon 19 March	Sarah Fishpool	Amber Shortus	Jenny Barclay
Wed 21 March	Cindy Hile	Millie Achis	
Fri 23 March	Mel Moroz	Deb Collings	Michelle Ferguson
Week 9			
Mon 26 March	Bianca Lace	Neen Donnelly	Kristie Hazeltine
Wed 28 March	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>GRANDFRIENDS</b>	<b>DAY</b>
Fri 30 March	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
Week 10			
Mon 2 April	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
Wed 4 April	Di Hunt	Mel Anderson	
Fri 6 April	Mel Anderson	Joe Anderson	Lea Blatch
Week 11			
Mon 9 April	Julie Bird	Amber Shortus	
Wed 11 April	Deb Parker	Fiona Groves	
Fri 13 April	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>LAST DAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

# Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

**School Banking started this week !!**  
Make sure you bring your student banking wallet in every Monday!!

This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

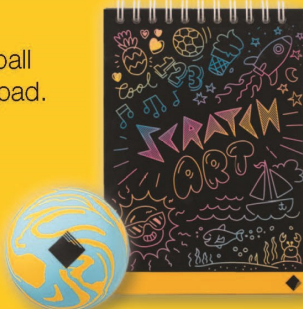
School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

## New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.  
Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.



**Remember,** with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.



## A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

**Things you should know:** The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEDT on 22/01/18 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank 'Youthsaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,666 AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEDT on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and in The Australian on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEDT on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTPS/17/18318, ACT Permit No: ACT TP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: T17/1878.





### Dance Concert Program - Dance2bfit

6 February, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are having the Dance2bfit Program at our school in Term 2, 2018.

The Program is energetic, innovative and a fun way for our students to get fit and learn the latest dance styles to great music tracks. This is a fantastic program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a fun time. Dance2bfit will be preparing our students for their 2018 Concert Performance, which will focus on World Cultures. Students will learn dances from around the world.

Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Each class will learn a professionally choreographed dance routine suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts. Students will learn their class performance routine, a whole school finale item and rehearse both of these items throughout the term.

The P & C have kindly reduced the payment by contributing \$10 towards the cost for each student, reducing it from \$40.00 to \$30.00. For your child to participate, you will need to complete the permission note below and **pay \$30 per student to the school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (Week 10).** Family Discount - only two children in a family pay.



We need ALL students to participate in this program as it will be their preparation for the upcoming extravaganza.

Kind regards,

Mrs Whitfield  
Principal

Mrs Karolis  
Dance2bfit Coordinator

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Dance2bfit classes to be conducted at Thirlmere Public School in Term 2, 2018 beginning in week 1.

I understand that if my child is absent for the session, the money can not be refunded.



Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is \$30 for my child to participate.**

***Please return the permission note to the School Office by Friday 6 April 2018.***



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