Principal’s Message

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations this week to: Zion, Olive and Grace. We will catch up with the others, as some of them were attending Special Swimming. Look for the picture soon on our website.

Assembly Awards

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Earth Hour

Unfortunately, we did not come first in the Earth Hour Education Awards which were announced on Saturday night. However, what an achievement to be one of the five finalists. Congratulations again to Mrs Budd and her team for their creation of the ‘yarning circle’ as a learning environment to save on energy, inspire students to learn in an outdoor setting and to learn and teach about cultural awareness. The winning school was Blacksmiths Public School, Spears Point, NSW. They presented their schools journey involving waste energy and water reduction projects. The school has significantly reduced their waste by having a binless playground. Something to think about.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken next Thursday, 4th April. Please send envelopes with payment in by Tuesday 2nd April.

Disco

Thank you to Mrs Gandy and Mr Jackson for organising another successful disco. Students looked great dressed as a Looney Tunes character and enjoyed the dancing and music provided by Footsteps.
Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on the following days:
Tuesdays and Thursday 8.30am - 9.00am and
2.30pm – 3.00pm

Band News

All Band Fees for Term 1 2013 are now overdue.
If overdue payments are not received by the end of Term 1, then students will not be able to attend lessons till account is up to date as the Tutor requires payment.

Canteen

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - 12 APRIL

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD/REN TO SCHOOL WITH A PACKED LUNCH AND RECESS.

Emergency Contact Forms

We are still waiting on a lot of parents to return their “STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAIL REPORT”. We cannot stress how important it is to keep your details updated and correct in case of Emergency. If you require another copy, please advise the ladies in the office.

Also, 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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Our school celebrates the arrival of new educational equipment thanks to the support of our school community and the Woolworths Earn and Learn 2012 program. We were able to order much needed Maths resources from Modern Teaching Aides at no cost. These resources include measurement and number material which will greatly aid the teaching and learning of Mathematics in our classrooms. Since the Woolworths Earn and Learn program commenced, more than $26 million dollars of new equipment and resources has been distributed to schools across Australia.

The program is back for 2013 and we invite our school and community to participate again and receive more valuable resources. More information in next week’s newsletter.

Online Newsletter

From the beginning of Term 2, I plan to offer the newsletter in paperless form. Parents will be able to choose to:

- Log on to the school’s website, where the newsletter will be uploaded each week;
- Have the newsletter e-mailed to the address of their choice; or
- Maintain the status quo, and receive a hard copy each week.

Please indicate your preference on the form attached the back of this newsletter and return it to the “frog’s mouth” in the school office.

School Zone Safety

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.

Find out more:
Practice to be a Journalist

This website could definitely make practicing writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home)

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter break. School commences back on Tuesday 2nd April.

Mrs Karolis (Relieving Principal)

CROSS COUNTRY
YEARS 2 - 6

Where: Thirlmere Sports Ground
When: Tuesday 2 April 2013
Time: 11.30am

All students are to wear HOUSE colors.
NO SINGLETS ALLOWED

Please have students NAME written on their hat and drink bottle. WATER ONLY!!

Thank You
Mrs Hollingsworth
School Magazine

Stage 2 and 3 classes have again decided to include the school magazine into our school and class reading program.

Payment for School Magazine has been extended to 12 April 2013. Could you please forward payment to the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

125th Anniversary Celebrations

Cookbook reminders were sent home to all families last week. There is still plenty of space & time to return your recipes or submit online yourself. It is a great way for your family to be remembered. Please do yours today. Surveys were also sent home with students regarding Anniversary memorabilia items. Please remember to return yours to the office. There is no obligation to purchase at this stage, just ideas.

School Photos

Envelopes with payments need to be returned to the office by no later than 2 April 2013
Fundraiser at Diana Ferrari Boutique at Macarthur Square Campbelltown

We are having a fundraiser at Diana Ferrari in Macarthur Square to raise money for Oakdale Public School to go toward learning programs. They will donate 20% of money spent on Wednesday, 17th April.

The store will be open for Oakdale staff, parents and friends from 6.00pm - 9.00pm to pay for purchases.

It would be a good idea to go into the store before this day and try on what you like, knowing exactly what size you are you can then pop into the shop on the 17th and pay for your items. Every $100 spent means we get $20. Spend up ladies!
Thornton Bros

The school would like to thank Thornton Bros Flowers who are kindly donating a bunch of flowers to the school each fortnight to help beautify our office area.

Taara Gardens

For the Not-so-retiring!

Enquiries: Charlene Crocker: 0417 483931 or Jenny Cheetham: 0418 265 416

We welcome you to come & have a look around the Village. Located at: 25 Estonian Road, Thirlmere

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Family name: ____________________________________________

Children and classes: ________________________________________________________

I would like to receive the school newsletter by (please tick one)

- Logging onto the school website
- e-mail
  Please add e-mail address: ____________________________________________________
- In paper form

Thirlmere Public School
27 March 2013
Term 1 – Week 9