Principal’s Message

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to: Kelly, Danielle, Emmett, Erin, Mackye, Charlotte and Jeremy. Look for their picture soon on our website.

Aussies of the Month Nominees

**Early Stage 1**
- Lincoln - KH  
  Winner: Michael – KP

**Stage 1**
- Jessica – 1K  
- Bridie – 1N  
- Gabby – 2G  
  Winner: Jimmy – 2B

**Stage 2**
- Jazmin - 4S  
- Annise – 2/3R  
  Winner: Lachlan – 3/4H

**Stage 3**
- Alex - 5C  
- Jake – 6J  
  Winner: Portia – 5/6G

Assembly Awards

Award winners for 2B will be published in Week 1 of next term.

Our Last Paper Newsletter

Thank you to all parents who returned the Newsletter preference slip attached to the back of the newsletter this term.

If your preference was to receive the newsletter by email, you will receive your first emailed copy on Thursday 2 May 2013 and each Thursday thereafter during each school Term. If you have not returned your preference slip, we will assume that you will be logging onto the website to view the newsletter on the Thursday of each week at your leisure.

Anzac Day 25th April

On Sunday 21st April students are to assemble outside St Stephens Church at 12.30pm for the Anzac Day Service and March in Thirlmere.

Anzac Day falls during the school holidays, (25th April) however a group will be meeting at 6.30am behind the Picton Hotel for the Dawn Service. Students are asked to wear full school uniform. Our school’s Anzac Day Service will be held on Thursday 2nd May at 12.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.
Principal’s Message Cont.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Please support the P&C in the collection of tokens to gain points for our school. This year we would like to use the points to purchase much needed Literacy resources. Remember to stick coupons onto the tokens sheet which is going home with this newsletter. Please see further information from the P&C in this newsletter. Check out our website for pictures of maths resources received from last year’s initiative.

Term 2 – Return of Students

Next term all public schools will have an extra Staff Development Day. The 2 days will include professional learning and training of staff on the Australian Curriculum. Teachers will explore the new English Syllabus and undertake a range of activities to prepare for its implementation in 2014.
Staff ONLY will be at school on Monday, 29th and Tuesday 30th April. ALL students start on Wednesday, 1st May.

Managing Depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help: Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan – so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Principal’s Message Cont.

Thank you to Mrs Holahan and Mrs McLachlan for teaching 2G and 1K for the last three weeks while Mr Gardiner and Mr Lord were on leave.

We welcome Mr Lord’s return after the school holidays. It has been a pleasure relieving him during his absence.

Mrs Karolis (Relieving Principal)

Afternoon Pick-up Arrangements

Could all Parents/Guardians please inform their child/ren before coming to School about afternoon pick up arrangements.

We have been receiving a lot of phone calls from Parents/Guardians requesting we pass on messages to their child/ren.

We understand that situations do arise where arrangements need to be changed but we cannot guarantee that these messages will be passed on to students due to Assembly, CAPA Groups or Sporting Activities etc

Thank you for your co-operation.

SRC News

Mufti Day

Support your School and wear your Mufti clothes on the last day of Term 1 – Friday 12th April 2013.

GOLD COIN DONATION – Money going towards school resources.
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.
Hi Everyone,

Well as you may have heard a small committee has been formed to assist with the celebrations for later this year. The committees main focus is to work within the school to "Celebrate" the occasion and the President is Sandra Stewart (our own Year 4 teacher).

Next meeting is on Tuesday 7th May 2013 at 6.30pm in the Library.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping with this event attend the meeting. You may have some useful skills, ideas, just like to help on the day of the Fair or are able to assist with organising the event. Whatever you choose - WE DESPERATELY NEED YOU! Without volunteers the celebrations will be difficult to coordinate. We only just have over 6 months to arrange the proceedings so we are not capturing you for a life time commitment.

Please consider putting your hand up, if you cannot attend the next meeting on Tuesday 7th May 2013, but would like to assist please shoot me an email and we will most certainly find a worthy job for you.

See you all there!

Lee-Anne Armstrong
125th Anniversary Committee Secretary
Library News

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their Premiers reading challenge:

Lachlan
Jeremy W
Bohan
Jack J
Luke J
Maddison M

Earth Hour Recognition

Happy 50th Birthday
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Monster Day Friday 10th May. Come to school in your best monster outfit to celebrate “the wild things” birthday
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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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For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193
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 below and return it to the “frog’s mouth” in the school office.

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 ______