Principal’s Message

Principals Awards

Congratulations this week to: Braden, Jordan, Sarah, Tyler, Bridget, Taylor, Shiloh and Bronte. Their picture will soon be displayed on our website.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students from KP:
Artist Of The Week: Savannah
Mathematician Of The Week: Finley
Writer Of The Week: Mikayla

Look for their picture on our website!

Gold Medal Assembly

On Tuesday we recognised a special group of students who have made it to the upper levels of our reward system. We also invited a special guest, Mr Ken Tutt, my predecessor as Principal of Thirlmere Public School.

Gold Banners were presented to Elliott, Erin, Andrew, Lachlan (his third!), Kurtis, Brooklyn, Annise, Jeremy, Ruby, Jessica and Mackye. The one Gold Medal on this occasion was very deservedly presented to Kurtis. Again, check the website soon for the pictures.

Staff News

Two of our teaching staff will be taking leave from the beginning of Term 3. Mr Jackson will be on extended leave until mid 2014. Miss Melissa Gurnett will be teaching 6J during Mr Jackson’s absence. Mrs Hollingsworth will be taking part-time leave on Fridays. Her replacement is Mrs Mary Hawkins, who is familiar to us all. Finally, one of our cleaning staff (who is also one of our parents) Robin Campbell is leaving for another position at the end of term. We thank Robin for the great job she has done and wish her well in her new position.
Principal’s Message Cont.

Parking on Oaks Road

I remind parents that a 2 minute parking limit applies in front of the school between 8am - 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm. The intention of this limit is that drivers stay with their vehicles when dropping off or picking up students. Those who leave their vehicles unattended during these times not only break the law, but cause inconvenience and frustration to others. I have been advised by both Police and Council that offenders will be prosecuted.

Gymtastics Program

A reminder that this program begins on Friday 26 July (second week back after the holidays). Payment is due by Friday 19 July, and no late payments can be accepted.

School Development Day

I thank parents and carers for your patience in looking after your children for one extra day after the holidays. On 15 July, our staff will be receiving further updating on the incoming English Syllabus as the first instalment of the National Curriculum. In addition, both teaching and admin staff will be updating their cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) qualifications. We will look forward to seeing our students back on Tuesday 16th.

School Uniform – Last Reminder!

At the P&C AGM, the five year uniform review was undertaken. The only substantial change is the introduction of a sports shirt and shorts, which will be on display when they are available. The other decision made was to enforce the current uniform, right down to the footwear. For many of our students, this will mean no change at all. For others who need reminding, normal day-to-day shoes are black. They can be black sports shoes (no contrasting colour laces) but not casual black slip-ons that offer little or no support. Socks are fold-down (ie covering the ankles) in grey for boys and white for girls. Term 2 will be a period of grace – from the beginning of Term 3 students not in full school uniform will not be able to access Playground C or attend any off-site activities.

Writing essays made easier

Rather than worrying about an essay for weeks, suggest your child get in some early preparation and have the self-belief that they can do it.


Sorting fact from fiction

You can't always trust what you read when researching information for homework, assignments or projects. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


What’s in a game?

Among teen and preteen gamers, the names of violent video games travel fast. And before you know anything about these games your child wants to play them. How do you make an informed decision about what to buy?

Find out more: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives

Telling stories

Here’s a great school holiday idea: have your kids create an entry for this year’s Trop Jr film festival and in the process learn a little something about scripting, shooting, editing and copyright law. (Sneaky learning strikes again.)

Find out more: http://tropfest.com/tropjr/

Happy 125th Birthday Thirlmere P.S

Please take a moment on 2nd July 2013 to think of Thirllmere Public School as it officially turns 125. The celebration for this day will be on Saturday 12th October between 9am-3pm.

Enjoy the holidays and please stay safe. See you in Term 3.

Stephen Lord
## Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
- Paver Orders (125th Anniversary) – Last Day to Pay 28 June 13
- Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

**Notes sent home this week**
- NIL

### Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
- Paver Orders (125th Anniversary) – Last Day to Pay 28 June 13
- Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

**Notes sent home this week**
- NIL

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
- Paver Orders (125th Anniversary) – Last Day to Pay 28 June 13
- Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

**Notes sent home this week**
- 3/4H ONLY Purple Note - Mrs Hollingsworth’s Leave in Term 3
- Yellow Orienteering Note – New Date 17 July 13
  (To selected students ONLY)

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
- Paver Orders (125th Anniversary) – Last Day to Pay 28 June 13
- Year 6 Chocolates – Last day to Pay 28 June 13
- Year 6 High School Enrolment Forms Due 28 June 13
- Gymtastics – Last Day to Pay 19 July 13

**Notes sent home this week**
- Yellow Orienteering Note – New Date 17 July 13
  (To selected students ONLY)
- 6J ONLY – Mr Jackson’s Leave for 2013

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**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER, “LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT”**

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### Term 2 Reward Day

Students and parents would recall the newsletter item about the reward day that we had at the beginning of Term 2. We extended recess on one day for 15 minutes for those students who had not dropped a level during the whole of Term 1.

I mentioned in the newsletter item, that there would be a reward day at the end of Term 2, for students who were able to satisfy that same criteria for the duration of Term 2.

Tomorrow, Thursday 27 June, we have our Term 2 Reward Day. Students who qualify will each received a free ice-cream for lunch. As with Term 1, the overwhelming majority of our students qualify for the reward.

Once again, I issue the same challenge to all students in our school, to set a goal to qualify for the Term 3 Reward Day.

To those who missed out this term, I say that the reward day is easily achievable, if you set your mind to get there. It’s all up to you.

Mr Berwick
Assistant Principal

### Permission Booklet - URGENT

The office is currently sorting through the Permission Booklets sent home this Term and are in the process of handing new booklets out to families that have not returned it to date.

*Please complete the booklet and return to the office as soon as possible.*

### Band News

The school Band Account is currently in a negative as we are still waiting on some payments for student Band Fees.

**All Band Fees are due and payable now!**

*Students that have Band fees outstanding for Term 1 and 2 will be withdrawn from lessons from Term 3 until fees are paid.*
**Library News**


Remember you have until 31st August to complete the challenge so KEEP ON READING.

*SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to the students of 2B. The first whole class to finish the challenge. WELL DONE!*

**Cybersafety**

Several parents have asked me about online/ cybersafety programs for their children’s use of the internet and social networking sights.

The screen dump on the left is the menu for the parents section of the ACMA website (an Australian government agency) who provide information and resources to schools and parents.

We are hoping to arrange a workshop at school for parents regarding cybersafety run by ACMA in the near future.

In the meantime if you would like to access resources and information, just log onto the Cybersmart website at http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx
125th Anniversary Committee

All Paver orders need to be in by Last day of Term 2, 28 June 2013.

Don’t miss the opportunity to have your child/family name forever etched on the grounds of Thirlmere Public School.

We are aiming to receive 100 Paver orders to receive the free School Emblem etched Paver.

If you know of any old school families/teachers/friends that may be interested in purchasing a Paver, please direct them to the Thirlmere Public School website or they can obtain a paper copy from the School Office.

School Banking

Due to the overwhelming response to school banking, we are now seeking 3 parent helpers to volunteer in the office one morning per week on a rotating roster to assist the office in helping our students bank their money each week and earn rewards.

Computer knowledge along with Internet Banking knowledge is desirable. Training will be provided to successful parents.

Parents will be required to start at the beginning of Term 3.

Expression of interest with the above criteria is to be left at the school office addressed to Mr Lord.

Earn & Learn Stickers

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers will be collected on 26 July 2013. If you still have stickers at home please bring them in prior to this date.

Thank you

Uniform Shop

Girls Winter Tunic is now in stock.

The new sports shorts are now available to purchase at $15 a pair, sizes 4-16.

Please note that you do not have to purchase the shorts now, they will not be a compulsory part of our school uniform until Term 1, 2014.

The sport shirts are not currently available, I will advise when they are.

Attached below is a uniform feedback section. I would appreciate any feedback you would like to give regarding the school uniform, sports uniform and school hats. All feedback slips can be placed in the frogs mouth.

Thank you

Amanda Lee

Uniform Feedback

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Holiday Activities @ your library

The Magic Jester Show - Be Amazed!
The Magic Jester has been wowing audiences in Australia and overseas for over 15 years. His magic show is fun-filled entertainment for kids of all ages.
Date: Monday 8 July 2013
Venue: Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton
Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Ages: 5+ (younger siblings welcome)
Cost: $5.00 per person
Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 49778300

Gaming and Pizza Night
Play Halo ODST (M) on the Xbox 360, Super Smash Bros Brawl (PG) on the Wii, with Pizza, Chips, Lollies and Drinks.
Date: Tuesday 9 July 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Library closed to public)
Ages: 8+
Cost: $5.00
Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 49778300

Storytime @ Tahmoor Festival of Fun
Join us for a special storytime to listen to wonderful stories, sing some songs and rhymes, and takeaway a colouring-in to do at home.
Date: Thursday 11 July 2013
Venue: Tahmoor Community Centre
Harper Close, Tahmoor
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sessions at 10.00, 10.40, 11.20, 12.00, 12.40 & 1.20
Cost: FREE
No Bookings required. See you there on the day!

Craft Activity - Decorated Bag
Join us and have some fun making your own spangly, sparkly decorated bag. Use it to hold your library books, shopping, shoes, or whatever else you can think of.
Date: Friday 12 July 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 6+
School Newsletter

To embrace the technological nature of society, our newsletter is now being delivered by email. In the space provided below, please indicate the email address/es you wish to use to receive the newsletter.

1st Parent/Guardian Email : ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

2nd Parent/Guardian Email : ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

3rd Parent/Guardian Email : ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Extra School Reports

In some households there is a need for a second report to be sent to another parent not permanently residing with the student.

Reports go home at the end of Semester One and Semester Two.

If you require a second report, please provide us with the following details.

Name:_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship:________________________________________________________________________________________

Email address:_______________________________________________________________________________________

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.
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.

FiT Mums Group Training

FREE TRY OUT
Transformation session.
Bring a Friend!!

Be Inspired
Be Motivated
100% Natural

Enter the School Mums Challenge!!

PATRICIA YVONNE
Academy of Dance
Drama + Theatre
Thirlmere and Bargo Classes Available

Classical Ballet – Drama + Tap – Jazz – Modern – Musical Theatre

Beginners from 3 years to Advanced
Special classes for Tiny Tots

Enquires and Registration: Contact Miss Patricia
4647 7728 or 0418 273 115