Principal’s Message

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations this week to Brody, Isaac, Henry, Keira, Makayla, Isabella, Hannah, Finley, James and Jack. The photo will be on our website soon.

Assembly Awards

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Doing Our Bit for the Community

Friday’s mufﬁ food drive was an outstanding success, drawing praise from Wollondilly Community Links and the staff of Bendigo Bank. Of course, without our School Captain Lawson’s initiative it would not have happened at all. Thanks to all families who supported it.

Book Character Parade and Storyteller

On Thursday our new COLA was full of every space character or object you could imagine, helping to celebrate Book Week 2013. I understand that the book swap outside the Library was also well supported, and that our Canteen did a roaring trade in cupcakes. This was backed up on Friday by an interesting and amusing guest from Ghana called Charlie, who shared some tales from his home culture. Mrs Wood deserves special thanks for putting all this together – no wonder I call her the best Teacher-Librarian in the Universe!

Hall Heaters

At long last, our new heaters have been installed, just in time for the warmer weather. I thank everyone for their patience.

Gymtastics Parent Viewing Day

Our gym program providers have allocated Friday 6 September for any interested parents to see how the program operates. Timetable is as follows:

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EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE www.trybooking.com
Principal’s Message Cont.

Top Of The World – Again!

Our world wakeboarding champion Sam has returned from the USA, having retained his crown. He enjoys being the quiet bloke in the background here – I understand that in America he is somewhat of a cult figure. Nevertheless we are very proud of him.

Parent Surveys

Each year, the school conducts surveys to evaluate the success or otherwise of our programs and policies. In 2013, the areas for evaluation are:

- Management - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7N8RFTG
- Community - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/92YJ3CG

Each survey is only 10 questions and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please access the online links and help us to make our great school even better.

Spelling Success

The Premier’s Spelling Bee 2013 app has arrived. It’s a must-have app for students who want to practise their spelling. It’s free and available for Android devices.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/19XrnS1

Enjoy the rest of this week, and a special wish to all Dads for Sunday. Allow yourselves to be spoilt rotten by your families!

I’ll leave you with this quote from Pope John XXIII: 
*It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.*

Stephen Lord

Band News

_All outstanding Fees for Term 1, 2 and 3 must be paid immediately or your child/guardian will be withdrawn from lessons as of Term 4 until fees are paid._

2 free tickets per family are now available for band members who have paid all Band Fees to date by the 1 September 2013.

Tickets can be collected from the office between 9.30 and 2.30 Monday to Friday.

If band fees are not paid by 1 September tickets will then be withdrawn from reserve seating and made available for purchase.

Please note that all free Band Tickets are for evening performance ONLY. If you would like to attend the Matinee performance, you can purchase tickets online through TryBooking.com from 19 August 2013.

Instagram

Find out about Instagram and why it’s useful and fun to use. Importantly, this fact sheet will help you decide if the mobile application is appropriate for your child.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/18NSYS3

Starting High School

Year 7 is a huge learning curve for many kids. If you have a child starting high school next year, here are some videos and articles to have you both ready to go.


Spring Fitness

Be ready to inspire your whole family at the start of spring. Listen to Australia’s popular personal trainer Michelle Bridges chat with James O’Loghlin about keeping your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family
**Thirlmere Public School**  
28 August 2013  
Term 3 – Week 7

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**Canteen News**

**CANEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2013**

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**Father’s Day Stall**

Thursday 29 August 2013  
Gifts range from $1 - $12  
*Helpers needed between 9am & 11am*

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**Kindergarten Enrolments 2014**

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in 2014 it is now time to enroll. Please come to the office and collect and complete an enrolment form.

Further information regarding Kindergarten information evening and the Kindergarten Orientation process will be available soon.

**Student Medical Details and Health Conditions**

Last Friday the blue note went home to ALL students regarding the Student Medical Details and Health Conditions.

The double sided form NEEDS to be completed as soon as possible and becomes binding to your child’s School Enrolment Form.

If your child should have a medical condition that requires medication, could you please provide the office with the following:

1. The child’s prescribed medication, clearly labeled with a pharmacy label with their full name and dosage;

2. Complete a “Deed of Indemnity” form with the ladies in the office to authorise staff to administer the prescribed medication accordingly;

3. If the condition is severe, a Health Care Plan or Emergency Care Plan will need to be arranged with Mrs Stevenson.

**Student Invoices**

Invoices have been sent home today for money owing on Band, Camp and School Magazine.

*These need to be paid as soon as possible and before the end of term.*

If you child is not going on camp, please advise the school as soon as possible so these invoices can be cancelled.
### Extravaganza

Thank you to everyone for your positive feedback about our new online booking system.

Tickets are selling fast!

If you have not purchased your ticket as yet, please go online and follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)
2. Click on “Buy Tickets”
3. The yellow box type in “Thirlmere Extravaganza” and press search
4. Scroll down the page until you see Thirlmere P.S 2013 Extravaganza and click on link
5. Follow prompts to purchase your tickets

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT YOUR TICKET AND BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE NIGHT.*

### Stage 3 Camps

Listed below are important dates to remember for the Stage 2 & 3 Camps:

#### Year 4 Berry Camp

- **Last Day to Pay:** 15 October 2013
- **Camp dates:** 28 October 2013 – 30 October 2013

#### Year 5 Wooglemai Camp

- **Last Day to Pay:** 18 September 2013
- **Camp Dates:** 9 October 2013 – 11 October 2013

#### Year 6 Point Wolstoncroft Camp

- **Last Day to Pay:** 25 October 2013
- **Camp Dates:** 4 November 2013 – 8 November 2013
Wollondilly Food Drive

Please find a note from Linda Difrancesca regarding the Wollondilly Food Drive Donation:

Dear Staff and students,

Please find attached photos of all of the food and toiletries that you collected.

The generosity and community spirit demonstrated by your school will be felt across the whole shire, and on behalf of Community Links and Bendigo Bank I wish to thank you all.

I was moved to tears when I collected the food and am so happy that I was the one who was able to accept them on behalf of those in our community who are in need.

Kindest regards,

Linda Difrancesco

Estonian Cultural Visit

On Wednesday, 4 September (Term 3 Week 8), a member of the original Estonian community of Thirlmere, Valdur Liira, will be visiting our school.

Valdur grew up in Thirlmere during World War 2, and attended Thirlmere Public School in the years 1942 – 1947. He published a book titled Thirlmere Estonian Community Pioneers, and donated a copy of it to the school.

Stage 2 classes will be attending his presentation as it supports our current COGS unit – Effects of Growth and Change.

Mr Berwick
School Holiday Activities
@ your library

The Gruffalo

The Gruffalo' Storytime
Join us for a fun morning of stories, games, activities and craft based upon 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. Play 'Pin the Wart on the Gruffalo' for a chance to win a prize.

Date: Monday 30th September 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: $5.00

Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

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 1st October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Library closed to public)
Ages: 8+
Cost: $5.00

Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

Craft Activity - Springtime Crafts
Join us and have some fun making a range of Springtime crafts. Decorate a terracotta pot and plant your very own seedling. Take it home to watch it grow.

Date: Thursday 3rd October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: $5.00

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BE QUICK TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS ONLINE:

Trybooking.com

Search Thirlmere P.S and follow the links.

PARENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE DOOR!
Thirlmere Public School is now taking Enrolments

- Innovative Teaching & Learning Programs
- Strong emphasis on Literacy & Numeracy
- Student Focused Student Welfare Programs
- Extra-Curricular Activities such as Band, Choir, Performing Arts and Sports Gala Days
- High quality education giving your child the opportunity of a complete learning program
- Committed School Community

Join us for a Kindergarten Expo afternoon

Parents who will be enrolling their Pre-Schoolers in Kindergarten at Thirlmere Public School in 2014 are invited to our Kindergarten Expo to visit our school, tour our facilities and meet our talented team.

We encourage people who are just interested in visiting our school and exploring our educational opportunities to feel most welcome to participate.

When: Wednesday, 18th September at 2pm

in the school library for a short information session then, visit our classrooms and see Kindergarten 2013 in action.

Please contact the School Office 46818476 to register for Kindergarten Enrolment in 2014
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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.

Ph: 4683 1062