Principal’s Message
All of Stage 1 visited Sydney Aquarium on Friday, and have come back with some weird and wonderful tales. Just as importantly, the teachers have told me that their behaviour was excellent. There is a lot to say for learning on the spot, and I thank the teachers for organising this experience.

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations this week to the following students: Sarah, Thomas, Bowen, Monique, Dylan, Tristan, Kaylum, Piper, Beau (2), Emily and Jesse. Their picture will soon be on our website.

School Captains 2015
On Monday, all our appointed Student Leaders for next year gave their Captain speeches. Yet again I was totally amazed at the confidence and innovation. If these young people are any indication, the future of our country is in very good hands. Students in Years 2-5 voted following the speeches, and the results will be announced on Presentation Day.

Queen Victoria Hospital Performance
Also on Monday, our Choir and Band performed for the aged residents at QV, one of whom was Ms Mace’s Aunty Val! They looked and sounded terrific, and the visit was a great example of community partnership.

Joggers’ Club
The following students have achieved “milestones”: Dane, for 10km. Another picture to go on our website!

Some End Of Year Changes
Teachers have voted to have two extended staff meetings on 8th and 15th December, which means that we will have only one School Development Day after the students finish on Wednesday 17 December. The school will be closed on Friday 19 December.

Year 6 Chocolate Sales
Some of our senior students may have fundraiser chocolates on sale in the playground. The fundraising target is the Year 6 Farewell and gift to our school. Items are $1 each.

A New Way of Coming and Going
A new gate has been installed along the Barbour Rd fence, giving access to our school via the rear security fence gate near the vegetable garden. This will be available each morning and afternoon, hopefully taking some of the pressure off Oaks Road. There are no parking restrictions on Barbour Rd, but please exercise care, as there is no marked crossing either.
Security Gates
Please note that the gate on Goodlet St near the bus bay will be locked between 9:15am and 2:30pm each day. Entry will still be available via the front gate on Oaks Road. This arrangement provides added security for our students.

Parent/Carer Surveys
The school is required to conduct cyclical surveys on various aspects of its operation. Results are published each year in the Annual School Report. The two surveys currently online are about Leadership and Environment. You are strongly encouraged to complete the online surveys, which should only take 2-3 minutes, by following the links below:
Leadership: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9YZZJR

Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea
If by some chance, you have contributed in some way (no matter how big or small) to the school and your invitation has been overlooked, please consider yourself invited to join us on Thursday 4 December at 11am. We would love to see you and acknowledge your valuable support.

Sporting Talent Acknowledged
Mrs Stewart and I attended the Sydney South West School Sports Association Awards Night on Monday, where our very own Mackenzie was recognized with a SSW Blue for her achievements across many sports, most notably softball, athletics, cricket and football. Needless to say both our school and her family are very proud of her.

Summer holiday fun
Book your children into one of our fun-filled camps next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You’ll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.
For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

For the Love of Science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right. Listen to the podcast:

Pleasures of Free Play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.
Under scheduling your child:

Something to ponder for the first week of summer: by the time you read this there will be around 22 days until Christmas

Enjoy your week.
Stephen Lord

Gold Reward Day Final Details
Please find below the final details for this Friday’s reward day excursion.

Movie: Penguins of Madagascar (PG)
Depart school: 9:30am (weather permitting)
Return: 2:30pm – 2:45pm
Students are required to wear full school uniform.
Bring: Hat, Recess and Lunch in a disposable bag

Awards Information
All Merit Certificates. Principals Awards and Banners should already have been handed into the office.

The Gold Medal Assembly will be held on the
Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am
Uniform News
As the end of the year is fast approaching, it’s time to consider what uniforms you may require for the start of the new school year. Limited stock will be available to purchase through the uniform shop, but to avoid disappointment I recommend that you place an order. Orders can be left at the school office or placed at the uniform shop. Please provide a contact number on your order form so that I can let you know when your order is ready to collect.

Please remember that all payments must be cash or cheque only.
The shops opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm.
Amanda Lee

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

**Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)**
Notes Home:  
School Swimming Scheme (Yr 2 Only)

**Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)**
Notes Home:  
School Swimming Scheme

**Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)**
Notes Home:  
School Swimming Scheme  
Jamberoo Swim Test (Yr 6 Only)

Last Day to Pay:  
Asian Banquet – Fri 5 Dec

Selected Students
Last Day to Pay:  
School Swimming Scheme – Mon 9 Feb 2015

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

CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 4: 6TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2014

**Friday 5/12:** Joanna-lee Mauro, Mel Moroz, Christie Henry

**Monday 8/12:** Shannon Apps, Millie Achis

**Wednesday 10/12:** Linda Cernik, Sharon Browning

**Friday 12/12:** Julie Bird, Simone Hinton, Louise Shannahan

**Monday 15/12:** Lisa Boyce, Tammy Parker

**Wednesday 17th December:** CANTEEN CLOSED
SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

Payments and Excursions
All excursions and sporting events have a last day to pay date. Parents are asked to have payments to the office before this date, as our new system will not allow payments to be processed after the date. This will avoid any disappointment for your child.

Last Day to Pay for Stage 3 Asian Banquet is Friday 5 December 2014

Last Day to Pay
School Swimming Scheme is Monday 9 February 2015

Absence Notes
Please return all absence notes to office by tomorrow, Thursday 4 December 2014, as all unexplained absences will be harvested by the Department of Education on Friday 5th December and used for reporting purposes.

Band News
All band payments are now due. Payments must be made to the office by Friday 5th December 2014, so that the end of year accounts can be paid to the Tutor.
Term 4 Band
Band will run till Week 10 Monday 8 December and Tuesday 9 December. This is a 9 week program and the cost is $135

Upcoming Band Events
- Senior students will play at the Presentation Day and Gold Medal Presentation.

Youth Banking
The last day for Youth Banking was Wednesday 3rd December 2014.
Youth banking will resume on 4th February 2015
If you would like to join Youth Banking a representative from CBA will be at our school on Monday 2nd February 2015 between 8.45 and 9.45am to sign up students. Please note that applications can only be accepted from a Parent or Carer. Alternatively, a Sign Up Pack can be collected from the Office.

Afternoon pick-ups
As the office is closed from 3pm each weekday, we request that parents make alternative arrangements with the student before coming to school if you expect you may be delayed in the afternoon. Please confirm with your child/ren that they understand your pick-up instructions or alternatively advise the class teacher in the morning.

Partial Absences
Student who are consistently late and/or consistently leave early will be followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer who visits our school on a regular basis.
Please remember that school operates form 8.55am to 2.55pm with a teacher on duty to supervise children in the playground from 8.30am. Students are expected to attend school for then the full day, that is 8.55am to 2.55pm. There is no supervision after 3pm.

Thank you
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<td>Excursion Bag &amp; Drink Bottle</td>
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Childs Name________________ Year/Class________________

Contact Name________________ Contact No: ____________

Please tick option for collection: Payment options are cash/cheque

I will collect from school [ ]

Please deliver to my child’s class [ ]

I will collect from the uniform shop [ ]

20 August 2014

Term 3 – Week 6

19 November 2014

Term 4 – Week 7
**125th MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM**

**LIMITED QUANTITIES**  
ORDER WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT WITHIN FEW DAYS

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$15  
Qty       |
| ![Black Cotton or Calico Bag](image) | **Black Cotton or Calico Bag**  
Qty Black – **Now In Stock**  
Qty Calico       |
| ![Pen](image) | **Pen**  
$2  
Qty       |
| ![Tea Towel](image) | **Tea Towel**  
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Qty       |
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$6  
Qty       |
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$12  
To be purchased through Uniform Shop  
Qty       |
| ![125th Book](image) | **125th Book**  
Includes pictures of all current students and our schools history – focusing on last 25 years  
$20  
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You can view all above items in the school office.

Payment by cash only until further notice to the school office.
School Newsletter

Thirlmere Public School now deliver our newsletter by Email each week.
In the space provided below, please indicate the email address/es you wish to use to receive the newsletter.

The newsletter is also available to view on our school website:
www.thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Student Name: ............................................................... Class: ..............................................

1st Parent/Guardian Email : ...........................................................................................................................

2nd Parent/Guardian Email : ...........................................................................................................................

3rd Parent/Guardian Email : ...........................................................................................................................

No paper copies will be issued.

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.
PATRICIA YVONNE
ACADEMY OF DANCE,
DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS

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THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
BALLET- DRAMA – TAP – JAZZ
MODERN - LYRICAL
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Beginners from 3yrs to Advanced

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0415 995 225 or 4683 0193
www.s-t-a-d-s.com

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children aged 0-6 to have fun, make new
friends and develop skills through play.

Thirlmere Playgroup
Thirlmere Public School Hall
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Thirlmere
Mondays 10am

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The Beach Bus is a hop on, hop off bus service for all ages running every Friday in January. Running from Warragamba to Wilton to Wollongong North Beach, there will be a pick up at a bus stop near you.

For more information contact Council on 4677 8243 or youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

Please note that this is an unsupervised bus service. There will be NO ADULT SUPERVISION ON THE BUS OR THE BEACH and no responsibility will be taken for people who miss their scheduled departure time. Children 13 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

COMING TO YOU ON:
Friday 2nd January - Friday 9th January
Friday 16th January - Friday 23rd January

GETTING THERE

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<td>Bargo - Noongah St* (opposite Railway Station)</td>
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<td>Tahmoor - Remembrance Dve (outside KFC)</td>
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<td>Thirlmere - Thirlmere Way (double bus sheds north of roundabout)</td>
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<td>Redbank - outside Grove’s Funeral Parlour</td>
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<td>Douglas Park - outside shop</td>
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<td>Wilton - outside Wilton Shops</td>
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COMING HOME*

Pick up from Wollongong North Beach 2:25pm

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* There is only one pick up time from Wollongong North Beach in the afternoon. If you miss this pick up you must find your own way home.

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TAHMOOR UNDERGROUND

GLENCORE
### SUMMER PROGRAM

**WOLLONDILLY VACATION CARE**
66 Menangle Street, Picton
Thursday 18 December – Tuesday 23 December 2014
Monday 5 January – Tuesday 27 January 2015

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<td>Christmas Craft</td>
<td>Peppermint Crunch/Milk Chocolate Chip Cookies</td>
<td>Make your own snow</td>
<td>Balloon Christmas Candle Holder</td>
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<td>Hot Chocolate Spoons</td>
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<td>Make a Snow Flake</td>
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<td>Cooking Jelly Belly Biscuits</td>
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<td>Make a Sweet Christmas Tree</td>
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<td>Balloon Modelling</td>
<td>Shell Jewellery</td>
<td>Plaster Casting</td>
<td>Sausage Sizzle</td>
<td>Sand Castle Competition Make a Beach Wall Hanging</td>
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<td>Slip and slide across the back yard</td>
<td>Rainbow Bubble Snake</td>
<td>Make sponge balls for water games</td>
<td>3D Lizard</td>
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<td>Make a musical instrument</td>
<td>Make a straw Pan Flute</td>
<td>Incursion: Mick Conway 'Music with Almost Anything'</td>
<td>Match Box Pets</td>
<td>Talent Quest</td>
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<td>Make a Rainbow Wind Mobile</td>
<td>Make a bouncy ball</td>
<td>Make a Paper Mache Mixed Media Heart</td>
<td>Make Fruity Yogurt Pops</td>
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<td>Make a Digger's Slouch Hat</td>
<td>Incursion: The Reptile Man</td>
<td>Come dressed as an Aussie celebrity Make an Australian Diorama</td>
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<td>Make a Clay Echidna</td>
<td>Fruit Carton Abstract Art Work</td>
<td>Milk Bottle Mask</td>
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<td>Australia Day Public Holiday</td>
<td>Please remember to pack a towel and a change of clothes each day!</td>
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**Bookings Call:** 4677 8202 after 9:00am on Tuesday 25 November 2014
(Note: 30 places available per day)

All care must be pre-booked. **ALL BOOKED CARE MUST BE PAID FOR.** The service will bill you before the program for the booked care.
Childcare Benefit and/or Child Care Rebate fee reductions are available to all families. Applications via Centrelink.
**Call:** 13 61 50

The Vacation Care Program operates between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on the days indicated on the above program. Additional activities including art, craft, sports, drama and just plain fun are offered on a daily basis.

Full Fee without Childcare Benefit: $40.00 per day per child
(all activities, including incursions/excursions, are included in this fee).
A booking fee of $6.00 per family also applies.

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Wollondilly Year Round Care, PO Box 21 Picton, 66 Menangle Street, Picton NSW 2571
Phone: 4677 8202 Fax: 4677 8213 Email: yrc@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au
Web: http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au (Trim 7211#25)