PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Swimming Scheme
Approximately 60 of our students in Years 2-5 spent the last two weeks receiving intensive daily instruction in swimming and water safety. I watched them on Thursday and the Special Swimming Teachers told me how much they had progressed. Their certificates will be presented at this week’s assemblies. Thanks to Mr Gardiner and Mrs Budd for their assistance with the program.

Principal's Awards
Congratulations this week to: Courtney, Katie, Colby, Jessica, Jack, Monique, Finlay (2) and Lachlan. Their picture is on our website.

Joggers’ Club
Look on our website in the Special Events gallery for our latest students to pass the 10km mark. They are Aleksia, Lachlan, Jamie and Laine.

Scarecrows
Each Stage 1 class has built a model for entry in the Camden Show, and if you check the Special Events gallery on our website, you can see how good they are. All students voted yesterday for the top three to go to the Show this week. Well done to all the students and their teachers.

Cybersmart
Free presentations on how to safely browse, search and communicate online are being offered next Monday. Students in Years 3-6 are at 2pm; staff at 3pm and parents at 5:30pm, in our school Library. You are strongly encouraged to attend.

Stage 3 Bathurst Trip
Our travellers got away safely on Tuesday morning, bound for Katoomba, then on to Bathurst. This excursion is a fantastic learning experience as well as being a lot of fun. We are expecting them back on Thursday at 6:30pm. Any variance to this will be posted on the front door of the school office and on Facebook.

Student Attendance
Your children may have told you that rolls are now marked electronically by teachers each morning. What they may not know is that future student half-yearly reports will include partial as well as whole-day absences. For most, this is not an issue, but for some families, arriving late at school happens more often than it should, and we are obliged to record the time of arrival. If this applies to you, please make the necessary adjustments each morning to ensure that your children get to school on time.
Working with Children Check
As of 15 June 2013, all people involved in child-related work (which includes those volunteering in our school) must either apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance, or complete a Working with Children Check Declaration. The implications for both are as follows:

- A WWCC Clearance, if granted, allows child-related work or volunteering across all organisations, including schools, sporting clubs, scouts/guides, etc. Applications are made online at www.kids.nsw.gov.au. There is no cost for volunteer clearance.
- A WWCC Declaration can be made by any person wishing to volunteer in the school, and includes a 100 Proof of Identity check. It is only valid for the place where it is lodged.

Either one of these is necessary for all volunteers in our school. This includes canteen, classroom assistance, sports coaching and any activity where there is contact with students.

Kids and phone bills
How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It's called "bill shock", and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month.


Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O'Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues.


What makes a good book for young kids?
Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.


Helping kids learn how to make friends
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


Have a great week,

Stephen Lord

University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (UNSW ICAS)
Applications for the 2014 UNSW ICAS program are now available at the school office. Students from Years 2 – 6 are invited to apply. The entry fee per student and sitting dates are as follows:

- Computer Skills – 20 May 2014 $8.00
- Science – 4 June 2014 - $8.00
- Writing – 18 June 2014 - $17.00
- Spelling – 17 June 2014 - $11.00
- English – 29 July 2014 - $8.00
- Mathematics – 12 August 2014 - $8.00

All of the above - $60.00

These tests have been running for over 30 years in schools throughout Australia, and in over 20 countries Asia, Africa, the Pacific region and the USA. They are not compulsory.

Please be aware that the last day for payment for all competitions is Monday 7/4/2014.

Band News
All Band Fees for Term 1 2014 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.

Thank you.
### Canteen Roster Term 1 2014

**Fri 4th April**  
Mel Moroz, Christie Henry (til 1pm), Michelle Jobson

**Mon 7th April**  
Lisa Williams, Vicki Barrow

**Wed 9th April**  
Lee-anne Armstrong, Deb Parker

**Friday 11th April CANTEEN CLOSED**

### Term 2 2014

**Wednesday 30 April**  
Lisa Williams, Lea Blatch

**Friday 2 May**  
Tania Willett, Chris Ahumuda, Lisa Fava, Simone Hinton (orient)

**Monday 5 May**  
Amanda Lee, Amy White

**Wednesday 7 May**  
Diane Hunt, Vicki Barrow, Linda Cernik (orient)

**Friday 9 May**  
Mel Ruddiman, Simone White, Belinda Kelly, Cindy Hile (orient)

**Monday 12 May**  
Jo Tapp, Lea Blatch

**Wednesday 14 May**  
Apps, Belinda Dodd (orient)

**Friday 16 May**  
Lisa Fava, Monquie Liddle, Nicole Lewry

**Monday 19 May**  
Tammy Parker, Lisa Boyce

**Wednesday 21 May**  
Millie Achis, Linda Cernik

**Friday 23 May**  
Cindy Hile, Julie Bird, Simone Hinton, Belinda Sims (orient)

**Monday 26 May**  
Shannon Apps, Vicki Barrow

**Wednesday 28 May**  
Gail Burtenshaw, Deb Collings

**Friday 30 May**  
Mellissa Moroz, Christie Henry (til 1pm), Joanna-lee Mauro

**Monday 2 June**  
Tammy Parker, Vicki Barrow

**Wednesday 4 June**  
Diane Hunt, Sharon Browning

**Friday 6 June**  
Tania Willett, Simone Hinton, Zoe Stephens

**Monday 9 June**  
Joanna-lee Mauro, Lisa Williams

**Wednesday 11 June**  
Lisa Boyce, Vicki Barrow

**Friday 13 June**  
Monquie Liddle, Kerry New, Nicole Lewry

**Monday 16 June**  
Amanda Lee, Amy White

**Wednesday 18 June**  
Leonie Schlosser, Shannon Apps

**Friday 20 June**  
Mellissa Moroz, Joanna-lee Mauro, Mel Ruddiman

**Monday 23 June**  
Millie Achis, Lisa Williams

**Wednesday 25 June**  
Lee-anne Armstrong, Deb Parker

**Friday 27/6 CANTEEN CLOSED**

### Uniform News

In Term 2 there will be a price increase for our school uniform. The new price list/order form will available next week in the Newsletter.

The shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm. If you are unable to access the Uniform Shop during these times, orders can be placed through the office.

Amanda Lee

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### Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youth saver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

### Premier’s Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

This year students at Thirlmere Public School will be given the opportunity to participate in the Premier’s Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. This will be optional for all students in Years 3 – 6. The school competition will be held in Term 2 (Week 2).

Interested students should contact Mrs Byrne who will provide them with assistance on how to plan their speech. Further information is on the information sheet that will be sent home with students.

Co-ordinator – Mrs Byrne
Afternoon pick-ups
As the office will be 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.

Thank you
Administration Staff

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**
Notes sent home this week
Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle

**Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)**
Last Day to Pay:
UNSW Competitions (Yr2) – Mon 7 Apr
Notes sent home this week
Cross Country (8 Year Olds Only)
Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle
Camden Show Final Details

**Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)**
Last Day to Pay:
UNSW Competitions – Mon 7 Apr
Botany Bay – Wed 7 May
Notes sent home this week
Cross Country (8 Year Olds Only)
Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle

**Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)**
Last Day to Pay:
UNSW Competitions – Mon 7 Apr
Notes sent home this week
Cross Country (8 Year Olds Only)
Grandfriends Day and Sausage Sizzle

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

SRC News

**Kids of Macarthur need your help!!**

Why – Support for the Pediatric Unit at Campbelltown Hospital

How – Add something pink or blue to your school uniform on Friday 11th April and donate a GOLD coin.
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Cybersmart TIP#17

Excessive Use

Too much time online can impact on your health and wellbeing, family, relationships, work or education.

To find out more about how you can keep your child safe online attend the upcoming cybersafety presentation schedule in your school.

Session details:
Monday 7 April
5:30pm in the School Library

www.cybersmart.gov.au
# 125\textsuperscript{th} MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

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

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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

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.
Come to Playgroup and meet others in a relaxed and friendly environment.

A Playgroup is a place for you and your children aged 0-6 to have fun, make new friends and develop skills through play.

Thirlmere Playgroup
Thirlmere Public School Hall
Cnr Goodlet & Mason Streets
Thirlmere
Mondays 10am

PATRICIA YVONNE
ACADEMY OF DANCE, DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS

THIRLMERE

THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

BALLET - DRAMA – TAP – JAZZ
MODERN - LYRICAL
HIP HOP - MUSICAL THEATRE

Students trained for E.D.T.A.
Examinations & Stagecraft
Beginners from 3yrs to Advanced

ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION: contact Miss Patricia
(02) 4647 7728 or 0418 273115 (Mornings best)
Email: syaddta@bigpond.com

Youth Week 2014
4th - 13th April

Come along to our...

Easter Craft Party

Are you 8 years or over?
Do you like making craft, eating pizza, and playing the Wii?
Then come along to our Easter get together during Youth Week

FREE!

When: Friday 11th April

Time: 5.00 - 7.00pm

Where: Picton Library

and best of all....... participate in an Easter egg hunt around the library!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
@ YOUR LIBRARY

If you dare, come along to our ‘Horror’gami Party for all things scary. Listen to stories, play some games, eat some eerie treats and make some creepy origami creatures and craft. While you’re here check out the scary books the library has for loan.

When: Thursday 17th April 2014
Time: 10.30am - 12pm

Do you want to be the next Masterchef? Well they all had to start somewhere – and so could you at our ‘No Cook’ cooking workshop. Come along and make some yummy treats. NO BAKING REQUIRED!

Bring along a sealed container to take your goodies home in and borrow some kids’ cookbooks for some more ideas.

When: Thursday 24th April 2014
Time: 10.30am - 12pm

Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Come along to …

Wollondilly Library Services

@ Mowbray Park Farm
Picton NSW
$230 (incl MEALS, accommodation & activities)

9 - 13 year olds
Monday 14th to Tuesday 15th April

horse riding  archery
obstacle course  canoeing
CAMPFIRE  bushwalking
photography  tennis  ANIMAL NURSERY
outdoor games