PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Thank You and It’s Good to be Back

It’s the mark of a good school staffed by good people when the place runs smoothly while the Principal is away. I thank Mrs Gandy and all the teachers who stepped up to relieve in higher positions during my absence. They faced some challenges and did an outstanding job in meeting them. I am reliably informed that Education Week was a success, with our Open day drawing praise from our special visitor, Dr Margaret Turner, our Director, Public Schools NSW. I hope that the families who visited enjoyed our school as much as the students and teachers enjoyed having you.

It’s A Boy!

Congratulations to our School Administration Officer and School Learning Support Officer Mrs Cugalj, who has given birth to dear little Stefan on Saturday. A treasured first son for Charlie and Sladjana, and an adored little brother for Natalija, Ivana and Aleksandra.

Gold Banner

Special acknowledgement goes to Lilybelle, who has qualified for her Gold Banner, but will not be with us at our end-of-year Gold Assembly. Her banner was presented on Monday morning.

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations this week to:
Caitlyn, Joshua, Jeremy, Max, Luke, Erin, Sarah, Jordan and Keira. Their picture will be on our website soon.

Aussies Of The Month

Nominations and winners for the month of June are:

Early Stage 1
Samuel, Rhianna (winner)

Stage 1
Levi, Harry, Keira, Shiloh, Samantha (winner)

Stage 2
Makayla (winner), Monique, Jack

Stage 3
To be presented at the Week 5 assembly, due to Year 6 Camp.

Student Banking Award

Well done to Rhianna – a great little Aussie saver!
**Road Safety Issues**
Wollondilly Council is involved in two projects to improve conditions for pedestrians and motorists around our school. One is for a raised threshold at the crossing, providing better visibility for drivers and enhanced safety for pedestrians. The other is an awareness-raising campaign about school 40km/h zones and parking restrictions. In the near future, you will notice some signage on our school fence, and leaflets will be distributed from 12 August. Council advises me that the Police will be present during this campaign.

**Year 7 2015 Academic Class Testing**
The scheduled date of this test clashes with the final day of Year 6 camp. I have been in contact with Mrs Sapsed at Picton High School and we have organised for Thirlmere students to sit this test Monday 11th August at Thirlmere PS. ALL Thirlmere students who pay for this test will sit it at school and not on the scheduled date at Picton High School. This also includes students not attending camp.

**Kindergarten 2015**
Where has the year gone? It is already that time again where I encourage families with children starting Kindergarten in 2015 to collect an application for enrolment form the school office. Staff will commence planning for Kindergarten transition shortly and we would like to ensure we are in contact with as many families as possible.

**Flu season is here!**
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:
Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.
Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**Sydney Water**
I have received a letter from Sydney water indicating they will be conducting surveys and investigations in the local area for three months from July. The work will only occur from Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. Please be mindful of any changes to traffic during this time.
My time away has been wonderful, but it’s good to be back, and I’m still proud to call Australia home.

Stay safe and enjoy your week.

Stephen Lord

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TERM 3:**

**FRIDAY 8/8:** Chris Ahumuda, Lisa Boyce, Millie Achis
**MONDAY 11/8:** Amanda Lee, Amy White
**WEDNESDAY 13/8:** Lee-Anne Armstrong, Deb Parker
**FRIDAY 15/8:** Lea Blatch, Monique Liddle, Mel Ruddiman
**MONDAY 18/8:** Simone Hinton, Tania Willet
**WEDNESDAY 20/8:** Belinda Dodd, Linda Cernik
**FRIDAY 22/8:** Mel Moroz, Joanna Mauro, Zoe Stephens
**MONDAY 25/8:** Shannon Apps, Vicki Barrow
**WEDNESDAY 27/8:** Lisa Fava, Nicole Lewry
**FRIDAY 29/8:** Tania Willet, Lisa Williams, Simone Hinton
**MONDAY 1/9:** Amanda Lee, Amy White
**WEDNESDAY 3/9:** Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper
**FRIDAY 5/9:** Kerry New, Cindy Hile, Lisa Fava
**MONDAY 8/9:** Vicki Barrow, Christy Greene
**WEDNESDAY 10/9:** Lea Blatch, Louise Shannahan
**FRIDAY 12/9:** Jo Tapp, Julie Bird, Lisa Boyce
**MONDAY 15/9:** Millie Achis, Helle Juske
**WEDNESDAY 17/9:** Deb Collings, Gail Burtenshaw
**FRIDAY 19/9** CANTEEN CLOSED

**6 August 2014**

**Term 3 – Week 4**
Uniform News
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.
Please note that the uniform shop can only accept payments by cash or cheque. NO EFTPOS payments can be accepted as we do not have the facility.

Amanda Lee

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Stage 1 (Years K, 1 and 2)
Notes Home:
Public Speaking Competition

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)
Notes Home:
Public Speaking Competition
Wollondilly Music Festival (Selected Students Only)

Last Day to Pay:
Wollondilly Music Festival – Mon 11 Aug
Stage 2 & 3 Performance – Thu 14 Aug
Year 4 Berry Camp – Full Payment 15 Oct

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Notes Home:
Point Wolstoncroft Information for Parents
Public Speaking Competition
Wollondilly Music Festival (Selected students Only)

Last Day to Pay:
Wollondilly Music Festival – Mon 11 Aug
Stage 2 & 3 Performance – Thu 14 Aug

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

WOLLONDILLY WINTER APPEAL FOOD DRIVE

Don’t forget to bring in bottled, tinned or packaged food, and toiletries like, tooth paste or shampoo... in fact any item from your pantry.
The SRC are collecting these items to support those less fortunate in our community.
Goods are being collected in House Groups, so.. get busy Boronia and Banksia!
What are you waiting for Waratah and Wattle!
Start bringing items to school. Baskets are waiting every morning before school!

SRC

Crossing – Performance for Stage 2 and Stage 3
A reminder that payment for this play which will be performed at school on the 25th August will need to be paid by the 14th August. This is a very entertaining play which covers the early exploration of Australia. Payment after the 14th August will not be accepted.

Mrs Karolis

Drumbeat
Those students involved in the drumbeat program should be aware that Drumbeat will not occur on Mondays 11th or 18th August because the instructor is not available for these days.

Mrs Mace
SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

Payments
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.

Band News
There were no band lessons held on Monday and Tuesday this week as year six are on camp. All students have not been charged for lessons this week. Band lessons will commence again next week, Monday 11 August, and we ask you to remind your child/ren to bring their instrument to school.

FOEI Forms
Recently a letter went home to selected families regarding the Family Occupation and Education Index. The majority of these forms have been returned to the office but we are still waiting on the remainder. If you haven’t returned the form to date, could you please forward it to the office at your earliest convenience as the information determines the amount of funding the school receives. If the letter has been misplaced, the ladies in the office can provide you a new one upon request. We thank you for your co-operation in completing the form.

Absentee Letters
Absentee letters are now coming home to families that have not provided a reason for absence to the school for their child’s absence. We are still working through the new system and appreciate any information you could provide us if the dates on the letter should raise concern to you.

Thank you
Administration Staff
### Students on Bronze Level

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**TOTAL** $     

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 [ ]
**125th MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM**

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

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<td><strong>125th Book</strong>&lt;br&gt;Includes pictures of all current students and our schools history – focusing on last 25 years&lt;br&gt;$20</td>
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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.
Macarthur CDC’s Spot Check!

Macarthur CDC’s Speech Pathologists are offering FREE screening services for children whose parents or teachers think they may have some difficulties with their speech, language or literacy skills but are not 100% sure!

This service is offered in term 3 on Thursday afternoons between 2.00pm-3.00pm. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

All parents and teachers will be asked to fill out questionnaires and consent forms prior to the child’s appointment.

Macarthur CDC’s speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessment is required or refer to appropriate services.

Please contact us at

P: 02 4648 0837
E: admin@macarthurcdc.com.au
Shop 6/38 Exchange Parade, Narellan NSW 2567

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

Tahmoor District Cricket Club

Think of playing cricket?
Come and join
Registrations to play Cricket in 2014 – 2015 Season

Registrations open from 31st July 2014 (visit our website for registration form)
tahmoorcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
Or register in person on:
✓ Sunday 10th August 10.00 to Noon at Tahmoor Sports Ground
✓ Sunday 17th August 10.00 to Noon at Tahmoor Sports Ground

Who can play?
Boys and Girls
Juniors and Seniors

Contact: Andrew Murphy 0418 612 054, Shane Eva 0415 906 270,
Jane Eva 0412 296 608, Kevin Dries 0417 448 161
Can your Students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to [www.active8change.com.au](http://www.active8change.com.au). Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.