Relieving Principal’s Message
I received an invitation in the mail recently to attend a service next week recognising the commitment to Public Education that one of our staff members has made. Mrs Mary Hawkins has worked for the Department of Education for a period of 40 years. During that time I have had the pleasure of working with Mary for ten of those years and I can honestly say I am a better teacher and leader because of that. Her knowledge of how students learn, her passion for engaging students in what she is teaching and her contribution to Thirlmere are unrivalled. Mary formally retired from the Department a few years ago but has continued to work once a week on a temporary basis across a range of classes. She is exceptionally humble and I will be in particular trouble when she reads this Newsletter. Actually getting her to accept the invitation to the afternoon tea took “a little” convincing and a lot of bribery. I know I speak on behalf of the entire Thirlmere community in thanking Mary for the great difference she has made in the lives of so many children including your own.

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”
William Arthur Ward

Enjoy your week.
Selena Gandy
Relieving Principal

Principal’s Position
The process of merit selection has been finalised and Lisa Whitfield has been appointed to the position of Principal at Thirlmere Public School commencing Term 1 2016. Ms Whitfield is currently the Deputy Principal at Hayes Park Public School in the Illawarra.

Classes 2016
Planning is well underway for 2016; this includes calculating anticipated class numbers. If you are aware for a particular reason that your child will not be returning to Thirlmere in 2016 please notify the office as soon as possible. Additionally, if you have any concerns regarding your child’s class placement please put these in writing addressed to Mrs Gandy. Please note requests will be considered on the grounds of student learning styles and peer relationships only. The executive and I will not support a system of naming individual staff members.
Mini Fair
This Friday is our annual Mini Fair and will officially mark the end of Year 6 fundraising. Year 6 have been working tirelessly, with the assistance of Ms Foreman, Mr Gardiner and Mrs Collins to plan their stalls and ensure the rest of the school enjoy an amazing day. Parents are welcome to attend the event and encouraged to bring your wallets! The fair will begin at midday with a BBQ lunch and wrap up in time to leave school at 2:55pm. I would strongly encourage students to pre-order tokens; these will be handed out in class on Friday morning. All stalls on the day will operate on a token system.

Hats
As a school we are implementing the “No Hat No Play” rule during break times as the weather warms and we become increasingly aware of the risk of skin cancer. Those students without a hat are required to sit in the shade out the front of the library. It is extremely pleasing to see that over 95% of the students do wear hats. Unfortunately those that don’t are the same children each day. I am again asking for your support in ensuring your child brings a school hat, the hat chosen by the P & C, to school each day.

Nominate our Library
We know we have an outstanding library here at Thirlmere but we’d like everyone else to know it too. Please follow the link below to nominate our library and put our library in the running to be named one of Australia’s great school libraries. The more nominations the better.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreatSchoolLibraries

Walkathon Money
Walkathon money is now overdue. Any outstanding money should be returned to the school office immediately. The Smith Family will be presented with a cheque at assembly on Monday morning.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Just a reminder to Year 6 parents, that the closing date to RSVP to the Year 6 Farewell Dinner is tomorrow, Thursday 19th of November. This is for Year 6 Students and Parents who would like to attend. All RSVPs need to be handed into the office.

Principal’s Awards
Summer 1WD, Jack J 1/2P, Jack P 1/2P, Chloe 5/6T, Tristan K/1R, Katie KW, Shakayla 1WD, Montana 3K

Payments for Gold Reward Day have closed and the payment has been processed for this excursion. Congratulations to all students who succeeded in reaching Gold level. It is an outstanding achievement to note that this year we can no longer fit in one cinema because of the high number of students attending. There are 324 students participating in this excursion. Wow!

Year 6 Mini Fair
The Year 6 Mini Fair is fast approaching. It will be held on Friday the 20th of November, week 7. Last week all students received a note about pre ordering tokens for the day. Pre ordering tokens will save lining up on the day and potentially missing out on some great activities. The Band as their major fundraiser for the year will be holding a BBQ on the day, which can also be pre ordered. All pre orders for Mini Fair and BBQ please place in the frog’s mouth in the office by Wednesday 18th of November. As part of the Year 6 Mini Fair we will be holding a cake stall. Any cakes that would like to be donated would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you for another successful Year 6 Mini Fair.

Mufti Day for Mini Fair
This Friday is Mini Fair and to help keep with the theme of fun students are allowed to wear mufti. All proceeds go to the Year 6 Farewell.
Extravanza 30th November
Just a reminder to the Stage One Bollywood dance
group and 1WD Hip Hop group that money and notes
need to be returned ASAP. We have been advised that
tickets will be available for purchase on the night.
Mrs McLachlan

Joggers Club
Next week will be the last Joggers Club for the year.
Congratulations to all those students that have been
coming regularly and increased their fitness. A big thank
you to Tara and Ms Foreman for helping out when
needed.
Mrs McLachlan

Excursions and Notes
All Students
Notes Home:
Mini Fair Donation Request

Selected Students
Notes Home:
Band Performances 2015
Please refer to the table in the
“School Finance and Office” section for
“Last Day to Pay” dates and the cost of events

Uniform Shop
As we are heading towards the end of the year, it’s time
to start thinking about what stock you may need for the
coming school year. It’s a very busy time for the
Uniform Shop and stock does get very low at times. To
be sure you do not miss out on any items that you may
require, please fill out an order form and drop it back in
to me at the shop or leave it at the front office for my
collection. Any orders placed can be collected before
the end of this school year or at the start of the next
school year.
Any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to
ask me.
The Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays
8.30am-9am and 2.30pm-3pm.
Amanda Lee
Canteen Roster 2015
If anyone can’t make their day, please find your own replacement, remember without volunteers, this canteen wouldn’t run !!!!

Term 4
Fri 20/11  Monique Liddle, Mel Moroz, Jo Chivers
Mon 23/11  Shannon Apps, Gail Burtenshaw
Wed 25/11  Deb Parker, Leanne Armstrong
Fri 27/11  Monique Hunt, Karen Kennedy, Libby Spencer
Mon 30/11  Lee Blatch, Catherine Davidson
Wed 2/12  Nicole Lewry, Lisa Williams
Fri 4/12  Cindy Hale, Louise Casno, Belinda Kelly
Mon 7/12  Alison Tarrant, Julie Bird
Wed 9/12  Dianne Hunt, Vanessa Zahara
Fri 11/12  LAST DAY Mel Ruddiman, Christie Henry, Sam Bingham

Scholastic Book Club
brochures (Issue 8) are going home this week and are the last for this year!

Thank you for supporting our school library through your Book Club purchases this year. When buying books through Book Club we are encouraging reading and earning points for Thirlmere Public School! Those points are used to choose more books for our lovely library.

Please return Book Club orders by Monday 30 November

If you would like your Book Club purchase to be a surprise, simply send me an email on gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au with your phone number and I will call you when it comes in (rather than send it home with your child).

If you are interested in buying through Book Club, please return forms and money to the Office by Monday 30 November.

If you have any questions please drop by the library.

Gaby Gutjahr (Teacher Librarian)
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 system will not allow payments to be processed after the date. This will avoid any disappointment for your child.

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Youth Banking Program

The last day for Youth Banking will be on 8/12/15(Week 10).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dunleavy, Mrs Willett and Mrs Lee for volunteering their time once a week to process deposits, prepare banking awards and order rewards for students.

I am happy to advise that Mrs Dunleavy and Mrs Lee will continue to be our Youth Banking assistants in 2016.

Thank you
Michelle Benson

Thank you
Administration Staff
**What’s on in the Canteen**

Well there is lots happening as the year winds up so don’t forget to check dates in the newsletter.

**Friday 20th November** – canteen CLOSED for lunch orders in support of Year 6 Mini Fair. Canteen will only be open for recess items.

**Tuesday 24th November** – Kinder Orientation – we ask all our wonderful cooks to please provide our canteen with some yummy treats to impress our new parents. Goods can be dropped to the canteen the morning of.

**Christmas Meal Deal** – is on Wednesday 2nd December. All orders to be in by Monday 30th November. Look out for the flyer this week.

**Friday 4th December** – canteen CLOSED for Gold Reward Day.

**Wednesday 9th December** – Presentation Day. We are asking our wonderful parents once again to help out with providing our parents & guests with some yummy treats.

**Friday 11th December** – LAST DAY CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR TERM

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**VOLUNTEERS**

As the year draws to a close & we are all so busy, please do not forget to double check the canteen roster. We are relying on all volunteers to fulfil their day & if you are unable to attend your day to find a replacement.

On that note if you are planning on canteen duty next year either as an existing volunteer or new, please email Lee-Anne at leana273@gmail.com to indicate your preferred days of the week and the number of times per term.

Reminder to parents & volunteers –

Reminder that volunteers are unable to reheat meals for students under Safe Food Practices so please do not encourage children to ask.

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**CANTEEN CLOSED FOR LUNCH ORDERS FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER. RECESS ITEMS ONLY.**

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**CHRISTMAS MEAL DEAL 2015**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER - COST $6**

**ORDERS TO BE IN BY MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

*PLEASE CHOOSE MEAL DEAL & STICK TO LUNCH BAG ORDER  ORDERS CAN BE DELIVERED EACH CANTEEN DAY UP TO MONDAY 30/11/15*

*Have you been naughty or nice?*

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**NAME:**

**CLASS:**

**SANTAS SANGA**

- Ham & Cheese Toastie
- Red Arorona or Green Arorona or Water
- Red Apple or Green Grapes
- Red Jelly
  
  **COST $6**
  
  **CORRECT MONEY PLEASE**

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**NAME:**

**CLASS:**

**REINDEER WRAP**

- Ham & Cheese Salad Wrap
- Red Arorona or Green Arorona or Water
- Red Apple or Green Grapes
- Red Jelly
  
  **COST $6**
  
  **CORRECT MONEY PLEASE**
Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Year 7, 2017 Auditions

“Strength Through Unity”

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School is a specialist performing arts high school with an international and national reputation for expertise in C21st learning. CPAHS is a mentor school for the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership initiative on student engagement, has recently been selected as a Microsoft Global Showcase School (one of six Australian schools and 150 worldwide), and received the 2014 Campbelltown Director Public Schools NSW School Award for excellence in education.

CPAHS has also received awards at regional, state, national and international levels for excellence in a range of areas including 21st century learning and use of technology, performing arts, school leadership, Aboriginal education, professional learning and quality teaching.

Audition applications are now open for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2017. Limited places are available in drama, dance, music – vocal and instrumental, and circus arts. Our performing arts students are supported by exemplary specialist teachers and have access to state-of-the-art facilities. They are consistently selected to perform at a regional and state level and, overall, enjoy over 50 performance opportunities each year.

Auditions for Year 7, 2017 will be held on 14th, 15th 16th, 17th, and 18th March 2016 in the areas of dance, drama, music (vocal and instrumental) and circus arts. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au or by contacting the school office.

Parents and prospective students are also welcome to attend an information evening on the 10th February 2016 at 6pm. This evening will provide an opportunity to meet key personnel, develop an understanding of the school’s programs and subjects, tour the school’s state-of-the-art facilities, and gain information about the enrolment and audition process.

Audition applications close 26th February 2016.

For more information please contact our Performing Arts faculty on 02 4625 1403.
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.

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**THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**
**PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2015**

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**TOTAL $**

Child's 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 [ ]
FAMILY GP

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- Thurs 2pm-6:30pm
- Fri 2pm-6pm
- Sat & Sun Closed

87 Remembrance Dr
Tahmoor
*Appointments Preferred

FREE Child Development Information Sessions at Buxton

Wollondilly Health Alliance
Wollondilly Shire Council

- Would you like to enhance your parenting skills?
- Do you have questions about your child’s development?
- Would you like to meet other parents from your area and have some fun with the kids?

The Dilly Wanderer, in conjunction with the Wollondilly Health Alliance, is offering free information sessions for parents on a range of topics:

- 9 September: Parenting Strategies
- 14 October: Ages and Stages
- 11 November: Accessing Allied Health services in your area: Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy
- 9 December: Healthy Eating for Families

All sessions start at 9:30am and finish at 11am

To register your interest on these or other sessions happening in your area:
Call Council on 4677 9599 or email dillywanderer@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

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Acting, Dance, Singing Agency

Actors, Singers & Dancers
!!! Now Booking for 2016!! For Ages 18 months to adult.

*Drama/Acting*  *Singing*  *Dance/Choreography*  AND  *The Agency*

Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available. Come in and join the fun today!! For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193
www.s-t-a-d-s.com

St. Patricks Day Fun Day

Jackie’s Fitness 2 You

Starting Monday 9th November 2015

6 Week Pre-Xmas Bootcamp

@ Thirlmere

Mon & Thurs 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Saturday 8.00am to 9.00am

Casual visit $15 (bundle pricing available)

All ages and fitness levels welcome

Contact Jackie for further information

CALL or TEXT 0414 703 281

“Jackie’s Fitness 2 you”
Grandparents Support Group

Are you a grandparent/carer of grandchildren?

Are you in need of:
♦ advocacy
♦ information
♦ Support
♦ Would you like more information about financial assistance available?

A Grandparents Support Group meets here at Tahmoor Community Centre every second Friday morning at 10am until 12pm.

Come have a cuppa and chat to other grandparents in a similar situation.

For enquiries please call: Vida at Community Links on Ph. 4683 2776 or Meryl Cooper Ph. 0413881414

Meetings for remainder of 2015 will be

Friday 13th & 27th November & Friday 11th December
10am at Tahmoor Community Center

For more information please contact

6 Harper Close, Tahmoor NSW 2573 Phone 0246 832 776 Fax 0246 832 778

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP for adults!

Join us for a morning of Christmas themed art and craft. Make a Christmas themed canvas art and paint a ceramic plate.

Monday 14th December
9.30-11.30am
Wollondilly Shire Hall
Cost: $5.00 (pre-payment)

Bookings essential. Contact Picton Library on 4677 8300