Relieving Principal’s Message

Tuesday morning I had the opportunity to welcome the 2016 Kindergarten students and their families to the school for the final time in 2015 at the Orientation Information session. When I spoke to them I shared some thoughts, the scariest of which is that next year’s Kindy students will graduate from Thirlmere in the year 2022 and finish year 12 in the year 2028. We did stop to consider what their children and schooling would look like in these years, let alone what we would look like then.

The other thoughts I shared with them were around becoming involved as parents in our school. I have spoken in many forums about that this year and how we as a school strive to maximise our parent involvement. I thought I would share with you the same thoughts I shared on Tuesday.

“During your child’s schooling take every opportunity to be as involved as you can be with our school. I know for each of you that will look different and that is completely okay. Some parents will assist in classrooms and help throughout the day, some parents will support the P & C and their fundraising or canteen roster and some parents won’t be able to physically help at all. If every parent engages with our school through their child, reading with them, supporting their attendance at school each day, supporting the school’s implementation of policies including behaviour and uniform and every parent helps to promote Thirlmere as a positive place of learning within our community - you are doing your best to support our school. Work with our staff, talk with them, ask questions and see them as the professionals they are who share a common goal with you – to seek the very best of opportunities for your child to make them the best they can be. Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.”

Enjoy your week.

Selena Gandy
Relieving Principal

Mrs Gandy Long Service Leave

This Thursday and Friday Mrs Karolis will be relieving as Principal as I escort my husband to a function in New Zealand for the weekend. I am looking forward to this greatly. Miss Moutos will teach 3K for this period of time.
Ruby Day Wrap Up
Ruby Day appears to be the day that just keeps giving. At Monday’s assembly we were able to make our final presentation of the awards to students in each class that had raised the most funds, the student who raised the most funds overall in the school and the class with the highest total. We were also able to make the proudest of all presentations and that included the presentation of the final cheque to Kellie, Heath, Ruby and Hugo. How outstanding is it that as a community we raised $40 446.20.

Congratulations to the following class winners.

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<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Student – Highest Raised</th>
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<td>Madeline</td>
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<td>5/6T</td>
<td>James</td>
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<td>6G</td>
<td>Jessyca</td>
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<td>Overall Highest Student</td>
<td>Molly Greene</td>
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Student Leaders 2016
After a rigorous nomination process that included peer and staff voting and the submission of a written application it gives me great pleasure to announce the Students Leaders for 2016.

James C 4/5F
James L 5/6T
Jeremy 5J
Joshua 4/5F
Molly 4/5F
Monique SJ
Piper 5J
Sarah 4/5F

I would also like to take the opportunity to commend the calibre of the applications we received including the 8 students who nominated but were unfortunately unsuccessful in the process. I have encouraged these students to consider the opportunities still available to them in the other leadership roles that will open for nomination in the coming weeks and at the start of 2016.

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.

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

Kindergarten 2016
Our final Orientation and Parent Information session was held on Tuesday 24 November 2015. This was a great forum to share important school information and I trust parents found it valuable. Again, I’d like to thank Ms Debra Mace for her organisation of the event and Mrs Reason, Mrs Pearce and Miss Wilder for the outstanding organisation of the engaging classroom activities students were involved in. We look forward to welcoming these new members of the Thirlmere community in 2016.
Principals Awards

Aussie of the Month Awards-October

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Early Stage 1 Winner

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Stage 1 Nominees

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<td>Shakayla 1WD</td>
<td>Angus 4/5F</td>
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<td>Jack 1/2P</td>
<td>Rachelle 5J</td>
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<td>Caleb 2S</td>
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Stage 1 Winner

Stage 3 Nominees

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<td>Hugo 2M</td>
<td>Taylor 5/6T</td>
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Gold Medal Presentation Day
The Gold Medal Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, 15 December 2015. Please note the following important dates for awards to be handed in. Awards handed in after these dates will not be included when allocating Gold Medals for this presentation.

24th November – Last day for Merits Certificates to be given to the Office.

1st December – Last day for Banners and Principal’s Awards to be given to the Office.

Band Orientation Night
This Thursday at 6:30pm Mr Jackson and Mrs Byrne will be hosting a Band Orientation evening for students wishing to join the Beginners Band in 2016. If you considering this as an option for your child or you would simply like to hear more information I would encourage you to attend. Please contact the office if you need additional details.

K-2 Assembly Roster

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Presentation Day
Our Annual PRESENTATION Day will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2015. The format will be slightly different this year.

The assembly will start at 10am to present class and grade awards and will break at 11am for Morning Tea. Formalities will recommence at 11.25am for Sports and Special Awards.

We are aware that arranging time off work can be difficult if you wish to attend the Presentation. If your child is to receive an award, you will be notified by phone by Friday week 8, hopefully giving parents sufficient time.

Looking forward to sharing this celebration of learning!

Presentation Committee
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 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

Excursions and Notes

All Students
Notes Home:
Christmas Meal Deal
Tuck Shop Talk

Selected Students
Notes Home:
Beginners Band Note 26/11/2015

Please refer to the table in the “School Finance and Office” section for “Last Day to Pay” dates and the cost of events

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 thus 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)
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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<td>Bollywood Dance Group &amp; 1WD Hip Hop</td>
<td>25/11/2015</td>
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<td>Taronga Zoo</td>
<td>$38.00</td>
<td>Year 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>27/11/2015</td>
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<td>Stage 2 Sydney IMAX Theatre &amp; Chinese Gardens</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
<td>Years 3 &amp; 4</td>
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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

Extravadanza 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

Thank you
Administration Staff
**Tuck Shop Talk**

**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.

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

**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 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 leama73@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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**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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**Santas Sanga**

- Ham & Cheese Toastie
- Red Arona or Green Arona or Water
- Red Apple or Green Grapes
- Red Jelly
- Cost $6
- Correct money please

**Reindeer Wrap**

- Ham & Cheese Salad Wrap
- Red Arona or Green Arona 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 21st 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.
### THIRLME RES PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

**PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2015**

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**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
FREE Child Development Information Sessions at Buxton

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 e.g. 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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S.T.A.D.S.
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

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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

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THE CLINIC
Ph: 4683 1244 NOW OPEN

Tahmoor Medical, Allied & Alternative Therapies P/L
Dr Ron Campbell B.Med (Hons), FRACGP, B.Pharm, B.Sc., Grad Cert in Medical Acupuncture
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

MYTHS & FACTS

ICE
CRYSTAL METH
Free Information Night

Detective Inspector Daleby from Camden Local Area Command will speak about the prevalence of Ice in our community. There’s a representative from NSW Alcohol & Drug Health, and a local service provider will identify actions parents can take to support family or friends affected by drug abuse.

Picton Rangers Football Club
2016 Registration Day
Saturday 6th and 13th February
10am – 12 noon
Hume Oval Downing St
Picton
Information day for all ages from
Under 6 – Over 35’s

Email: pictonfc@gmail.com