Relieving Principal’s Message

It is with a heavy heart I begin this week’s school newsletter. One of our students, Ruby in 5/6T has been diagnosed with lymphoma (a form of cancer). Ruby will begin treatment immediately. I have spoken to her class peers about the need for compassion and understanding as Ruby and her family deal with her illness. We are holding onto the thought that Ruby’s prognosis is good. I would like to encourage you to discuss this with your children and allow them the opportunity to share their feelings. Mrs Tann, myself and the school Counsellor Mrs Emma Shaw have made ourselves available to the students for questions or support. I know the school community will join with the staff and I in supporting both Ruby and her family through this challenge. It is essential over the coming months that you report any illness or sickness that may impact on Ruby’s already fragile immune system immediately to the school office.

Vacant Assistant Principal Position

Mr Lord is convening a panel to fill this position through merit selection. We anticipate that the successful applicant will commence their role at the beginning of Term 2.

Maintenance

Routine maintenance will be occurring in the school over the next few weeks / months. Some areas of the playground will be receiving repairs and may need to be fenced off to allow tradesmen access. Please be mindful of changes in access.

Skoolbag App

Thirlmere now has our very own app that you can download for free. You will receive notifications of important events and be able to access key information including newsletters. Please contact the school office if you are having trouble accessing this app.

As we hold Ruby and her family in our hearts this week and prepare to meet this challenge as a school community I’d like to leave you with this thought:

“If everyone helps to hold up the sky, then one person does not become tired.”

— Askhari Johnson Hodari, *Lifelines: The Black Book of Proverbs*

Stay safe and enjoy your week.

Selena Gandy
Rugby League

Tomorrow, Thursday 19th February will be Rugby League Trials for our school teams. Students who are trialling must bring their sports gear to school.

Mrs Amanda Tann

K-2 Assemblies

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Uniform News

Uniform 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 usual opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm.

Amanda Lee

Scripture and Ethics

We are in the process of setting up special religious education and special ethics classes for 2015. Classes will be offered in the following areas:

- Catholic: each year level Kindergarten to Year 6
- Protestant: each year level Kindergarten to Year 6.
- Ethics: Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) and Stage 3 (years 5 and 6)
- Jehovah’s Witness – each grade as indicated by parents

Students that do not participate in one of the above classes will be supervised in Non Scripture where no formal instructions or teaching will occur. The Non Scripture groups are for K-2 and 3-6. At this point in time both groups are quite large. Whilst your right as parents to choose not to participate is respected, I encourage families to consider selecting one of the above groups. Parents wishing to change the preference indicated on enrolment should contact the school office.

New Leave Procedures 2015

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel taken during the school term is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. If you wish to take a holiday during the school term please complete an application for extended leave. These can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website. Travel needs to be considered to be in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons, should be specified on the application. Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application. Please attach relevant travel documents to your application. Once the application has been approved you will be issued with a Certificate of Extended leave.
Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**

*Notes Home:*
- Bus Safety

**Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)**

*Notes Home:*
- Weekly Activities – 1H Only

**Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)**

*Notes Home:*
- Canberra Excursion Permission and Information
- Campbelltown Performing Arts HS Auditions Info

**Last Day to Pay:**
- Canberra: Full Payment due Thu 5 Mar

**Selected Students**

*Notes Home:*
- Junior Dance Group
- Rugby League Trials

**Last Day to Pay:**
- Band Fees – Mon 30 Mar
- Instrument Hire – Mon 30 Mar

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

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**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2015**

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18 February 2015
**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.

**Canberra Excursion Last Day to Pay is Thursday, 5th March 2015**

**Band News**
This Term we have an 8 week program. The cost is $120. **Payments** can be made weekly or in full, but **must be completed before Monday 30th March** (Week 10). Invoices will be sent home Friday of this week.
Instrument hire for this year is **$120** and this payment is also due before **Monday 30th March 2015**.

**Youth Banking**
Any students who would like to be involved in the Youth Banking Program can collect a Sign Up Pack from the Office, which can then be dropped off directly to the CBA Picton.
Youth Banking Day is Wednesday, each week and Deposit Books should be placed in the Frog’s Mouth on Tuesdays.
Banking Co-ordinators

**Skoolbag**
Thank you to parents who are using the absentee section of the Skoolbag App. This is working really well. It is a “no reply” email received by the school.
Please remember to put your child’s class in the section marked “Student Class”.

Thank you
Administration Staff
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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 ☐
# 125th Memorabilia Order Form

**Limited Quantities**
Order will be sent home with student within few days

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| **Pen** | **Qty** |
| $2 | |

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| **Tea Towel** | **Qty** |
| $10 | |

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| **Waterbottle** | **Qty** |
| $6 | |

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| **Excursion bag & Waterbottle Set** | **Qty** |
| $12 | |
| **To be purchased through Uniform Shop** | |

| ![125th Book Image] | ![125th Book Image] |
| **125th Book** | **Qty** |
| **Includes pictures of all current students and our schools history – focusing on last 25 years** | |
| $20 | |

|  | **Total $** |
| **Total** | |

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.
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

MONDAY AFTERNOONS
3-15pm Novice Dance Class (5yrs & under)
3-45pm Mini Dance Class for (5½, 6 & 7yrs)
4-15pm Mini Tap (5½, 6 & 7yrs)
4-45pm Grade 3 Tap (Intermediate)
5-15pm Lyrical Ballet (Intermediate)
6-00pm Intermediate Speech & Drama.
6-30pm Senior Classes.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
3-15pm Junior Ballet/Jazz (8-10yrs)
4-00pm Junior Tap (Juniors)
4-30pm Hip Hop (Intermediate)
5-15pm Intermediate Jazz
5-45pm Grade 4 Ballet (Intermediate)
6-30pm Senior Classes.

Beginners from 3 years to Advanced.

Fully qualified and caring Teacher who believes in correct and careful training.
EDTA Inc. President/Organiser/Syllabus Creator/Life Member/Examiner.

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

For Sale
Unregistered 1987 Coaster 20 seater Minibus
Wooglemai EEC are selling this minibus via Tender
Closing Date for Tender: 31 March 2015 at 2pm
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Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Beverley Road, Campbelltown
Year 7 - 2016 Information Evening
18 February, 2015 at 6.00pm
Parents and students are welcome to attend an evening that will provide
an opportunity for prospective students & families to meet key personnel;
develop an understanding of the school’s priorities, programs and
subjects; tour the school’s state-of-the-art facilities; and gain information
about the enrolment and audition process.
Auditions for Year 7, 2016 will be held on
16th, 17th & 18th March 2015
Application forms will be available on this evening or our school
website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au
Audition applications close 27th February 2014
For more information please call our Performing Arts Faculty on
02 4629 1499

WOLLONDILLY
Junior Australian Football Club
Redbacks
www.wollondillyafl.org.au

Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2015 Player Registrations
We are currently seeking players for the 2015 season to play on Sundays!
Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s, 13’s and 15’s.
We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up on Sunday Mornings.
Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5:00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.
For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email redbacksafl@gmail.com

Collegians Hockey Club
Registration & Training days for new and existing players:
Narellan Hockey Fields, Tuesday 24th February 6-8pm
Narellan Hockey Fields, Tuesday 3rd March 6-8pm
• Junior teams – all ages
• U/7’s & U9’s play for free in their first year AND get a free hockey kit!
• Men’s and women’s teams in various grades.
• Fee discounts available.
• Play all games at Narellan on turf, no travelling to different fields every week!
Contacts-
Juniors: Samantha Freeman 0416311136  juniors@collieshockey.com.au
Seniors: Lisa Clinch 0414403799  secretary@collieshockey.com.au

Collegians Athletics Club
King of Clubs
Horticultural Management Services
MK Real Estate
02 4648 0600
2015 International Women's Day Celebrations
Our Theme: Inspiring Change!

7:30am to 9:00am FREE BBQ Breakfast
with Fruit & Yogurt a lighter option
Guest Speaker: Rebecca Ho, Executive Officer
Touch by Olivia Foundation
9:00am to 11:30am Pampering Activities & Morning Tea

Our Favourites:
- Hand Massages
- Facials with Mary-Kay consultation
- Craft Activities
- Psychic & Numerology Readings: 15 minutes sessions
Due to the popularity of this activity we will draw from a raffle 16 names at 8:30am and 16 names at 9:30am. Names drawn will then pick a reader and time available.

New this year:
- Neck & Shoulder Massages
- Reflexology
- Jewellery Making with Polymer products

11:30am to 12noon Discussion Forum: Inspiring Change!
Who inspires you? What would you change?

Let us know you are coming along!
Call Susan at Community Links, Wollondilly
on 4683 2776
or email susan@communitylinks.org.au
www.communitylinks.org.au

Tuesday, 10 March 2015
Tahmoor Community Centre
6 Harper Close, Tahmoor
Child Care Available - $2.50 per child
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Girl Guides meet in your area!

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun…
come along to find out what Guiding is all about!

When
Time: 5:30pm – 7pm
Day: Thursdays

Where
Thirmerle Scout Hall
Mason Street, Thirmerle

Please Contact
Name: Julie Weeks
Ph: 0487 785 765
Email: julieweeks9067@hotmail.com

www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

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