Relieving Principal’s Message

It has been an EGGtremely, EGGciting, EGGcellent week at Thirlmere this week. Our girls laid their first eggs! In a couple of weeks we will be ready to scramble and fry.

As a school community we have many things to be proud of. Our students, our supportive parents and hardworking P & C and our enthusiastic and talented staff. In the past week I took the opportunity to meet with our two School Captains and six Student Leaders. These eight students Brooke, Chloe, Amy, Jazmin, Lachlan, Kurtis, Elliot and Brooklyn work every day to make this school great in many ways. They perform daily jobs as part of their role and they do it without being asked, reminded or followed up. Locking the gates, raising the flags (with the help of Harry), changing the front sign, greeting visitors, attending all of the ANZAC services, assisting staff and generally doing anything (within reason) asked of them. They are an amazing group of students and I believe our school community in 2014 did a wonderful job of selecting them. I have for many years had the chance to work closely with each cohort of student leaders. Usually there are one or two students who stand above the group and shine. This year they are working together as a great team. They are positive to each other, helpful and extremely polite. I commend them on the job they have done so far.

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.” John C Maxwell

Mother's Day

As a mother I know how exciting this Sunday is for me and I make the most of my opportunity to claim as many hugs, kisses and cuddles from all of my boys (even my 15 year old). To all of our mums - take time to enjoy your day, cuddle your kids and delight in the happy memories of those special people who may not be around to spend this Mother’s Day with you.

"Mother’s hold their children’s hands for a while but their hearts for a lifetime".

Have a great week.

Relieving Principal’s Message
Selena Gandy
Health Care Plans
Mrs Stevenson has made contact with a number of parents in recent weeks requesting current plans from families for students with allergies, anaphylaxis and asthma. As a school it is our responsibility to provide students with the necessary adjustments to manage these conditions while they are at school. It is extremely difficult to do that when we don’t have plans indicating correct medical treatment from qualified health care professionals and the medication at school provided by families. Please contact me to discuss this further if you have any concerns.

Before School Supervision
A small number of students appear to be arriving earlier each morning. Staff at Thirlmere School are very committed and a number of them arrive before our scheduled start time. There is no teacher supervision until the first morning bell rings at 8:30am. Students that arrive prior to the 8:30 bell need to sit on the silver seats out the front of the library. A teacher will commence supervision at the 8:30 bell.

Parent Teacher Interviews 3K
These interviews have been rescheduled into the following time slots.
Tuesday 28 April 3pm – 5pm
Thursday 7 May 12pm – 3pm

To make a new interview time go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The school code for making a booking is CUPWW. When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.

Tree removal
It seems the topic of trees is again something I am communicating to the school community. The large Ironbark tree inside the bus gate that lost another branch on the weekend will be removed in the coming weeks. Following an inspection of the tree and in consideration of its status as "approaching decline" the decision has been made to remove the tree before a serious incident occurs. Minor disruption to the area will occur on the day as the road will need to be blocked to permit a crane to work. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.
The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Principal’s Awards
Toni 6G x 2, Abbey 3K, Jessyca 6G, Chloe 5/6T, Maddison 4B, Rhianna 1WD

Student Banking Certificates
Grace 4/5F, Sonny 1/2P, Johnny 3K, Jessica 3K, Maddison 4B

Aussie of the Month
Early Stage 1 - Nominees
Maggie D
Amelia V
Summer C
David S
Lachlan C

Early Stage 1 Winner
Grace D

Stage 1 Nominees
Matthew S
Tristan L
Summer C
David S
Lachlan C

Stage 1 Winner
Grace D

Stage 2 - Nominees
Kelinda E
Johanna H
Monique M
Ella H
Brooke D

Stage 2 Winner
Stage 3 Nominees
Matthew S
Tristan L
Summer C
David S
Lachlan C

Stage 3 Winner
Stage 1 Winner
Grace D

Year 7 2016 Advanced Skills Entry Test
Year 7 2016 Advanced Skills Entry Test - May 26. Cost for this exam is $27 and the money needs to be paid at Picton High School Finance Office or before the 12th May. Payment can be made over the phone.
Cross Country Results
Congratulations to the students who achieved the following places.

8/9 Girls
1st  Keira J
2nd  Brianna D
3rd  Olive C
4th  Charlotte A

8/9 Boys
Finlay R
Finley W
Levi
Colby

10 Girls
Mia S
Heidi A
Charlotte L
Grace D

10 Boys
Brody H
Lincoln W
Josh H
Toby H

11 Girls
Charlotte B
Ella H
Madeline C
Jazmin C

11 Boys
Luke J
Jamie A
James L
Bohan S

12/13 Girls
Toni S
Maya H
Amy W
Tess

12/13 Boys
Brooklyn H
Travis F
Kurtis B
Lachlan L

Aboriginal Studies
This term Aboriginal students will be involved in an Aboriginal Studies Program implemented by Miss Wilder(K-2) and Ms Budd(3-6). Students will be withdrawn for 1 hour per week to work with these teachers while Miss Mace and Mrs Stevenson teach KW and 3/4B. Please speak to Miss Mace or Mrs Stevenson if you have any questions.

National Day of Action Against Bullying
Ms Blatch and the students from the SRC led the school in an outstanding display against Bullying on Friday. All students received an orange wrist band and had the opportunity to contribute their handprint to a school display. The canteen was awash with orange jelly. A job well done to all involved.

Mothers Day Stall
“Come and buy something special, for someone special!”
Gifts ranging from $1 to $15
All profit goes back into “your” school
Friday 8th May

“A mother is she who can take the place of all others
But whose place no one else can take”
**Canteen Roster Term 1 2015**

Please Note:

*IF YOU CAN NOT DO YOUR DAY IT IS UP TO YOU TO FIND A REPLACEMENT. THE CONTACT LIST IS IN THE OFFICE*

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Thankyou Lisa Williams

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**Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates**

**All Students**

**Notes Home:**
- Stewart House
- P&C Volunteer Availability
- Early Stage (Kindergarten)

**Notes Home:**
- Australian Early Development Census

**Notes Home:**
- Stage (Years 1 and 2)

**Notes Home:**
- Speaking and Listening Assessment (1H only)

**Notes Home:**
- Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)

**Notes Home:**
- Premier’s Multicultural Speaking Competition

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

**Notes Home:**
- Premier’s Multicultural Speaking Competition
- Spectator Permission

**Selected Students**

**Notes Home:**
- GRIP Leadership Conference
- PSSA Knockout Rugby League
- Rugby League Gala Day

**Payments due**
- Rugby League Gala Day – Wed 13 May

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

**Uniforms**

In Term 2 and 3 the winter school uniform is to be worn. If you require any winter uniforms, stock is available. Uniform orders can be left at the school office or purchased direct from 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
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.

Blast off to Disneyland with School Banking

Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. This astronomical prize includes return fights, five nights accommodation, transfers, three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

Rugby League Gala Day
The last Day to Pay is
Wednesday 13th May 2015

Payments – Reminder

Parents, you are able to relieve the stress on your budget by making payments in advance for any upcoming event, such as excursions or camps, instead of having to make a large lump sum payment. Payments can be small regular amounts or any amount when you happen to have a little extra money. If you think this might be helpful to you, the Admin Staff would be very happy to assist.

Band News

This Term we have had a 9 week program. Invoices for Term 2 were sent home last Friday, 1st May 2015. If you have not made payment for Term 1, your child will not be able to attend lessons until their account is up to date. Payment is now overdue to the Tutor.

Thank you
Administration Staff
Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. For your information, the questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at www.aedc.gov.au/instrument.

Once schools participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, i.e., data that does not include any children’s names, ages, addresses or schools.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programs and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies, and some private sector organisations, and is part of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislation and policies.

The system used by the AEDC to collect and collate the information is a secure site and children’s information is kept secure at all times. Your child’s data will not be used for any other purpose than described in this letter and the Privacy Statement contained on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au/privacy. You can see how data was collected and presented in 2009 and 2012 by visiting www.aedc.gov.au/data. Data from the 2015 collection will be presented in a similar way.

This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact Ms Deb Mace (Early Stage 1 Supervisor) or the front office.

Thank you for supporting the AEDC.

Mrs Selena Gandy
Relieving Principal
# THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
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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
**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.

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**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.*
MONDAY AFTERNOONS

Neighbourhood Centre Week 2015 @ Community Links Wollondilly

FREE Information Session
Meet our Speech Pathologist
Find out about Grants for Disability & Autism
Info on Support Groups for Parents & Carers’
Light meal provided
Please RSVP by phoning 4683 2776 by Monday 11th May
Wednesday 13th May 7.00pm-8.30pm

FREE Morning Tea
Hear about the services provided Locally
Information sessions about Health & Community Services
FREE face painting & Play Group for children
Give-aways & Prizes
Thursday 14th May 10.00am-12.00pm

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Ages: 3 - 13 years
Wellness Retreat

Do you experience depression?
Consider "Wellness Retreat"
Five 2 hour therapeutic workshops led by counselor, Joy Kennedy.

Cost is minimal and childcare is available.
See over for more details.

Wellness Retreat Details

What: A small group counseling course conducted by Joy Kennedy, independent Christian counselor.

When: 5 consecutive Thursday afternoons 12:30pm-2:30pm, commencing 14.06.2015. Afternoon tea included.

Where: Tahmoor Anglican Church, Remembrance Drive, Tahmoor, opposite the NAB.

Contact: Karen Flanagan 0435517454 or kmflanagan@bigpond.com by May 9th.

Joy Kennedy is a professional Counselor (Level 2), qualified with an Advanced Diploma in Counselling & Family Therapy, currently close to completion of a Bachelor of Applied Social Science (specialising in Counselling).

Joy has assisted many people in finding their key to managing depression using an integrated approach combining aspects of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Mindfulness, Meditation, Journaling and Choice Theory within the framework of a Christian worldview.

If you think you’ve tried everything and nothing has worked for you, what do you have to lose? Come join us for a liberating journey toward wellness and enhanced life skills.

For more information about course content contact joykennedy@bigpond.com.