Principal’s Message

This year marked a significant milestone in my career as I started my first days as Principal of Thirlmere Public School. I felt just like a new child starting kinder, with a wave of emotions; nervous, scared, apprehensive but also excited and proud to be part of such an amazing school community. Children, staff and parents have ensured my first week has run smoothly and everyone has gone out of their way to make me feel very welcome. Many children have introduced themselves to me, invited me to play handball with them or just come up for a chat. You all should be so proud of the children here, they are respectful, kind and behave in such a mature and inclusive manner.

So for those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Lisa Whitfield. I am married with two children and have been in the teaching profession for over 24 years. My teaching career began at Campbelltown East Primary School in 1992 and since then I have worked in a number of schools and in various roles. These include classroom teacher at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School, Reading Recovery Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy Consultant, Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) Regional Trainer as well as Assistant Principal, Deputy Principal and Relieving Principal at Hayes Park Public School. These roles have provided me with a range of experiences and expertise that I am looking forward to sharing with you over the coming years.

Thirlmere Public school is our school, yours, mine, the staff and the children. We are what make it great and will continue to do so in the future. My vision for the school is that every child in our care will flourish and both do and give their best and we will provide them with opportunities to become resilient, confident and well balanced individuals. We will continue to embrace the wonderful initiatives the school has currently in place and embrace new initiatives to further improve the social and academic outcomes for all children.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks. So don’t be shy when you see me at the gate or in the playground, please introduce yourself, and if you have any concerns or questions please call or drop in to see me at the office.

Lisa Whitfield
Thirlmere Public School

3 February 2016

Term 1 – Week 2

Class Names for 2016.
This year we have had to make changes to the manner in which we name our classes. This we can assure you was not by choice or a new initiative of the school principal. As you are all well aware Thirlmere Public School is one of the 229 schools in the state managed under L.M.B.R - (Learning Management and Business Reform). With this new system comes changes and requirements from the department, they have asked schools to create a generic name or code for each class, to cut down the number of UI (Unit Instance) and UIO (Unit Instance Occurrences) for each school.

We spent several days considering different options such as colours and animal names but believed this would be inappropriate for our senior students. Thirlmere P.S decided after much consideration to all students in all years that the alphabet system would be implemented.

Eg: KA to KE .... Leaving space for our growing community.
Year 1 .... 1K to 1J etc

We understand the confusion and frustration this is causing us all, however we ask everyone to be patient as we implement the new system as requested by the LMBR team.

Weekly Sport

Stages 1, 2 and 3 will be starting their weekly sport next week (week 3). Please send students to school in their sports uniform on the following days:

Years 1 & 2  Monday
Years 3 & 4  Friday
Years 5 & 6  Friday

Kindergarten will begin their sport the following week (week 4). They will dress in sports uniform on Thursdays from 18 February.

The year 1 children in K/1R and the year 2 children in 2/3O will join their Stage 1 friends for sport on Monday.
Compulsory School Attendance in NSW Schools

Under the Education Act (1990) all children from six years to seventeen years of age are legally required to attend school every day. Recent changes to attendance requirements place obligations on schools to more closely monitor attendance and to take appropriate action if students are either not attending or are absent for reasons not justified by the school.

At Thirlmere Public School, we value good attendance from all students. Regular attendance is important because it helps your child:

- Maximise their learning opportunities
- Develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- To learn the importance of punctuality
- Maintain healthy social relationships with their friends
- Develop a good working relationship with their teachers

Habits of non-attendance can develop quickly. Did you know that if a child misses just 8 days of school a term, they miss more than one year of schooling by the end of primary school? This presents problems as they begin high school.

The law requires that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school as soon as possible and provide a legitimate reason for your child’s absence. This can be done by

- Sending a note on your child’s return to school
- Contacting through email, phone or fax
- Visiting the school

Your child’s education is important. Please contact the school if there are problems in getting your children to school or if there are concerns you have about them at school. A positive partnership between home and school in this area is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child’s education

Kristen Kable
Home School Liaison Officer
Thirlmere Public School
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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<td>Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>$12</td>
<td>Year 2(8 year olds) to Year 6</td>
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<td>Year 2 and Year 3</td>
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<td><strong>NB:</strong> There are a maximum of 60 places available.</td>
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Notes Sent Home This Week

Stage 2
- Welcome to Stage 2

Years 2 and 3
- School Swimming Scheme

Year 2 to Year 6
- Swimming Carnival

Thank you
Administration Staff

CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 1 2016
Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to attend. A copy of all volunteers contacts numbers will be left in the canteen so please collect a copy or alternatively you can have a copy emailed to you.

Monday 1st Feb  
Tuesday 3rd Feb  
Friday 5th Feb  
Monday 8th Feb  
Wednesday 10th Feb  
Friday 12th Feb  
Amanda Lee & Kathryn Davidson  
Theresa Young & Elizabeth Norris  
Cindy Hile, Monique Hunt & Lani Nairn  
Shannon Apps & Jo Mauro  
Deb Collings, Gail Butenshaw & Camilla Greening (orientation)  
Monique Liddle & Belinda Kelly
Volunteers Wanted
Off to another year again – and as always we are needing volunteers – especially for Fridays our busiest day of the week. We understand everyone is busy but if you do have some time and would like to help out even once a term – please don’t be shy, come and join us. Please message Lee-Anne 0404007280.

Kindergarten & the Canteen
Just a reminder to Kindy parents that until Kindergarten has settled into school please refrain from ordering lunches until Week 4 (Monday 15th Feb). This gives our new students time to settle. Also, a reminder that if your little ones are keen to purchase something yummy at lunch or recess – small amounts of money are a good start ie. 50c - $1.

Copies of menus and lunch bags will come home with students later this week.

Volunteers
We cannot function without the wonderful work of our volunteers who tirelessly turn up each week.

Just a reminder for 2016 that our canteen has a “healthy & positive” approach to food. Many of our volunteers go above and beyond to create wonderful recess snacks that are not only healthy but fun to eat as well.

We steer away from pre-packaged snacks, serve wholemeal bread, all our baking is done with wholemeal flour & low portions of sugar.

NO FOOD is given away by our volunteers FOR FREE – so please encourage your children not to ask.

Keep a look out for any specials on offer in the canteen & what our wonderful volunteers create – ie smoothies, fresh juices, healthy muffins, pizza scrolls, yoghurt cups with fruit or muesli – the list is endless............

Volunteers – please remember to sign in at the office before your duty day & in the coming weeks. If you have not already done so, please complete your Working with Children Check – forms are available in the office & the canteen.
To apply for a Working With Children Check

- Fill out an online application form at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au
- When you have completed the application form, you will receive an Application number (APP) by email.
- Take this Application number and proof of your identity to a NSW motor registry or NSW Government Access Centre. If you are in paid work, you will also need to pay a fee of $80.
- Your Application number can be used by an employer to verify your Check status. If the outcome of the verification is 'application in progress' you are allowed to begin working with children.
- Once your application has been processed and you are cleared, you will receive your Working With Children Check number (WWC) by email (or post if you do not have an email address).

Already in child-related work as a paid employee or volunteer?

If you are currently in child-related work you will be required to obtain a new Working With Children Check as part of an industry phase-in schedule.

To find out which sector you belong to and when you need to obtain a new Working With Children Check go to www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

Need help or assistance?

Telephone: (02) 9286 7276
Email: newcheck@kids.nsw.gov.au
Visit: www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au
TIS: 131 450
TTY: 133 677 or 1300 555 727

* Please note it can take up to four weeks for a Working With Children Check to be processed.
Who needs a Working With Children Check?

Only people in child-related work need to apply for a Check. Under the Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012, child-related work is defined as:

1. Face-to-face contact with children in one of the following sectors:
   - Child development and family welfare services
   - Child protection
   - Children’s health services
   - Clubs or other bodies providing services for children
   - Disability services
   - Early education and child care
   - Education
   - Entertainment for children
   - Justice centres
   - Religious services
   - Residential services
   - Transport services for children
   - School cleaning
   - Youth work;

2. Work in one of the following roles:
   - An approved provider or manager of an education and care service
   - A certified supervisor of an education and care service
   - An authorised carer
   - An assessment officer
   - The principal officer of a designated agency
   - The principal officer of an accredited adoption service provider
   - An adult who lives at the home of an authorised carer
   - An adult who shares the home of a:
     - home-based education and care service
     - family day care service
   - A potential adoptive parent.

Additional roles may be designated as child-related by employers with the permission of the Office of the Children’s Guardian.

Who is exempt from a Working With Children Check?

The following roles, services and sectors are exempt:

- Administrative, clerical or maintenance work, or other ancillary work, that does not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods.
- Work with minimal direct contact or unsupervised contact with children, done for no more than five days in a calendar year.
- Informal domestic arrangements not carried on a professional or commercial basis.
- Work with close relatives of the worker (not including work as an authorised carer).
- Volunteering by a parent or close relative of a child (except where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate personal care of children with a disability):
  a) in activities for the child’s school, early education service or other educational institution OR
  b) with a team, program or other activity in which the child usually participates or is a team member.
- A visiting speaker, adjudicator, performer, assessor or other similar visitor at a school or other place where child-related work is carried out if the work of the person at that place is for a one off occasion and is carried out in the presence of one or more other adults.
- A health practitioner in private practice, if the practice does not ordinarily involve treatment of children without one or more other adults present.
- A health practitioner who is working in and visiting New South Wales from outside the State, if the period of work does not exceed a total of five days in any period of three months.
- A co-worker or work supervisor where a child works.
- Work by an interstate visitor:
  a) in a one-off event such as a jamboree, sporting or religious event or tour, if the event is the only child related work carried out by the worker in NSW in that calendar year and the period of work does not exceed 30 days
  b) who holds an interstate working with children check, or is exempt from the requirement to have such a check in his or her home jurisdiction, whose child related work in NSW is for no more than 30 days in any calendar year.
- NSW Police or Australian Federal Police officers in their capacity as police officers.
- Home carers accredited with a current police certificate for aged care, for home care work where the clients are not primarily children.
- People under the age of 18.

If your work falls into one of the following categories, it is also not considered to be child-related:

- Work as a student in the course of a student clinical placement in a hospital or other health service.
- Work as a referee, umpire, linesperson or otherwise as a sporting official or a groundsperson if the work does not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods without other adults being present.
- Work in providing respite care or other support services primarily for children with a disability is child-related work, but it is not child-related work if the work does not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods without other adults being present.
- Providing food or equipment at or for a sporting, cultural or other entertainment venue or providing a venue.
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 UNIFORM SHOP
### PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2016

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**TOTAL $**

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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 [ ]
PATRICIA YVONNE
ACADEMY OF DANCE,
DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS

THIRLMERE & PICTON
THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL MONDAY
AFTERNOONS & PICTON UNITING CHURCH HALL
(2 Lumsdaine St) THURSDAY AFTERNOONS.

BALLET- SPEECH & DRAMA – TAP – JAZZ
MODERN – LYRICAL BALLET
HIP HOP - MUSICAL THEATRE

Students trained for EDTA Examinations & Stagecraft
Beginners from 4yrs to Advanced

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<td>Mini Ballet/Lyrical (7, 8, 9yrs)</td>
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<td>Beginners Drama (7, 8, 9, 10yrs)</td>
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<td>Intermediate Hip Hop (Teens)</td>
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Fully qualified and caring Teacher who believes in correct and careful training.
EDTA Inc. President/Organiser/Syllabus Creator/Examiner/Life Member.

ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION: contact Miss Patricia EDTA, AISTD, SATD.
(02) 4647 7728 or 0418 273115 (Mornings best)
Email: pyaddta@bigpond.com
Actors, Singers & Dancers

NEW!! Boys Hip Hop & Adult classes!
* Drama/Acting*
* Singing*
* Dance/Choreography*
* Personal Training*
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 www.s-t-a-d-s.com

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

NEW PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

6th Feb on Argyle St Camden
7th Feb Oran Park Podium
13th Feb @ Mt Annan Marketplace
9AM – 3PM

For more information visit www.camdenrugby.com.au

WOLLONDILLY PONY CLUB
HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE 1969
2016 REGISTRATION DAY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th
11 am – 1 pm
in the Clubhouse, Pony Club Grounds,
Thirlemere Way,
Tahmoor

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

ENQUIRIES: 4684 1336 4683 0707

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

IT’S FREE!

We accept Medicare Child Dental Benefits

Dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.

Clinic Locations:
BANKSTOWN NORTH | FAIRFIELD | INGLEBURN
LIVERPOOL | NARELLAN | ROSEMeadow | YAGOONA
PHONE (02) 9293 3333
BOWRAL AND TAHMOOR PHONE 1300 559 393