Principal’s Message

School Uniform Award
Congratulations to all the children in 1G who won our first school uniform award this year. The children in this class demonstrated school pride by ensuring they were dressed in the correct clothing, shoes and socks. Well done 1G you should be very proud. I wonder which class will win the next uniform award?

Steam Festival
Wow what an amazing day! Huge crowds, carnival rides, parades, steam trains, food galore and smiling children all around. We could not have asked for a better day. A huge thank you once again to our amazing parent volunteers who worked all day on the Devonshire Tea Stall to raise much needed funds for our school. A special thank you to Miss Wilder, Miss Foreman, supervising teachers, parents and most of all the beautiful and extremely well behaved children who marched in the parade. The behaviour, patience and effort on the day by all children was incredible. They did the school and themselves very proud.

Gardening
Last Wednesday three incredible women worked very hard to resurrect our very overgrown vegetable patch. These women worked all day weeding, turning soil and mulching so the children at Thirlmere Public School could once again start growing their own fruit and vegetables. They began early in the day and did not stop until later in the afternoon when the job was completed. So a huge thank you to Mrs Nicholson, Miss Blatch and Mrs Davidson for your continued support, hard work and commitment.

Have a wonderful week.
Lisa Whitfield
Principal’s Awards
Tyler M, Toby J

Steam Festival - Best School in March!
Congratulations Thirlmere Public School for coming first in the 'Best School in March' category!
Miss Wilder and Miss Foreman thank all of the students and their families who were able to come and march in the parade for the Steam Festival.

Aboriginal Numeracy Day
Congratulations to our Aboriginal students Zander, Kelly, Braden and Jessica (now in Year 7) on winning the Aboriginal Numeracy Day Competition at Tahmoor Public School Term 4, last year. We finally got the trophy!

DISCO! DISCO! DISCO!
Year 6 students have started selling disco tickets for Thursday 17th March.
Disco tickets will be sold every morning at 8.30am and at recess time out the front of the library right up to and including the day of the disco.
Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night.
Tickets are $5 per child or $10 per family.
We will also be having a BBQ where you can purchase a sausage sizzle and bottle of water for $5 on the night.

Don't forget, the theme is OLYMPICS!
If there are any parents who would like to volunteer their time to help out with the BBQ, please see Miss Wilder (6F Teacher).
Thirlmere Public School hope to see you all there for a fabulous night!

Changes Regarding the School Discos
Due to changes in policies and procedures we have made some changes to the way the school discos will be run at Thirlmere Public School. Please note these changes are to ensure the safety of your child/ren when attending ‘out of school hour’s events’ on school grounds.
The changes are as followed:

- Only the front gate will be open to enter school grounds during disco times.
- At this gate, students are to be signed in on arrival by a parent or carer on class rolls.
- Students cannot enter the school grounds without being signed in or unattended. This goes for all of K-6.
- K-2 parents/carers are to remain on the premises for the length of time their child/ren attends the disco.
- Parents will not be allowed to enter the hall. If you require your child there will be a teacher at the door to call your child for you.
- After your child/ren’s disco has finished, lights will be turned on in the hall and parents/carers can come in and get their child/ren.
- Upon departing school grounds you will be required to sign out the child/ren that are in your care.

As normal, there will be a BBQ where you can buy your sausage sizzle and water for $5.00.
Any parent helpers willing to volunteer at the BBQ on the night of the disco would be greatly appreciated.
Please see Miss Wilder 6F.
Thanks you for your understanding and patience.
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.

Wednesday 9th March  Vanessa Zahra & Nicole Lewry
Friday 11th March Cindy Hile & Shannon Apps, Bianca Long (orientation)
Monday 14th March  Jo Mauro, Vanessa Zahra, Julie Bannister (orientation)
Wednesday 16th March  Lee-Anne Armstrong & Deb Parker
Friday 18th March  Lea Blatch & Belinda Kelly
Monday 21st March  Sharon Browning & Sarah Fishpool
Wednesday 23rd March  Cindy Hile & Neen Donnelly
Friday 25th March  Good Friday
Monday 28th March  Easter Monday
Wednesday 30th March  Sharon Browning & Theresa Young
Friday 1st April  Cindy Hile & Monique Hunt
Monday 4th April  Shannon Apps & Tammy Parker
Wednesday 6th April  Vanessa Zahra & Elizabeth Norris
Friday 8th April  Closed

UNSW ICAS Competitions 2016
Students in Years 2 - 6 have received a note about this year’s UNSW ICAS examinations. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.
Entry to these competitions is not compulsory. The entry fee per student and sitting dates are as follows:

Digital Technologies – 17 May 2016 - $8.00 Years 3-6
Science – 31 May 2016 - $8.00 Years 2-6
Writing – 15 June 2016 - $17.00 Years 3-6
Spelling – 15 June 2016 - $11.00 Years 2-6
English – 2 August 2016 - $8.00 Years 2-6
Mathematics – 16 August 2016 - $8.00 Years 2-6
All of the above - $60.00
The last day for payment for all competitions is Wednesday 30.03.16

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
We are delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the confidential NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students in years 4, 5 and 6. We want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Monday 14 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form are available from the office or the website below.


Botany Bay Excursion Reminder
Money and permission notes need to be handed in by the 18th March. We will not be taking any late payments. If we do not have enough students going, we may need to cancel this excursion as we won’t be able to cover all costs involved.

Mrs Byrne
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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Notes Sent Home This Week

Stage 2
- Tell them From Me student survey (Yr 4 only)

Stage 3
- Tell them From Me student survey

All Stages
- Disco Invitation
- Dance2bfit

Band

Band invoices have now been sent home.
- Beginners band - $120 8 Week Program
- Established Band - $105 7 Week Program

Thank you
Administration Staff
Yesterday both Mrs Whitfield and I had the privilege of accompanying our student Leaders to the Leadership conference at the Olympic Park Homebush. We had lots of fun and despite a few wrong turns (The NavMan’s fault of course!) Our Leaders behaviour was exemplary and we were full of pride when teachers from other schools approached us commenting on how smart and fantastic our student Leaders were. Congratulations to our Thirlmere Public School Leaders. Molly G, Jeremy W, Sarah E, James L, Piper G, James C, Monique M & Joshua H. (Cheny Collins – Assistant Principal)

Dance / Fitness Program - Dance2bfit

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are having a Dance Program at our school in Term 2 this year. The Program is called “Dance2bfit”. It is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time.

Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.

For your child to participate you will need to complete the permission note below and pay $27 to the school by 4 May 2016 (The dance lessons work out at $2.70 per lesson, a bargain!) Only two students in a family pay. Students will be taught a new dance every lesson over the 10 week program.

Our Stage 3 students will be taught the SLAM routine where students use drum sticks to drive the beat of the music.

We hope that all students are able to participate in this program.

Mrs Whitfield  
Principal

Mrs Karolis  
Coordinator for the program
ST PATRICKS DAY
MEAL DEAL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH
COST $6
ORDERS TO BE IN BY FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

PLEASE CHOOSE MEAL DEAL & STICK TO LUNCH BAG ORDER
ORDERS CAN BE DELIVERED EACH CANTEEN DAY UP TO FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

NAME:__________________________________________CLASS:________________________

TO BE SURE PIE DEAL 1
MEAT PIE WITH OR WITHOUT MUSHY PEAS
GREEN AROONA DRINK OR WATER
GREEN GRAPES OR GREEN APPLE
ROSY APPLE LOLLYPOPP

PLEASE CIRCLE CHOICE
COST $6
CORRECT MONEY PLEASE

NO ALTERATIONS TO ORDERS

NAME:__________________________________________CLASS:________________________

HOT POTATO DEAL 2
BAKED SPUD WITH SOUR CREAM, BACON & CHEESE
GREEN AROONA DRINK OR WATER
GREEN GRAPES OR GREEN APPLE
ROSY APPLE LOLLYPOPP

PLEASE CIRCLE CHOICE
COST $6
CORRECT MONEY PLEASE

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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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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 [ ]

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

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

Come and play Rugby League for your local team!
Thirimere Tahmoor Junior Rugby League Club
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Tuesday & Thursday afternoons 4.30pm – 6.00pm.
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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

AFL HOLIDAY CLINIC & COLOUR RUN
By: GWS Giants
Hannaford Oval, Wilton
Monday 11th April 2016
1030am-2pm
$15 per child (prepaid)
$20 per child (on the day)

Sausage sandwich for lunch
(Includes 2 hours of AFL clinic and lunch 1 hour colour run)

SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO RING TODAY TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN.
Parents can leave their children for the 3 ½ hours with our sign in/out procedure.
BYO piece of fruit, water bottle, towel & change of clothes please.
Refill of water available on the day.

Puppet show By Sydney Puppet Theatre Group, Disco & Face painting
Bargo Sports Club
Friday 22nd April 2016
1030- 1pm
$15 per child (prepaid)
$20 per child (on the day)
(Includes 40min puppet show, 1 hour disco, facepainting and lunch)

PARENTS & CARERS TO REMAIN WITH CHILDREN; BISTRO WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH AND DRINKS.

To book your spots please contact Deirdre on 0417249877. Spots are limited so please book in to avoid sell out. If you would like to book a table for a birthday party then please feel free to contact me, tables can also be booked and pre-purchased.