**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...**
TADHG O'KEEFE 17TH FEBRUARY

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**Important Dates To Remember....**

- **Monday February 18th**
  - PFA AGM 7.30pm
- **Tuesday February 19th**
  - Kitchen Garden Program Starts  PREP/1
  - School Council Meeting 7.30pm
- **Tuesday February 26th**
  - Kitchen Garden Program GRADE 4/5
- **Tuesday February 26th**
  - Parent Information Night
- **Thursday February 28th**
  - EMA Forms due to Jodie
- **Friday March 1st**
  - House Sports at Brauerander Park
- **Tuesday March 5th**
  - Kitchen Garden Program GRADE 6
- **Monday March 11th**
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday March 12th**
  - Kitchen Garden Program GRADE 2/3
- **Monday March 18th**
  - Moyne Sports
- **Tuesday March 19th**
  - School Council Meeting 7.30pm
- **Thursday March 21st**
  - School Photos
- **Tuesday March 26th**
  - Kitchen Garden Program GRADE 1/2

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**HEAT UPS**

- **21st Feb**  Jo Trigg
- **28th Feb**  Sarah McKenzie
- **7th March**  Tory Robinson
- **14th March**  Kellie McKenna
- **21st March**  VACANT
- **28th March**  VACANT

Please contact Jodie if you can help out or need to swap days.

**IMPORTANT!** All lunches need to be named and utensils provided if needed. Please NO Easymac.

**JUST A SMALL REMINDER....**
Please don't wrap sandwiches to be toasted in Gladwrap. Foil or Baking Paper please.

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**HEAT UPS**

Any parents interested in attending Playgroup this year are invited to attend a meeting to help plan the activities for the year - your chance to have input! Bring your great ideas!

Wednesday 20th March
10am in Multipurpose Room
Big congratulations to the whole school community on our efforts at the Relay for Life this year. Thanks to everyone that walked, supported and donated money. We raised about $1200 which is a huge effort from a small school in 3 weeks. Thanks to Miss Daly for her organisation as our Team Captain.

Appointments with Teachers - A reminder that during the week staff have extra responsibilities and Planning Meetings at various times of the day. Mornings are always very busy with teachers preparing for the day. We have Monday and Wednesday morning staff briefings from 8.40am – 9.00am and Tuesday Professional Learning Teams from 3.45pm- 5.00pm. If you wish to talk with teachers about any issues it’s always best to make an appointment via a phone call. Your support here is much appreciated.

REMINDERS:
House Sports 2013 - Due to the building works and with limited access to our oval, this year we will be holding our Woolsthorpe Primary School House Sports at Brauerander Park on Friday March 1st. As in past years, this is a great family event and we encourage everyone to come along on the day and join in on the fun. Our Family Welcome BBQ will be on this day also. The BBQ, along with salads will be provided by the Parent & Friends Association (PFA). We are looking for some BBQ cooks on the day please. No buses will run on the House Sports Day, parents will need to make arrangements for students to be at Brauerander Park by 8.45am. Events will start at 9.00am, any parents who can help on the day with events etc. please contact Mr Miller.

Parent Information Night and Parent/Teacher Conferences - This is an opportunity we believe to be clear on how we work together to support your child’s learning and development. The Parent/Teacher Conference is an opportunity to have a conversation about your child’s strengths, interests outside school and focuses for improvement. The conference is less formal than a Parent Teacher Interview and a chance for parents and teachers to learn more about the students’ needs and interests.

The Parent Information Night for all classrooms is on one night - Tuesday February 26th - and will be held together with other classrooms. The information sessions will be a mixture of information and discussion. At the Information Night parents will be able to make an appointment for their Parent/Teacher Conference on an allocated day during the week of March 18th.

Parent Information Nights
Year Prep-3 6.30pm-7.30pm
Year 4-6 7.30pm- 8.30pm

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements - Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student Accident Insurance Policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. Ambulance cover is something that needs to be considered. Our policy is that an ambulance will be called when injury is deemed serious.

Email Distribution List updates - anyone who would like to receive the Newsletter via email, please contact us with your email address as soon as possible. We are currently updating our Email Distribution List so please check that we have your current email address.

Mr Perry

- woolsthorpeps

DON’T FORGET TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DAILY UPDATES
If you have any items you wish to have in the Newsletter, please send them through to Suzi's email (ireland.susan.s1@edumail.vic.gov.au) or contact Suzi at school.

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME PLEASE
**JARS NEEDED!!**

Once again, our Produce team are in urgent need of jars as they gear up for our Fete. If you have any spare jars with lids, could you please send them to school or call Sharon on 0417 000 137.

*Please start saving your jars and sending them to school, they can always be used!*

**WOOLSTHORPE COUNTRY FAIR**

All families have been allocated to an area for our Country Fair. Separate notes have been sent home this week. Co-Ordinators will be in contact with you all shortly. Fete year is always a big year, but we always make it a success because we work together as a team. Please offer your co-ordinator as much help as you can so we can break all records with our 2013 Country Fair!

**HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013**

LILY, REBECCA, DECLAN & LACHIE

EBONY, TORIE, BEN & JOSH

CAITLIN, TESSA, SHAUN, FELICITY & AARON

ALYSHIA, BROOKE, DANIEL & ZEB

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

A huge thank you goes to everyone who came out and walked/ran around the oval or donated money for our Relay For Life Team.

It was amazing to see the commitment and support from our school community, especially with short notice! We raised just over $1200 for this worthy cause, which I think we should be proud of. Let’s make next year’s Relay For Life even bigger!

Miss Daly
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250. Parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or

- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses ** ** Woolthorpe PS recommends this as the preferred option

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.
SPECIAL MEETING
Calling all Woolsthorpe Committee’s & Members of the Community

The Moyne Shire has made available $25,000 of funding for Woolsthorpe. This meeting is to discuss what we would like to put this funding towards to help improve our Town. So if you want to be part of the decisions on where the money will be spent, you need to be at this meeting.

When: Wednesday 27th February, 2013
Where: Woolsthorpe Hall, Manifold Street.
Time: 7.30 pm Sharp
Contact: Paul Daly - 5569 2053
Sam Robinson - 5569 2207

Supper will be provided by Moyne Shire

Hawkesdale & Purnim District Tennis Assoc.

February 2nd, 2013
Illowa/Mailors Flat 7 sets 49 games defeated Minhamite Red 2 sets 32 games
Wangoom Owls 5 sets 41 games defeated Hawkesdale Gold 4 sets 40 games
Broadwater Green 5 sets 43 games defeated Broadwater White 4 sets 38 games
Hawkesdale Blue 8 sets 53 games defeated Woolsthorpe 1 set 36 games
Wangoom Hawks 9 sets 54 games defeated Minhamite Yellow 0 sets 14 games

February 9th, 2013
Illowa/Mailors Flat 4 sets 43 games defeated Wangoom Owls 5 sets 37 games
Minhamite Red 6 sets 49 games defeated Hawkesdale Gold 3 sets 31 games
Hawkesdale Blue 4 sets 42 games defeated Broadwater Green 5 sets 36 games
Woolsthorpe 7 sets 50 games defeated Wangoom Hawks 2 sets 33 games
Broadwater White 5 sets 39 games defeated Willatook 4 sets 34 games

Ladder at completion of round 13:

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Join us for the Opening Ceremony
Free Family Fun BBQ!

Be entertained...
AFL Legends game
Rides
Face painting
and a sensational fireworks display!

Bring a rug and come along on...
Friday 22 February 2013 at 6:00pm
@ Brauer College - Caramut Rd

All welcome!
www.brauer.vic.edu.au
www.facebook.com/BrauerCollege
centenary@brauer.vic.edu.au
Phone: 5560 3888
This is a great month for those who enjoy growing fresh fruit and vegetables – it’s wonderful to give away excess produce. It is time to water carefully, keep a check on pests and enjoy the fruits of your hard work. Water your citrus trees well this month and apply a couple of handfuls of blood and bone mixed with potash or a good citrus feeding mix. Check for scale insects (they leave black or brown raised dots on leaves and stems) and spray with diluted white oil. Feed all your leafy vegetables with a weak liquid manure and fish emulsion— they both work brilliantly. Apply this stuff only after watering and then water again. Keep all flowering plants including roses deadheaded to encourage further floral displays. Take cuttings now of sedums, azaleas, daisies, daphnes and miniature or ground cover roses. Plant flowering bulbs. Nerines are excellent for the front of beds. The caterpillars from the Cabbage White Butterfly particularly affect young, tender seedlings. There are a number of things that you can spray with. You can spray with an oil-based product or even with a soap spray. Another alternative is to create a net out of a fine mesh which actually excludes the caterpillar from laying their eggs on the plants in the first place or, if you’re very vigilant, you can inspect your plants regularly, look for tiny little yellow eggs and rub them off - or pick the adult caterpillars off. As the plants get older and stronger, they’re less susceptible to it and a few holes doesn’t really matter.

Next Meeting will be at the Caramut Rec Reserve on Tuesday, February 12th at 10am.

Competition “A Rose”
Bring along your favourite Gardening Tip to share.

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**KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

**TERM 1 ROSTER**

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time so far to help with the Kitchen Garden Program. As you can see from the Roster below, there are still a few spots that need to be filled, particularly in the Grade 4/5 and Grade 6 classes. If you can spare a couple of hours on these dates to help out, the kids (and staff) will appreciate it greatly! Don’t forget - grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to help out too if they can! If you can help out, please let Jodie or Suzi know at school.

THANKS

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