**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...**

- **Tuesday March 26th**: Kitchen Garden Program GRADE 1/2
- **Thursday March 28th**: Last day of Term 1 **2.30pm Finish**
- **Monday April 15th**: First day of Term 2
- **Friday April 19th**: School Cross Country
- **Tuesday April 23rd**: School Council 7.30pm
- **Thursday April 25th**: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Thursday May 2nd**: May Race Day Holiday

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**HEAT UPS**

- **28th March**: Kylie Flenley
- **TERM 2 - VACANT. HELP PLEASE!**
  - 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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**GROUNDFORCE TOMATOES!**

- **LOTS OF CHERRY TOMATOES FOR SALE!**
- If you would like a punnet, please contact the school or see Suzi.
- **$2.50 per punnet**

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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**
Principal’s Report

The Woolsthorpe Playgroup Program started this week at school. This year we are running a program called “Kids Teaching Kids” which involves each classroom running an activity for the local Playgroup children. The idea is students in teams will plan and implement an activity for the Playgroup children that looks at learning concepts students are involved in at school. School students will learn to plan, be organised and work in teams. This will develop leadership skills and build on our values of Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork. The activities will be fun and hands on. The students and Playgroup children will also share a healthy morning tea with the playgroup children.

At our School Council meeting last night we elected our new Office Bearers for 2013. President - Sam Robinson, Vice President - Trevor Hirst, Secretary - Danielle Gladman. The Annual Report was tabled and will soon be available on the school blog, updates on the new school project were discussed, the pupil free days were decided upon, which this year are August 12th & 13th. This is so staff can attend the Victorian Information Technology Teachers Conference in Melbourne. This has been in the planning for a number of years and with the new school is very timely and will be an excellent professional learning opportunity for all staff.

As I am away the last week of term I would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Finch all the best with her move to Bendigo over the holidays. Bridget has worked at Woolsthorpe since the start of 2009 in a specialist role and as a classroom teacher. Bridget is a highly valued staff member and teacher in our school community, and will be missed by everyone. Her dedication to her students and professionalism within our school is first class and her willingness to go above and beyond her duties is appreciated by the students and families of our school. We are fully supportive of Bridget’s move and wish her all the best for the future. Miss Cameron will be taking over our specialist programs in Art/Science and Media next term. Mrs Austen with be teaching the Grade 1-2 students.

Moyne Sports - Monday saw Mr Miller and Suzi accompany some of our Grade 4-6 students to the Moyne Sports, which were held at Brauerander Park. All our students competed really well, showing amazing efforts. We had some individual and team successes, but overall our biggest success was the show of Teamwork that was on display throughout the whole day. All students involved should be very proud of how they conducted themselves and how well they competed throughout the day. A big thank you also to Tracey and Kazz for helping organise the students and thank you to the families who went and supported their young athletes.

Mr Perry

Dear Parents & Friends, we are hoping to phase out the paper copies of the newsletter over the coming term and have as many parents as possible on our email list. Therefore we are updating our email data base. Please return the slip below to school if you haven’t done so. Our newsletter each week is emailed to parents & friends of the school in full colour with live web links.

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Come Join in the FUN with

We are a long established Playgroup for Woolsthorpe and all surrounding districts meeting on a monthly basis. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Our aim is to provide a setting for pre-school aged children and their carers to meet and socialise. We are a very laid back and welcoming Playgroup and love to see new faces coming through the door.

Moving from the Woolsthorpe Hall to the Multipurpose Room at the Primary School in 2011 has enabled us to strengthen our ties with the school and the community in general. We are lucky enough to have access to all the school's facilities. Spending time at the school regularly has resulted in a seamless transition from Preschool to Primary School for many of our Playgroup kids.

Our successful partnership has now resulted in an exciting new initiative "Kids Teaching Kids". Each class at WPS will have the opportunity to "run" Playgroup. Activities may include: craft, music, outdoor games, cooking, science and gardening.

At the end of each session we will have the opportunity to share a healthy morning tea and a cuppa with the students. This year we will also have the opportunity for some offsite excursions and don't forget our fabulous Christmas break up party!

There is a lot happening at Playgroup. So if you haven't ever been, please come along and join us. If you have not come for a while please come back and say hi! We would love to see you.

**D A T E S F O R 2 0 1 3**

- April 24th  
  Grade 5/6
- June 5th  
  Excursion
- July 24th  
  Grade 2/3
- August 14th  
  Grade Prep/1
- September 18th  
  Excursion
- October 30th  
  Grade 1/2
- November 20th  
  To Be Advised
- December 11th  
  To Be Advised

Come and support YOUR Playgroup so we can continue to provide this invaluable service to our kids and our community.

Any questions at all please phone Tory Robinson on 5569 2496.


[Facebook](http://woolsthorpeps.global2.vic.edu.au/)

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DAILY UPDATES
MISSING IN ACTION

One CWA Folding Table has gone missing from the Hall. It is labelled ‘CWA’. If anyone in the community has borrowed it or knows of its whereabouts, please contact Jodie on 5569 2241 during school hours.

KOROIT AND DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

BASKETBALL SKILLS DAY

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL, 9AM – 1PM

KOROIT BASKETBALL STADIUM

Stadium will be open from 8.30am for payment. All welcome.

Coached by JACKSON GREENE

Seahawks Player

$20 including morning tea and drink

Registration required in advance

Please email name, phone number and age to:
keast.jodie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
For further information call:
0427216839

KOROIT AUSKICK 2013

Victoria Park Koroit, Sunday mornings 9.30 – 10.15 AM

All registrations to be made online at

Commences Sunday April 7th - bag pick-up day

To ensure your child’s bag arrives register asap and bring your receipt to first session.

Enquiries: Peter McDonald 0429937478
Kate Dobson 0437004474
Woolsthorpe Primary School - Fun Run
Friday 19th April

The first Friday back in Term 2 students from Woolsthorpe Primary School will be participating in a Fun Run/Walk.

The Fun Run/Walk will take place around the streets/roads of Woolsthorpe.

This is a great chance for parents and family members to come along and support our students.

This event will also be in preparation for the upcoming Moyne District Cross Country for 10, 11, 12/13-year-old students being held during Term 2 in Port Fairy.

Stay tuned for more information and slip on the runners and get the fitness levels up over the holidays!

Warrnambool Community Health
Open House

Saturday 23 March
10.00 – 12.00

Guided tours:
Community Health – every 5 minutes
Mental Health: 10.30 & 11.00
(all tours leave from Community Health main foyer)

Nosh on Hider open for light refreshments
Enquiries: 5563 4000

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROFILE - Simon Cuzens

- Family members – Nicole, Nash and Olivia. I am also an identical twin.
- I was a Plumber for 20 years until last year when I decided to return to the family farm. I have been involved with the Woolsthorpe CFA as a volunteer for many years and enjoy mixing with other members of the community this way.
- I barrack for Collingwood in the AFL.
- I decided to go on School Council last year as my way of engaging with the school and having a voice within the school and community. I enjoy helping out with Kitchen Garden and cooking Barbies etc and even managed a stint on Pancake Duty over Summer.
- I have lived in the Woolsthorpe community all my life, attended WPS many years ago and believe we have great facilities and community spirit here in Woolsthorpe. It is an exciting time for students, staff and parents, with the building of a new school and I’m glad my children will benefit greatly from these state of the art facilities.
The Koroit Irish Festival is coming up once again, meaning our last Pancake Shifts until the end of the year!

We are looking for volunteers to fill the 3 shifts we run on the day. If your family hasn’t done a Pancake Shift this year, please put your hand up for one - we understand it can be daunting initially, but you will be rostered on with more experienced parents and at the end of the day, WE ALL DO THIS FOR OUR KIDS. The PFA funds or subsidises many things around the school as well as extra curricula activities throughout the year and ALL of our children benefit from the money raised from our Pancakes. The 4 hour shifts go quickly, and the Irish Festival is close and handy.

Please contact Bek Hirst on 0429 198 365 if you can fill any of the vacant shifts. THANKS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2013

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WOOLSTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTY TIPPING IS BACK FOR 2013!!

Yes, it’s that time of year again, when AFL is ready to kick off and our community Footy Tipping Competition is open for entries.

This year there is no joining fee, but there will be a prize for the Ladder Leader at the end of the Season.

Log onto footytips.com.au

Competition Name: Woolsthorpe PS

Password: wps

HAPPY TIPPING!!

HAY FOR SALE
Small square bales, $6 per bale
Ph: 0427 009 572 or 5569 2274