**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**Tuesday February 26th**
- Kitchen Garden Program GRADE 4/5 HELPERS NEEDED

**Tuesday February 26th**
- Parent Information Night

**Thursday February 28th**
- EMA FORMS DUE to Jodie

**Friday March 1st**
- HOUSE SPORTS AT BRAUERANDER PARK
  **NO BUSES-PARENTS TAKE CHILDREN TO SPORTS DAY**
  **SEE SIMON’S NEWSLETTER PIECE**

**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**
- Moyn 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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**HEATUPS**

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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A Planning Meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room at WPS 10AM WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY to plan activities for the year.

If you are likely to attend Playgroup this year, please come along fora cuppa and group chat - bring your fabulous ideas so our kids can benefit from some fun activities this year.
Our Parents & Friends Association over the summer and last year, again have worked tirelessly with their fundraising efforts. It was great to see our school have a presence at the various events they attended. The value of being out and about in the community can never be underestimated. Our school reputation is built on strong community relationships.

**In 2012 our PFA raised $9,123.58** which is a huge effort for a small school community. This money benefits all students at our school and supports the many extra programs we offer, like Annie the Musical Excursion in 2012, the Welcome BBQ, working bee BBQs, last day of term lunches and Student Leadership Team days, the end of year FUN DAY at Lake Pertobe, Grade 6 Graduation, Mothers’/Fathers’ day gifts and many extra resources for all our other programs, like Kitchen Garden, Arts, Technology, Literacy and Numeracy.

The PFA are always looking for new parents to get involved. Our next event is the **Port Fairy Folk Festival**, information on shifts can be found later in the Newsletter. I encourage all parents to support our PFA by helping out with a pancake shift. As well as fundraising, the PFA are a great support network for parents within the school and are always willing to answer any questions you may have. At the Sports Day next Friday you will have a chance to meet our PFA parents in person and find out ways to get involved.

The **Kitchen Garden Program** started again this week with the Prep/1’s cooking a yummy 2 course meal with some produce from our garden and chooks. It was great to see parents and grandparents helping out and getting involved in this great program. I enjoyed the Zucchini Slice and having a chat to our new Preps and the parents. This program is fully funded by the school due to the hard work of our PFA and School Council. The new benches and cupboards in the Multipurpose Room have come in very handy. Thanks to Linda, Suzi and Tory for rearranging the cupboards ready for Tuesday. If you want to get involved in the Kitchen Garden Program please make contact with Linda Robinson or Suzi Ireland.

**Numeracy interviews Prep-3** - Teachers are conducting these interviews with students over the next few weeks. The interviews help to map out the needs of all our students and plan goals for further learning.

**NEXT WEEK DON’T FORGET!**

**Tuesday February 26th Parent Information Nights**
*These information sessions will start on time, please don’t be late.*

**Year Prep-3**  
6.30pm-7.30pm

**Year 4-6**  
7.30pm-8.30pm

**Friday March 1st House Sports at Brauerander Park**

- 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 and Finish about 3.00pm**.
- Any parents who can help on the day with field events please contact Mr Miller.
- **Don’t forget our Family BBQ at 12pm which is supplied by the PFA.** We are looking for some BBQ cooks on the day please.

Mr Perry


- woolsthorpeps

DON’T FORGET TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DAILY UPDATES

![KITCHEN GARDEN LUNCH MADE BY PREP/1](image)
CONGRATULATIONS to Josh Keen for his first place medal in his age group at the Ballarat Archery Shoot last weekend. Well done for trying your hardest and having fun on a very hot weekend!!

HEYWOOD INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN GAMES COMPETITION
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2013
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 1ST MARCH
ENTRY $20 PER CHILD

PLEASE CONTACT JODIE KEAST FOR ENTRY FORMS

HEWESDALE & PURNIM DISTRICT TENNIS

**Assoc.**

Results after Feb 16th

Illowa/Mailors Flat 5 sets 39 games defeated Hawkesdale Gold 4 sets 35 games
Minhamite Red 7 sets 50 games defeated Wangoom Owls 2 sets 30 games

Wangoom Hawks 6 sets 46 games defeated Broadwater Green 3 sets 37 games
Broadwater White 8 sets 51 games defeated Hawkesdale Blue 1 set 24 games
Willatook 7 sets 48 games defeated Minhamite Yellow 2 sets 24 games

Ladder at completion of round 14:

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KOROIT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

U12 – New and old players are welcome to attend
Training on Thursday 28th February at 4.30pm at Koroit Football Grounds.
BBQ tea will be provided
Phone Nick O’Sullivan for further detail on 0408403369

Koroit -“Net-Set- Go” & “Modified Netball”
Fun, Fitness, netball skills and knowledge. This year Koroit will be offering Net-set-go as well as Modified Netball for U/12’s.
Both program’s will be held on Sunday morning’s in second term in conjunction with the Auskick program.

Facilitator’s: Stacey O’Sullivan – 0448 581 161, Kylie Grayland & Tanya Waterson

Registration Date: Friday 15th March at netball courts
Registration payment must be paid on this day.

Registration: $60 per child

Includes:
NetSetGO! Sports Bag     Gilbert Netball
T-Shirt                  Pencil Case
VNA-Victorian Netball Insurance
End of season Medal      Koroit Jr Membership

PRODUCE MEETING

For those families on the Produce Team for the Fete, there will be a Meeting on

Monday 4th March, 7.30pm at Sharon Clark’s house;
20 Leman St, Woolsthorpe

to discuss what produce is needed for the fete.
Any queries, call 5569 2447

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.

AL l 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 WOMENS ASSOCIATION

The Woolsthorpe CWA celebrates its 80th Birthday in May. Members would like to invite ladies of Woolsthorpe and District to a social and information afternoon at the Woolsthorpe Hall on Tuesday 5th March at 1.30 pm.

Agenda includes:

Making an Easter novelty, Irish Jokes, craft display and CWA information and afternoon tea.

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

GROUNDFORCE TOMATOES!

Groundforce have several punnets of yummy, delicious, delectable cherry tomatoes for sale.

If you would like a punnet, please contact the school and leave a message for Suzi.

$2.50 per punnet

PLANT STALL MEETING

A meeting will be held in the staffroom at school on Friday 8th March at 2.30pm for all families on the Plant Stall for the Fete. Contact your families and friends and ask for cuttings or donations of plants and start potting up (if you haven’t already!)

If you can’t make it, contact Suzi at school or on 0428 692 268

“IF YOU HAVE UNWANTED POTS AT HOME, WE’LL TAKE THEM!”

Suzi
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 ** ** **Woolsthorpe 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.
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.

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**PFA PANCAKE ROSTER - PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL**

Our Pancake Stall at the Port Fairy Folk Festival is an important fundraiser for our school. The Folkie is coming up on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March and we need help to fill our shifts.

The shifts will be Saturday and Sunday

- 8 am - 12 noon
- 12 noon - 4 pm
- 4 pm - 8 pm

If you can help out on any of these shifts, please call Bek Hirst on 0429 198 365 ASAP.

**PFA - AGM POSITIONS**

President: Rotating role - Tammy Bunt, Kazz Mahoney and Jodie Mackrell
Secretary: Tracey Taylor
School Council Rep: Tammy Bunt and Jodie Mackrell
Purchasing Officer: Alison Nicolson
Pancake Shift Organiser: Bec Hirst

Please catch up with any of these ladies to see what the PFA is all about. They are friendly and love to see new faces. There are also many members of the PFA who do many tasks behind the scenes and we would not be as successful as we are without each and every member. Come on and join and make some new friends!
Bakers Delight Target Centre is offering our school the opportunity to purchase their delicious Hot Cross Buns as a school fundraiser. For every 6 pack of buns ordered the school will make a profit of $2.00.

Order as many buns as you want and they will be freshly baked and delivered to the school for collection on Friday 22 March.

Name: __________________________ Class: _______________

Delivery Day: Friday 22 March

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Orders with full payment to be returned to school office by **Tuesday 19 March**