WELCOME BACK

Students have now settled back into their learning routines. The first week is all about developing good learning habits, getting to know classmates and setting goals.

Our Trademark values of Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork are revisited to ensure these are part of the day to day behaviours we see here from everyone in our learning community.

A welcome back letter went home last week, and is on our website, with important information to begin the year. It is vital to our school operations that all parents read notes and the weekly newsletter. Tiqbiz is used as a messaging system for all sorts of communications. Parents must have Tiqbiz access on their phones. We have updated our Parent Information Booklet. It is important that all parents read the booklet and keep it handy. Many of the day to day operations and processes of the school are mentioned in the booklet. As always if you have any questions please call.

HOUSE SPORTS

Our House Sports this year are at Brauerander Park on Thursday March 3rd. 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). 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 and activities please contact Mr Miller.

Our Sports Captains play an important leadership role in training students and organising teams for the house sports day. This year’s house captains and vice captains are:

- **Blue-Quamby**
  - Dougal Dorey (C), Peta Mahoney (C), Riley McKenzie, Willow Dandridge

- **Green-Union**
  - Laura Hoffman (C), William Robinson (C), Breanna Taylor, Trey Clarke

- **Gold-Bowra**
  - Jasmine Davidson (C), Bradley James (C), Mackenzie Davidson, Dakota Davidson

- **Red-Kilmore**
  - Ashley Keen (C), Aisha Gladman (C), Tess Madden, Ashton Porter

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**FEBRUARY**
- MON 8th: PFA AGM, 7:30pm
- FRI 12th: Bookclub Issue 1 Due Back
- MON 15th: Chinese Student Visit from Warrnambool College, GR 4-6’s
- TUE 16th: School Council, 7:30pm
- WED 17th: Hockey Clinic, GR 1 - 4
- FRI 26th: Student Leaders Congress

**MARCH**
- THU 3rd: House Sports @ Brauerander Park
- TUE 8th: School Photos
- MON 14th: Labour Day Holiday
- TUE 15th: School Council AGM, 7:30pm
- WED 16th: Moyne Sports
- MON 21st: Parent Teacher Conference Week
- THU 24th: Last Day Term 1
  - PFA Lunch

Add these dates to your calendar!
Our Student Leadership group for 2016 has been voted on by staff and students. This year’s Student Leadership Group is: Peta Mahoney, Aisha Gladman, William Robinson, Ashley Keen, Mackenzie Davidson, Bridie Conn-Peterson, Dakota Davidson

School Council Parent Nominations are now being taken for this year’s school council. Forms are in the office. We have at least 2 places. Nominations close on Friday, February 21. If you are interested in being on school council please contact me for more information.

If your contact details, phone numbers or email have changed lately please ensure these are changed at school with Suzi. We must have up-to-date information in case of an emergency.

Our Woolsthorpe Primary School Website, Facebook page, along with our Thursday Newsletter, form an important part of our communication strategy between home and school. Another great way to find out all that’s happening here at school is via our daily/weekly Twitter feeds. Follow the school or your child’s class.

Follow Us on
Twitter @woolsthorpeps
Facebook
W- http://woolsthorpeps.global2.vic.edu.au

As the Student Leadership Team of 2016 we are passionate about creating a fun learning environment for our fellow students. As leaders our role is run special events and fundraising for our school community while representing our school and trademark values of Respect, Care, Excellence and Teamwork.

We want it to be the best year ever and we will try our best to ensure we represent our school the best we can.

PFA
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Last Friday concluded our holiday pancake shifts. We thank every family that so willingly put down their name to help out, some families going the extra mile to do multiple shifts which was particularly appreciated. Special mention must go out to the following:

*Jason Willie, from Willie Manufacturing Industries and father of Isaac in Grade 1, volunteered his services to make a BBQ guard to stop the wind issues and also create a fantastic BBQ shelf. He also helped do some maintenance on some ongoing issues, making the trailer much more manageable this season. We are so thankful for his help and hope our school community can support him too if you ever need a trailer, stock crates or feed balers.

*Darren Gladman kindly organised the repair of our trailer fridge, also volunteering to do the leg work with transporting the trailer, which was very much appreciated.

*Bee Cool Refrigeration Services repaired our fridge at no charge which was just amazing. Please support this business if you ever need such services.

*Katie Thornley and the Britnell family each took on 3 shifts these holidays which we can’t be more thankful for.

*Sam O’Keefe - for her amazing organisation and effort - Thank you for your time, dedication and enthusiasm. not to mention your attention to detail! Congratulations on a hugely successful first summer season as our Purchasing Officer - you’ve done a sensational job!

We would like to invite everyone to attend our AGM Monday the 8th February.
7:30pm in the School Staffroom.
Everyone welcome. The Term 1 PFA Meeting will follow the AGM. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved with the school, we are a friendly group of parents and would love to see as many faces as possible at our meetings - we only hold 1 meeting a term!

Ahead of us is the Port Fairy Folk Festival. It is a difficult weekend shift to fill every year and we hope that if you are available, you can volunteer your services. The Roster is attached to the Newsletter.
This year we would love parents and families to send along photos of our students success. We will showcase their achievements and acknowledge their success here in our weekly newsletter. Photos and details can be emailed or sent in with students.

Congratulations to

Hayley Nicolson
for her outstanding effort and achievement at the Winslow Gymkana over the holidays. Hayley and her horse Bindi collected lots of ribbons as you can see. Well Done Hayley!

It is fantastic to see all of the students wearing full school uniform. Thank you to all families for ensuring your children arrive at school looking their best.

For the next few weeks the entire school will be taking part in lots of House Sports preparation for our School Sports at Brauerander Park in Warrnambool on Thursday 3rd March.

Students are encouraged to wear their sneakers and to avoid bringing them along in their bags they are welcome to wear them to school for the next few weeks. Thank you.

Take a look at our Twitter feed - @woolsthorpeps
Don’t forget to check out all the class pages - great photos and a wonderful “look” at your child’s school day!

CONNOR TEGGATZ 1st January
JAX WALKER 26th January
KATHARINA TEGGATZ 28th January
FLEUR MAHONEY 30th January
DREW BUNT 2nd February
JORDAN JAMES 4th February
Items for the Newsletter can be directly emailed to ttaylor2601@gmail.com by 11 am Wednesdays. Thank You.

NEWSMOKE

Hawkesdale and Purnim Districts Tennis Association

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WOMENS GROUP FITNESS

A fundraiser for Warnambool Womens Hockey

WHO: Women of all ages & abilities. There is no hockey involved.
WHEN: 2x1 hour sessions per week for 6 weeks from Feb 10, Wed 5.30pm & Sat 7am
WHERE: Wbooll Hockey Field Cramer St, Wbooll

SUMMER FUN & FITNESS! Looking to improve your fitness after the holidays? The WDHA is offering a 6 week group fitness program run by a trained professional aimed at non-hockey players of all fitness levels. A great way to launch your fitness program or get into shape for your winter sport. Book your spot now!

CONTACT: KAREN BENSON 0412732543

ONLY $60 FOR 12 1 HOURS SESSIONS!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Friday 4th March

DETOX YOUR HOME DAY

A once a year opportunity for people in the Moyne Shire to dispose of all their nasty toxic type wastes in an environmentally responsible manner. Items like solvents, cleaners, oils, fuels, poisons, chemicals etc that should not be deposited in household bins or waste facilities are accepted free of charge. Please note that a permanent disposal facility for more common items such as paints, batteries and light globes now exists in at Statewide Waste, 355 Koroit St, Warrnambool. The 2016 day will be held on Saturday 5th March between 8am - 4pm at the Warrnambool Saleyards on Caramut Road.

For more information:

CAR TRIAL
WOOLSTHORPE CRICKET CLUB

Maps, Traps, Bumps & Blowouts.....

After many years of laying low, Wilbur has been asked to spin the wheels of thought to put together a trial that will head you all sorts of directions. You can fill a car with your mates or get the family together to enjoy a Sunday drive! After it's all done & dusted, there will be a Barby & Drinks to celebrate your tailgating of error &/or good judgement.

Good Luck on following instructions, reading a map or not blowing a gasket. Get your team booked & be ready to start your engines at 10.00am sharp.

Entry: Every team to provide 6 drinks for the Prize pool
Where: Meet at the Car Park besides the Woolsthorpe Hall
To Register contact Denis on 5569 2286

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
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ST PAT’S SCENIC CIRCUIT
FUN RUN

Also raising funds for Warrnambool & District Food Share
3km walk/run, 6km run

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Teaching the fundamentals of Basketball

Vic Park Bball Stadium Tues nights

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Funball (2nd stage): 5.15-6.00

7 weeks - $40 payment upfront

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Any questions ph: Stacey
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