PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EDUCATION MINISTER VISIT
We have the Education Minister and Deputy Premier Mr James Merlino visiting our school next Wednesday afternoon. This is very exciting for the students and a chance to showcase our wonderful school and learning programs. It's exciting we have been chosen to host this visit, and testament I believe to the innovative work our staff and school are doing. Mr Merlino will be meeting staff and students and taking a look around our new facilities. We hope to share with him our Kitchen Garden and Discovery Learning program, among other things. Parents please ensure students are in full school uniform on this day, as they have been each day since the beginning of the year.

HOUSE SPORTS - ATHLETICS
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). The PFA are looking for parents to help cook the BBQ and prepare lunch 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 at the latest! Events will start at 9.00am, any parents who can help on the day with events and activities please contact Mr Miller.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Term 1 each year we offer parents a chance to meet with their child’s teacher early on in the year. 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 the traditional parent teacher interview we had in the past and a chance for parents and teachers to learn more about the students’ needs. Appointments can be made on an allocated day during the week of March 21. Information will be sent home over the comings weeks.

Add these dates to your calendar!
REMINDERS
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

Kim Austen @mrsaustensclass Feb 7
We drew our own versions of the tree from the 'Terrible Plop' story using the app 'Art Set' and our new stylus pens!

BOOKCLUB
ISSUE #1
ORDERS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.

KNOX KAVANAGH
16th February
TADHG O’KEEFE
17th February

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!

MrsC Grade4/5 2016 @MrsLJCumming Feb 8
Learning about numbers#placevalue#smarties#yummy#didntletthemeatthemtoday#
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

ASH KEEN

for his participation in the Koroit & District Squad Portland Tournament over the weekend.
Ash and his team played extremely well and most importantly - they enjoyed it!

Items for the Newsletter can be directly emailed to ttaylor2601@gmail.com by 11 am Wednesdays. Thank You.

Hawkesdale and Purnim Districts Tennis Association

Hawkesdale 9-54 d Minhamite Yellow 0-10
Willatook 5-38 d Port Fairy 4-37
Illowa/Mailors Flat 7-48 d Minhamite Red 2-31
Wangoom 6-47 d Broadwater White 3-42

WANTED

HOUSE FOR RENT

In the Woolsthorpe, Winslow, Mailors Flat or Koroit area.
Looking for low maintenance.
Please leave details with Suzi at the school office.
Thank You

LADDER AFTER ROUND 14

Hawkesdale 107.5
Illowa/Mailors Flat 101.5
Wangoom 96.5
Broadwater White 87
Minhamite Red 65.5
Willatook 50.5
Broadwater Green 48.5
Port Fairy 42.5
Minhamite Yellow 16.5
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or activities for the benefit of your child.

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

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
5.30PM
JUNIOR SQUASH REGISTRATION AND GRADING

Existing players please bring a friend along
New juniors aged between 8 and 16 are most welcome
Modified competition to commence for Junior’s that are ready to play
Equipment supplied
Sausage sizzle provided for dinner !!

ST PAT’S SCENIC CIRCUIT FUN RUN
Also raising funds for Warrnambool & District Food Share
3km walk/run, 6km run

Sunday March 6th, 2016 - 9am
ROUTE: Start and finish at St Pat’s Koroit (Queen Street)
Take in the majestic views from the rim of Tower Hill
Registrations from 8am at St Pat’s
COST: $10 adult, $5 child, $25 family
Children under 10 require adult/parent supervision,
6km open to 15 years and older
MORE INFO: Adele 0437 121 466 or Joss 0429 192 974

Woolsthorpe Hall Committee & Progress Association
MEETING
Wednesday 17th February
7:30pm at the Woolsthorpe Hall.
New Members Most Welcome
### Folk Festival Shifts

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| **Saturday 12th March**
Folk Festival
Shift 1
9:30 am - 12noon  | Danielle Gladman Team Leader/Trailer  |
|                    | Seona Poynton             |
|                    | Kathryn O'Connor          |
|                    | Suzi Ireland              |
| FOLK FESTIVAL
Shift 2
12 NOON - 4 pm     | VACANT Team Leader/Trailer |
|                    | Sharon Purcell            |
|                    | Katie Thornley            |
|                    | Heather Brian             |
| FOLK FESTIVAL
Shift 3
4 pm - 8 pm        | VACANT Team Leader/Trailer |
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### Koroit Irish Festival

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| **Saturday 30th April**
Koroit Irish
Festival
Shift 1
8 am - 10 am      | Heather Brian Team Leader/Trailer
*Vehicle must be out of street by 9am*
|                    | Seona Poynton             |
| KOROIT IRISH
FESTIVAL
SHIFT 2
10 am - 1 pm      | Suzi Ireland Team Leader/Trailer |
|                    | Sharon Purcell            |
|                    | Helen Stuart              |
| KOROIT IRISH
FESTIVAL
SHIFT 3
1 pm - 4 pm      | Nathan Kavanagh Team Leader/Trailer |
|                    | Katie Thornley            |
|                    | Bec Kavanagh              |
|                    | Cath Woodard              |