PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

EDUCATION MINISTER VISIT
We had the Education Minister and Deputy Premier Mr James Merlino visit our school yesterday afternoon. Mr Merlino met with staff and students and enjoyed a tour of our facilities with Mr Perry, Simon Cuzens, our School Council President and the Student Leaders. He was thoroughly impressed with our school and the opportunities and environment we have for our students.

Our Ground Force crew presented the Minister with a Heritage Apple Tree, which he was keen to plant in his own garden.

The grounds looked amazing, thanks to everyone for making sure everything - and everyone was looking fantastic. Keep an eye on the local paper for the full story and more great photos!

CHINESE STUDENT VISIT
On Monday Miss Han, our Chinese Teacher visited the school with a group of 40 Chinese exchange students. Our grade 4, 5, 6’s had the opportunity to learn from the students, who ranged from Grade 6’s to Year 8. After lunch our students hosted a Tabloid Sports afternoon of fun.

DEAKIN - Teaching Academies and Alliances
This year we have Talya Mackenzie a 4th year teacher education student from Deakin Warrnambool working in the Prep/1 classroom with Mrs Austen as her mentor. Talya will complete her teaching rounds during the year here at school and will also work in other classes to complete projects from time to time. The teacher training model at Deakin is undergoing some changes and our school has been chosen to be part of this new and innovative model for teacher education. Much like an internship, the Alliance model will see 4th year education students become part of the school community and experience the day in day work we do as teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
FRI 26th  Student Leaders Congress
MON 29th  Whole School House Sports Practise - Students are welcome to wear their sneakers to school.

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!
REMINDERS

PLEASE BE ON TIME
Our first morning bell goes at 8.55am each day which allows students time to get ready for the days learning and start our Literacy block at 9.00am sharp. Being on time is an important life skill and an example we must set for the students.

APPOINTMENTS
Teachers are very busy in the mornings preparing for the days learning, listening to reading, helping students prepare and organising their classrooms. If you need to meet with teachers please make an appointment, which teachers are always happy to do.

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.

TIQBIZ
Tiqbiz is used as a messaging system for all sorts of communications. Parents must have Tiqbiz access on their phones. Please make sure Tiqbiz notifications are turned on in your phone to get all messages and updates. Contact Suzi if you need help.

*If your contact details or email have changed lately please ensure these are changed at school. We must have up to date information and phone numbers 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

MAKING
LEARNING
FUN!
We popped (and then ate) some popcorn to listen to the 'p' sound it makes when it pops!

P! P! P!
POPCORN
TIME!
We trust everyone had a lovely summer holiday and is now settling back into first term. Welcome to our new families! We look forward to seeing you around the kitchen and garden this year as we embark on an exciting year of change and growth!

We are very excited to share that the current Kitchen Garden Program is under construction and may begin to look a little different to how we have run in the past. We hope to see a more formalise program, integrated approach, garden renovations & long term goals to work towards.

The Kitchen Garden team coordinators will be attending the Stephanie Alexander training program in Melbourne this month to broaden their knowledge and add further inspiration and direction to our current plans.

We hope to further strengthen our links with the existing ground force team, classroom and parent helpers to provide an enriching complimentary learning program for our children which will be sustainable for the school community.

We welcome family/ community helpers and will soon have a Facebook page dedicated to the kitchen garden program so that you can keep in the loop!

Keep your eyes out on Tiqbiz and the newsletter for further information.

Tory Robinson, Sam O'Keefe and Danielle Gladman

KITCHEN GARDEN TEAM COORDINATORS

**TERM 1 Mini Sessions**

During Term 1 as we begin setting up our new look Kitchen Garden Program we will be running short, 2 hour sessions -
One Hour in the Kitchen and the other in the Garden
*Students will still need to bring along their lunch and snacks.*

We would love to see some parent helpers - both inside and outside!
If you have any questions or to volunteer please let Tory know - on 0414 895 585

**KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM TERM 1**

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Congratulations to

JACK WEATHERS

for his sensational racing at Lake Gillear - managing to get up the huge wall jump!
Well done Jack!

Congratulations to

CHARLOTTE NOONAN

for her amazing efforts over the weekend - Charlotte and her horse Macca placed 6th in their Warrnambool event over the weekend! Well done Charlotte!

Congratulations to

ISAAC BRIAN

for receiving his Yellow belt in Martial Arts. His has worked very hard over the last 6 months to achieve this! Well done Isaac!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATION

There will be a Badge Presentation to the 2016 Student Leadership Group at an early assembly to be held at 3pm this Friday and parents are invited to attend. Please come along and help us celebrate our wonderful Student Leadership Group.

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

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
5.30PM
JUNIOR SQUASH REGISTRATION AND GRADING

Hawkesdale and Purnim Districts Tennis Association

Minhamite Red 7-46 d Willatook 2-26
Illowa/Mailors Flat 9-54 d Broadwater Green 0-21
Hawkesdale 5-46 d Broadwater White 4-38
Port Fairy 8-52 d Minhamite Yellow 1-14

LADDER AFTER ROUND 15

Hawkesdale 114.5
Illowa/Mailors Flat 112.5
Wangoom 96.5
Broadwater White 91
Minhamite Red 74.5
Willatook 52.5
Port Fairy 52.5
Broadwater Green 48.5
Minhamite Yellow 17.5

ST PATTY’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

COST: $10 adult, $5 child, $25 family
Children under 10 require adult/parent supervision
3km open to 15 years and older

MORE INFO: Adele 0437 191 466 or Joss 0429 192 973

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!!

WARRNAMBOOL ACTION SQUASH CLUB
395 Timor St
Warrnambool
For enquiries please phone Kerri on 0428 1401 74
Be part of Australia’s fastest growing sport
Allstar Cheerleading
Warrnambool
CHEER | STUNTING | POM | HIP HOP | ACRO
Competitive &
Recreational Teams
5 - 25yrs
Contact us
for 2016 info!
Gym Owner: Kirralee
Badham
Accredited and award winning
cheer & dance coaches
Ph: 5229 8190
www.southwestcheergym.com.au

Want to get your kids into tennis?
Available at Warrnambool Indoor Tennis
With award winning coaches of Tennis Australia’s
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, children from 4 years can learn the game with modified
courts, balls and racquets.
An extensive program will also be available for
older beginners and accomplished players
OR Come along to our casual $5 Hit
@ 4pm Fridays
Interested?
Call 5562 6539

ST PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL KOROIT
FETE
SUNDAY 28th FEB
10 am - 2pm
QUEEN STREET, KOROIT
Loads of family fun including
PONY RIDES - MERRY GO ROUND
INFLATABLE FUN - BUNGEE RUN
BUNNINGS ACTIVITIES - LAWN BOWLS
JUNIOR PLAY AREA - FOOTY FUN
Cakes - Fresh produce - Garden stall
Showbags - Color Angel - Raffles
Bric-a-brac - Car boot sale
Fully catered canteen - BBQ - Coffee
PLUS a Silent Auction with fantastic items including
Sherwood Park 6 month golf membership for two, 2 tickets to 2016 Port Fairy Folk
Festival & family membership to Flagstaff Hill plus lots more!

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Please take the time to check out the shifts we still have available. If you can help out please add your name to the roster in the office.

Thank you.

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