This year our school is undertaking its review, based on our 2013-2016 School Strategic Plan. One of the key functions of our school council is to develop a broad vision and future direction for the school. We do this through the school review process and strategic planning. Strategic planning is the process of reflecting on past performance, establishing future directions and deciding what will constitute success. Over the coming weeks and months we will be seeking feedback from all families of the school. Some of the questions we will be seeking feedback around are:

*How well does our school vision and values reflect the needs and aspirations of our whole school community?*

*How strongly embedded is our school vision and values in the everyday practices and interactions of our community?*

*What is the future we want to create for all learners and our school community?*

*What do we believe and value in this school?*

*What does this school stand for?*

*How does this school want to operate?*

We also explore these questions with staff and students with an aim to build a broad vision and direction for the school community. Please, keep an eye out for information coming out via newsletters, Tiqbiz and Facebook. If you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to give me a call or talk to your school council representatives.

**ONLINE SAFETY**

The internet and digital technologies are now part of life. The internet offers exciting new opportunities to engage students and young people in new ways of learning. As a school we teach students how to stay safe online and what appropriate behaviours are. We talk about accessing appropriate sites and information. Students learn what to do if they come across inappropriate things.

Parents and families also play a vital role in helping their children use the internet safely at home. We ask that you are always monitoring and talking with your children about online safety and using the internet appropriately. Once off talks DO NOT WORK! Ongoing talks and open discussions are vital in all families about how we use the internet and monitor internet usage. Below are some resources for all parents to help you have these important talks. If you want hard copies we can print these off at school.

**CYBER SAFE GUIDES FOR PARENTS**

These resources are aimed to help families talk and discuss issues around online behaviours, teens and technology, messaging & sexting, online games, digital reputations, social media, online worlds, Snapchat etc.

[cyber Smart: Your guide to online safety](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx)
OPEN COMMUNICATION

Just a reminder, if you have any questions please feel free to call me or make an appointment to see me. I am a big believer in two way communication between home and school. Often it’s best to call and clarify your questions or concerns when they arise. Our school councillors and PFA members are also people who can answer your questions or raise issues at their meetings held throughout the year. School council members are Simon Cuzens, Danielle Gladman, Simon Poynton, Mark Stuart, Paul Brian, Samantha O’Keefe, Elissa Taylor, Jock O’Keefe, Kim Austen, Sarah Daly, Simon Perry, Elise Willie (PFA rep) and Emma McRae (PFA rep).

Mr Perry

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GOLD COIN COOKIES

Think Tiny Teddies but Gluten Free, Refined Sugar Free and round instead of Tiny Teddy Shape. These are a fantastic substitute for Tiny Teddies, are easy to make, less expensive and better for your kids.

These gold coin cookies are great lunchbox snacks. Simply pop 3-4 in the lunchbox to provide a yummy sweet tasting cookie as a treat. They are an awesome recipe to involve your kids in – get them to mix the flours, and cut the cookie shapes.

INGREDIENTS

- 65g butter
- 140g rice malt syrup
- 2 tspn vanilla extract
- 85g brown rice flour
- 85g buckwheat flour
- 70g gluten free self raising flour
- 1 tspn baking powder
- 1/2 tspn bicarb powder

METHOD

1. Put butter, rice malt syrup and vanilla in a saucepan and melt over medium heat – stirring continuously until butter has melted and combined with rice malt syrup. Remove from heat.
2. Place everything else in a large mixing bowl, and mix with a wooden spoon.
3. Pour butter mixture into the mixing bowl with the flour mixture. Stir the butter mixture through to form a sticky dough ball. You need mixed in really well.
4. Place the bowl in the fridge for 15 minutes (no more than 30 minutes).
5. Preheat oven to 180 degrees and line 2 baking trays with paper.
6. Take dough out and break into 2 big balls. Place one ball on a piece of baking paper, and roll out until about 2mm thick. Use a small round cutter (or any shape you have) and press into the dough. Place your coins (or shape) onto a baking trays. Then do the same for the other ball.
7. Bake in oven for 6-8 minutes until golden. Cool on the tray for 2 mins, then remove to cool on a wire rack.

Thank you Lisa Turner for the amazing link to therootcause.com.au

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!
Congratulations to
KHEM RESSOM

On the 18th to the 20th of March Khem attended a camp with the Funakoshi Karate International. The camp was organised for the Black Belt grades. Them was invited to attend with this group. On the third day after Grading Khem was awarded the rank of 8th Kyn, Yellow Belt in the art of Karate, recognising skills and fine character. Khem also participated in character building activities and social interaction over the weekend at a location in a bush setting. He very much appreciated the opportunity to be offered this wonderful experience and to share it with such a dedicated group of people.

Well Done Khem!

PFA meeting will be held this coming Tuesday April 26th in staffroom from 7.30pm. All parents welcome to come along and discuss up coming events throughout the school & meet other parents, we would love to see some new faces! Any queries please contact Emma McRae (PFA President).

STRAWBERRY CUT UP FOR THE IRISH FESTIVAL

Thank you to the many families that have volunteered to do shifts for the coming Irish Festival. All shifts for the Saturday and Sunday have been filled and we are very much appreciative. If anyone has any questions about their shift, please contact Melissa Toki.

In preparation for Saturday, we need to cut up strawberries on Friday 29th April. We are looking for a few parents to spare a small amount of their time from 9.30am in the staff room to help us. Just bring a knife and chopping board if possible. Thank you!

Mothers day stall will be Friday May 6th
We would like to invite you to attend our

**WPS ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

which will be run by our Year 5/6 students.

**Friday 22nd April**

**10:30AM**

at our Memorial Garden at the front of the school.

**All families welcome to attend**

Guests - Mayor Colin Ryan, Ray Walker, Gavin Nevill and Bim Affleck

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**WARRNAMBOOL ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

**Monday 25th, Anzac Day**

Grade 6 student leaders Peta and Aisha will be reading

‘The Last Parade’

by James Young

and Mackenzie and Ashley will be laying a wreath on behalf of W.P.S

All students and families are welcome to march with us up to the service.

We will be meeting in front of Taylors Surf Odyssey on Liebig Street at 10:30am sharp.

*Could students please wear school full uniform if they wish to participate in the march.*
2016 marks 50 years of kindergarten education in Koroit and we would love to mark this special occasion by involving past committee members.

To kick off the celebrations, we have made a Kinder float in the Irish Festival parade themed ‘50 years of Kinder’. We cordially invite former committee members & parents attending the festival to join in walking with our float. It will be a bit of fun and the children would love to see you there!

Further celebrations will be held at the Koroit kindergarten later in November as an open day. We are currently collating contact details of former members to send invitations so they can see how far the kindergarten has come due to their support and dedication and view the new building and changed.

Please contact Kate Dobson on 0408 399 144 or Sam O’Keefe on 0400 392 391 or email KoroitKinder50@hotmail.com if you would like to be included or know of a past committee member that would. We also invite you to ‘like’ our ‘Koroit & District Kindergarten - 50 years’ Facebookpage to keep up to date with our plans as they develop.

Open Night
Wednesday 11th May 2016
This is an interactive evening designed for students in Grades 5 & 6.
Register online at brauer.vic.edu.au/enrol or on the night from 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

DET Accredited SEAL Program - Testing Thursday 19th May, 2016
Please arrive at 9:00am for a 9:15am start. To register phone us on 5560 3888

A World of Opportunity
Postie Fashions is for every woman, even without needing to leave your home.

Here is your invitation to invite the girls around, have a gossip session and preview the new seasons range from Postie Fashions.

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