Important Dates To Remember....

Friday 22nd August    Hoop Time at Warrnambool Stadium - Grade 5/6
Monday 25th August    Literacy & Numeracy Week
Tuesday 26th August   Kitchen Garden Program Gr. 1/2 - HELPERS REQUIRED PLEASE
Thursday 28th August  Playgroup - Grade 2/3
Monday 1st September  Swimming Program Starts - runs until Friday 12th September
Wednesday 3rd September Speech Night
Thursday 4th September Maths Competition-W’bool College-5 x Grade 6 Representatives
Friday 5th September  Father’s Day Stall - 1PM (AFTER SWIMMING)
Wednesday 17th September Parent/Teacher Conference Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 19th September  Footy Day/Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30pm Finish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU....

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

We had a visitor to our school grounds today....
Thanks to Tracey for making us aware of our new ‘student’! Must have been a good spot to sit and watch all the busy children....

If you have any items you wish to have in the Newsletter, please send them through to:
ireland.susan.s1@edumail.vic.gov.au
before 1pm Wednesdays or contact Suzi at school.

HEAT UP ROSTER TERM 3
HELP REQUIRED PLEASE!!

Thursdays, 12.30-1.00 pm
in the Multi Purpose Room

DATES

August 28th         Sally Banks
September 4th       SWIMMING
September 11th      SWIMMING
September 18th      VACANT
Parents could I please remind you of the importance of reading the Newsletter each week and checking students' bags for notes. Our Newsletter and other notices are a key way of communicating with parents about important issues, changes and programs. There are a number of forms and notices which will be coming home over the next few days; swimming permissions and Parent/Teacher Conference bookings are two of these.

A big thank you to Linda Robinson who has been working in the office while Jodie has been at Brauer College the past 12 weeks. Linda has done a great job and we appreciate having someone able to step in and fill the Business Manager's role at the school.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
Parent/Teacher Conference day is Wednesday September 17th from 1pm – 7pm, which is a Pupil Free Day at school. Parents can make appointments with teachers to discuss their child's learning at this point in time. This is an opportunity to have a conversation about your child's progress and areas for improvement going forward. The appointments are optional and may not be needed by all parents. Appointment booking forms will be coming home Monday and due back by September 1st.

SCHOOL PICK UP
For safety reasons, it is important that parents park in the parking bays and walk their child across the road during pick up and drop off times. At no stage should parents park in front of the Wright's house next door. There are Moyne Shire signs which staff and parents must adhere to.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE
School Council have been reviewing all our school policies this year with an aim to release new and updated policies in Term 4. If you have any questions or ideas about policies, don’t hesitate to talk to myself or School Council members. Our 2014 School Council members are Sam Robinson, Karen Mahoney, Tory Robinson, Roma Britnell, Trevor Hirst, Simon Cuzens, Danielle Gladman, Simon Poynton, Ben Miller, Sarah Daly, Simon Perry, Samantha O'Keefe (PFA rep) and Emma McRae (PFA rep).

CAMPS PROGRAM TERM 4
In order for parents to plan ahead, below are details with estimated costings for all our camps in Term 4. As in past years we are happy for parents to start making small payments in the lead-up to camps. We’ve found this makes paying for camps much easier. Our wonderful PFA also subsidise our Camps Program which we will finalise in the coming weeks.

★ The Grade 4/5/6 Camp this year is to Roses Gap on November 17, 18, 19
This is an adventure camp with lots of great activities and experiences for the students. This year the estimated camp cost per student is $280.00. This covers 2 nights’ accommodation, bus, all meals and activities for the 3 days.

★ Our Grade 2/3 Overnight Camp this year is in Warrnambool on November 6 & 7
The cost for this camp will be about $60.00 per student which includes bus, accommodation, all activities and meals.

★ The Prep/1 Sleepover is still in the planning phase but will be around the end of November and is usually around $10.00. The sleepover is at school with a dinner, activities and a movie night.
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated Book Week with a Dress Up Day - and oh, boy! Did we have some AMAZING characters come to life! Everyone made a huge effort and it was great to see some family members come along and share their favourite story book with their child’s class. Several teachers and students also shared some of their much-loved books before the students undertook a whole-school book week project. Everyone had a great day, so thanks to everyone for participating! Too many great pics to print, here’s a few...

Keep up with us on Twitter!

Twitter profiles of various teachers and students, each sharing a snippet about their experiences during Book Week.
KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM TERM 3 UPDATE

All classes have enjoyed their Kitchen Garden sessions over the last few weeks, producing some beautiful lunches.

We are looking for a Grade 1/2 Class volunteer for next Tuesday. Please don't be shy - if you can spare us a few hours in the morning, please let us know ASAP!

This term we have had a set menu, making it much easier for the Co-Ordinators. The Co-Ordinator's role now includes only minimal (if any) shopping. Great news! If you are interested, but still a little unsure, please call and have a chat with us. The kids LOVE having their special someone involved at school, especially in Kitchen Garden where we all get to sit down together and enjoy a meal we have prepared. If you are interested in being a Co-Ordinator in Term 4, please see Suzi asap.

The dates are as follows:

TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST GR. 1/2 CO-ORDINATOR: Tory Robinson VOLUNTEERS: Suzi Ireland Kelvin Bunt Tammy Bunt VACANT x 1

Please contact Tory Robinson on 0414 895 585 or Suzi Ireland on 0428 692 268 (or at the school 5569 2241) if you can help or if you have any queries.

SCHOOL POLICY CORNER

VISITORS TO SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:
✓ - We seek to provide an open and friendly learning environment, which values and actively encourages visitors to our school. At the same time we recognise our duty of care to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff.
✓ - Woolsthorpe Primary School visitors policy is in place to encourage visitors from the school and wider community to embrace learning opportunities in a safe environment.

Aims:
✓ - To provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and resources.
✓ - To establish protocols and procedures that effectively monitors and manages visitors, whilst not compromising the open and inviting nature of our school.

Implementation:
✓ - Whilst we actively encourage an inviting and open school, the safety of our students, staff and resources remain our highest priorities.
✓ - Visitors are defined as all people who seek to enter our school other than staff members, students, and parents/guardians involved in the task of delivering or collecting children at the start or end of the school day.
✓ - All visitors will be required to report to the administration office prior to undertaking any activity within the school, where they will be required to sign a “Visitors” book. Similarly, visitors will be required to report to the administration office at the end of their visit.
✓ - Visitors may require a Working With Children Check – see WWC Check policy.
✓ - Visitors will be provided with directions, an induction if necessary, and will be made aware of any construction works etc that may impact upon their safety or comfort.
✓ - Visitors within the school who have failed to follow this process will be redirected to the school office by a staff member, where the issue will be resolved.
✓ - Under the Summary Offences Act and subsequent amendments, the principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the school, and also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside school operating hours.
✓ - The school’s Emergency Management procedures will ensure that visitors within the school at the time of any emergency or practice drill will be recognised and be appropriately catered for.
Beyond the Bell

*Beyond the Bell* is an initiative which will identify what is getting in the way of many of our young people completing their education, and work out ways to increase the number of young people completing their Year 12 or equivalent qualifications in the future.

We would REALLY like to hear about your learning experiences as a parent, carer, family member, friend, employer, or as a young person yourself.

We have developed a short survey to make it easy for you to share your views. It will only take about 5-7 minutes to complete, the community survey is available online at [http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au/beyondthebell](http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au/beyondthebell)

To say thank you for completing the survey all respondents will be entered in a draw to win one of 10 double movie passes. Good luck!

For more information about Beyond the Bell contact Katie McKean, Warrnambool Local Action Group Secretariat on 5559 4867 or email kmckean@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

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**...THE CAMERA REMEMBERS...**

But do any of you out there? Who is this gorgeous lady? She was the CBA Representative who came out to present Michael Ham with the UNSW Award. (He got top of the State). Does she look familiar?

She should look familiar! The lady presenting the Award was none other than our very own Jodie Keast! Bring back some memories, Jodie??

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND BACK YOUR CHILD’S SWIMMING PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORMS ASAP!!**