10TH DECEMBER 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

FINAL NEWSLETTER 2016
This is the final newsletter for the year. My extended thoughts and acknowledgements are in the 2015 School Magazine and attached. I would like to thank Tracey for doing the newsletter this year. She has done an amazing job yet again of keeping our families and local community informed and updated with information. It’s a huge job, done with perfection! Can I also encourage everyone to buy a copy of the School Magazine. It is simply amazing! I would like to acknowledge and thank Tracey for all her hours of work in producing such a professional and quality publication. I can guarantee families will appreciate this amazing keep sake. Magazines will be handed out and sold on at the concert night.

ORIENTATION DAY
Students spent Tuesday morning getting to know with their new teachers and classmates for 2016 as part of our Orientation Day program. It was great to see our new Preps for next year enjoy their morning with Mrs Austen. They looked very grown up in their uniforms and were very excited to start their learning journeys as Preps. We held an information session also for parents at 1pm. Any 2016 Prep parents who missed this information session or have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Kim or myself. From all reports our grade 6 students had a great time at their new secondary schools getting to know other students and becoming familiar with their new environments.

FINAL REMINDERS

FUN DAY STUDENTS FINAL DAY next Tuesday
1 Tabloid Sports morning, Concert practice, BBQ lunch and visit from Santa

PLEASE BYO CHAIR ON CONCERT NIGHT next Tuesday 7.00pm
1 The concert will be near the undercover area, a stage will be setup next to the Multipurpose Centre. This is always a great night for the whole family to join in and celebrate the year. Please be on time, we will start at 7.00pm Sharp.

BACK TO SCHOOL 2016
1 All students will start school next year on Thursday, January 28th

THANK YOU FROM SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2015
As another school year draws to a close I would like to first of all say how proud I am of our students here at Woolsthorpe Primary School. Each day they amaze myself and the staff in the way they care for each other, work as a team and try their utmost to do their best and learn by doing. Overwhelmingly the evidence shows our students feel safe, happy and engaged in their learning programs at school. As a school community we have embraced new ideas, ways of working together and set standards very high again in 2015. The way staff and parents value the school and work as a team to support students is visible and noticeable every day in all our programs and learning opportunities.

Isabelle & Riley

Kim Austen @mrsaustensclass Dec 7
Having so much fun making reindeers with our Grade 5/6 buddies on Orientation Day!
As a school we work extremely hard to provide a unique culture and dynamic learning experience for all our students. We expect excellence and have a history and culture of high academic achievement. We also know that an education worth having is about recognising the whole child as an individual and providing opportunity for them to explore their talents, passions and interests. It takes a village (community) to raise a child and as a school we value student’s talents and passions outside of school and understand that they learn many skills that support their learning at school. Their involvement in sporting clubs, community groups, pony clubs, music/dance/gym and other outside school activities is vital in building healthy and well-rounded young people ready to make a difference in our community as active citizens. This skills focus has been a big part of our whole school work the last 2-3 years while embedding our Learning Process. Our Learning Process model is designed to be a common language that all learners, both children and adults, can understand and use. Learners can identify and describe which part of the Learning Process they are in and why they are there. Our Learner Traits of Collaboration, Tolerance, Curiosity, Initiative, Creativity and Determination are skills we teach as part of the Learning Process.

This year’s Country Fair was a real highlight and public display of just how our school and community work together, all in aide of providing our students with the best possible learning opportunities. Our values of Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork were visible and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts. Our House sports again were a highlight of term 1 at Brauerander Park. Welcoming our new families and Prep students, student leadership projects, kitchen garden program, ground force, camps and excursions, swimming, triathlon, surfing, community events and ceremony’s continued to add to the many extra curricula programs we offer here at the school. These and other learning experiences had by our students are a result of hard work and planning from staff and parents, willing to go that extra mile for our students.

To our wonderful PFA thank you for your continued support and work in the school. Many of the wonderful programs we run and extra resources we have are due to the fantastic fundraising work you do with our pancake shifts/events throughout the year, not to mention the camp and excursion subsidy you provide to all our families. This year we have updated our pancake trailer to ensure its sustainability and to make our fundraising work at local events that little bit easier. The PFA shed will also see an upgrade in the school holidays thanks to the work of our school council. I encourage all parents to get involved in our PFA as it is a great way to have a say in the school and support your child’s education.

The Kitchen Garden Program goes from strength to strength. This program cannot happen without the wonderful work of you our parent helpers. Thanks to Tori Robinson for her coordination this year, all our parent co-ordinators who run this program and to the many parent volunteers who help out. This program is being reviewed and enhanced as we continue to improve this highly valued learning experience for our students. 2016 I’m sure, will be an exciting year for Kitchen Garden.

To the teaching staff in Anton, Kim, Sarah, Laura, Ben, Jacci, and Anna thank you again for your dedication and commitment to our school and students. You go above and beyond what is expected to ensure our students are happy, cared for and engaged in their learning programs. Our students’ growth over time shows we are providing our students with the best possible learning opportunities available and this is due to your commitment to our student’s learning needs, social and wellbeing development.

To Suzi our Business Manager, your role provides fantastic support to all the staff and parents of our school. For families, Suzi is the first point of contact answering questions or queries. Suzi is also an ear to listen and provide support where possible. Suzi allows me as Principal to focus on leading learning in our school so that our students have the best possible learning experiences. On behalf of parents, staff and students, thank you Suzi.

To Tracey Taylor a big thank you for all your work this year. Your Education Support role has many areas. You make all our jobs much easier and enable us to focus on student’s learning at all times. Tracey produced our weekly newsletter; a huge job, which is very much appreciated by the whole school community. Tracey also produced our school magazine this year which looks amazing.

Respect Excellence Teamwork Care
To Ian Richardson our cleaner, thank you for all the work you do to ensure our school is cleaned daily. It's never too much for Ian to do a little extra to ensure our school is clean and safe. I would also like to thank Brian and Laurice our Bus Drivers who do an amazing job everyday of ensuring our students arrive at school safe. Our buses are our schools life blood and we appreciate the care they provide our students.

An important thank you must go to all School Councillors for their work this year. The school council plays an important role in decision making and culture development for our school. This year has involved a policy review and a number of grounds projects. Your voluntary time is appreciated by the whole school community. The Governance of our school is vital in ensuring we continue to improve and provide an educational experience for our students that is personalised and in an environment conducive to learning.

This year we have two Councillors finishing up at the end of the year, Roma Britnell and Trevor Hirst. Trevor has been on School Council for 8 years and Roma for the past 2 years. On behalf of the school we would like to thank them for dedicating their time to driving the school culture and making our school the place it is today.

Woolsthorpe Primary School has a unique community feel and culture which makes our jobs as teachers very rewarding. The value of having parents and teachers working together can never be underestimated in its impact on student learning outcomes. As was seen at this year’s Country Fair, when our community come together and work as one, great things can happen for the betterment of all our students. This reiterates many of the key messages we aim to instil in our students. We should be very proud of the work we have all achieved in 2015.

Finally all the best to our exiting grade 6 students and families. Thank you for your commitment and involvement over many years. As a school we believe our students move into their Secondary education well prepared as young people, with skills and knowledge, ready to make a difference in their communities.

Have a safe and happy Christmas with friends and family. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year ready for more fun and learning.

Mr Perry
Follow Us on Twitter @woolsthorpeps Facebook

Respect Excellence Teamwork Care
Congratulations to our Basketballers on Monday Night.
Macie & Tessa WON the Grandfinal in the 12 and under Koroit & District Basketball Association.
Macie also got most improved female player for 12’s and under.

An important survey was sent home yesterday via Tiqbiz, please be sure to click on the link provided in the letter and complete the survey.
LINK: Survey Monkey web link
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8B92TWT

Thank you to all our Gardeners this morning!
Everyone enjoyed the morning tea provided by Mr Perry and all the Staff to thank our families for all the help throughout the year.

Kitchen Garden Program Committee

Respect Excellence Teamwork Care
MAILORS FLAT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 13th December
@ Mailors Flat Hall with Activities from 11am – 2pm

Jumping Castle
Christmas Craft Activities
Small Petting Zoo
Biscuit Decorating
Winslow/Mailors Flat Brigade Fire Truck
Face Painting
Popcorn & Fairy Floss

Santa – 1pm

Entry only $5 for kids aged 3 – 12 years
$2 for 13 years & Adults

Includes all of the above activities for free!!!

BBQ lunch & Tea, coffee, biscuits & slices available all day

Woolsthorpe Cricket Club
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Invites Our Little Milo Cricketers, Our Colts, Our Senior Cricketers, Social Members, Our Sponsors, along with their families

Sunday 13th December
11am - 5pm

BBQ LUNCH WITH SALADS
THE COLOUR ANGEL
BALLOON BOY
SANTA CLAUSE - WITH A SURPRISE FOR THE KIDS
A TREASURE HUNT
WATER BALLOONS
EGG & SPOON RACE
OTHER “OLD FASHIONED” GAMES (FOR YOUNG & OLD)

For anyone who would like to become a social member of the Woolsthorpe Cricket Club we offer a family membership of $30.00 per family or $20.00 per single

Come Along & Join Us For Our “BIG FAMILY” Xmas Party

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
CLASS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

If each family could send along a small item (toys, stationary, christmas goodies, lollies or something fun) to the school office.

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT GOODIES IN!

IMPORTANT

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK TOMORROW

All library books need to be back to school tomorrow for the end of the year. Please remind your children to check if they have any at home. Lists of books have been posted in the classrooms this week. Thank you to all the students who have already returned books.

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MailorsFlatLocalFamilyGroup where you can keep up to date with events and activities.

If you would like any further information please contact us via Facebook or mobile:
Melissa Maher - 0447 132 102 or Kerri Hunter - 0407 833 390

Respect Excellence Teamwork Care
Our busy January Pancake Season is approaching fast and it’s time to fill our roster. We have included the entire year’s Pancake Shift Roster - with so many shifts to fill we need every family to commit to one shift.

A Pancake Shift is fun, friendly and a great way to get involved with the school - after all we are all working towards helping our kids, your kids!

Please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the next page and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Please have a look at the dates below:

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Please call or text Melissa Toki - 0408 614 432
Or leave your name on the roster at the front office with Suzi.

We will be contacting all families over the coming weeks to confirm your shift time and date.

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OLA LOUIE HANDCRAFT
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MICKEY BOURKE’S
THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL KOROIT
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QUAMBY HOMESTEAD
SIMON LUCAS ELECTRICAL
WILLIE’S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MOYNE SHIRE

MEAT BARN & MIDFEILD MEATS
KAVANAGH’S FEUL & PUMP REPAIRS
GLENN RICHARDSON PLUMBING
PTS
WARRNAMBOOL BUS & MOTOR GROUP
JAYSON LAMB SPLASH FACTORY

SOUTH COAST JUNIOR AQUATICS
GRAHAM’S CLEANING SUPPLIES
ROSS JOHNSTONE AUTOS
PAUL MCCUTCHEON FENCING

TOM KING SIGNS
ASHMORE PALMS HOLIDAY VILLAGE
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MCNEILS BP
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RB SELLARS
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JORONI
INFLATABLE WORLD
YIAH (YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME)
LE REVE, KRISTY FISHER
LITTLE THAI HOUSE
Hawkesdale & District Family Services Centre
Invites you to our opening of
OUR BUSH OUTDOOR LEARNING
AREA (BUSHOLA)
On Monday 7 DECEMBER from 6pm onwards

A Bush OLA is a type of preschool education for children held almost exclusively outdoors. Whatever the weather, children are encouraged to take the lead in playing, exploring and learning in the natural environment.

Bush OLA is a special part of a Hawkesdale and District Family Services Centre total learning experience. A model to suit our community’s and children’s specific needs.

Outdoor spaces with plants, trees, rocks, mud and water invite open-ended interactions, spontaneity, risk taking and a connection with nature.

HEAD LICE TREATMENT

$40.00 contains everything you need - including styling gel. Order some today to have on hand for the new year. Please contact Sarah - 0434 872 298

HAWKESDALE AND PURNIM DISTRICTS TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ROUND 7
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