Respect Excellence Teamwork Care

Parent/Teacher Conferences - During week 9 and 10 we are allocating times for parents to make appointments with teachers to discuss their child’s learning at this point in time. The parent/teacher conference is an opportunity to have a conversation about your child’s strengths, interests and focuses for improvement. The appointments are optional and may not be needed by all parents. The information and days on which staff will be free to conduct these conferences will be sent home in the coming weeks. This is a new initiative and an opportunity we believe to be clear on how we work together to support your child’s learning and development.

Recently we have had a number of schools visiting to observe our use of iPads in the classroom to support students’ learning. Many schools are now investing in iPads and are looking at our school program to get ideas. It is great for our school to be recognised as a leader in innovative teaching and learning practices. Our teachers challenge each other and the students to be the best they can be all the time. On September 3 we have been invited to present at the Country Education Conference in Melbourne about our iPreps Project and we will be sharing what our school has been doing with iPads to support learning and teaching. Principals and Teachers from Victorian, NSW and SA country schools will be in attendance.

This week a new specialist timetable started. Mrs Fitzsimmons is taking each class for Science and Arts over the next 5 weeks while Miss Ryan is teaching the Grade 2/3 class. Mr Boyd is currently on leave until the end of term. Week 9 and 10 is our Swimming Program timetable.

The Grade 4/5/6 Camp this year is to Cape Bridgewater on November 5th, 6th and 7th. This is an adventure-based camp and from all reports is a fantastic camp. This year the camp will cost $220 per student. This cost covers 2 nights accommodation, bus, all meals and activities for the 3 days. Activities include; bush walking, snorkelling, mountain bikes, Seal Tour, Sand Surfing and cooking. Payments can now be made. Speak to Jodie about options on making payments.

Deakin Students - We welcome again our 2nd Year Deakin students who are working in the Grade P/1, 4/5 and 5/6 classrooms. This is a great time for teachers to share their expertise and guide the Deakin students during their experience.

New School update - Over the next two weeks our builder for the new school will be finalised and works on the temporary school site will begin. Due to weather and other hold-ups it looks likely we will be moving into the temporary school later in Term 4.

Reminders

Ambulance Cover - All parents should have Ambulance Cover. If students are injured at school and need an ambulance, parents are responsible for these costs.

Asthma - All students with asthma must have an up-to-date (annual) written Asthma Management Plan consistent with Asthma Victoria’s requirements completed by their doctor or paediatrician. Appropriate Asthma Plan Proformas are available at www.asthma.org.au. This plan should be given to Jodie and filed on the student’s records.

Policies can be found on our blog.

Mr Perry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU....

JAYDE ARNOTT    AUGUST 19TH

LEMONS LEMONS LEMONS

If you are after some lemons, come in and see Jodie, she has a bag full of lemons looking for a good home!

BOXES / MAGAZINES

Mrs Fitzy is putting out the call for boxes - cereal sized boxes and smaller and any unwanted magazines. Before you throw yours in the recycling, send them to school to see what they can be turned into...

WOW! We had a wonderful response to our facebook page over this last week. If you have not yet ‘Liked’ our page, log on and look us up. See what our staff and students have posted about upcoming events.

HEAT UPS

Heat Up Roster Term 3 2012

16 AUG    Denise Negre
23 AUG    Rebecca McDonald
30 AUG    Sarah McKenzie
6 SEP    Claire Eccles
13 SEP    Elissa Taylor
20 SEP    Giselle O’Keefe

IMPORTANT! All lunches need to be named and utensils provided if needed. Please NO Easymac.

JUST A SMALL REMINDER....

Please don’t wrap sandwiches to be toasted in Gladwrap

Foil or Baking Paper please.

Thanks to Denise Negre for doing the Heat Ups this week. It was Denise’s first time helping with Heat Ups and she did a fantastic job!

KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Tuesday 21st August
Co-Ordinator: Tory Robinson
Parent Helpers: Kylie Flenley

3 HELPERS STILL NEEDED PLEASE!!

I would like to take this opportunity to express the many thanks to all the wonderful staff at Woolsthorpe Primary, myself, and many other parents, feel so very lucky that our children have been given the opportunity to experience true theatre in their excursion to “Annie” last week. Undeniably, this makes our school stand out from the rest. Not only was it a unique experience for all who attended but the fact that the whole school was able to attend was a true credit to Jodie Keast and Simon Perry. There are not many schools who are able to achieve such a treat. To all the teachers who gave up their whole day to support and supervise our wonderful children to ensure they were safe, feed and enjoying the experience, we say a huge thank you! Your commitment and dedication to our school is truly appreciated and clearly noted. Finally, I would like to say on behalf of the PFA that we are very thankful to have so many wonderful teachers involved in our school and appreciate all that they have done not only for our children but also for our community.

Let’s see if we can do this every year!!!!

Jodie Mackrell
PFA President