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Important Dates To Remember....

Friday December 14th  Grade 6 Graduation Night 6pm
Tuesday December 18th  Concert/Awards Night 7 pm
            Reports go home
Wednesday December 19th  Fun Day at Lake Pertobe STUDENTS’ LAST DAY
Tuesday January 29th 2013  School Office Open
Thursday 31st January 2013  FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS
            (No Preps Wednesdays First Term)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU....

KEANU BAIN           DECEMBER 13TH
JOSH CLARK           DECEMBER 15TH
DAKOTA DAVIDSON     DECEMBER 17TH
MACKENZIE DAVIDSON  DECEMBER 17TH
JASMINE DAVIDSON    DECEMBER 17TH
and Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating over the Christmas Holidays too!

MIKAYLA FULTON       DECEMBER 20TH
TORIE COOMBER        DECEMBER 21ST
SOPHIE MACKRELL      DECEMBER 26TH
BAYLIE PORTER        DECEMBER 27TH
ALYSHIA MAHONEY      JANUARY 27TH
KATHARINA TEGGATZ    JANUARY 28TH

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As this is the last newsletter for 2012 I have included my end-of-year part from the School Magazine.

Well, as another school year draws to a close and I sit down to reflect on the year, I am reminded of the many fantastic programs and new initiatives that have happened here at Woolsthorpe Primary School in 2012. Like all school years there are so many highlights to cover and I’m sure I will miss things that have happened throughout this very busy and productive year.

The beginning of the year saw our School Review take place. This was a useful process in which staff, students and parents had a chance to review our last four years and plan the next level of work for our school. The overwhelming message from the School Review was, as a community we must continue to learn and challenge each other when it comes to providing the best possible education for our students. The Review clearly identified our unique community culture and mentioned the dedicated staff and parents who work together to make our school the best possible learning environment for our students. Overwhelmingly the evidence shows students feel safe and engaged in their learning at school. This reiterates many of the key messages we try to install in our students about Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork. In 2013 we will continue to look at ways of improving and with the excitement of the new school buildings upon us, things look very positive.

Every year there are different highlights and sometimes challenges, which as a school community we have embraced. I am proud to say this year has been no different. Our trip to Annie, sports days and Student Leadership projects, Kitchen Garden, camps and excursions, swimming, the Garden Awards, our move into the portables and the beginning of the new school are just a few of the highlights this year.

I am always so proud of the community spirit and culture we have at our school. Parents and Staff work hard together in partnerships to ensure students have the best possible learning experiences. As a learning community we strive to provide a dynamic learning environment that engages students who work to achieve their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. It is our intention to promote the values of Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork. In 2012 we have consolidated these values through our House System in which students take responsibility for their actions and are active in promoting excellence in all areas.

After many years of hard work the announcement of the new school was made in this year’s May Budget. The work has now started and day-by-day the new school starts to take shape. This time next year I look forward to seeing how our new school environment has progressed.

I would like to congratulate everyone - students, staff and parents, for all their work and commitment over the past 12 months. Our school’s values of Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork couldn’t be any more visible in the day to day operations, and I am very proud to lead such a fantastic staff who truly care about their students and school community.

To the teaching staff in Anton, Ben, Genna, Jakki, Bridget, Sarah, Kim and Emily your continued hard work and many extra hours of focussed improvement drives our culture of learning at Woolsthorpe Primary School. Your students are continually challenged to be their best and you all make the students’ learning the first priority. Our focus as always is on core learnings in Literacy and Numeracy, while striving to be innovative and creative in how our programs are delivered. The whole staff at Woolsthorpe Primary School are always supportive of each other and continue to learn and improve. Thank you again for all that you do for our school community.

Students as always have dedicated themselves to work and made improvement in all areas. Our Student Leadership Team on a number of occasions have represented our school and organised a number of fun days and fundraisers for community groups and charities.

To Jodie, Jane and Suzi our Education Support staff, a big thank you for all your work this year. Your roles of support are much appreciated by all the staff, students and parents. You all do an amazing job in supporting our teachers to implement their programs. You make all our jobs much easier and enable us to focus on student’s learning at all times.

Jodie’s role as Business Manager is a vital role within the day to day operations of the school. For many parents Jodie is the first point of call. Her friendly nature and community mindedness ensures all parents and students are cared for and supported. Jodie’s leadership allows me as principal to focus on learning and teaching at the school and I thank her for her support.

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Thank you to Tracey Taylor for all your help in managing the library resources, also thanks to Linda Robinson and all the parent helpers of the Kitchen Garden Program this year. The program has continued to grow and provide all our students with many important life skills when it comes to cooking and healthy living.

Suzi Ireland this year has produced our weekly newsletter, a huge job, which is very much appreciated by the whole school community. Suzi also took on the job of producing our School Magazine this year and as you will see, she has done an amazing job.

To our PFA, thank you for your work this year as parent members. Quite simply we cannot run many of the programs we offer without the support of PFA and the fundraising efforts of everyone. I realise you have a busy time coming up in the holidays and I thank you for your commitment to our school. In your busy lives, your continued support in our school is highly valued and much appreciated by parents, staff and students.

Sam Robinson, Geoff Saffin, Sharon Clark, Trevor Hirst, Jenny Clarke, Kazz Mahoney, Simon Cuzens, Tory Robinson, Tammy Bunt, Sarah Daly and Ben Miller who make up our School Council, play a major role in decision making and setting a culture of high expectations and excellence at our wonderful school. This year was our School Review and again I would like to thank all School Councillors for their efforts and time, this is appreciated by the whole school community. I would like to make mention of two School Councillors who are finishing up at the end of the year. Jenny Clarke and Geoff Saffin have been on School Council for many, many years (combined total of almost 20 years) and have dedicated their time to driving the school vision and making our school the place it is today. Geoff has been President for a number of years and Jenny our Secretary. We wish them and their families all the best.

With a steady enrolment, our school continues to grow from strength to strength. Woolsthorpe Primary School has a unique and community minded culture which makes our jobs as educators exciting and challenging. The value of having parents, students and teachers working together can never be underestimated in its impacts on student’s educational outcomes. Research clearly shows that parent involvement in a child’s education is a huge contributor to student learning outcomes and citizenship aspirations. We are always looking for parents to help out in the classrooms, with working bees, PFA pancakes, fetes, sports days and many other extra curricula programs.

Finally all the best to our students and families who are leaving at the end of the year, thank you for your support and involvement over many years. As a school we believe our students move into their Secondary schooling well prepared as citizens and young people ready to make a difference. Success in life means many different things to people and we can only hope our students achieve all the success they work towards. At the end of the day we hope students are happy and ready to take on the next challenge in their school life.

I am very proud of the work we have all achieved in 2012 and I look forward to the work ahead with our new school and strengthening partnerships with the local community. Have a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year ready for more learning and challenges ahead.

Simon Perry
Principal
Dear Parents,

Tuesday was Orientation Day and students had a chance to spend time with their new classmates and teachers for the coming 2013 school year. All students had a fun morning doing lots of different initiative games and activities linked to our values of Respect, Excellence, Care and Teamwork.

There are a few changes next year with staffing and programs. Firstly the great news is we have Mr Boyd returning after some time off. The staff and students are very excited to have Mr Boyd's face back around the school. Also next year Mrs Austen returns from family leave 4 days a week. Mrs Austen will work in the Prep - 2 rooms in the Literacy block on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning with Miss Daly and Ms Finch.

Our Specialist Programs for 2013 will be Chinese, Science and Arts. Mrs Austen will be taking Science and Arts and we have Anna Han teaching Chinese on Fridays. Ms Han is also working at Woodford PS and we will be doing various cross school projects in the area of Chinese which will be very exciting.

With these changes in staff and programs we say farewell to Miss Ryan and Miss Cameron at the end of the year. Miss Ryan has been in the Specialist role since 2010 and introduced many new ideas in our Creative Arts/Music programs. Students enjoy doing their specialist programs and are highly engaged, which is a credit to Miss Ryan’s work over the past 2 years. We wish Miss Ryan all the best with her overseas travelling next year. We also wish Miss Cameron all the best. Miss Cameron has been teaching the Grade 2/3 class during Mr Boyd's absence and has got to know the students and made great progress with their learning programs. Genna and Emily have been valued staff members and worked extremely well as part of our team. On behalf of the staff and students we wish them both all the best.

Finally with the success of the timetable the last 2 weeks we will be continuing this next year. Times are as follows - 9.00-11.00 Literacy, 11.00-11.30 recess, 11.30-1.00 Numeracy, 1.00-2.00 Lunch, 2.00-3.30 Integrated Learning.

*Please note students start school on Thursday January 31st and Preps have Wednesday’s off first term.

**Staffing & Classes for 2013**
- Prep/1 - Miss Daly, Grade 1/2 - Ms Finch, Grade 2/3 - Mr Boyd, Grade 4/5 - Miss Fryer, Grade 6 - Mr Miller, Prep-2 Literacy Specialist and Science/Art - Mrs Austen, Language/Chinese - Anna Han, Education Support Staff - Suzi Ireland & Jane Lee, Business Manager - Jodie Keast.

**DATES/REMINDERS**
• Awards and Concert Tuesday December 18th 7.00pm
• Reports go home Tuesday December 18th
• FUN DAY/BBQ LAKE PERTOBE Wednesday December 19th (students last day) 2.30pm Finish

Simon Perry
Principal
It's that time of year again when the famous Woolsthorpe Pancakes will be hitting Lake Pertobe for the Twilight Markets and the Port Fairy Caravan Parks for Breakfast. The PFA does a wonderful job raising Thousands of $$$ for our kids and it's a small ask that each family does just 1 shift throughout the year. It is a wonderful way for new families to meet the great bunch of parents that are supporting the school. If you can help out with a shift please call Bek Hirst on 0429 198 365 or 55654415.

**PFA PANCAKES**

**FRIDAY NIGHT MARKETS**

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**Port Fairy Caravan Parks**

7am-10am

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I'd like to thank everybody who has supported my classes throughout the year. Without your support these classes wouldn't be able to run. For a small community, it's nice to be able to offer this program to all. Keep safe over the festive season and I look forward to bringing the best in health and fitness to you in 2013.

Also thanks to all the students at the school who supported the Active After School Program. We had lots of fun, learnt new skills and worked well as a team. Thanks to all the helpers. Keep livin the dream!

Blessings,
Kazz

Wangoom Owls
9 sets 54 games defeated
Wangoom Hawks
0 sets 16 games

Hawkesdale Gold
9 sets 54 games defeated
Willatook
0 sets 6 games

Hawkesdale Blue
9 sets 54 games defeated
Minhamite Yellow
0 sets 9 games

Illowa/Mailors Flat
9 sets 54 games defeated
Broadwater White
0 sets 14 games

Minhamite Red
7 sets 50 defeated
Woolsthorpe
2 sets 29 games

WOOLSTHORPE HALL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Hall Committee, I would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Market, especially Kazz Mahoney for organising everything. The Committee made around $800 profit for the day, so it was worthwhile. To all in the community who helped or visited as a customer - THANK YOU!

It’s events like this that remind us what a wonderful, strong community spirit we have and just what can be achieved when we work together.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & a safe, Happy New Year!

Susi Ireland (President) xo

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FREE BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS SESSION

What:
Free Bushfire Preparedness Session

Where:
Winslow & Yarpturk CFA Fire Station
Cnr Duffy & Church Streets
Winslow

When:
Monday 17th December at 7:30pm

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