Important Dates To Remember....

- **Tuesday December 4th**  School Council Dinner
- **Wednesday December 5th**  Kitchen Garden Program Grade P/1
- **Friday December 7th**  PUPIL FREE DAY (MAV Conference)
- **Monday December 10th**  Country Students’ Orientation Day (Secondary)
- **Tuesday December 11th**  Statewide Orientation Day
- **Wednesday December 12th**  Surfing Grade 4/5/6
- **Tuesday December 11th**  PFA Dinner at Alex’s Pizza & Wok
- **Friday December 14th**  Grade 6 Graduation Night
- **Tuesday December 18th**  Concert/Awards Night
- **Wednesday December 19th**  Fun Day at Lake Pertobe STUDENTS’ LAST DAY
- **Thursday December 20th**  Planning Day for Staff
- **Friday December 21st**  Planning Day for Staff

HEATUPS

- **6 DEC**  Claire Eccles
- **13 DEC**  Kylie Flenley

**IMPORANT!** 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.

Happy Birthday To You....

- **TESS MADDEN**  DECEMBER 1ST
- **TODD SAFFIN**  DECEMBER 1ST
- **DANIEL ARNOTT**  DECEMBER 4TH

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4TH

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

WPS Multi Purpose Room

When?? Wednesdays during school term

Time?? 10 am to 12 pm

Bring?? A piece of fruit for the children to share and a plate to share with other mums over a cuppa

Cost?? $3

Any questions?? Tory Robinson 5569 2496
Well hasn’t that been an interesting week with the Telstra outage and shutdown of phones and internet services? I would like to thank parents for their understanding during this time. It goes to show our Emergency Management Plans in place work and with a little forward thinking all students and staff were kept safe and things operated as close to normal as possible. Phones are now back up and running.

**Australian Education Union Action**

As you may have heard or read there is currently a number of bans in schools at the moment while the Government and Education Union (AEU) continue negotiations. It is now official that the AEU have bans on written report comments for students. The reasons for these bans are around performance pay issues, working conditions for teachers and support staff and class sizes. As parents you can support teachers, support staff and schools by going to the following website - [http://keepthepromise.com.au/](http://keepthepromise.com.au/) or writing to your local Members. On the website there is more information about why these bans are taking place.

Below is a letter from staff in relation to the actions. You will note our staff are willing to go above and beyond their duties and provide as much information possible to parents in relation to students’ achievements this semester. I congratulate and fully support staff on agreeing to give parents this information. It again shows how dedicated our staff are at Woolsthorpe Primary School and are always thinking of students as their number one priority.

“Dear Parents, the proposed AEU action to not provide comments on student reports is going ahead. As we outlined in our last letter home, we are participating in AEU action as we see it is the only way forward to meet the needs of teachers, support staff, schools and most importantly, your child/ren’s education and future learning opportunities. Agreeing to take this action has not been made lightly and we are aware of the frustration this may cause. To address this, we will be writing a short newsletter to attach to each students report to celebrate our achievements and inform you about what we have been learning in each classroom over the semester. As we are not providing comments on student reports this semester, teachers would like to make ourselves available to you to discuss your child’s progress. We have decided to give up a planning day in order to do this. This will take place on Thursday December 20th from 9am to 2pm. Appointments are for 10mins and are optional. These appointments can be made by contacting your child’s teacher. We appreciate your support as parents during this important negotiation for the future of education in our schools.

**Woolsthorpe Primary School Staff**

Last week we had the Grade 2/3 Camp in Warrnambool. Our camp theme was TEAMWORK. The camp teaches students independence, organisation and that having a go is just as important as achieving results. We did hiking, rock pooling, mini golf, beach and initiative games. I would like to thank Miss Cameron, Suzi and Mollie Keast (who was on work experience) for their excellent organisation and time put into planning such a great camp. On Friday the Prep/1 students joined us at camp before their excursion to Tower Hill. The Prep/1s got to experience a day at camp with beach activities and rock pooling. Thanks to the Mums who cooked our BBQ lunch.

**Garden Awards** - A huge thank you to the students and parents who attended and represented our school at the Garden Awards in Melbourne yesterday. While we didn’t win this year I’m sure it was a great learning experience for our students. Our gardens are an important part of our school culture and programs and everyone should be very proud of the work we do. Special thanks to Suzi Ireland for her coordination of the Gardening Program.

With the success of the timetable change this week, we have decided to continue this for the remainder of the year. Students and teachers are saying the times allow for much more focused work in the Numeracy block and the break at morning recess gives everyone time to refocus and prepare for their next sessions. 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.

**End of year magazine** - please have your orders in ASAP.

Mr Perry

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If you have any items you wish to have in the Newsletter, please send them through to Suzi’s email (ireland.susan.s1@edumail.vic.gov.au) or contact Suzi at school.

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME PLEASE
The last week has been a challenging one as we coped without landlines. Last Thursday and Friday was particularly challenging when we had no Internet, mobile or other phone communication. The school now has both phone and internet access and I would invite families that do not have internet access to use a dedicated computer at our school for community use. Please make use of this facility particularly at this time of challenge. Just drop into the school office and we will direct you to the computer.

Alternatively, we have a facebook page that you can send messages on or you can email us at woolsthorpe.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Jodie Keast
Business Manager

Ph: 0355692241
Email: keast.jodie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM TERM 3**

**THE PREP/1 CLASS HAVE THE LAST KITCHEN GARDEN SESSION FOR THE YEAR NEXT WEEK. IDEALLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE ONE OR TWO MORE PARENT HELPERS FROM THAT GROUP PLEASE.**

**PLEASE LET JODIE KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP OUT NEXT WEEK**

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**PFA NEWS**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!!**

**· TABLOID SPORTS DAY 4th DECEMBER**

Thank you to Simon Cuzens who has volunteered to help with the BBQ. A couple more volunteers needed to help out with the BBQ please.

**· PFA DINNER**

Well it seems no-one is interested in dinner???? Surely not! Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come to our PFA end of year dinner on Tuesday the 11th December – we need to book seats.

**· END OF YEAR RAFFLES**

Please don’t forget to send along any items for the raffle. Robyn has been wonderful in volunteering her time to put them together. We just need each child to bring along 1 item for the raffle – thanks.

**· FLOWERS**

We have 2 volunteers to put our flowers together but if you would like to help we would love to know! Any flower donations would be greatly appreciated also a week before the concert.

**· PANCAKES - FRIDAY NIGHT MARKETS**

Please see the Roster on the following page. Please put your hand up to fill a shift if you are around, they are always fun and a great way to make money for our school.

*Please contact Jodie Mackrell on 0428592438 if you can help with any of the above items*
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.

Friday night Markets at Lake Pertobe
4pm-8pm

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2012 VICTORIAN SCHOOLS’ GARDEN AWARDS

Yesterday a group of seven Ground Force students ventured to Melbourne with me for the Victorian Schools’ Garden Awards Presentation Day at the Royal Botanical Gardens. We got to have a walk around the Children’s Garden and look at the many indigenous plants they have there. Unfortunately we didn’t win our category, but there were lots of worthy winners from around the State. We will just keep making our magnificent gardens and grounds better and try again next year!

Thank you very much to Rosie Harris and Tory Robinson for helping with transport and chaperoning. It was extremely hot in Melbourne but the boys should be congratulated on their wonderful behaviour. As always they were a pleasure to spend the day with and made me proud to be both a staff member and a parent at our wonderful little school. Thanks also to Jodie and my boys for making it possible for me to attend the Awards Presentation.

Cheers, Suzi

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November is the month when conditions become reliably warm, so it’s an important growth month in the garden. Green beans are summer favourites, but why not try growing something a bit different such as Yates Bountiful Butter or Borlotti beans? Pink and cream speckled Borlotti pods can be eaten fresh when young, but are more often left to reach maturity so that the seeds themselves can be harvested and dried. Nasturtiums are workhorse plants. They have pretty flowers, the plants make excellent ground covers, you can eat the leaves and they’re reputed to have some pest-repelling properties. For example, nasturtiums growing beneath apple trees are said to deter codling moth and woolly aphids. Sow nasturtium seeds straight into the soil but do so sooner, rather than later, before soil temperatures get too high.

All fruit trees will benefit from a feed this month with a specific fruit tree fertiliser. Dynamic Lifter Plus Fruit Food combines the organic goodness of composted chicken manure with extra nutrients that enhance production. Don’t forget too, to feed passionfruit and grape vines.

Continue pruning spring-flowering trees and shrubs as soon as their flowering period’s over. Pinch back summer annuals (such as young petunias) to promote bushy growth. Remove developing seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons. Shorten long shoots on pumpkins, cucumbers, zucchinis etc. to encourage sideways growth (more likely to bear fruit). Thin excess crops on fruit trees – remaining fruit will then reach a good size. Dust young tomato plants with Tomato & Vegetable Dust. This helps prevent fungal diseases from infecting the plants and protects them from a number of common pests. Roses in full bloom are now available in pots, making it much easier to choose the exact colour and fragrance you are after. But don’t forget to plant out your potted roses before summer’s heat is at its worst.

Competition winners for November were:

- **Special Bloom**: 1st Marita Smith, 2nd Helen Brown
- **Bloom**: 1st Mary Underwood, 2nd Margaret Lehman
- **Produce**: 1st Margaret Richardson, 2nd Cheryl Small

Our Christmas Lunch is at Burn Brae, Penhurst on Thursday 6th December at 12 midday. If you wish to attend and haven’t booked in, please put your name in with Barbara (phone 55998312) by Friday 30/11/2012. Please bring a gardening gift to swap valued up to $10.00. Our Garden Hamper competition will be drawn at lunch so please make sure you bring your sold tickets back.

The next Garden Club Meeting will be at Caramut on Tuesday February 12th 2013 at 10am. Competition “A Rose”.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS.**

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**2/3 CAMP by Tessa Britnell**

On Thursday 22nd November we went to Warrnambool for camp. First we unpacked our bags and got settled in. We had our snack and set off for a walk to the Breakwater, it took us about an hour to get there.

While we were walking we picked up some shells along the way. When we got back we picked out our names for our cabins and we had lunch. After that we went to Mini Golf. Mollie, Miss Cameron and Mr Perry came and joined in. Our groups were the people in our cabin. We had great fun at Mini Golf. On the way back we went to the park, lot of us got on a spin thing, some of us fell off.

After that we went back to the cabins and had a break. Then we had dinner, it was spaghetti bolognese. After that we walked to an ice cream store to have some ice cream. Then we walked back to go to sleep.

The next day the Prep/1’s came to go for a walk to the Breakwater then we went to the rock pools. After that we went home and the Prep/1’s went to Tower Hill.

Thank you to all the students, Mr Perry, Miss Cameron and Mollie for making this camp a great experience. We were all very worn out at the end of it! A HUGE thank you must also go to the Mums who organised and came to cook us a yummy bbq lunch on Friday. Thanks!

Cheers, Suzi
Thank you for your support with our Market in October. It was such a great success we wanted to bring to you another event to help you get organised for Christmas & to share the festive season as a Community.

We sure hope you can come, it will be a great family day out.

Best wishes,
WOOLSTHORPE COMMUNITY HALL

Woolsthorpe Christmas Market
Sunday 9th December, 2012
Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

SANTA WILL BE COMING @ 1.30PM

Kids Rides 10am-1pm
$10.00 for unlimited use for Pre-purchased tickets from Kazz, Jodie Keast or Woolsthorpe Store OR $15.00 on the day.

Tattoos, Face Painting + Games for All
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English Workbook - Text in Action Book 3 (Year 9)
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Brauer College School Bag

Call Sharon 0427 691552

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations go to Todd Saffin who came U12 Runner Up in the Koroit & District Basketball Association.

Congratulations also to Hayley Nicolson who won LOTS of ribbons at the Emu Creek Gymkhana on the weekend. Well done, you should both be very proud of your efforts.

WELCOME!!

We welcome to our school community Daniel Deans’ brand new baby sister, Lily. Congratulations to Kylie and Matthew on your new arrival. Best wishes to you all.

Look how well our little Apple Orchard is coming along!
**GYMNASTICS CENTRE**

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Wangoom Hawks  17  
Minhamite Yellow  19  
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Primary school aged children 5-12 years.
$18.00 per session.
Bookings are essential as places will be limited.

**DATE:** Thursday 10th Jan  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

**Find out:**
Must-have information for this fire season

Planning for fire can be tough – why do it alone?

For more information contact:

Julie Owens  
0418 982 935

**WARRNAMBOOL GYMNASTICS CENTRE**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**DATE:** Thursday 10th Jan  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

Mums take 2 hours for some time for yourselves whilst we look after the kids.
Enjoy a fun filled 2 hours gymnastic session with qualified coaches.

Primary school aged children 5-12 years.
$18.00 per session.
Bookings are essential as places will be limited.

**DATE:** Thursday 17th Jan  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

**DATE:** Thursday 24th Jan 2012  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

**DATE:** Wednesday 30th Nov 2011  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

**DATE:** Thursday 7th Dec 2011  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

**DATE:** Thursday 14th Dec 2011  
**Time:** 10AM-12.00 noon

Pam Davis Gymnastic Coordinator  
55625114 / 0417104708.