## Important Dates To Remember....

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### HEATUPS

**13 DEC**  
**Kylie Flenley**

**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.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU....

**ISZAC DAVIDSON**  
**DECEMBER 10TH**

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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.
Our **Kitchen Garden Program** finished up on Wednesday with the P/1s cooking up a storm. The skills and behaviours the students learn are evident in their conversations and ways they go about their other learning programs. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have helped out this year. We cannot run the program without your support. Thank you to Linda Robinson for co-ordinating the program. This program is school funded and budgeted for by School Council, therefore there is no cost to families. If you would like to help out in this worthwhile program next year please let us know.

**REMINERS**

- **PICK UPs and DROP OFFs** are in Kennedy Street **FOR SAFETY REASONS** - **ONE WAY ONLY**. Please use the PICK UP AREA (gravel area) and line up to collect your children. DRIVE SLOWLY AT ALL TIMES.
- **PARKING LONG TERM** is in Manifold Street- i.e. parent helpers, Kitchen Garden, Playgroup, classroom helpers. **ALL PARENTS MUST PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE.**
- If you need to drop off your child late or collect them early you MUST sign them in and out from the office.
- Effective communication between home and school is vital so please send a note for any absences and changes to any normal routine for your child/ren.

**DATES NEXT FEW WEEKS**

- **PUPIL FREE** day Friday - all staff are attending a Mathematics Conference in Melbourne.
- **State-wide Orientation Day** - students will meet their teachers and classmates for 2013 - **Tuesday December 11th**
- **SURFING 4/5/6's** - **Wednesday December 12th**
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea - **Thursday December 13th**
- 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)

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

Our newsletters can be accessed online (school blog)- [http://woolsthorpes.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://woolsthorpes.global2.vic.edu.au/)

Our Facebook page has updates- [http://www.facebook.com/#!/WoolsthorpePrimarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/#!/WoolsthorpePrimarySchool)

Mr Perry

2013 - School starts for students on **Thursday January 31st**. Staff return on Tuesday January 29th and we will be attending the **Rethink Reimagine** conference on January 30th at Deakin University Warrnambool. The conference has been organised by our school in partnership with Deakin University Warrnambool. All Warrnambool Network schools are participating. There are 220 teachers, support staff, Deakin students and local educational leaders attending the conference. The theme of the conference is around using technology in the classroom to cater for students’ learning in today’s world. Topics will explore the use of Facebook, social media and online learning in classrooms, the use of iPads for personalised learning and other communication technologies. We have staff leading and presenting workshops and also participating in the day. The partnership with Deakin has been a result of the recent iPreps Project at the school and we look forward to working with Deakin in the future.

**NOTICE TO PARENTS**

Could all parents please check jumpers and hats? We have lots missing and they’re easily mixed up.
PFA NEWS
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS 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 following Roster. 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

PFA PANCAKES
FRIDAY NIGHT MARKETS

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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Port Fairy Caravan Parks
7am-10am

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You will no doubt have all received or seen brochures regarding this weekends’ Christmas Market at the Hall. The Hall Committee are trying to raise money to give the Hall some much-needed TLC, as pointed out in Angela’s letter. It is a great space and needs to be better utilised by the community. So come on down to the Market between 10am-3pm this Sunday and bag yourself a bargain. Great Christmas shopping and Kids Rides 10am-1pm, Santa will be arriving at 1.30pm - come and support your local Hall!!

Cheers,
Suzi Ireland (President)

HAWKESDALE & PURNIM DISTRICTS TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Results from last weekend:

Broadwater White 5 sets 38 games defeated
Hawkesdale Blue 4 sets 34 games
Broadwater Green 4 sets 41 games defeated
Minhamite Red 5 sets 35 games
Minhamite Yellow 7 sets 45 games defeated
Wangoom Hawks 2 sets 23 games
Wangoom Owls 1 sets 21 games
Illowa/Mailors Flat 7 sets 48 games defeated
Woolsthorpe 2 sets 23 games

Ladder after round 7:

Hawkesdale Gold 63
Minhamite Red 57
Illowa/Mailors Flat 46
Wangoom Owls 41
Broadwater Green 39
Woolsthorpe 36
Broadwater White 35
Minhamite Yellow 28
Wangoom Hawks 19
Hawkesdale Blue 14
Willatook 7

MOVEMBER ROCKS!

Local identity Leon Davidson (aka Pud), Iszac and Jakobi’s Pop, recently grew his facial hair along with a group from the Cavendish Hotel to raise money for Movember. Pud raised $355.45 locally and would like to thank everyone who donated. The group raised a total of $3,500 - an amazing amount! (See what small communities can do!)

CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!!

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY....FROM ANGELA ROACHE

THE WOOLSTHORPE HALL

In July 1877, a well attended meeting was held to discuss the erection of a Public Hall and Free Library in Woolsthorpe. The Chairman was William Davidson, Secretary Joseph Mackie. However, it was decided the cost was “too high” and the new bluestone school was an ideal venue for meetings and entertainments.

But by 1888 the school had become too small and after another public meeting, the building of the Hall and Free Library were endorsed. The Hall was weatherboard, 40 feet x 20 feet with a 10 foot stage and it was opened in 1899.

Entertainments were many and varied; wedding breakfast, birthday parties, ‘The Men’s Society Debating’, (!!) ‘Young Men’s Club’. Later: visiting concert and dramatic groups. Still later; farewells and welcome homes for the local young men going to, and returning from World Wars.

After most functions the Hall was cleared and a dance was held.

Dancing was a big feature of country life. The Hall was lit by four large hanging lamps powered by acetylene gas pumped from a special shed out the back of the Hall not far from the wood fired copper (!!!) which supplied boiling water for tea and washing up.

At least four big balls were held each year: ‘The Bachelor’s Ball’, ‘Young Ladies’ Ball’, ‘Benedict’s (married couples) Ball’ and ‘The Employees’ Ball’ (hosted by one of the stations). Each was strategically arranged on a moonlit night, so the guests could walk home, or drive the buggy home, by moonlight!! No street lamps - electricity didn't come to Woolsthorpe till 1955.

‘Silent Films’, then ‘Black and White Talkies’, then ‘Technicolour Films’ were shown at the Hall, powered by engine-driven generators. Interestingly in 1909 objections to smoking in the Hall were raised!! (Bans took 92 years...)

The Hall has undergone extending and remodelling over its lifetime. The Library, which initially was so vital, has gone, additions in 1914, then major remodelling in 1993. ‘Now as it has served from 1877 and moves towards 2013, we still need it, and it needs some TLC.’