What A Lovely Family!

Last Thursday Mr Robert Thomson, his wife Ping and two teenage sons, Jack and Luke, visited our school. This afforded the students, staff and school councillors the opportunity to thank Mr Thomson, in person, for his wonderfully generous donations to our school. It was also an opportunity for Mr Thomson to see our school first hand and find out what Welton is all about. The junior students wrote and illustrated what they liked about our school and read these out to the family. The Year 5/6 students each prepared and delivered a short piece covering various aspects of our curriculum, value system and extra-curricula activities.
Following the oral presentations, a slide show depicting many of the activities we are involved in was shown, including our students making excellent use of our new sporting equipment. The students then showed Mr Thomson and his family around the school, talking about the types of learning that occurs both inside the classroom and outside. We then had time for some questions for Mr Thomson and his family. Mr Thomson spoke to the students about his success as a business man and how the most important aspects are working hard and people skills, no matter what your employment. The Thomson family was then treated to a morning tea, prepared and served by the Welton Kids. The Thomson family loved their visit to our school and we loved having them. Staff and school councillors learned a great deal from Mr Thomson's ethos and we were struck by his honesty, humility and of course generosity. And what did the Welton kiddies think? Well they can speak for themselves.

Today Mr Thomson and his family visited our school. He has made two very generous donations to us which is soooooo awesome. His family are all so friendly, and tall! Mr Thomson is a very kind, generous and rich man. He was so generous to be giving people and schools donations. His first job was to fill cars with petrol/diesel and to wash people’s cars. I really want to grow up to be like Mr Thomson.

Zac Woodgate. Year 5

Today Mr Thomson and his family came to visit our school. He is the CEO of Newscorp and lives in New York. He has a wife and her name is Ping. His two sons go to boarding school in England. Ping is from Asia and Mr Thomson was born here in Torrumbarry. Mr Thomson really inspired me by the way he was so humble about his money and how incredibly smart he was. His family were all so kind and generous. They’re the best.

Angus Baldwin Year 6

Today Mr and Mrs Thomson and their two sons came to Welton. All of his family were very friendly and kind. Mr Thomson inspired me to work hard and not to be greedy. He is very, very generous.

Daria Kalinowski Year 3

Today Mr Thomson made a visit to our school because he is the man that donated money to our school for sports and science equipment and for our excursion to Scienceworks. Mr Thomson spoke about how money isn't everything and he taught me not to be greedy. I want to grow up to be like him, but I don't like newspapers. He is a very rich man, but he doesn't show off. He has worked hard for his money both here in Australia and overseas.

Darby Baldwin Year 6

Today Mr Thomson and his lovely family came to our school. Mr Thomson donated money to our school because he was born here. Mrs Thomson, Jack and Luke were really kind. I learned that money is important, but not too important.

James Barret Year 3

Mr Thomson and his family came to visit us because he donated money for some sports equipment and to go to Scienceworks in Melbourne. The message from him was that money is important but not the most important. Being kind and friendly is the most important.

Oskar Smarrt Year 4
Let’s Face It

Love it, or loathe it, social media is here to stay. Many schools use platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to communicate with parents and the wider community. After much consideration and research, we have decided to trial a Facebook Page for Welton Primary School. I ask all families to read the attached letter explaining the purpose and function of the page. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lisa. A form for both parents to sign is attached to the letter.

Open For Business In 2016

Recently there has been some speculation and rumour that Welton Primary School is closing at the end of this year. This is not true. WE ARE NOT. Welton will continue to offer students of the Torrumbarry, Patho and Wharparilla Districts a broad and innovative curriculum catering for each student’s individual learning needs and interests. With reduced student numbers, staff and School Council will ensure not only that we continue to deliver all aspects of the curriculum, but that we also meet the social and emotional needs of our students. We are currently planning our 2016 timetable and curriculum and will make decisions based on the best interests of our students. Please be assured that we will keep all families informed about what is happening with regard to staffing, timetabling and curriculum provision. In the meantime, we ask that families and community members help us out by speaking positively about our school, promoting the hard work we do, recognising our achievements and encouraging potential families to come and take a look at our great little school. In short become a friend of Welton.

Fun Athletics

This Friday sees us travel to Gunbower to participate in an Athletics Coaching and Fun Day alongside Leitchville, Gunbower and Koondrook Primary Schools. Please ensure that you have signed and returned the permission slip from last week’s newsletter. The cost for each student is $4 to assist with transport costs. A reminder that students will need their own snacks, drinks and lunch.

Serious Athletics

Some of you will be forgiven for thinking that there is a deliberate ploy to not spend Fridays at the school. However, we assure you that Fridays are actually our favourite day of the week and we love spending them at school. Nonetheless, on Friday August 28, just a little over two weeks away, we will be participating in our annual Murray Plains Athletics Sports. These are held at the No.2 Oval in Cohuna (Turn right at the first roundabout in Cohuna and travel past the first oval and our venue is on the left). Sports begin at 10am, however we would like students there by 9.45am. These sports could not be held without parental assistance. Our school is in charge of the hurdles event and we require some help with timing, recording and starting each age group. We do not expect parents to help all day but would like at least an hour of your time. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a form on which you can indicate your willingness to assist. Please fill it in and return as soon as possible.
Indonesian Cultural Day

Next Friday, Aug 21, we will be travelling to Echuca College to join with other district schools and participate in an Indonesian Cultural Day. Permission slips are attached to this week's newsletter. Please return these before Wednesday 19th August. There is no cost for this excursion as all costs are being met via a grant organised by Echuca College. Welton kiddies will need to supply their own snacks and lunch as well as a refillable drinker. Weather permitting we will join Gunbower Primary School for lunch at the Moama Playpark.

School Photographs

Photos were taken in record time last Wednesday morning. Thank you to parents for ensuring your charges were cleaned, preened and in uniform. Orders should only be another week away and will be send home as soon as they arrive.

Scienceworks Museum and Planetarium

This excursion is fast approaching and permission slips are attached to this week’s newsletter. Please complete and return. The bus will be leaving Torrumbarry Roadhouse at 6.30am. We ask that parents have their children at the Roadhouse by 6.20am. Our expected return time is between 5.30 and 5.45pm. Parents will receive a text message should there be any significant change to the expected return time. Students are to wear full school uniform and will be required to bring their morning tea, drinks and lunch. Please do not pack soft drink or lollies. There is no cost for this excursion as it has been made possible via the generosity of Mr Robert Thomson. Mr Thomson has also donated funds for us to purchase science equipment and resources for our school.

A Message From The Thomson Family

Dear Lisa,
I must say visiting your school at Torrumbarry was one of the highlights of our trip. We loved our visit and loved to meet those wonderful children at the school. They have inspired us in many ways with their positive attitude and happy smiles. This is all credit to you, the school and the parents who are working so hard for those kids.
I really miss all of the girls and the boys. Each of them have left such strong impression in our memories. Luke and Jack didn't want to leave Welton school and they are already looking forward to be back to Torrumbarry again to play a proper footy game or cricket with the Welton team in the near future.
What the Welton school kids have is the kind, loving, happy (plenty sense of humor as well), hard working attitude that is so positive for us to experience. With this in them, we have no doubt they will go very far in their life as long as they keep working hard.
Please send those children our love and good wishes.
Thank you Lisa for everything!
Ping, Robert, Luke and Jack
COMING SOON

Friday August 14......... Athletics Coaching Fun Day at Gunbower
Friday August 21 ....... Indonesian Cultural Day at Echuca College
Wednesday August 26........................Scienceworks Excursion
Friday August 28.................................Annual School Sports

"the little black dress"

a red carpet affair

Presented by the
Echuca Specialist School
Sponsored by
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&
The Moama Bowling Club

Tickets are $100 and include:
A two course meal
Tap beer & House wine
Music by Nullabor.

Friday from 7pm
4th September 2015
The Venue
Moama Bowling Club
Shaw Street, Moama

formal dress code

Book your tickets today. Ph: 5482 2769
You can pay over the phone or via direct deposit to the school.