11th December 2013

‘The Puggle Post’

OUR SCHOOL VISION: Encouraging all members of the school community to work together to create a positive and motivating environment, allowing all students to maximise their educational opportunities in an ever changing world.

Being present at school is your present to learning!

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the week’

Prep C: Georgia Paxinos—(Showing the school value of ‘Friendship’)
Prep G: Aleisha Davon—(Showing confidence on the monster in the swimming pool)
1/2 H: Blair Fitzpatrick—(Fantastic writing)
1/2 M: Zoe Coad—(Completing a fantastic rhyming poem)
1/2 Z: Charli McClure—(Being a kind and caring classmate)
3/4 B: Cameron Selvaggio—(Being a caring and compassionate role model)
5/6 A: James Jewell—(Consistently trying his best and receiving a scholarship)
5/6 K: Jeremy Nastevski—(Trying hard at everything he does)

Christmas Concert

Christmas concert at the school beginning at 7:00pm.
Please come along and enjoy the entertainment.
Meet your child’s 2014 teacher from 6:30—7:00pm
A Message from the Assistant Principal …..

What a HUGE week it’s been – from weddings to bike tours to Teddy Bear Picnics and even a birth thrown in just for fun. That’s right……..we would like to officially welcome little Ava Crawford to the Wandong School Community. Mrs Crawford gave birth to Ava just before midnight on Thursday night. Congratulations to Aaron and Kate. We all hope your little bundle of joy brings many happy memories for years to come.

Tour de Wallan

Another successful Tour de Wallan ended the grade 5/6 Bike Ed program for 2013. Fifty one students set out and fifty one students returned very pleased with their achievements. We left the school at 9:15am and arrived at the Wallan Skate Park at about 11:00am. After lunch some of our students showed off their BMX skills on the skate park. We have some really talented kids!! We left the skate park and headed for home, arriving back at Wandong Primary School at 1:45pm.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the event. We’d also like to thank Goran Coter who rode with us and Paula Harris who lead the peloton and made sure we were safe. This is the third year of the Tour and it continues to be a highlight on the school calendar. Thank you to Mr Fearn for coordinating and running the program. The kids love it!

Staffing

Last week we filled our final staffing position for 2014. All grade placements, room locations and photos of staff will be presented to the school community in next week’s newsletter. Students will find out their teacher and their 2014 at the first transition meeting in the final week of school. A letter will accompany your child with their grade and teacher for 2014. Your child will bring home a slip outlining their grade, room and teacher following our first transition visit.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic – Foundation Transition

As part of our Foundation transition, each new Foundation grade had a Teddy Bears Picnic with their 2014 class. It was a great opportunity for teachers and students to spend some time with each other before the 2014 school year begins. Students brought their favourite teddy, played some games, sang some songs and finished it all off with some teddy bear biscuits. The grade five buddies even came for a visit.

Start of 2014

Next year, Grades one to six will begin school on Wednesday 29th January. Foundation students (Prep) will begin the next day, Thursday 30th January.
A Message from the Principal ......cont

5/6 Camp

Tomorrow we head off for this year’s 5/6 camp. This camp will be awesome!! Mr Fearn has put a lot of time and effort into making this camp a wonderful experience for all those attending with the highlight being ‘Go Ride a Wave’ surf lessons. Ross Harris and Amanda Kambouris will also be attending the camp and we thank them for giving up their time to support the staff and students. They’ll be lots of photos and student reflections in next week’s newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Cachia and her now husband Dean who were wed on Saturday. We all hope you have a wonderful life together.

Parent Helper morning tea

Thank you to the wonderful people who turned up to share morning tea with the staff. We really appreciate the contribution you all make to the smooth running of the school.

As this will be my final newsletter for the year, I’d like to thank everyone for their efforts throughout the year and I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Until next year..............

Anthony Potesta

Christmas Concert

Wandong Primary School will once again be holding it’s night of night—The Annual Christmas Concert.

Come along and have a evening filled with songs and entertainment.

You can meet the teachers at 6:30pm and then prepare for the extravaganza.
Our Super Simple Machines

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Throughout the term, the children have been learning that:
* Simple machines make work easier.
* Pulleys and Gears change speed, direction and force.
* Forces are pushes or pulls.
* To maintain stability and integrity, structures need to withstand forces applied to them.
* Mechanisms are structures with moving parts.
* Mechanisms can be modified to improve performance.

The students have applied these skills into making their own simple machine that will help others. Some examples of machines are: mobiles, monster truck, music box, headband holder, jewellery box, pencil holder plus a photo frame, house that holds toys, drawing board with a pencil holder, play phone, car container to hold things and a lolly machine.

200 Nights of Home Reading — Pizza at the Park!

Wednesday 18th December 2013.

The time is fast approaching for us to enjoy a pizza lunch at LB Davern Reserve. We will be enjoying our yummy lunch on Wednesday 18th December.

Last week, invitations/order forms will be sent out to all students who have already completed their 200 nights of home reading. We will continue to add names onto the list until Friday 13th December so if you are nearly there, ..... keep reading.

Please make sure all order forms are returned promptly as we have LOTS of students attending this year and want to ensure we order for everyone.
THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

This year our P.A.F.A. raised over $6000 thanks to their great efforts and the kind support of our families. The major fundraisers were: a stall at the Kilmore Country Music Festival, our mid-year chocolate drive, Mother’s and Father’s day stalls, school fete and the Christmas raffle (which has not been included in this total.)

Over the year, we have used these funds to assist us to pay for much needed expenses. Parents and Friends Association have contributed funds towards the following items.

- Metal blue seating in the 5/6 area
- Books for classroom CAFÉ reading libraries
- Handwriting charts for class teachers to model letter formation
- Badges for student leaders (school captains, house captains and SRC)
- Apps for iPads (Gr P-2)
- Numeracy non–number resources (kitchen scales, measuring devices for length topics, clocks)
- Hats for all 2014 Prep students
- New external school sign—this has been ordered and will arrive over the Christmas break.

On behalf of the students at Wandong Primary School, we wish to thank PAFA for their great work this year.
Wandong Netball Club

Registrations for 2014 were held on December 7th at the Stadium for positions in 9 and Under, 11 and Under, 13 and Under and 16 and Under teams.

If you did not register and pay your club fees of $70.00 please contact our President Rachael Sawyer on 0424 949 090 or email rachael.sawyer@bigpond.com for a registration pack if you do not have one.

Late Registrations will only be accepted via the Club’s Postal Address.

Wandong Netball Club – P.O Box 369 Wandong 3758.

There are still limited places available in all teams for 2014.

Lost

Large size Collingwood umbrella on the 7th December, 2013, Wandong area. Sentimental value. If found please phone 57871259/0418 500291 or leave with the lolly pop lady at Wandong Primary School, Thank you

Grade 5/6 Home Learning

Home learning has finished for the year. The last home learning was handed in by students last Thursday.

Yellow House wins.

Congratulations to Yellow House for winning last week’s house points competition.

Yellow House Captain Hayley Agosta is proudly holding the winner’s cup for the Yellow House team.
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Posture Police Award

Congratulations to last week’s winners, Kira Roberts and Abigail Hume. Both have demonstrated the correct posture when completing their school work.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Ashley Stanton,
Jack Johnson-Breheny

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Anthony Caminiti,
Cody Cartwright,
Eruera Tapp,
Evan Hardwick,
William Bellman,
Joshua Cartwright.

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Mace Upton,
Jacinta Robinson,
Zane Goring,
Kyla Kelly-Manning,
Callum Webb,
Shani McLeish,
Hayleigh White,
Baily Lunn,
Ellie Brown,
Charlee Stuart.

Congratulations 250 nights reading:
Lawrence Baggio,
Matilda Bult,
Katherine Adam,
Sarah Dwyer,
Haylee Dennehy

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

December
Friday 13th  -  Last day for Pizza in Park reading night
- Please return all home reader books to school.
Monday 16th  -  Grade six graduation
Wednesday 18th  -  Pizza in the park with the Principal for 200 nights reading
Wednesday 18th  -  School Christmas concert 7.00pm
Thursday 19th  -  Grade 1/2 end of year excursion / party
Friday 20th  -  Last day of the school year 1:30pm finish

January 2014
Thursday 23rd  -  Book pickup day 9:00 until 12:00pm
Wednesday 29th  -  Grades One—Six begin term one
Thursday 30th  -  Foundation students (prep) begin term one.

Could all outstanding library books please be returned to the office.
Borrowing services will be suspended soon due to the year end.
Invoices will be issued for outstanding books and students will be unable to borrow next year.