11th September 2012

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!

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

164 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 65%
(107 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren......

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Thank you Mr McVeigh and Ms Marc

Prep B: Elijah Hazeldine—(Showing persistence in reading)
Prep G: Jake Brincat—(Persisting with red words)
1/2 C: Nathan Young—(Writing a funny rhyming poem)
1/2 H: Macklin Spicer—(Always working to the best of his ability)
1/2 M: Reuben McMaster-Christensen—(Great thinking in Maths)
3/4 C: Lachlan Hall—(Writing thoughtful letters)
3/4 S: Jennifer Cocks—(Writing a detailed letter)
3/4 Y: Cameron Selvaggio—(Always thinking of others before himself)
5/6 K: Makayla Snell—(Confidently contributing about the Goldrush)
5/6 P: Kayley Britton—(Always being a positive and cooperative member of our class)
Mr McVeigh—(Student Teacher) — Being helpful and making learning fun
Ms Marc—(Student Teacher) — Being an amazing teacher
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Education Support Staff Month: August was Education Support Staff Month for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. As a school we presented our ES staff with two plants for the garden—a camellia which is planted near the front entrance and a climbing rose which we hope will encase the water tank. We thank Annie, Donna, Rita, Ros, Jane and Adam for their ongoing commitment to our school and for the care and support they give to staff and students.

Thinklinks
Thinklinks is now in full swing. Groups are either making, designing, creating, or constructing items for themselves or for the school. The final Thinklinks session for the term is on Tuesday 18th September between 12:30pm and 1:30. We have had a few parents attend and help out during the session, and would always love to see more.

Storytime
On Thursday we had our first ‘Storytime’ session for next year’s Prep students. Miss Giaconimi ran the session in the library and it was great to see all the expectant preps excited and already set to begin primary school. We have two more ‘Storytime’ sessions this term on Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th September from 2:30pm in the library.

Footy COLOURS Day
Friday was Footy Colours Day. Students were asked to wear their favourite football team’s colours to school and help support young people fighting cancer. It is a great cause and a total of $113.35 was raised. The only real downside of the day was having to see so many Carlton supporters. Go PIES!!!

Happy Campers
IT’S OFF TO CAMP WE GO!!!! The grade five and six students left for Ace Hi Ranch camp tomorrow. Ace Hi is a Wild West themed camp set on 200 acres on the Mornington Peninsula. It is a brilliant camp with one of Victoria’s highest giant swings which measures 30 metres high and two awesome duelling flying foxes. Thank you to Ms Cachia, Ms Pratt, Mrs Crawford, Mr Fearn, Ms Marc and Annie for giving up their time and to our parent helpers; Ross Harris, Liz Cook and Tony Beauchamp for taking time out of their busy schedules to be part of the camp. I know everyone will have an AWESOME time.
Motorcycle Victoria Motorsafe Program
On Friday, Darren from Motorcycle Victoria came and spoke to all grade three and four students about motorcycle safety. The aim of the presentation was to develop a responsible and safe attitude towards motorcycle use, by educating them on aspects such as safety equipment and the law. It was an entertaining and informative session and the students were able to ask lots of questions and share their own experiences.

Landscaping Update
We are really getting close now to finishing the seating area outside the hall. You can see by the photos that all the seating has been completed, the top soil has been laid, the drainage is completed and the area has been cleaned up. All we are waiting on now is the top soil to settle so we can lay out the grass. Hopefully this will be laid towards the end of term, ready for use from the beginning of term four.

Wandong Holiday Program
The third term holidays are getting close if you’re looking for something exciting to do, why not be part of the Wandong Holiday Program. The program runs from 24th September through till 5th October in our school hall. There are lots of activities and excursions including; Melbourne Zoo, Melton Wave Pool, Melbourne Aquarium and Museum and Food Fight Friday!!! For more information or to make a booking, please visit www.ssoshc.com.au or call Sutherland Street OSHC on 5781 1300.

Baby Time
I wanted to take this opportunity to let the school community know that early next term my wife, Nikki and I will be expecting our first baby. Bubs is due pretty much when school starts back for term four, so if you don’t see me around in the first couple of weeks, I’ll be on 1st time dad duties. We are both very excited and can’t wait to start a new chapter of our lives as parents.

Until sometime next term.........Have a great week!

Anthony Potesta
**Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Just in time for holiday shopping!**

Earlier this year we were fortunate to win the Muffin Break Facebook competition. Half of the muffins were sold to families with the remainder of the muffins being provided through a voucher system. Vouchers are available for purchase through the newsletter or directly from the front office.... What a great idea with the school holidays coming up. No doubt many of us will be at Epping Plaza enjoying endless hours of shopping over the holiday break and a cheap nice muffin with a nice cuppa will fill that hunger gap.

**Cost:** Each voucher will provide you with **FOUR** Muffin Break Weight Watchers Muffins

Each voucher of four muffins costs **$8.00 each** (which totals **$2.00 per individual muffin**) or **3 vouchers** (12 muffins) for **$20** (which totals **$1.60 per muffin**)

Vouchers can only be used at the **Epping Plaza store** and are valid until **31st December 2012**.

Don’t forget that these muffins can be frozen so they are also a cheap, nice lunch box filler.

Money raised is **all profit for the school** and will be used to pay for the instant turf we want to lay on our new terraced area near the hall. Thank you for your support.

**MUFFIN BREAK VOUCHERS:**

Family name: .................................................

Eldest child’s name: ......................... Grade: ......

Please send home ............... voucher/s for four muffins

with my child at a cost of **$8.00 for one voucher** (4 muffins) or **$20.00 for three vouchers** (12 muffins).

I have enclosed $........... with my order. Signed: ...........................................

**Fundraiser: STUDENT PORTRAIT TEA TOWELS AND BAGS**

Parents’ Club are organising a fundraiser for the beginning of term four – student portraits on either a tea towel or a carry bag. Each student is currently completing a small self portrait which will be printed onto a tea towel or carry bag. The whole school will be featured—even the staff!!

Tea towels (75cm x 50cm) can be purchased for **$10.00 each**; carry bags (45cm x 40 cm) cost **$15.00**

Orders and money must be paid to the office by the first Friday of term four (**12th October**) to ensure we receive them before Christmas. These are a great idea for grandparents and for a keepsake... as well as to dry dishes and carry bathers to the swimming pool! Great Xmas pressies too!

Samples are available at the office.

**Student Portrait tea towels and carry bags:**

Family name: ............................................... Eldest child’s grade: .......................

Please order me: ...... tea towel/s @ $10.00 each and /or ...... carry bag/s @ $15.00 each.

I have enclosed $ ..................

Signed: ..............................................
**Chook News.... .**

5 cent Friday...

To assist with the upkeep of our chooks, we collect any loose coins on Fridays. Please send any loose coins along with your child. They will then place them into the class jar for counting. We need to buy grain, nesting straw and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps.

Last week’s total...$16.45

(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now finished.

Congratulations to the following students who have finished the challenge!

Charlie McClure, Hayleigh White,
Corey Gibbons, Crystal Thompson, Eloise Harrison,
Lewis Kambouris, Lucas Bartolo, Aidan Bartolo, Georgia Thomson,
Charlie Broderick, Hayley Mumberson, Adara Curry, Bridgette Davies,
Mikayla Gibbons, Hugh Drofenik, Grace Hannemann, Katherine Adam,
Nicholas Adam, Max Davies, Daniel Adam

**Numeracy**

MEASURING things

Cut a piece of string for your child, any length will do.

Use the string to measure the objects in your house to find out what is longer or shorter than your 'string measuring tape'.

Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length.

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**WANDONG MILO CRICKET**

GIRLS & BOYS

5YRS OLD TO GRADE 6

Registration Day: Saturday 6th October
11am-1pm

Starts: Wednesday 10th October
4:30pm – 5:30pm

Enquiries: Adam Dennehy – 0422 444 278 or
Lisa Dennehy – 0448 395 430

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE NOW

www.in2cricket.com.au

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Karate 4 Kids - Karate classes for children who would like to learn Karate will operate at our school in the hall every Tuesday evening. Classes will run from 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Children must be over 5 years of age. This is a "Beginners" class.

If you would like to know more, please contact

Mark Abela on 0417323669
WOW! … WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Thursday 6th September - Story Time @ 2:30pm in the library
Friday 7th September - Footy Colours Day
Friday 7th September - Tony’s Pies of Essendon delivery day and pick up day
Monday 10th September - Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes
Monday 10th September - Grade five students visit to Dianella Hostel for reading (Group Two)

Wed 12th—Fri 14th Sept - Grade Five/six camp
Thursday 13th September - Story Time @ 2:30pm in the library
Tuesday 18th September - Thinklinks session 12:30 -1:30pm
Wed 19th Sept—Fri 21st - Grade Three/four camp
Thursday 20th September - Story Time @ 2:30pm in the library
Friday 21st Sept - Swimming Deposit due (no late payments will be accepted)
Friday 21st Sept - Term three payment for netbook due
Friday 21st September - Last day of term three

OCTOBER
Monday 8th October - First day of term four
Monday 15th October - Full payment for swimming due.
Monday 15th October - Book Fair begins

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 6th November - Melbourne Cup Day

(Student attendance in semester two:

“EYES ON THE TARGET”

Staying below 750 absent days for semesters three and four.
(approx 3.5 absent days per child)

Number of students per grade level at school every day last week.

Preps: 24
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 40
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 46
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 56
(Total number of 5/6s: 80)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {384}

Congratulations to this week’s winners….

Three/Four Unit
(75% of students had full attendance)

Super effort!
“Every day is an important day to be at school.”

Red House Rules!
Congratulations to Red House which won the cup last week.
Red House Captain and Vice Captains Jordan Nativo and Lauren Jillett are proudly holding the trophy.)
Professional photos are now available!!! During the night of our performance, backstage professional photos were taken of each participant. To view these photos, visit www.photosales.com.au, click on the Wakakirri link and enter the password, school12.

We are still waiting for the arrival of our DVD’s. These will be sent home as soon as we receive them.

Thank you, Emma Cachia

Wandong Netball Club (INC) - A.G.M
Monday September 17th 2012
7:30pm at Sue Marstaeller Pavillion
All positions will be declared vacant.
All welcome.

Some Committee members will not be taking up positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Without these positions filled the Netball Club WILL NOT continue into 2013 and your children will not be able to continue to enjoy netball with Wandong Netball Club.

Please attend the AGM and join the committee. We need you.

WANDONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PRESENTATION DAY
THIS SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
11:30PM LUNCH
1:00PM PRESENTATIONS
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

Bunning Fundraising BBQ 20th October, 2012
On Saturday 20th October, Wandong Primary School will be holding a BBQ at Bunnings Craigieburn, starting at 8am until 4pm (It usually finishes early because we sell out!). Bring the family down and dad can go shopping and mum can help on the stall or mum shops and dad helps. Please let us know if you can help. Return the form with the times that you can assist us.

Name: (print) ................................................ Contact number: .................................

Please circle times that you can assist.

8am - 10am  10am - 12pm
12pm - 2pm  2pm - 4pm
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

In week two of next term, Wandong Primary School will be having their annual Scholastic Book Fair in the hall.

On Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} October all children will get a chance to go to the book fair and have a look at the range of books on sale. Students will have a wish list slip onto which they will be encouraged to list any items in the book fair that they may like to purchase.

The book fair will be open for purchases for half an hour before and after school on **Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th}, Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th}, Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} and Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} October.**

Parents are encouraged to come to Book Fair with their child.

(Great ideas for Christmas pressies too.)

We are seeking helpers to assist with purchases in the mornings and afternoons from 8.30 - 9.00 a.m. or 3.30 - 4.00 p.m. from Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} - Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} October. If you are able to assist, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office. We will confirm the times with you in the first week of next term.

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With thanks ☺

Thank You Michelle
A big thank you to Michelle Carr for entering a competition and winning a massive stack of books for the school.
SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.

Positive Parenting Telephone Service:

Are you the parent or carer of a child/ren aged 2 – 10 years?

Are you looking for ways to have more positive communication with your child/ren?

Do you have other commitments that prevent you from attending regular group parenting courses?

Well, how about this?

We are running a fantastic parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 – 10 years that you can do from the comfort of your own home.

It is called the Positive Parenting Telephone Service and you get a weekly telephone appointment at a time that suits you (day or evening) with a trained parent educator for 6 – 10 weeks.

Our program educators aim to assist you in developing a stronger and more positive relationship with your children, as well as offering some practical suggestions on how to manage everyday behaviour problems such as disobedience, temper tantrums and disruptive behaviours.

Interested?

For more information or to enroll phone

FREECALL 1800 880 660

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime

This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria
This term our inquiry topic is, ‘Knowing Me, Knowing You’. We have been learning about different people of the world. We have looked at the various housing, clothing, food and customs of different countries. Last week Nana Barbour (Anita’s mum) came into our room to talk to us about Indonesia. Nana was wearing a very beautiful Indonesian top. Nana told us about her life growing up in Indonesia. She told us about village and city life and compared the similarities and differences of Indonesia to Australia. The children asked Nana some very interesting questions. Anita is so very lucky to have so many cousins and family in Indonesia. Thank you Nana, for sharing your stories with us.

All the children appreciated it.

Uniform Shop

Any orders for uniforms can be placed at anytime at the office. The orders can be filled and picked up the next day. If there are any items out of stock, they will be ordered and delivered usually within one week.
The children in grades one and two have been investigating small animals. We have looked closely at worms, snails and ants to learn more about how they move, feed and protect themselves. Where possible, the children have looked at real small animals in the schoolyard or we have utilised the fascinating videos found on YouTube to really get up close to these animals.

The children in grades three and four have been investigating what causes day and night. When the weather has been kind enough and the sun has been shining we have looked at shadows. We have also discussed the relationships between the Sun, Earth and Moon.

The children in grades five and six have been investigating micro-organisms, in particular, yeast and mould. We have spent a lot of time working to find out the best conditions to activate yeast. The children have watched YouTube videos to learn how to make bread as well as to view mould on bread.
This week our number learning focus is ‘Fractions’.

We made fraction kits by folding paper and cutting it. We played a game to help to see what fractions we could use that will equal the same as one whole.

We also learnt about writing the appropriate fraction for a picture that has been circled or shaded.

Fractions are fun! 😊