4th September 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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

163 families at WPS.
105 Completed payments
= 64% (families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Prep C: Asia Nikora—(Being a kind and caring member of her classroom)
Prep G: Vaughan Joslyn—(Showing great courage under pressure)
1/2 H: Wyatt Mundy—(Being a fantastic ‘expert’ helper)
1/2 M: Evan Hardwick—(Improved effort in reading)
1/2 Z: Nola Nikora—(Always taking much pride in her work)
3/4 B: Ben Jewell—(Great efforts with his quatrain poems)
3/4 L: Georgia Shingles—(Being an organised helper)
3/4 Y: Oliver McKinlay—(Practising fractions on his overseas holidays)
5/6 A: Jacob McDonald—(Fantastic effort during CAFE reading)
5/6 E: Chelsea Stamos—(Writing a creative song about Wandong Primary School)
5/6 K: Ben Kutz—(Writing a fantastic song about Wandong)

Footy Colours Day—Friday

Support your favourite team or code on Friday by wearing your football gear. Bring a gold coin donation to support young people with cancer.
A Message from the Principal......

Dear families,

The support of our school community was evident last Friday as we held our Bandana Day and head shave to support Mrs Yaneff in her journey through chemotherapy. I cannot have been more proud of the way in which our staff, students, family members and even strangers supported our cause. It was delightful to see nearly every student wearing a bandana and even more amazing to watch the total raised through the out of uniform day and the head shaving event donations. May I initially thank Mrs Yaneff for the way in which she has shared her life with us all; sharing information in her bid to educate others. Our students have showed empathy and understanding, tolerance and friendship and they are to be congratulated for their flexibility and support. Our staff have continued to support Mrs Yaneff in whatever way possible - taking on additional roles, doing extra yard duty, changing plans, driving her to school and just being there for a chat when needed, all for the overall benefit of our fellow staff member and the school. The patience and support of our families is most appreciated. As for the children in Mrs Yaneff's class, they have become flexible, resilient, tolerant and understanding and have bonded as a group extremely well. They have soldiered on when their class teacher has been absent, and we thank Nikki Potesta for being our regular "other" 3/4Y teacher.

However back to Friday........ For those who were able to attend, the afternoon had a real community feel. A huge thank you to our staff - Mr Potesta, Mr Fearn, Mr McIlroy and one of our parents - Robyn Mumberson for offering their heads for a good cause. The chanting and singing by the students as the event unfolded was delightful and certainly added to the atmosphere. I was amazed as the total raised for the bandana, pen and lapel badge sales was announced - close to $1200, with these funds now being sent to Canteen as they support children with cancer. Over the past three days the total funds raised to assist Mrs Yaneff personally has escalated. Money raised through good coin donations for out of uniform was $358.70. Added to this was $250 raised by Robyn Mumberson and $178 raised by Alesha McIntosh, a student in 3/4Y. Staff added to this total, as did a number of parents, Tonia (the hairdresser) and even the journalist from the Newspaper house in Kilmore. Eventually on Monday we reached our grand total...... a whopping $1152.00! This money will be used to purchase cab charges for Mrs Yaneff to assist her to be independent as she is currently unable to drive. In addition, thanks to a suggestion from Alesha, we will also purchase a few family movie passes and a few dinner vouchers, so that the entire Yaneff family can enjoy some quality and fun time together on our school community. I know Mrs Yaneff is blown away by the result, as am I, and once again we cannot thank our school community enough. They say schools pull together in a time of need, and this is evidence of just that happening :)

And lastly, we would like to thank Tonia Reeves from Tonia's Hair and Beauty for her valuable time and equipment for our special day.
**A Message from the Principal…….**

**Grade five/six production:** The time is drawing near and the excitement is building as our grade five/six staff and students finalise their lines and their dances for the Kids at Sea production. This will be a high on which we will end third term of this school year, and whilst those involved are a little on edge with nerves, the night is bound to be a huge success.

**Super little helpers - My Principals for the Day:** Many of our students are currently "cashing in" their wish stars for achieving 150 nights of home reading. Over the past two weeks, I have been ably assisted by a few students as they have taken over the role of Principal for the Day. They have assisted me to run reading groups, helped in the selection of the weekly Posture Police awards, showed prospective parents around the school, assisted at school assembly, and completed some of the other less exciting task such as filing, photocopying, and setting up for meetings. Together we have had a great time, especially as we shared morning tea and lunch in the staff room - a real highlight!! Thanks to Aurora, Tyler, Emily, Piper, Nikayla, Erin, Brooke for their enthusiasm and excitement. I still have a list of future principals to go through and am looking forward to having a great day with them in the near future.

Have a great week.
Rhonda Cole
Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering financially and socially after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service.

Urgent election day BBQ helpers needed for Saturday 7th September.

**I ______________________________ am able to assist with running of the Election Day BBQ between the hours of:**

- [ ] 11am – 12pm
- [ ] 12pm – 1pm
- [ ] 1:00pm-2:00pm

**Election Day BBQ roster**

Thank you to the following volunteers and we will see you on the day:

- **8am-9am** Joanne/Peter Drovenik - Robyn & Daniel Hannemann
- **9am—10am** Steve Marks - Trudi Harrison - Kim Edwards - Amanda Sheehy
- **10am—11am** Kate James—Gail, Kate & Ben Leavold—Katalin Devecseri
- **11am—12pm** Melissa McKean—Katalin Devecseri
Wishes granted for 150 nights reading

Mrs McClure for the day

Mr Potesta for the day

Georgia Gawley and Charli McClure both taught 1/2 Z for the day and did a wonderful job.

Joshua Searle and Riley Ross helped Mr Potesta with all of his daily work.

Blair Fitzpatrick helped Mr Potesta get through a lot of his work.

Lachlan Thomson helping with 3/4 sport

Mr Fearn for the day

Georgia Shingles, Bridgette Davies and Olivia Brincat working hard doing yard duty.

Brodey Anderson helping with 5/6 sport
Today in 1/2 M we made chocolate truffles for dad for Father's Day.

First we crushed the biscuits in a food processor. We put the biscuit crumbs into a bowl. Then we mixed cocoa into the biscuit mixture and stirred it altogether. Then we added the coconut and stirred it around. Then we added condensed milk and mixed all the ingredients together. Then we got some of the mixture and rolled it into a ball and rolled the ball in coconut. Then we let the mixture set. We put the chocolate truffle in the special box we made for dad. I hope he liked his present.

We also made a chocolate truffle for ourselves to eat. We loved making the chocolate truffles and they tasted delicious.
Student attendance in semester two:

“EYES ON THE TARGET”

Staying below 1200 absent days this semester.
(approx 5 days per child)

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

- Preps: 24
  (Total number of preps: 34)

- Grade one/twos: 61
  (Total number of 1/2s: 73)

- Grade three/fours: 59
  (Total number of 3/4s: 73)

- Grade five/sixes: 50
  (Total number of 5/6s: 67)

Total absence days across the school for this semester: 294

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

One/Two Unit

83% attendance

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Lily Hastilow,
Sheryden Greeno,
Hayley Browne,
Zoe Coad,
Tyler Carr,
Kyla Kelly-Manning,
Oliver McKinlay

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Tali Kean,
Kate leavold,
Alex Green,
Claire Selvaggio,
Findlay Edwards,
Trinity Hobson,
Jacob Phelan,
Campbell Edwards,
Ella Harris

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Erin-Skye Libardi,
Zara Marks,
Hayley Mumberson,
Ryan Battistin,
Connor Gawley

3/4 Students

Last home learning for term 3 will be due on the 10th September.
Please continue to complete home reading

GRADE 5/6 HOME LEARNING

Please note there will be no home learning for the remainder of term 3. The last home learning for the term is due this Thursday 5th September.

Students are still expected to continue their home reading routine and log onto Mathletics.
HAVE YOU GOT................???

For the school fete, we are looking for donations of the following items.

3/4 Y  
Books

5/6 E  
Black plastic or something dark to make a tunnel (sounds interesting!)

3/4 L  
Toys for 2nd hand stall

5/6 K  
Will need cakes and slices at the end of the first week after the school holidays in October.

STOKES ORCHARD
FRUIT & VEGETABLES

APPLES FROM $1.50 /KG

THE PERFECT HEALTHY SNACK
OPEN 5 DAYS
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UPPER PLENTY 3756  PH: 0428 220 577

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

September

Friday 6th September - Prep camp money and form due today
Friday 6th September - Footy Colours Day (Gold coin donation)
Saturday 7th September - Election Day (Voting is at the school)
Monday 9th September - School Council meeting 6:00pm
Monday 9th September - 5/6 Production tickets sales close.
Tuesday 10th September - Parents and Friends meeting in the staffroom 9:00am
Wednesday 11th September - Tony’s pies order and money due
Saturday 14th September - BBQ for 2014 preps and their families 11:00—12:30pm
Monday 16th September - 5/6 Production night 7:00pm start
Wednesday 18th September—5/6 Production night 7:00pm start
Friday 20th September - End of term three - 2:30 finish
Friday 20th September - Grade six students netbook payments must be finalised

October

Monday 7th October - First day of term four
Friday 11th October - School Fete (2:30pm—7pm)
Monday 14th October - Swimming forms and money due today
Friday 18th October - Swimming program begins

Support your local grower
FETE
Friday 11th October
2:30pm - 7pm

Wandong Primary School

BBQ  Cake Stall
Drinks  Lucky Dip
Lolly Jar
Jumping Castle
Showbags
Ice Creams
Games
Crazy Hair & Face Painting
White Elephant
Last term, all students in grades 4 and 5 had the opportunity to visit Wallan Secondary College. While they were there, students watched a music performance by some of the VET music students, participated in a woodwork lesson where they made dice, made an apple strudel during cooking, completed a science experiment to determine the pH of different chemicals and joined in a hip hop dance class. Students thoroughly enjoyed participating in all of the classes while they were at Wallan.

‘I really enjoyed the cooking because it had chocolate in it’ - Jennifer

‘Experimenting with acid was really good because it changed colour’ - Kim

Recently the grade 6 students attended Broadford Secondary College to see the dress rehearsal for their production of Aladdin. They were very excited to see one of our former students on stage and then see some other former students as we were about to get onto the bus to return to school.

‘Aladdin was really funny and the students performed really well. The boy who played Aladdin sang really well’ - Crystal

‘The costumes were really good’ - Paige

Last week all students in grade 6 that will be attending a government secondary school received a letter informing them of the school they have been accepted into. Families will soon be receiving an information pack from their chosen secondary school with further information about school buses and other information relevant to the school. If you decide that your child will be attending a different secondary school please make sure you let your classroom teacher know so that our school records can be updated.

SEPTMBER HELPFUL HINT

Provide a quiet place for homework, but let your child work alone. A regular time and a good workspace to complete homework are essential, and homework should be a household priority. On the other hand, remember that the work is your child’s responsibility, not yours. “Keep the house quiet during homework time, but don’t stand over your child while he or she is doing homework,” Popkin says. “Be available to help. But you don’t want to make it a ‘Let’s sit down and do our homework’ process.” Remember that homework provides important information about student comprehension to teachers, so you do your child a disservice if you correct answers. If you feel that you must help, point out mistakes but let your child figure out how to fix them.

Thank you

Emma Cachia

Planning for 2014. Please return to the office by ASAP. Thank you!

Exiting students:

We are now in the final stages of planning for the 2014 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)

Child’s name/s: ................................................................. Room/s: ............

New arrivals:

Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who we should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.

Their name: ................................................................. Your name: ...............................
Election Day
Saturday 7th Sept
Polling opens at 8am
Wandong PS Hall
BBQ
8am - 2pm

Sausages
Egg & Bacon
Drinks
Snacks